



THE MONKSTOWN EAGLE



Cian's wedding



Many congratulations and our best wishes to our Professional Cian who married his love Siobhán O'Sullivan at St Mary's Cathedral in Killarney on 30th December last. A mighty Kerry party was held in the Malton Hotel and we believe it put Rory's bash at Ashford Castle in the shade.

Senior Women's Close Championship.

Monkstown is honoured to be invited and is delighted to host Irish Senior Women's Close Championship to be held on July 3 - 6

Success for Shane in PGA exams

Many congratulations to our assistant Professional Shane Irwin on his recent success in the PGA Level 1 Coaching Exams.



All Ireland 4 Ball - Michael Cashman Cup 2018

Manager Michael Doorley tells us that there are changes to the Michael Cashman/All Ireland Fourball.

From 2018 the lowest handicap permitted is 15 and the lowest pair handicap permitted is 34.

Our first round match is v Mallow in Monkstown. Watch the website for the date for this most exciting competition.

A message from our 2018 officers.

In this year as we celebrate our 110th year of club history, let us make it special for all.

We look forward to many social occasions with our members and on April 6th we will hold a special team competition and entertainment that evening to mark our birthday.

We also look forward to donning our yellow jumpers and supporting all our teams, Juveniles, Ladies and Men to victory, we certainly have the talent and with a little bit of lady luck who knows what we can achieve.

We look forward to working with the various committees and volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the club and thank you the members for your courtesy and support.

Here's to many memorable days throughout 2018, with majestic shots and very few putts.

President Ada, Captain Jamie, Captain of the Ladies Club Brenda.



Our President.

Monkstown applauded the election of our first woman President, Ada O'Sullivan, at the AGM on 30th November last. We are all aware of Ada's stellar career on the golf courses of Europe but do any of us really know the full extent of her dominance of women's golf over two decades. Read her CV below and feel honoured that she is a member of Monkstown.

Significant Wins

- 1985 Irish under 23 Strokeplay Champion.
- 1982 to 1990 Five Irish Foursomes Championships
- 1984 to 1993 Five Munster Ladies Championships
- 1994 European Strokeplay champion.

> 30 scratch cups, including :

- Lahinch,
- Hermitage,
- Galway,
- Youghal,
- Castletroy,
- Portrush,
- Woodbrook

Irish International

1980 /81 Irish girls international
1982 to 1997 Ladies International - 144 caps.

Captain Irish Teams

1998 to 2000 Girls Team on 3 occasions
2012 Espírito Santo Team (world championships)

Captain Great Britain & Ireland

2002 Espírito Santo Team (world championships)
2003 & 2005 Vagliano Team Trophy, Match against Continental Europe
2004 & 2006 Curtis Cup, match against USA

1st Director of High Performance on ILGU board 2008-2011

Lady Captain Monkstown 2000

Category 1 player since 1980 (handicap 5 or less)

Course Officer Update - Jan 2018

The clean-up after Ophelia remains the number one priority for our Head Greenkeeper Martin Travers and his team. We continue to be focused on safety issues around the course, in particular on the 6th hole. The steep concrete path by the green is now out of play and will be removed completely. With the loss of the old Oak and the removal of the Leylandii's up by the 7th green last year, taking a driver off the 7th tee has become a realistic option, thereby exposing players playing the 6th to some harm. To address this safety concern, and with the help of our course architect Ken Kearney, we are considering a



number of options. In the interim, we would encourage all players to favour the left side of the 6th fairway when approaching the green in addition to exiting the green at the back.

Continuing on the safety theme, we are requesting feedback from all Club members about other safety issues around the course and we have set up a simple web form on the Club website where members can directly input their concerns. This can be found under the Members tab /course information. All such submissions will be risk-assessed by the Management Committee and acted upon where appropriate.

In terms of planning, we are in the process of finalising a three year course plan targeting specific areas around the course (we have already commenced extending the back tee on the 12th hole). We are particularly considering a number of once-off course development initiatives funded from the proceeds of the very successful Strictly Dancing last year.

Finally, you will have noticed a number of greens roped off around the course. We would ask that all members respect this roping. Also, in the absence of roping or fringe gates, and as a matter of good etiquette, our preference is that you walk around ALL greenside bunkers and avoid those fringe areas between bunkers and greens. And please don't forget to keep on repairing those pitch marks!

Hot Shots during Q4 2017

Date	Golfer	Competition	Hot Shots
Aug 9	John Hayes	Invitation 4 ball at Muskerry	Hole in 1 on sixth
Oct. 1	Donal McDonnell Jr.	18-H Str.	6 birdies (67 gross)
Oct. 1	Richard McMahon	18-H Medal Str.	61 Nett
Oct. 3	Eileen Guirey	18-H S/F	Eagle on 11
Oct. 7	Maurice Maye	18-H Str.	Eagle on 4 + 4 birdies
Oct. 7	John Paul Ryan	18-H Str.	Eagles on 3 & 4 + 1 birdie
Oct. 8	Avril Wilson	18-H S/F	Eagle on 4
Oct. 15	Ronan O'Keeffe	18-H S/F Juv. Comp.	45 pts.
Nov 3	Rory O'Neill	13-H S/F	4 under par after 6
Nov 3	Ian O'Leary	13-H S/F	36 pts.
Nov. 4	Eddie O'Sullivan	13-H S/F Rumble	4 birdies
Nov. 4	John Quinn	13-H S/F Rumble	4 birdies
Nov. 5	Colin Daly	13-H S/F	Eagle on 10 + 2 birdies
Nov. 11	Joe McSweeney	13-H 4ball S/F	Hole-in-One on 13
Nov. 12	Tom Forde	13-H S/F	4 birdies
Nov. 17	Evan O'Mahony	14-H S/F	4 birdies
Nov. 17	Shane O'Mahony	14-H S/F	Eagle on 9
Nov. 20	Con Murphy	12-H S/F Evergreens Hamper	29 pts.
Nov. 24	G. Melvin (Templemore)	15-H S/F	40 pts.
Nov. 24	John. F. Murphy	15-H S/F	Hole-in-One on 6
Nov. 24	John Paul Ryan	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Nov. 25	John Paul Ryan	15-H 4ball S/F	Eagle on 4 + 1 birdie
Nov. 26	John Paul Ryan	15-H S/F	Eagle on 4
Nov. 26	John Byrne	15-H S/F	1 birdie & 14 pars
Nov. 26	Peter O'Flynn	15-H S/F	4 birdies on front 9
Nov. 29	Gary Duffy	15-H S/F	Hole-in-One on 13
Dec. 1	B.Hemlock (Raffeen Creek)	15-H S/F	Eagle on 17
Dec. 15	Jack Ryan	15-H S/F	Eagle on 3 + 3 birdies
Dec. 15	Ian Fitzgerald	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Dec. 16	Pat O'Donnell	15-H 4ball S/F	Hole-in-One on 13 + 1 birdie
Dec. 17	Jim Long	15-H S/F	Eagle on 12 + 1 birdie
Dec. 23	Peter O'Flynn	15-H 4ball S/F	Eagle on 15 + 3 birdies

Revisions to Handicap Categories from 01/01/2018 – applies to men & women

Category	Handicap Band	Buffer Zone	Handicap decrease for every shot below CSS
1	Plus – 5.4	1 shot above CSS	-0.1
2	5.5 – 12.4	2 shots above CSS	-0.2
3	12.5 – 20.4	3 shots above CSS	-0.3
4	20.5 – 28.4	4 shots above CSS	-0.4
5	28.5 – 36.4	5 shots above CSS	-0.5
6	36.5 – 54.0	6 shots above CSS	-0.6

Monkstown in National Competitions

Dates for the diary - Gents

Jimmy Bruen	Saturday April 28	1440	v Douglas	@ Bandon
Pierce Purcell	Saturday May 19	1340	v Cork	@ East Cork
Irish Mixed Foursomes	Thursday 14 June	1500	v Macroom	@ Lee Valley
Senior Cup	Saturday 23 June	0955	v Castlemartyr	@ Cork
Junior Cup	Saturday 30 June	0800	v Cobh	@ Fota
Barton Shield	Saturday 14 July	0845	v Fermoy/Mallow	@ Muskerry

Dates for the diary = Ladies

Minor Cup	Sunday April 8	1536	v Skibbereen	@ Douglas
Challenge Cup	Sunday April 8	1445	v Bantry	@ Mahon
Junior Cup	Saturday 28 April	1245	v Macroom	@ Kinsale
Intermediate Cup	Sunday 29 April	1230	v Charleville/Macroom	@ Blarney

Changes to National Competitions from 01/01/2018.

- The Pierce Purcell Shield will now be a Scotch Foursomes.
- The handicap limits for the Pierce Purcell Shield adjusted to (i) lowest individual reduced from 12 to 11 and (ii) lowest combined reduced from 27 to 25.
- The handicap limits for the Jimmy Bruen Shield adjusted to (i) lowest individual reduced from 6 to 5 and (ii) lowest combined reduced from 17 to 15.
- The lower handicap limit for the Junior Cup will be reduced from 5 to 4.