

Deerpark Diary

Carlow Golf Club's Newsletter

August 2018



Farrell Cuddihy wins Captains Prize in Style .

The Captains Prize didn't let us down with a very dramatic swing on the 18th hole with Farrell Cuddihy getting up and down from the pot bunker to win from Peter Kelly who parred the last holes and Ger Munnelly by just a half shot.

Playing off six Farrell was just 8 over in total for 45 holes. Starting with birdies in the first two holes in his first round Farrell showed that his game is where he wants it.



He spoke about this in his speech and thanked a number of people who helped him over the years and his family.

There is no doubt that Farrell is a man on a mission and will be challenging for Senior Cup and Barton Shield place in 2019 . He could also one of the youngest players ever winner of a Captains Prize.



Michele Fanning wins Captains prize to the Ladies



Michele Fanning played fantastic golf to win the Captains prize to the Ladies.

Played in glorious sunshine Michele was spear winner getting a lovely prize from our Captain Gary .

There was a great night in the club and Gary was covered in 50 Shades of Lipstick.

There was also a presentation and a birthday cake to Jo Hyland who was celebrating her birthday on the night .



Ladies Captains Prize to the Men

The Lady Captains prize to the men helps to extend the Major season and extend the golf season into September.

Full credit goes to our Lady Captain for this date change which is been looked forward to by all players .

This is great competition and one that is hotly contested. Bernie is having a great year and I urge all our male players to note the date and the times which will be coming around very soon. Full details will be issued by our Competition Secretary shortly

Bernie's prize to the Ladies takes place in August and there is lots of practice taking place at the moment by the ladies .

Brian Healy and Ann Marie Kelly win Presidents Prizes

The relatively new format of holding the Presidents Prize for ladies and Men on the same weekend is getting more popular every year. List as a "Major" and played over 27 holes, Brian Healy and Ann Marie Kelly held on to win Mary Hughes prize

Both Brian and Ann Marie were delighted with their wins and both gave great speeches on the night . Brian said that he was fed of caddying for his Dad in play-offs and it was nice to get the favour returned whilst Ann Marie said it was her first Major win since her recent marriage!



It was a great night in the club and everyone including our President danced into the early hours.

Magnificent 7 for Margaret Mc Hugh

Most golfers go all their life without a Hole-in-one, most go without an eagle on any hole however there is no stopping Margaret Mc Hugh

Playing with her grandson Sam and her son John and wife Andrea she scored her 7th Hole in One on the 13th Hole in Carlow GC.

Talking to Margaret she said they were all great how we this was the sweetest as she was playing with her grandson Sam with Charlie caddying for her.

Remarkably this is her 4th Hole in one on the 13th. Most of us find it hard to hit the green!

If you see Margaret around the club, ask her what the secret is.



I did a bit of research on Holes in One and seemingly Rory Mc Ilroy hasn't had a hole in one in competition since turning Pro!

On average there is only one per tournament on tour every week. There were 3 Holes in one scored in the Captains Prize in Carlow in 2015, our own John Brophy scored two in the same round in a game in Open Week a few years ago on the 6th and 13th.

Mark O'Boyle Professional in The Heath has scored 3 in Carlow in sequence on the 3rd, 6th and 13th. Surely, he will have to ace the 17th for a full house. Well done again Margaret and well done to the caddy for choosing the right club!

The Course

Hats off must go to all our green staff who have been working tirelessly to mind our greens during the recent drought. They have had extreme weather conditions to deal with all year from heavy snow, prolonged spells of rain and drought. It's like a story from the Bible.

Tony, Dave, Francis and Michael have all put in a great shift and this was more than evident last weekend when we hosted the Leinster Finals for Junior Cup and Pierce Purcell with teams from 12 Leinster Clubs pouring praise on our staff for managing to get the course open Saturday morning and more over going that extra mile to ensure it was ship shape by returning Saturday evening to have everything 100% for Sunday .

Having visited numerous clubs myself in recent weeks I can only say that we as members should be rightly proud of our course and give it the respect if required

Mc Grane shoots 6 under around the Curragh

Our Club Pro turned on the magic in The Royal Curragh to be joint winner of the Pro-Am. Talking to him he said that he had a hand full of birdies on what we amateurs call a very tricky back nine. Well done Damian and best of luck for the rest of the season !

Three Drivers

This is a story about member who will remain nameless. I heard this story in the members bar from the said person "after a round of golf when putting my clubs in the car I closed the boot not noticing the head of my driver was sticking out and I closed the boot on it and the head broke off.

I was playing the captains the next day, so I tried fixing it. This proved to be unsuccessful when I played my tee shot in the second the next day and the head flew off into the pond leaving me with just a shaft.

I then got a loan or driver off the club pro. I went to the driving range to practice with that one and broke the head off this driver. I then contacted golf sure re: an insurance claim.

First thing they told me was that they would need a picture of the broken club, I told them this wasn't possible as the head was at the bottom of a pond, I then asked about the cover on the borrowed club and they said that couldn't be covered as it was borrowed !" Player also missed the cut and still has no driver.

It all sounds like a Johnny Cash Song .

Brennan Cup Team



Nicky Finn brought our Club Jimmy Bruen Team to a leinster final in 1989. In 2018 he has our Carlow Team in the Arklow organized Brennan Cup Final which is due to be played in early September .

Nicky and his team put away Wicklow Golf Club in the Semi-Final. He has worked hard to win this for the last number of years and your support for Nicky and his team would be welcomed.

Details will be issued neared the time.

Golfer of the Year

The Golfer of the Year standings are now taking shape with Pat Moran leading by one shot from former winner Micheal Morrissey however this order is due to change as other players reach the total for 6 cards played.

Updates are on Mastercoreboard. Best of luck to all players. Remember if you are not in you can't win .

Open Competitions

Our Open Competitions give all our members a great opportunity to invite friends, relatives or colleagues to play our course at a great price with a chance to win good prizes.

Why not make sure that you invite at least one visitor to one of our opens in the coming weeks . Timesheets available on BRS.

Juvenile Rules Night

On the invitation of our GUI Leinster Council official Thos Hennessy , Dave Parle from the Leinster Council will have. First Evening for Juveniles during the off season .

There are a number of new rules coming into play in 2020 and its best that we all learn them especially our young golfers .

Dates and times for this will be arranged with the club in the coming weeks and it will be well advertised.

New Members

Do you know anyone who may be interested in taking up golf and joining Carlow GC? Talk to them now, the Get into Golf programme has been a great success and a number of people who were new members few years ago are our team representatives presently.

We offer 27 holes at a great price, fantastic facilities and great competitions. Members are the lifeblood of all clubs whether golf, football, soccer or rugby.

Why not get some of your non-golfing friends involved.

Dress Code

The club has a Dress Code that we encourage members to follow.

Tailored Shorts are acceptable, no sports shorts. No Hoodies on the course or in the clubhouse.

No football type jerseys on or off the course. Dress like the professionals and you can't go wrong.



Respect our course

Please repair pitch marks, divots, rake the bunker after your shot and if driving a buggy avoid driving close to the greens. Players should always walk the long way around a bunker and not inside the bunker between the the green. Example : the 4th , the 9th, the 10th. Divot filler is available on tee boxes and bags are provided at Ge first tee that you can bring with you. Thanks to all members who take care of our course