



THE MONKSTOWN EAGLE



Margaret O'Sullivan Perpetual Trophy

Monkstown's Maura Breathnach won the Margaret O'Sullivan Perpetual Trophy with an outstanding 82 gross at Mahony's Point (par 74) in Killarney on 30 March last. Maura was playing in the ILGU Munster District Junior Championship. This trophy was established in 1994 in memory of the late Margaret O'Sullivan for the connection she, and members of the O'Sullivan family had/have with the ILGU and GUI. (Margaret was Ada & Mark O'Sullivan's mother). Maura's name will be the first Monkstown name to appear on the trophy since 1994.



Maura Breathnach receiving the Margaret O'Sullivan Trophy from Francis Hough, Chair ILGU Munster District (Also in picture: Moira Lynott, Hon Sec ILGU, Killarney Golf Club Officers – President Jack Buckley, Men's Captain Derry McCarthy and Ladies Captain Sheila Crowley)

Monkstown in National Competitions

The Ladies Minor Cup Team beat Skibbereen 3½ to 1½ on Sunday April 8 and will play Mahon in round 2 in Kinsale on April 28 at 1545.

The Ladies Challenge Cup Team beat Bantry Bay 4 to 1 on Sunday April 15 in atrocious weather. They will now play Macroom in Water Rock in round 2 on April 29 at 1300.

The Ladies Revive Active fourball narrowly lost to Fota 2/3 on April 22.

JB Carr: Kinsale took their revenge this year and beat us 3/2 on a stormy day on 25 April. The match was decided by the last pairing on the final green.

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
Cashman Cup				@ Monkstown
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 round 2	Saturday April 28	1545	v Mahon	@ Kinsale
Challenge Cup round 2	Sunday April 29	1300	v Macroom	@ Water Rock
Junior Cup	Saturday 28 April	1245	v Macroom	@ Kinsale
Intermediate Cup	Sunday 29 April	1230	V Macroom	@ Blarney

Musical Extravaganza 2018.

On the nights of 13th and 14th of April the 'Master of the House' together with his dedicated pupils and talented orchestra entertained us with enchanting and melodic songs from My Fair Lady and other classics. The costumes, by Martina Lehane, were uniformly excellent, with a standout moment being the black and white gowns for "Ascot Gavotte". There were many highlights on the evening but the 'piece de resistance' must go to President Ada Trump who brought the house down. Once again we are indebted to the incomparable Maurice Healy for a wonderful evening's entertainment.

Photo courtesy of The Carrighoun 021 4373557, info@carrighoun.com.



Marymount Hospice.

President Ada O'Sullivan, Anne O'Gorman and the Marymount Committee raised €6,455.00 at the fund raising coffee morning held in the club in February. Many thanks are due to the large number of members who came to support the event and to the generosity of Alan and Debbie who donated all the tea, coffee and scones.

110 Anniversary celebrations

The foul weather once more caused yet another event to be cancelled. The 110 anniversary celebrations have been rescheduled for Sunday July 29. Put the date in your diary.

Fashion Show

The Ladies Club hosted a fashion show on 15 March last and raised €1,680.00 towards supporting teams and juveniles.

GUI President visits Monkstown

Monkstown hosted the finals of the Irish Senior & Junior Junior Schools Championships on 24 & 25 April. We were honoured to have the President of the GUI John Moloughney attend the event and present the prizes. The President in his address thanked Martin Travers who with his staff and many hardy Monkstown volunteers did trojan work to prepare the course for play following the monsoon like rain on the morning of 24 April.



GUI President John Moloughney presents the Senior Schools trophy to Mark Hodgins captain of CBS Roscommon who overcame St Augustines Dungarvan in a thrilling final. Also pictured is Jim Long, chairman of GUI Munster and the officers of Monkstown Golf Club.

Course Officer Update - April 2018

We have posted a rolling 3 year course development plan on the main Club website, see attached link (<https://monkstowngolfclub.com/members-header/course-information/course-reports/>). This plan is dependent on available finances and is subject to a review and update every year.

The tee rebuilds on the 5th & 18th holes have been completed and the extension of the 12th tee has been welcomed. Thanks to Martin Travers who has been promoting this initiative for a number of years. In relation to the grass path on the 13th there is a bit of work to be done here. The idea is to 'naturalise' the course by taking away unnecessary concrete paths (as we did successfully on the 12th a number of years ago). We would ask for your patience on this initiative.

We have planted some new trees on the right of the 7th fairway but they are still young and from a safety perspective we would remind

members to favour the left hand side of the 6th fairway. We also received 19 safety submissions from members which we have prioritised and passed on to Hilary and Martin.



The seventh.

Members found contravening the sentry rule at the 7th will be immediately suspended.

It is absolutely forbidden to play off the 7th tee box if playing alone. The ball must be teed up on the 7th fairway.

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1. True or False? The name of the club is written on the plaque on the left-hand-side wall at the entrance to the golf club in both Irish and English.
2. What three words are written on a notice in the shrubbery between the main car park and the putting green next to the Pro Shop?
3. In the clubhouse, how many photos of Honorary Life Members are hanging on the wall near the bottom of the stairs?
4. What's the name of the first hole?
5. True or False? The four par 3s have the same number of sand bunkers around each green.
6. How many warning bells are there around the course?
7. Near the tee boxes of what two holes are there pace-of-play notices?
8. On a late November day, which green (as the hole is played) does the sun set directly behind: (a) 13th (b) 14th (c) 15th (d) 17th?
9. How many sand bunkers in total are on the back nine.
10. What is the only one of the twelve Local Rules on the 18-H scorecard that's written in red?

Voucher for €25.00 for first correct entry drawn. Closing date for entries 24 May 2018. Entries by email only to office@monkstowngolfclub.com

Hot Shots during Q2 2018

Date	Golfer (s)	Competition	Hot Shots
Jan. 05	Jim Long	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Jan. 13	Robert Andrews	15-H 4ball S/F	Eagle on 9 + 3 birdies
Jan. 13	Jamie O'Mahony & Rory O'Neill	15-H 4ball S/F	10 pars, 5 birdies, 43 pts.
Jan. 21	Peter O'Flynn	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Jan. 21	Owen Madden	15-H S/F	Hole-in-One on 1
Jan. 26	Brian Hogan	15-H S/F	Eagle on 4 + 2 birdies
Jan. 26	Killian McCarthy	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Jan. 27	Ken Treacy	15-H S/F	Eagle on 4 + 3 birdies
Jan. 27	Jack Ryan	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Jan. 31	Roy Downey	15-H S/F	11 pars, eagle on 4, 3 birdies, 39 pts.
Feb. 18	Jack Ryan	15-H S/F	4 birdies, -3 gross
Feb. 23	Evan O'Mahony	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Mar. 11	John S. Ryan	E/Hamper, 18-H S/F	45 pts., 71 gross
Mar. 11	David Grainger	E/Hamper, 18-H S/F	5 birdies
Mar. 13	Leone Levis	E/Hamper, 18-H S/F	42 pts., 3 birdies
Mar. 21	Maurice Maye	18-H S/F	9 threes (6 of them ... birdies)
Mar. 28	Sean Desmond	18-H S/F	6 birdies
Mar. 30	Aidan Cahill	18-H 4ball S/F	Eagle on 17 + 1 birdie

The R&A and the USGA have unveiled the new Rules of Golf, to be implemented on 1 January 2019.

If you are reading this online click on this link <https://www.rules.golf/> for an excellent overview of the changes coming next year.



Please adhere to the standard dress code associated with the sport of golf

Some Rule Misunderstandings

Provisional Ball

A player may go back to play a provisional ball while his fellow competitors carry on searching for the original ball.

Incorrect: A provisional ball must be played before the player or their partner goes forward to search for the original ball, Rule 27-2a(ii).

What's the distance to the green

You may not ask a fellow competitor how far your ball is from the hole.

Incorrect: Information on distance or matters of public information is not advice.

Score card alterations

A player must initial any alterations that they make on their score card before signing it.

Incorrect: There is nothing in the Rules of Golf as to how alterations on a score card should be made. Decision 6-6a/6.

Lifting a ball.

A player may always lift their ball if they consider that it may interfere with another player's ball.

Incorrect: Only the player who is going to make the stroke may decide that another ball might interfere



The pro Shop would much appreciate if all prizewinners cashed in their vouchers at an early date.

Litter on the course



Please do not leave your banana skins, orange peels and coffee cups on the course. The birds will not take them!

Definition of "Through the Green"

Through the Green is the whole area of the course except:

- The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played and
- All hazards on the course