



Club Newsletter

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Captain's Message



First of all, I would like to start by wishing each and every one of our members a very happy and hopefully successful golfing year in 2017. It's a tremendous honour and privilege for me to have been chosen to lead this great club forward in the coming year and I intend to carry out my role as diligently as I possibly can. I'm very lucky in that I have a very enthusiastic and experienced committee to back me up and guide me along the way and with a bit of luck, we won't make too many mistakes and any we do make will only be small ones!

I would like to thank our Captains from last year, Thomas and Elva, for the great work done during the year and they are going to be hard acts to follow. I look forward to working closely with the Cusack Family and the PLC whose continued support year after year is greatly appreciated by all the members.

I'm also looking forward to working with Lady Captain Jodie and the Ladies Club members. We hope to see an increase in Lady Members this year and I would like to integrate them a bit more into our competitions by running some mixed foursomes events during the year.

A Message from the Lady Captain



It is a great honour for me to be Lady Captain of Knightsbrook Golf Club 2017. I would like to wish each and every one of our members a very enjoyable and successful golfing year.

I look forward to working with my committee, Vice Captain/Secretary Angela Reilly, Treasurer Marian Buckley, Competition Secretary Mary Higgins, Handicap Secretary Jane Molony and Team Managers Elva Leavy and Marie Gordon.

The ladies have entered Inter-Club competitions and I would like to wish them the best of luck. We, the Ladies Club members, look forward to playing in the mixed competitions again this year as it was a very enjoyable experience last year.

I am delighted to be working alongside our Men's Captain, Seamus Lanney and his committee and together we will work very hard to make 2017 a memorable year.



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Captain's Message Continued...

Our Inter-Club Teams will, as usual, be one of our main priorities and all Team Managers are currently in place. The Men's Club will assist them in any way possible in their preparations and with a bit of luck, we might bring back another pennant to the Club following on from last year's success in Killeen Castle.

I would like to wish Vice Captains John and Angela the best of luck for the year. Jodie and I are very fortunate to have such experienced people to back us up and I'm sure we'll be calling on their wisdom many times during the year.

I would like to welcome any new members to the club and I don't think that it will be too long before you make many friends here in Knightsbrook.

Finally, I want to thank you, the members, for all your support and good wishes and I hope to inflict my game on as many of you as possible during the year!

Seamus Lanney
Men's Captain 2017

A Message from the Lady Captain Continued...

We have twenty-one "Get Into Golf" ladies returning to us this year and we the committee are working to ensure that they enjoy the golf experience and hopefully many of them will become full members of Knightsbrook Golf Club. Knightsbrook Ladies Club hopes to get a new group of ladies into the Women's programme again this year following last year's success.

Thank you to Dominic and Kate in the golf-shop, who have helped me so much already. I look forward to working with them both throughout this year.

The course is in great condition and it is thanks to Ronan and his hardworking staff, so no excuses for bad golf!

I wish Angela and John all the best in their Vice Captains year and thank them in advance for all their help.

Jodie Coughlan
Lady Captain 2017

Thank You to Our Sponsors in 2017

Men's April Medal ... Cusack Homes
Men's May Medal ... Ampere Electric
Men's June Medal ... Renahan Electrical
Men's July Medal ... Coogans Butchers
Men's August Medal ... Barry Gillen
Men's September Medal ... Kiely's Meats

Ladies April Medal... Daniel Reilly
Ladies May Medal... Abbey Conference & Events
Ladies June Medal... Pat Purcell
Ladies August Medal... Abbey Montessori
Ladies September Medal... Stella McLoughlin
Ladies Golfer of the Year... Angela Reilly
Ladies Captain's Prize... Knightsbrook Golf Shop
Easter Monday Open Singles ... Linders Renault / Dacia (John MacSweeney)
June 5th Open Singles ... Gerald Reilly
October 30th Open Singles ... Noel Dempsey & Dempsey Travel (Martin Dempsey)

December 27th Open Singles ... Java Juice
December 28th Open 3 Person Team ... TBC
December 29th Open Singles ... TBC
Senior Scratch Cup ... Impact Signs
ILGU Breakthrough Broach
Table Quiz... Gerald Reilly
Ladies Singles... Knightsbrook Men's Club
Men's Gold Medal ... Trimfold

Club Championship Sponsors
Handicaps 0 - 9 ... Gavin Hunt
Handicaps 10 - 18 ... Thomas Renahan
Handicaps 19 - 28 ... Seán Ó Diomasaigh
Singles Matchplay ... Oliver Perkins
Four Ball Matchplay ... Colin McAllister
Foursomes Matchplay ... Joe McGrane
Mixed Foursomes ... Daniel & Angela Reilly
Senior Golf ... Dempsey Insurances
Good Friday Open Singles ... The Lanney Family



2017 Junior Golf News

The aim of the Junior Golf Committee this year is to promote and develop the game of Junior Golf within our Club, review our Child Welfare and Protection Policy and improve and develop a proper coaching program under the guidance of the Confederation of Golf in Ireland.

The Club will hold introductory golf evenings with guardians and Juniors on the following dates: April 22nd, 29th, May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th from 4 pm to 6 pm.

If after this introductory period we have enough young people to form

a Junior Section, we will then continue with our coaching programme and hold Adult and Junior Competitions at the end of August. The Junior Golf Committee intend to approach the CGI to see if we can obtain "Junior Snag Equipment" to help with developing and promoting the programme in the Club.

For more information concerning Junior Golf please see:
Richard Wheeler - Junior Conveyer
Angela Reilly - Children's Officer
Elva Leavy - Liaison Person
Joe McGrane - Recruitment Officer
Stephen Rayfus - Head Coach:



Golf Course Report

At our most recent Committee meeting President Jonathan Cusack reported that new bench seating and ball washers are ordered for a number of Gents and Ladies tee boxes around the course.

Golf-course Superintendent Mr. Ronan Carey attended our March meeting and informed us about the maintenance programme and ongoing developments for the golf course. We thank Ronan for his insightful input at the meeting and commend him and his staff on their high quality work in

Knightsbrook. Our greens were hollow cored earlier than usual this year, and with a rise in surface temperature levels a good sward on the greens should now develop with deep and healthy roots. Hopefully, we can all look forward to good putting surfaces for the summer months ahead.

On a recent visit to Knightsbrook GC in February to discuss "Local Rules", GUI Official Mr. Henry Lee complimented the excellent layout and design of the golf course and heaped praise upon its general upkeep during the winter season.

GUI Fun Golf Rules Night March 24th

Men's Captain Seamus Lanney has invited Mr. Henry Lee from the Golfing Union of Ireland to Knightsbrook on Friday 24th of March.

All of our members are invited to attend what promises to be an enjoyable and informative rules night event. Members are encouraged to bring along their reading glasses as a fun "Golf Rules Quiz" will form part of the

evening. Men's Captain Seamus has been working with Henry over the past couple of seasons framing "Local Rules" for the Club.

Our rules night is designed to provide members with guidance concerning those local rules, while also offering members a basic understanding of the "Rules of Golf" as they apply in our qualifying Club Competitions.



Team Conveyors Message

To our Inter-Club Teams and Managers best wishes, good fortune and good golf for the competitions year ahead in 2017.

The cold winds and frost of Winter have dissipated and loosened its grip on the course and with Spring upon us the bloom of the flowers signals growth, promise and hope.

Hopefully, those Club members who participate in Inter-Club competition this year will enjoy and appreciate the honour of representing Knightsbrook Golf Club in 2017.

2016 was an historic and memorable year for the Club. Reaching our second Newsam Cup Final and winning the Inaugural Leinster Region Inter-County Shield in Killeen Castle GC were fantastic achievements for the Club.

Hopefully in 2017, some if not all of our Inter-Club Teams will meet with the same success again.

The Heritage GC will host the 2017 Inter-County Shield on the 3rd of April.

Team Conveyors
Men's Captain Seamus Lanney & Colin Rayfus



Inter-Club Team Managers and GUI Competitions

Barton Shield

Team Manager: **Alan Kirwan**

Qualifier in Killeen Castle GC

Date: May 20th

Format: Foursomes Competition, no minimum handicap, playing off scratch.

Junior Cup

Team Manager: **Colin Rayfus**

Qualifier in Knightsbrook GC

Date: June 3rd

Format: Singles Competition, Handicaps of 5 or more, playing off scratch.

Barton Cup

Team Managers: **John Nolan & Davey Maguire**

Away to Black Bush GC

Date: Before April 17th

Format: Foursomes Competition, no minimum handicap, combined handicap of each pair is no lower than 14, played on a home and away basis.

Jimmy Bruen Shield

Team Managers: **John Tobin & Dominic Martin**

Qualifier in Esker Hills GC

Date: June 17th

Format: Foursomes Competition for handicaps no less than 6. Combined handicap of each pair is no lower than 17.

Provincial Towns Cup

Team Managers: **Francis O Donoghue & Raymond Murray**

Home to Kilcock GC

Date: April 23rd

Format: Singles Competition, Handicaps of 9 or more, playing off scratch on a home and away basis.

Pierce Purcell Shield

Team Manager: **Anthony Farrelly**

Qualifier in Ashbourne GC

Date: May 20th

Format: Foursomes Competition for handicaps no less than 12. Combined handicap of each pair is no lower than 27.

All Ireland Mixed Foursomes

Team Managers: **Raymond Murray & Elva Leavy**

Away to Bellewstown GC

Date: Before April 9th

Format: Mixed Foursomes Competition. Ten person team. 5 Pairings. Combined handicap of each pair is no lower than 19 and no higher than 27.

Please Note:

Inter-Club Notice Sheets will be posted on the Men's Notice Board in advance of all competitions. Members interested in representing the Club are encouraged to place their names on those Notice Sheets.

In accordance with Team Manager Guidelines, Team Managers should invite all members of their panel to participate in practice matches before a final team is picked to play in the competition. *Ádh mór do gach.*



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All members should now have received their Annual Men's Club Invoice which is due for payment before March 31st. Please be aware, that all members who have paid their Men's Club fees by the 31st March will be entered into a draw for free entry to all Club competitions for 2017.

The Men's and Ladies Committees, on behalf of the members, would like to thank Golf Operations' Executive Dominic and Golf Reservations Executive Kate whose efforts ensure that our enjoyment of Knightsbrook Golf Club is greatly enhanced.
Go raibh maith agat.

Updated Competitions Rules 2017

The 2017 Handicap and Competitions Committee under the guidance of Hon. Secretary Raymond Murray have been busy reviewing and updating Knightsbrook Golf Club Competitions Rules 2017.

Newly added information includes:

- Pre-entry Positions for Prizes in all golf club competitions including Major Competitions.
- Updated Handicap Categories for Category 1 & 2.
- Reintroduction of the Gold Medal Competition and eligibility criteria for the Final.
- Continuation of the Super Sunday Series to run simultaneously with the Four Golfing Majors of the Year in 2017.
- Updated Local Rules Section and the hosting of a "Rules Night".
- Updated Nine Hole Re-entry Competition Schedule.
- Updated Senior Golf Competition Schedule.

2017 Handicap and Competitions Committee Members:

Hon. Secretary Raymond Murray,
Vice Captain John Tobin,
Alan Kirwan, John Nolan, Anthony Farrelly & Colin Rayfus.

Special Points of Interest

Nine Hole Competitions

Members 9 Hole Competition (Non-qualifier) re-entry commences in May 2017.

A separate GUI Nine-Hole Competition (Qualifier) Men's and Ladies' Singles Competition is fixed in April 2017.

Please note:

The winner of both Singles Competitions will go forward as a Mixed Team to represent Knightsbrook GC at the Leinster Regional Finals.

Social Events

Social event details will be posted on the Notice Board, sent by email or text and included on the Club website.

Golf Clinics

Last summer the Club ran a series of short game clinics with PGA Professional Jussi Pitkanen.

These lessons were subsidised by the Men's Club. This year if there is enough interest expressed from members the committee will look to do something similar.

Golf Clinics include:

Short Game and Bunker play.
Driving and Iron play.
Putting.

Get Into Golf

The "Get Into Golf" programme was a new element for our Ladies in 2016. Encouraged by the Confederation of Golf in Ireland, the main aim of the programme was to encourage more ladies to sample the game of golf and possibly join Knightsbrook Golf Club.

Phase 2 of "Get Into Golf" runs again this summer and will be hosted under the guidance of PGA Professional Jussi Pitkanen again.

For more details of the 2017 "Get Into Golf" programme please contact Lady Captain Jodie Coughlan.



Picture caption

