



Club Round-up 3rd Round Oct '18

'Ivor on the course'

Winter maintenance has commenced:

- Fairways and tee will be scarified verti-drained and sanded to 4mm (400 tons)
- Greens will be lightly graded (scarified) top-dressed (sanded) and vert-drained
- Please see next slide where our Head Greenkeeper gives his views on key aspects of the course

Ivor Walker – Green's Convenor

Competitions/Teams - Ladies

- July comps: PGA Tankard, Mary Peters, Gents Presidents and Bridge Bowl Prizes with respective winners Anne Hegan, Sharon Duff, Jane McCambley and Marcella Campbell
- August Open Week Greensomes was well supported by visitors.
- Prize presentation night was Tues 2nd Oct.

Ladies Competitions Convenor

The 19th Hole - Dates for the Diary

- Tennents products now available
 - Social Calendar for remainder of year completed.
 - Sat 27 Oct "Taster Menu" by Greenview Restaurant
 - Fri 23 Nov Mens Dinner/Prizegiving
- Members are asked to support events**

Chris Davis – Social Convenor

Captain's Corner – Men's

The summer provided great golfing weather albeit different challenges with course irrigation at times. Thanks to all our teams for representing our Club and congratulations to those in Ulster/all Ireland finals with a special mention to our Fred Daly team on their superb all Ireland success – a 1st for Lisburn GC and best wishes to our Jimmy Bruen team in the all Ireland final w/e 6/10/18 I wish to thank all the Bar/Club Office/Greens staff together with the Greenview Catering team for coping with a busy summer period.

David McDowell – Captain

Captain's Corner - Ladies

Thank you for making my Captains day in June a really fantastic day with great memories for me plus the amount raised for my charity the Chest Heart and Stroke reached £600. August brought another great day for our Lady President Sheila who also had a magnificent day. September prize night brought Paula Grant to tell us about her busy competitive year and about her Curtis Cup experience

Julie Robinson – Lady Captain

Competitions/Teams - Men

- All Club competitions including Order of Merit trophies successfully concluded - will be presented at Club dinner 23Nov
- Seniors won the Cowdy Senior Trophy
- MUSA team won MUSA for 2nd year
- Winter League to commence Oct 6th on a match play format

Sam Moore – Men's Competitions Convenor

'The Young Ones'

Congratulations to:

- Josh Robinson on reaching the final 16 of the Boys British Amateur
- Our Fred Daly team (Aaron Marshall/Josh Robinson/Kyle Patton/Josh Black/Jack Shellard) on being Ulster Champions for the 2nd year running and winning the all Ireland title – a 1st for Lisburn G.C!

Glenn Walsh – Juvenile's Convenor

'The best from the rest'

- **Club Finance** (*Joe Davey Hon. Treasurer*) – As year end approaches the expected deficit becomes clearer. Significant steps must be taken in the coming Financial Year to redress this.
- **Clubhouse Development & Accessibility** (*Neil Roulston*) – Exploring options for comprehensive ground floor upgrade including the Members/Lounge Bars, Restaurant, Course-side Glazing, Gents & Ladies Toilets including new accessible WC and Baby Changing facilities. Disability access within these areas will be significantly improved. Intend to gain members' feedback on options at information evening in November
- **Membership Development** (*Gavin Hawkins*) – Promoting new membership via offering 15 months for the price of 12 to encourage people to join over the winter
- **Council /GUI/ILGU** (*Noel Robinson Hon Sec*) – Further to the proposed dissolution of the GUI & ILGU for replacement by a single governing body entitled 'Golf Ireland', several official publications and booklets in favour of this proposal have now been issued. GUI EGM scheduled Jan 2019. These are available in the Clubhouse for member perusal and you are invited to make your views on this matter known. Please email me via the Club Office: info@lisburngolfclub.com.



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Robert Nelson- Head Greenkeeper explains below the main challenges and priorities on course maintenance

Q1. What have been the key challenges facing the Greens-staff in course maintenance during 2018?

Robert Nelson comments :

- This was the most challenging year in recent times due to the prolonged drought period.
- The ability to water the course was not helped by an ageing sprinkler system (covers greens only)
- Greens staff came in literally in the middle of the night to water but tee boxes and green surrounds are not covered by any sprinklers therefore were badly scorched /lost the grass and will require reseeded
- Greens were slower this year than normal as we could only cut to 3.5mm due to the drought as would normally cut to 2.5mm
- Normally we top dress greens (light top dressing of sand) every 2 weeks but could not do this in drought period as would put extra "stress" on the grass

Q2. Each year the course has an independent inspection using the STRI Programme (see PDF) which measures various course data on an objective basis. A report is provided which allows the club to focus on recommended actions including:

"Putting surface management should focus on recovering areas weakened because of the dry summer"
"Significant over seeding is envisaged to aid recovery of areas weakened because of the dry summer"

Can you please explain your short term priorities over the winter months to incorporate any STRI related actions?

Robert Nelson comments:

- The STRI report obviously mentioned that we should focus on recovering areas weakened because of the dry summer including over seeding and reseeded areas
- Aim is to get top dressing sand back on the greens with the objective to put c. 70 tons of sand on the greens between Nov-Mar. All greens are currently being deep tined
- Green surrounds are being reseeded
- Fairways are being hollow tined with c.400 tons of sand being used late Sept/early Oct
- New winter astro turf tees (men/ladies) are going to be used on the 4th tee to protect the tee box and allow a longer shot when the winter green is in use
- Drainage works are focused on the back 9 with additional drainage work on 10th/11th/12th and front of 15th green
- Bunkers: 30 bunkers have the newer sand with 39 to go – programme is to do 5 bunkers p.a.
- Aim during the winter is to keep the full course open as much as possible and ensure we enter 2019 season with the course in good condition

My thanks to all the greens staff for their commitment during a challenging year.