

## Wine and Dine

**Wine and Dine** in the clubhouse Bar / Restaurant, enjoy the experience of being served food and drink in a professional and friendly way.

**Sunday Lunch** will be served in the Clubhouse shortly. Family and friends all will be made welcome by Martin Kane.

**For that special occasion** family Celebration, Birthdays, Anniversary, Office Party, Christmas Party give Martin a ring and he will be happy to fulfil all your catering needs. Come try our menu on Saturdays (Sunday lunch to follow).

Bon Appetite

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### Note from the Editor

I hope you find this newsletter informative.  
It is our policy at management to keep members informed on club matters  
Golf matters belong to the Ladies and Gents golfing committees.  
Thanks to the many people who helped produce this Newsletter.



If you have not received a copy of this Newsletter by email please contact the office.

***Sean Callaghan***

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## Dress Code

Members and Visitors are required to be neat and tidy at all times

### **Clubhouse:**

Golf Shoes, Track Suits, collarless or football shirts are not permitted

Tailored shorts are acceptable.

While in the Bar area headgear must be removed.

### **Course:**

Runners / singlets / collarless or football shirts or football shorts are not permitted

Golf shoes must be worn.

Tailored shorts only are permitted.



## REPORT FROM OUR COURSE MANAGER, Ned Lonergan

The mild weather over the Winter meant our Course was open most of the time and did not get much time to recover. Also, it was a bad year for moss and disease so it took longer to get the greens into the peak condition that they are in now. The greens are fed every two weeks and sanded every three weeks.

As we had intruders in our course over the Winter months, we had to put up a barrier at the front entrance and also at the workshop entrance.

All Bunkers were reshaped back to their original shape and have been recently topped up with additional sand. The bridge on the 5<sup>th</sup> was finished and the timber on the bridge at the 14<sup>th</sup> will be replaced soon.

Also, a major expense involved the purchase and installation of a new pump for our well.

All the distance markers at the Tee boxes have been sanded and painted.

As most of our machinery is getting old, the wear and tear increases which means the cost increases. Some repairs can be done by ourselves but others need Professional input.

The additional man we have is due to finish in July. His replacement from TUS will take a week or so to train but he should be a good help when trained. I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable work done by T.J. Corby on the course.

Finally, I would like to thank the "early morning men" for the beautiful seat in memory of Michael Morrissey at the 11<sup>th</sup> and if anyone else is interested in sponsoring one, I would be grateful to hear from you.

Thank you for your co-operation on the course.

Ned Lonergan,  
Course Chairman.

## CLONMEL SENIORS MEN by Frank O'Meara

### **Senior Men's Golf**

Are you 55 or over and free to play golf on Thursdays?

Why not join the seniors group who meet on the second and last Thursday of each month (March to December).

For €5 we play a team format (usually a 15-hole champagne scramble) and you would stand an excellent chance of winning a fine bottle of wine or two. We have a rolling

draw for partners from 10:30 to 12 so you do not need to prearrange a time or partners.

Membership of the group costs €20 euro which includes the cost of our Christmas dinner party. Any profit we make on Seniors golf is returned to the club.

### **Autumn Seniors Alliance.**

The alliance is comprised of 8 clubs – Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, New Ross, Callan, Waterford, Dungarvan, Gold Coast and West Waterford. One competition is held at each club during the golfing season. There is no membership fee just pay on the day (€5 for members, €15 for visitors). The host club gets the benefit of €10 for each visitor.

Competitions are open to senior (55+) members of the participating clubs. If you would like to play please add your name to the timesheet posted on the seniors notice board and a time will be found for you. The remaining competitions this year are Clonmel (4-man champagne scramble) – Monday July 31st; New Ross (singles) – Monday August 21st; Dungarvan (singles) – Wednesday September 20th.

## **FINANCE by Con Hogan, Treasurer**

Below is a summary of the Club's financial situation for the 7 months to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. While income is in line with projections and expenses are being tightly controlled, the overall situation remains difficult. Our overdraft stands at €69,038 overdrawn and the prospects of returning to an operating surplus in the near to medium term are remote.

Our long-term debt stands at €515,873 (Club accounts AGM, September 2016). The Club negotiated a one-year arrangement under which it is repaying interest only in 2017 but we are committed to repaying interest and capital from 2018 onwards. In addition, we are facing significant capital outlay in 2018 as we cannot further delay the replacement of some course maintenance equipment. All of this will place a very severe strain on our resources in the coming years and will require careful management and continued fundraising.

The response from our members to fundraising efforts to date in 2017 has been excellent and we ask for your continued support and participation in these initiatives and our golf competitions as the Club would not be able to survive on membership income alone.

| <b>TURNOVER</b>                                       |  |  |  | <b>Actual 7 months Oct 2016-May17</b> | <b>Budget Full Year 2017</b> |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Membership Fees                                       |  |  |  | 226,592                               | 232,292                      |
| Gross profit bar trading account* <b>Discontinued</b> |  |  |  | 22,278                                | 43,287                       |
| Green fees  |  |  |  | 12,047                                | 18,863                       |

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|--------------------------------|--|--|--|----------------|----------------|
| Competitions account           |  |  |  | 19,080         | 25,881         |
| Club Development Fundraising   |  |  |  | 43,586         | 45,791         |
|                                |  |  |  |                |                |
| <b>Total</b>                   |  |  |  | <b>323,583</b> | <b>366,114</b> |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b> |  |  |  | <b>228,233</b> | <b>338,536</b> |
| <b>Interest Charges</b>        |  |  |  | <b>16847</b>   | <b>25200</b>   |
| <b>Overdraft</b>               |  |  |  | <b>-69038</b>  |                |

## GOLF CLUB LOTTO

Jackpot currently stands at €2,200 as at 21/07/2017. It was finally won on 01/07/2017 and previous to that in July 2014.

The continued support of members, their families and friends is much appreciated

Also thanks to the hardworking Lotto committee; Mary, Maud, Antoinette, Liam, George, Donagh, Donnacha & John for their commitment.

A special word of thanks to the promoters of the Lotto who sell tickets on a weekly basis

The prize money for Match 3 numbers was increased to €50 per winner in March.

The new jackpot commenced at €2000, an increase of €500 and grows by €100 each week

Be in to Win!

Pat Quinlan

Lotto Chairperson

## Junior Activity at Clonmel Golf Club

Junior Golf Practice has been taking place every Saturday afternoon for the past few months.

Now that Summer has arrived Junior Golf reverts to its traditional Thursday morning slot since Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. With approximately thirty boys and girls between the ages of eight and fifteen actively involved, it promises to be a busy Summer. We will have practice and competitions including our own "Majors" and "Golfer of the Year".

Our Fred Daly Team, having put up a valiant effort against a very strong Faithlegg Team in the cup, have progressed to the third round of the Fred Daly Plate, having overcome Tipperary GC and Tramore GC respectively. We now await the winners of Mitchelstown/Thurles.

I would like to thank all those who have supported us financially and through donation of prizes. Anyone wishing to provide additional support could contact myself or anyone on the committee.

Frank O'Keeffe, P.J. Fahey, John Fennessy and Shula McCarthy deserve huge thanks for their continuing hard work with the Juniors.

Practice continues each Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 8.00pm and competitions each Thursday at 9.00 am sharp for the Summer Months.

Finally, we have a great group of enthusiastic and talented kids who deserve more help than our small committee can give, so I would encourage others to come forward and help us develop Junior Golf in our Club. You can be assured of great fun and immense satisfaction for your efforts.

David Morris,  
Junior Convenor.



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### **Attention all members**

Personal golf insurance is available to members at €27 per member. Please contact Aine in the office for further details. When you are on the course be aware of the safety of other players.

Other changes will see a unified golfing union, with the coming together of both men's and ladies' unions. These changes are just around the corner and as things progress we will bring you all the news

So, all and all it has been a quick 6 months, the course is at its finest and a big thank you to all the members who have entered competitions during the year.

The Men's Captain  
Mr. Billy Hewitt

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## Lady Captain Elizabeth Joy

Thanks to the lovely mild winter the Ladies golf had a very successful January and February. Our weekly 12-hole competition was very well supported and as it is a draw meant that the members mixed around and had lots of opportunity to play. This has really stood to us in our ILGU team events as our junior cup team got through to the quarter finals with the added bonus of a home draw. Unfortunately, they were drawn against a very strong Tipperary team and were narrowly beaten. The day, however was a showcase for our club with magnificent weather, the course looked immaculate and the catering first class. The previous Saturday our Revive Active team are got through to the fourth round of the competition beating Waterford (home and away) The next round is against either Tipperary or East Cork to be played by the end of July. Our Senior Foursomes team was in action in Nenagh on July 9th. The highlight of ladies' golf, the Captains prize was held on the best weekend, weather wise. The course and clubhouse looked magnificent and that night our new caterers Martin and Michael served a magnificent meal to celebrate the day. We hosted the quarter finals of all the ILGU cups and shields. We had over 100 ladies plus supporters so a busy day for all but a wonderful opportunity to showcase our great facilities and our course. Thanks to management and the men's committee for their continued support of ladies' golf and a special thanks to our sponsors of our weekly 18-hole competitions. We would ask everyone to shop local and support our sponsors. Last week saw the revival of the mixed competition on Monday evenings, draws are at 5pm, 5.30pm and 6pm with Martin providing a lovely meal after the golf. This is proving to be a great success and a good opportunity for ladies and men to get to know each other.



# Captain Billy Hewitt

## MEN'S GOLF

With the first 6 months of the year gone we can look back on what has happened in Men's golf.

The year as always started with the Captains Drive In, this took place earlier than usual.

The 'Magic 7' competition was held in Jan/February. February also saw the running of a table quiz which was a great success.

We had a Team sponsored event in April which was run to raise funds for our various different teams who play in the Cups and Shield events and other events. This turned out to be great success.

May we take this opportunity to thanks all our sponsors for their generosity in providing prizes for all the competitions that have been run so far.

The first Player of the Year event was played in April, the Members prize, The Donoughmore Cup is ongoing. The Spring Medal and the Vice Captains Prize, all Player of the Year events have also been played.

Team Golf has started and so far, we have played the following. The Pierce Purcell and The Jimmy Bruen and the Senior and Junior Cup and the Barton Shield.

The new V1 system for entering competitions is working well and we now have a label printer for competitions.

Prize giving nights are now held on the last Saturday in the month and this has been well attended.

The GUI are constantly trying to help and inform clubs and players about the various obligations that they should be aware of.

At the start of the year the GUI undertook a campaign in regard to handicaps. Various flyers were sent out to all clubs and these were posted on notice boards and on social media sites. The following were some examples of what was sent.



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**You are responsible for...**

**Returning all cards to your home club**

**How?**

**Photograph card then email or text it**

**Scan or copy and send it**

Find out more: [www.golfnet.ie/HandicapAwareness](http://www.golfnet.ie/HandicapAwareness)

Handicap Awareness Month 



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Handicap Awareness Month

You must report all scores to your handicap committee.

In the Annual Review they can adjust your handicap to match your ability taking all scores into consideration.

[www.golfnet.ie/HandicapAwareness](http://www.golfnet.ie/HandicapAwareness) 

Other flyers were more abrupt and quite direct,



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Handicap Awareness Month

Playing in a qualifying competition and setting out with the aim of 'getting 0.1 back' or not trying your best at any point in the round with the aim of manipulating your handicap is

**CHEATING**

[www.golfnet.ie/HandicapAwareness](http://www.golfnet.ie/HandicapAwareness) 

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Handicap Awareness Month

**"It's another 0.1 for me today lads!"**

Setting out with the aim of getting 0.1 back

**IS CHEATING**

Find out more: [www.golfnet.ie/HandicapAwareness](http://www.golfnet.ie/HandicapAwareness) 

Further changes to the handicap system are envisaged and a global handicap system is what is coming.

## President Liam Maunsell

Dear Member,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce this edition of our Club's Newsletter. I am delighted, as your President to be afforded the opportunity of thanking the various Committees who have contributed to the production of this Newsletter. It is designed to keep you the members informed of what is happening in our Club, at meetings, on the Golf Course and socially. I would also like to express my gratitude to you our Members for the helpfulness and courtesy you have shown me since I became President of Clonmel Golf Club. I would like, on your behalf to offer our Club's condolences to all our members who have suffered a bereavement this year.

President

Liam Maunsell

## Management Committee

Since taking up Office at the Club's AGM, Management looked at a number of areas needing attention:

1. A 5-Year Strategic Plan;
  2. The pending exit and replacement of the Club Professional;
  3. The pending retirement of our Club Steward and his replacement;
  4. Fundraising in line with our Financial Plan as prepared by Brendan Binchy;
  5. Club Website;
  6. Buggy situation,
  7. Golf Societies / Classics.
1. We facilitated an Open Forum of Members to undertake a "think tank workshop". This proved highly effective and many suggestions made their way to the plan. We also undertook an online members survey and a number of meetings with CGI for their advice. We then reverted to our members with the results and, having discussed the results with our full Management Committee, we finalised the 5-Year Strategic Plan. An EGM will be held to implement the Constitutional changes re two-year Presidency/ three-year term for Officers etc. This Plan is on every agenda of Management Meetings, areas discussed and acted on where feasible. This is ongoing.
  2. A sub-committee of three has been entrusted with this item. Discussions are ongoing and confidential at present.
  3. Our Steward, Connie has retired and following extensive interviews we were delighted to invite Martin Kane (a member of our Club) to take over the Bar and Catering facilities and we wish Martin and Stephanie every good wish in this venture.
  4. An ambitious target of €60,000 was set in the Financial Plan, the main contributing factor to achieving this is our Club Lotto. Other contributions come from activities generated by Management, Men's and Ladies Golf e.g. Quiz night, Fashion Show, Dog Race Night, Club Classic etc. We are confident that this figure, with the co-operation of all Club members and friends will be achieved.



5. We are of the opinion that our Club website is not fit for purpose at the moment. We have spoken to two Companies regarding installing a completely new website but the cost is at present prohibitive. However, we are continuing to look at improving the overall appearance of our Website.
6. Following the reporting of a serious and costly incident in Wexford Golf Club involving a Buggy, we sought guidance from our Club Insurance Company. They state that all Buggies on the course must be insured and they have agreed to follow this up with our Buggy owners and users. This is ongoing.
7. This year, we initiated a "Meet and Greet" policy whereby we met each group, introduced ourselves and generally made the Society / Classic welcome. We also asked each group to complete a survey relating to all aspects of their experiences at our Club. This is ongoing and proving beneficial and informative.

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