

Course Committee Report Autumn 2005

The Course Committee are very disappointed to report that in spite of all the work carried out on the 13th green, extensive coring, sanding and overseeding in the past 12 months that it has not been a success. After consultation with our course agronomist, Ronan Branigan it has been decided that the only solution is to re-do the green. The green will be built to USGA spec and will be seeded rather than re-sodded. Weather conditions permitting it should be ready for play next May or June. The 2 fairway bunkers on the 13th will also be re-shaped and drained.

Some of our tees are in poor condition and as the contractor and equipment will be on site we will take the opportunity to start an upgrade programme. The following tees have been identified as a priority, the 3rd, the 9th, the 10th and 11th. This work will commence as soon as the 13th green is completed. The same contractor that Limerick County G.C. employed will carry out this project. We have inspected their re-development work and it is most satisfactory. Ronan Branigan will oversee the work at all stages. Work is expected to start in the next 2 to 3 weeks. It will be necessary to take the 13th and 14th holes out

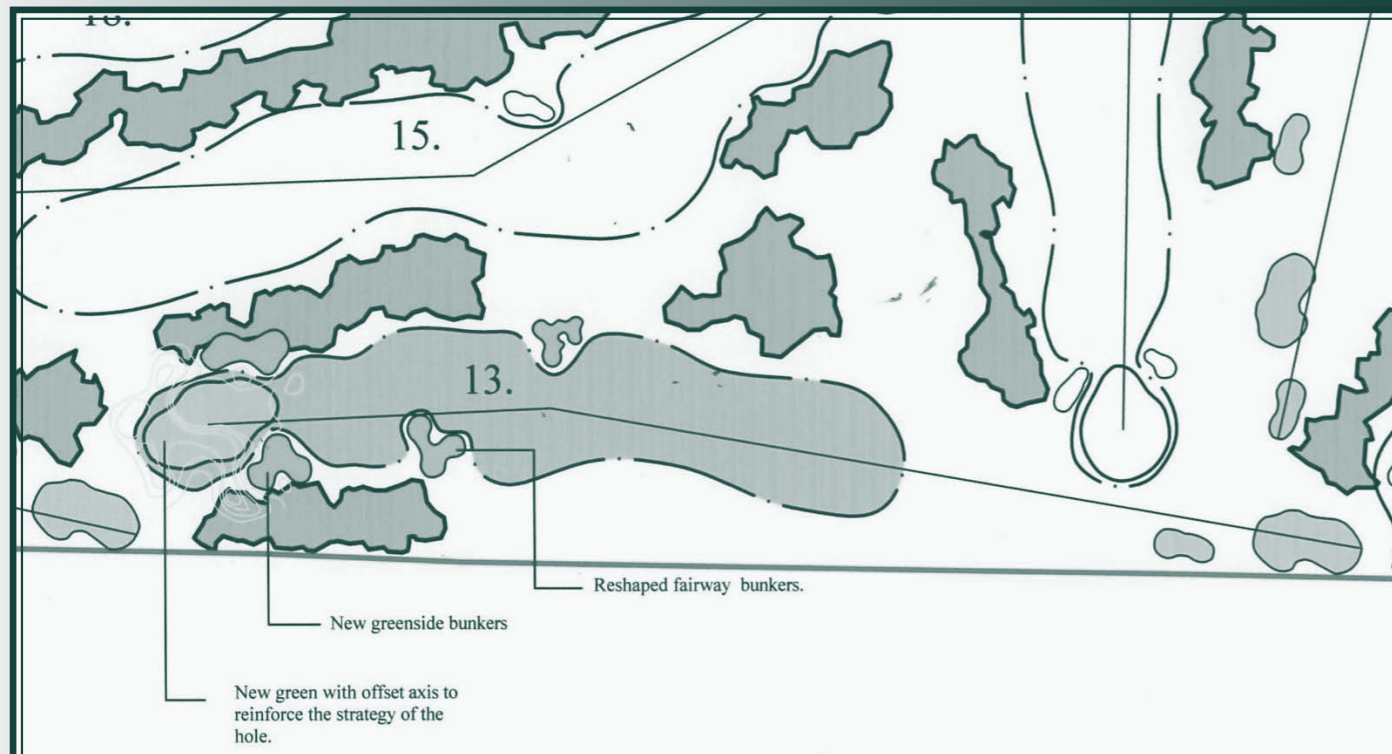
of play for safety reasons. The co-operation and patience of all members would be greatly appreciated during this time.

Other work to be undertaken during the winter will be the removal of ivy from many of our trees on the course.

Philip Twomey our green keeper is on a six-month world tour and will be away until March 2006. We are very fortunate to have recently recruited Michael O'Kelly as assistant greenkeeper who will deputise for Philip. Michael is a fully qualified green keeper and gained his qualifications several years ago while on the staff of Limerick Golf Club.

Fairways - There are no plans to sand fairways this year but we will carry out a light sanding of the roughs where required. Members might notice 2 different coloured grasses on our fairways at the moment. The bright green coloured grass is a cause of some concern. Soil samples have been taken for analysis and results have indicated the problem is compaction of the soil.

Greens - Hollow coring and sanding of greens has now been completed. Players are again requested to repair pitch marks. We seem to be fighting a losing battle in spite of highlighting this issue on many occasions.



Clubhouse Development

The information meeting in the South Court, held on Wednesday 5th October was attended by over 250 members. During the course of the evening, the architects and project management team presented the members with three options, chosen by the clubhouse committee.

These options will be decided upon by ballot at the E.G.M., to be held on Monday 7th November in the South Court Hotel.

The clubhouse committee would like to thank all members for having contributed to the process since January of this year in giving their time, advice, and suggestions. We believe that this inclusiveness has given us a far better understanding of our fellow members' needs.

We cannot as a Club, continue to operate in the current building without substantial expenditure being made to comply with fire, health and safety and health board requirements. Whether or not we spend this money (the essential works option) will be the member's choice, through their vote. The Board of Management, the body elected to oversee the running of the club in a manner that is legally compliant cannot place itself outside of its legal duties and responsibilities. We do not have the option of doing nothing, our duties of care to the staff, the members and to the general public, demands that we take responsible actions.

We have given much consideration to the costs of the projects. One of the difficulties in meeting the mandate given to us by last years EGM was to present, in a fair and even handed manner, projects of equal viability. Without large expenditure on drawings brought to tender specifications, and submissions to Limerick County Council for planning permission for the remodelling project, we could not give absolute and final cost projections.

The costs that are presented to you are the result of over five month's work. We have checked, cross-checked, and used independent quantity surveyors to affirm and confirm our figures. By factoring contingency, we have built a cushion to deliver a price that we believe is more "worst case scenario" than one that would be unrealistic or optimistic.

We can assure the members that our project management team will act on behalf of its 'client' Limerick Golf Club, and will work to deliver the project on time and within budget.

Choices in these matters are personal to the member. We have no right to impose or force our fellow members into a situation that may cause them financial embarrassment. We do not want any member to feel that were being "priced out" of their club. We hope you will attend the EGM, that you will give favourable consideration to the fruits of our labour, and that the choice you make will serve both yourself and the club well.

Vincent Jennings

Lady Captain's Dinner

The Lady Captain's dinner was held on Friday night, October 14th, and was a very enjoyable night. There was a very big turnout of ladies to honour Lady Captain Lena Sexton and to congratulate her for all her hard work and dedication to the ladies' club during the year. The meal was wonderful thanks to Damian and his team, and the entertainment was, as always, great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the entertainers and to maestro Michael Madigan on piano.

Congratulations to the following prize winners who were honoured on the night:

- Golfer of the Year: an unprecedented tie this year – the title was shared by Brigette O'Riordan Smith and Patricia Kelly
- Silver Medal: Trude Murphy
- Bronze Medal: Teresa Savage
- Silver Spoon: Kathleen Cullinan
- LGU Pennant: Ann O'Mahony
- Most improved 36-handicapper: Trish Kennedy (presented by Gráinne D'Alton)

The AGM of the ladies club will be held in the clubhouse at 8pm on Monday November 28th – please support your club by attending this important meeting.



Scenes from the Irish Senior Cup Finals in Rosslare.

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER FIXTURES 2005

DATE	DETAIL	TIME
October		
Sat 29	Reservation	9.30 - 10.00
	Junior Golf	10.00 - 11.30
Sun 30	Hamper Fourball	Timesheet
Mon 31	Castletroy Golf Club	8.00 - 12.30
	Mixed Scramble - in Castletroy Golf Club	Timesheet
November		
Tues 1	Ladies Competition	Timesheet
Wed 2	Seniors	10.00 - 12.30
Sat 5	Junior Golf	10.00 - 11.30
	Club Fourball	Timesheet
Sun 6	Club Fourball	Timesheet
Mon 7	EGM, South Court Hotel	
Tues 8	Ladies Competition	Timesheet
Wed 9	Seniors	10.00 - 12.30
Sat 12	Captain's Dinner (Mr. Juan Fitzgerald)	Limerick Golf Club
	Junior Golf	10.00 - 11.30
	Club Fourball	Timesheet
Sun 13	Club Fourball	Timesheet
Tues 15	Ladies Competition	Timesheet
Wed 16	Seniors	10.00 - 12.30
Thur 17	Mass for Deceased	7.30 PM
Sat 19	Reservation	9.30 - 10.00
	Junior Golf	10.00 - 11.30
	Club Scotch Foursomes	Timesheet
Sun 20	Club Scotch Foursomes	Timesheet
Tues 22	Ladies Competition	Timesheet
Wed 23	Seniors	10.00 - 12.30
Sat 26	Junior Golf	10.00 - 11.30
	Club Team Event	Timesheet
Sun 27	Club Team Event	Timesheet
Mon 28	Ladies Annual General Meeting	
Tues 29	Ladies Competition	Timesheet
Wed 30	Seniors	10.00 - 12.30

GOLFERS OF THE YEAR

Men: Nick Sinnott

**Ladies: Patricia Kelly
Brigitte O'Riordan-Smith**

**Masters Winner (Men)
John Tuohy**

**FOR THE WINTER SEASON
THE BAR WILL CLOSE AT
11.30PM,
AND NEW RESTAURANT TIMES
WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY**

THE PLAGUE OF UNREPAIRED PITCH MARKS CONTINUES.

*Members are requested to
please repair their own Pitch
Marks, plus one other, every
time they arrive on a green.*

EGM
*Re: Clubhouse
Monday,
November 7th
@ South Court Hotel
PLEASE ATTEND!!*

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Newsletter for the Members of Limerick Golf Club

October 2005



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**Men's Captain:
Juan Fitzgerald**

**Lady Captain:
Lena Sexton**

PRESIDENT'S PRIZE



President's Prize winner
Ger McMahon receives
congratulations of the President,
Liam Dolan.

The Ireland International Team
which recently participated in the
Home Internationals at Royal St.
George's (Sandwich).

Uniquely, two members of LGC
were members of the team.
Cian McNamara (seated front
right) and Pat Murray Standing
(third from right).



Winner of the MID Amateur
Championship, Pat Lyons
(Cork) being presented with
his trophy by Gerry Reeves
(Bank of Ireland, Sponsors)

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**EGM MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, SOUTH COURT HOTEL, LIMERICK.
YOUR CLUB - YOUR VOTE COUNTS - PLEASE ATTEND**