



THE MONKSTOWN EAGLE



It's been a great start to the year thanks to the superb condition of the course and the benign weather through January and February. We have rarely seen so many enjoying their golf this early and let's hope it is an omen of things to come in 2019.

We welcome our new General Manager Brian and we look forward greatly to working with him and helping him to settle in and to lead our wonderful club to new heights.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new members and look forward to meeting them before too long.

The team managers have been selected for both clubs and preparations for the cups and shields are well underway. We received great inspiration from the performances and successes of last year and are excited by the challenges ahead in striving to match or improve on 2018. The prospect of joining the yellow swarm traversing so many courses again this year is something special.

You will read our course officer's report on the recent improvements being carried out on three of the tees and particularly the major work on the 16th. We ask for your patience while the work on the 16th is being completed as it promises to be a magnificent par three worthy of any course.

We wish all our members a most enjoyable year of golf and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout the year and especially on the following dates:

Carol's Captain's Prize: 18th May

Maurice's Captain's Prize: 7th & 8th June

Peter's President's Prize: 16th & 17th August

President Peter, Captain Maurice, Captain of the Ladies Carol



Dates for the diary

Gent's Competitions.

	Date	Venue	Opposition	Team Managers
Aig Jimmy Bruen Shield	11/12 May	Monkstown	East Cork Round 2	John Byrne & Peter O'Flynn
Aig Pierce Purcell Shield	25/26 May	Fermoy	Mahon/Lee Valley Round 2	J.P Ryan & Evan O'Mahony
Irish Mixed Foursomes	15/16 June	Mallow	Muskerry Round 2	Richie Dunlea & Dee McCarthy
Irish Senior Cup	22/23 June	Bandon	Fota Round 1	Pat O'Keeffe & Shane Horgan
Irish Junior Cup	29/30 June	Castlemartyr	Castlemartyr Round 1	Martin Walsh & Noel Millar
Aig Barton Shield	13/14 July	Kinsale	Cobh Round 2	Pat O'Keeffe & Shane Horgan
Michael Cashman	by 16 June	Fermoy	Fermoy Round 2	Michael Doorley & Kieran Kingston
Fred Perry Trophy (Seniors Inter-Club)	by 26 May	Monkstown	Lee Valley Round 2	Donal McCarthy and Kieran Grainger

Local Leagues

Team Managers

Senior League	Eoin Long
Junior League	Evan O'Mahony
Topmost	Leo O'Rourke
Utmost	Pat Casey
Mixedmost	Ian O'Leary + Jane O'Hagan

Ladies' Competitions

Date

Venue

Opposition

Team Managers

Junior Cup	27/04/2019	Monkstown	Mahon	Marian Reidy
Intermediate Cup	07/04/2019	Muskerry	Muskerry	Hilary Harte
Minor Cup	28/04/2019 (TBC)	Monkstown	Mahon/Kinsale	Ger O'Keeffe
Challenge Cup	14/04/2019	Monkstown	Lee Valley	Harriet Ferriss
Senior Foursomes	8/9 June (TBC)	TBC	TBC	Mary Bergin
Junior Foursomes	8/9 June (TBC)	TBC	TBC	Pauline James
City Foursomes	Sept 19 (TBC)	TBC	TBC	Joan Coghosey
Revive Active Fourball	1st week May (TBC)	TBC	TBC	Triona O'Loughlin

Marymount Hospice.

Ada O'Sullivan's committee tells us that the coffee morning on 7 Feb last raised €7,693.00. A big thank you to all who supported the event & to the generosity of Alan & Debbie who donated the coffee and scones.

Competitors and supporters are reminded of our Social Media Policy (see website) when posting content on any social media platform -Facebook, WhatsApp etc. Inappropriate use of Social Media can hurt people, damage the reputation of Monkstown Golf Club and result in severe problems for the perpetrator(s). Monkstown Golf Club's Policy is clear, read it and follow it.

Course Officer Update (Q1, 2019)

The tee reconstructions on the 3rd, 7th and 16th holes are almost complete. While the final outcome remains to be seen we are extremely happy with the 3rd and 7th tees and the 16th looks extremely promising at this early stage.



We must allow the new tees to bed in and as we have used a combination of sod and seed we do not expect the tees to be in play until the following dates:

Tee 3 - May 2019

Tee 7 - May 2019

Tee 16 – June 2019 for 50% of tee, balance later.

This tee reconstruction project was recommended by both the 2018 and 2019 Course Committees, ratified by the respective Club Committees and finally approved by the current Management Committee. The overall project cost was €16,000 and we expect it to come in on budget due in no small measure to one of our suppliers lending us a machine and a member providing us with a 5 tonne digger for 16 days at no cost. We are extremely grateful to both. The greenkeepers have put in extremely long hours in very trying weather conditions and we are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team.

Regarding other course activities, the edging on all the course bunkers has been cut and, in some cases, rebuilt or re-sodded. The pathway between 10th green and 11th tee has also been re-sodded. The banking near the 17th green is looking better every day and we have put in a seed-bag holder beside the Ladies' first tee. We also intend to roll out an *Adopt-A-Green* programme in the next few months tapping into the very strong sense of volunteerism that is in the club. Overall, we have a truly beautiful course and it is up to all of us to look after it.

Rules of Golf 2019 - caution (flag in or flag out)

Take care when hitting approach shots to the green that the green is clear of players. You may see the flag going back in but the green may not be clear as a player may have put it back in prior to putting.

Rules of Golf 2019 - Additional local rule. 18th HOLE – RELIEF ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE RED PENALTY AREA BETWEEN 18th & 14th FAIRWAY

When a player's ball is in a penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area even though not found, the player may take relief using one of the options under [Rule 17.1d](#). Or, when playing the 18th hole, when the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area between the 18th and 14th fairways, as an extra relief option adding **one penalty stroke**, the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area (14th fairway side) within two club-lengths of the Reference Point.

HOT SHOTS – October / November / December 2018

Date	Golfer	Competition	Hot Shots
Oct. 02	Liz Whitaker	18-H Str.	Eagle on 11 + 1 birdie
Oct. 02	Maura Breathnach	18-H Str.	3 birdies
Oct. 09	Leone Lewis	18-H S/F	3 birdies
Oct. 14	Declan O'Sullivan	18-H S/F	Eagle on 10 + 2 birdies
Oct. 14	Evan O'Mahony	18-H S/F	70 Gross: 16 pars
Oct. 23	Pauline O'Connor	18-H S/F	4 birdies
Oct. 29	Ken Treacy	18-H Team S/F	5 birdies on front nine
Oct. 31	Jack Ryan	15-H S/F	5 birdies
Nov. 07	Noel Millar	15-H S/F	Eagle on 18 + 1 birdie
Nov. 20	Leone Lewis	15-H S/F	Eagle on 8 + 1 birdie
Nov. 21	Sean Abbott	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Nov. 23	Pat Sexton	15-H S/F	4 birdies: 11,16,17 &18
Nov. 25	Seamus Collins	15-H S/F	Eagle on 11
Dec. 01	Eddie O'Sullivan	15-H Team S/F	14 pars (13 in a row)
Dec. 02	Michael Ormond	15-H S/F	Hole-in-One on 13
Dec. 02	Colman O'Brien	15-H S/F	Eagle on 7
Dec. 07	Brian McCarthy	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Dec. 09	Ken Treacy	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Dec. 17/19/21	Jack O'Byrne	12-/9-/15-H S/F	3 wins in a row
Dec. 21	Michael Barron	15-H S/F	4 birdies
Dec. 22	Jamie O'Mahony	15-H Fourball S/F	Hole-in-One on 1
Dec. 23	Eddie O'Sullivan	15-H S/F	Hole-in-One on 6 + 1 birdie
Dec. 27	John Quinn	15-H Team S/F	Eagle on 10
Dec. 28	Vera O'Byrne	13 – H S/F	Hole-in-One on 13
Dec. 30	Michael Gaffney	15-H S/F	4 birdies, -2 Gross

Our new general manager Brian Hurley took up his duties on 4th February last and we look forward with considerable enthusiasm to his stewardship of our club over the coming decades. Brian is a young man, a native of Cork and was taught at Douglas Community school by our members Jim Long, Ted Coakley and John Dunlea. Prior to joining us at Monkstown, Brian was the general manager at Portmarnock since May 2013 and prior to Portmarnock Brian was general manager at Dooks in Glenbeigh for 5 years. Brian is a qualified golf professional and a member of the PGA. He has spent his entire career in the golf industry and was recognized in December last by the Irish Golf Tour Operator Association as the Golf Club Manager of the year 2018.

