

Clonmel Golf Club



Introductory Pack for New Members

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Welcome to Clonmel Golf Club:

Founded in 1911, Clonmel Golf Club is one of the oldest golf clubs in the province of Munster. A rolling parkland layout designed by the renowned course architect, Eddie Hackett, it is a mature 18-hole par 71 course measuring 6,365 yards. A club fortunate to be owned and run by its members Clonmel Golf Club (CGC) celebrated its centenary year in 2011 and is actively looking forward to creating an environment in which the club can prosper throughout the next century of golf.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer a very sincere welcome to all our new members. Every club is only as strong as its membership and we are delighted that you have decided to become part of the team at Clonmel Golf Club. The following document is aimed at giving a brief overview of the club, its officers and some general information that will hopefully be useful in answering any questions that you may have on joining the club.

Benefits of Membership:

What are the benefits of being a member of Clonmel Golf Club?

- New membership allows unlimited golf for less than €9 per week.
- Get active and keep fit while enjoying one of the most mentally stimulating games around.
- Nestled in the foothills of the Comeragh mountains, with spectacular views of Slievenamon and the surrounding valley, it is without doubt one of the most scenic courses in all of Munster.
- Clonmel Golf Club is one of the driest and best maintained courses in the area with a greater average number of playing days per year than any of the surrounding courses.
- Members can obtain and maintain a handicap. Members with an official handicap may play in Club Competitions and in Open competitions at other courses.
- Meet other members and play social games of golf. Develop a lifelong hobby and love of the game of golf.
- Members will have full use of all the golf facilities in the Clubhouse. Full bar and catering is provided and the clubhouse is available to hire for private functions.
- Play on club teams at Inter- club matches.

Clonmel golf club were Munster Junior Cup Champions in 2018, Munster Finalists in the Ladies Challenge Cup and All Ireland Semi Finalists 2017 Mary McKenna Cup 2017 and Munster East Junior Cup Champions in 2021.

The running of Clonmel Golf Club

Gentlemen's and Ladies Golf sections:

Ireland has voted recently to have one Governing Body for men's and ladies golf and we will be adopting the same criteria in the coming years.

An AGM of the Men's and Ladies Sections is held at the Club in the month of November. A committee is elected for both Men's Golf and Ladies Golf at the club to facilitate the running of both sections. Each committee is responsible for the setting up the competitions, sponsorship, producing results and presenting prizes to winners. They determine the entry fee to all competitions, arrange for score cards to be checked and results to be published. Anything to do with golf is their portfolio.

As the business of any Golf Club is golf, the Captains are automatically elected to the Management Committee. Both committees hold monthly meetings and report to Management Meetings on their financial status once a month.

The Management Committee:

The Management Committee are charged with managing the day-to-day business of the Club. Employment of staff, course management, course allocation, purchase of equipment for the course, membership, etc. Management decides on the cost of your membership annually. The management committee are also elected by the members at the AGM.

Both Captains are elected annually while the office of President is a 2-year role.

Áine Myles Keating is the Secretary Manager of the club and is available in the office:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 9.30am to 5.30pm. Ph: 052 6124050

The following Officers & Committee were elected for 2022:

Men's Golf Committee:

Officers:

Captain: Ned Brophy
Vice-Captain: Donncha Doyle
Hon Secretary: Andrew Gartlan
Hon Treasurer: John Bourke
Hon Handicap Secretary: Michael O'Neill
Hon Junior Officer: Pat Quinlan

Committee:

Ex-officio Billy Greene (as the Captain of the previous year), Liam Kennedy, Dessie Gunne, Michael O'Connor, Seamus Quigley

The Ladies Committee:

Officers:

Captain: Maura Lyons
Vice-Captain: Eleanor Devaney
Hon Sec: Elaine Winston
Treasurer: Sheila O'Keeffe
Handicap Sec: Roisin Quinlivan
Competition Sec: Betty Lonergan
Junior Convenor: Shula McCarthy

Committee: Ex-officio Christine Hickey (as the Captain of the previous year), Gemma Murphy, Jane Ronan, Gwen Walshe, Laurena Duggan, Comp Sec: Betty Lonergan.

Management Committee for 2022

President: Shay Bannon

Secretary: Frank O'Keeffe

Treasurer: Patsy O'Keeffe

Course Chairman: John Bolger

Marketing & Recruitment: Antoinette Dougan

Trustees: Brendan Binchy, Michael Mullane, Anna Moloney

Gent's Captain: Ned Brophy

Lady Captain: Maura Lyons

Gent's Vice-Captain: Donncha Doyle

Lady Vice-Captain: Eleanor Devaney

Committee: (1) Grace Buckley (2) Liz Joy, (3) Pat Quinlan (4) Barry Lawlor

Áine Myles Keating – Secretary/Manager attends all Management meetings.

All three committees are happy to hear from you at any time with suggestions or questions that you may have pertaining to the club. We firmly believe that the way forward for the club is the successful integration of all members into the club and will be delighted to work with you on any suggestions you may have for improving both the golf and social experience you have with us. Due to GDPR regulations we cannot print committee members phone numbers, but all can be contactable through the office at 052 6124050.

If there is some query you have regarding a golf matter you should address your query in writing to the Hon. Secretary of the relevant club (Men's or Ladies) and it will be dealt with at their monthly meeting.

The national governing body for Men and Ladies is Golf Ireland. The Rules of golf are laid down by the Royal & Ancient (R&A) and this rule book is available free of charge every year. There are copies in both Gents and Ladies Locker rooms and at the office. You can also browse the rule book on the GUI/ ILGU/ R&A websites or via the R&A app (available free of charge on Apple or Android). The app is particularly useful for the new rules introduced in Jan 2019.

Competitions:

Men's Golf:

There are **Open competitions** every **Tuesday** April – October. These are open to both Club members and members from other clubs with full handicaps.

Saturday and Sunday provide for our club & sponsored competitions, these can be entered by putting your name on the time sheet or BRS-Login via the club Website (<http://clonmelgolfclub.com/brs.aspx?type=member>)

We have several competitions that count towards player of the year along with our “Majors” of Captain’s Prize & President’s Prize which are both followed by Prizegiving and dinner on the night. A “Player of the Year” scoreboard is available on the club noticeboards and on the website.

Competition entry books are located at the men’s notice board in the hall by the office. For all 18-hole competitions you must also sign into the computer by swiping your GUI card. The computer is located in the hall beside the men’s notice board.

Ladies Golf:

Ladies golf have their weekly competitions on Saturdays and Wednesdays. During the winter months these are over 12 holes, on Wednesday we have open draws at 9, 10&11 for partners, we also do a draw in the afternoon if needed. On Saturdays there is a time slot on the timesheet between 9 &10 and names can be put down via BRS.

During summer months (mid-March – early October) our weekly competitions are over 18 holes and entry is done by putting name on timesheet.

There are also ongoing competitions such as Easter Hamper, Christmas Hamper, Spring League etc that can be entered at any time by completing a signed card. major competitions include Lady Captain’s Prize, usually held in June and President’s Prize, usually held in July/August. We also have 6 other Player of the Year events throughout the year. POY events and standings can be seen on the club website and in the locker room.

We also have prize-presentations throughout the year and our two major nights are the Lady Captains night and our Christmas party night- good nights guaranteed!!

Competition entry books and envelopes are located in the ladies’ locker room. For all 18-hole competitions you must also sign into the computer by swiping your GUI card. The computer is located in the Pro Shop.

As per the Gentlemen’s competitions, entry for the BRS can be made at: (<http://clonmelgolfclub.com/brs.aspx?type=member>)

For all ladies but especially new members there is a fun Scramble of a Monday morning where you will be drawn with players of suitable ability to help you get to know the club better (both the course and its members!).

Timesheets and Competition Rules:

In order to play in a competition, you must have a club handicap and you must have another player playing with you who will mark (verify) your score.

Timesheets are used when there is a competition taking place as it allows competitors to book a time slot which is suitable for them to play golf. Once their names are on that slot no other group of people may tee off from the 1st Tee at this time, unless of course you are late in which case you forfeit the slot. It also ensures that a proper interval of time is maintained between groups of people teeing off. The Timesheet is always available, at least 1 week before a competition. It is extremely important that players unable to make their tee time notify the clubhouse in sufficient time out of respect for the Golf Club and their playing partners.

Members usually organise their playing group and book on the time sheet via BRS. If you do not have a playing partner you are welcome to put your name on the time- sheet with others where there is a space.

We are a friendly and welcoming club and will always encourage players to join in any group. If you need assistance in forming a playing group contact your club Captain, they will be more than happy to assist you and introduce you to other members.

If you require any assistance or further information about entering competitions, please contact the respective Men's or Ladies Captain or a committee member who will be happy to help you.

Junior Golf:

Pat Quinlan is the Junior Convenor. Pat will be looking after our junior golfers (age 8 to 18). Pat along with David Barry, Club Professional will work with the Juniors during the year and the committee also includes Noel Wall, Ger Butler, Liam Burke, and Kevin Corry together with Anna Moloney (Junior Girls convenor) and adopts a very professional style of approach to managing golf affairs for Junior Golfers. They practice every Thursday morning during school holidays.

Kevin Corry is the Children's Welfare Officer and Liz Joy is the Designated Liaison Person. These 2 roles are now mandatory to safeguard children.

To contact Pat, Liz or Kevin please ring the office at 052 6124050 and Áine will connect you to them.

Seniors Golf:

Gerry Morris, Ollie Fitzpatrick and Liam Flynn cater for the interest of our Seniors on the second last Thursday of every month from March to December. A 15- hole Champagne Scramble of 3 people €5 entry: This is an open draw and a lovely way to get to know people in a fun competition: All compete for a couple of bottles of wine etc: Registration at the start of the year is €20. This includes the cost of Dinner at the Annual Christmas Party. Presently there are about 15 to 20 teams of 3 participating in the Seniors Golf. To get in touch with Gerry, Ollie or Liam, please ring the office at 052 6124050 and Áine will connect you to them.

Fixtures and Results:

A full Fixtures list is available from both Men's and Ladies Committees, in the locker room and is updated on the club website. www.clonmelgolfclub.com .

Results and upcoming fixtures are also featured weekly on the website news section on our social media pages and in the Nationalist Newspaper - so there is plenty of opportunity to claim your glory! We have a very active Facebook page which features all news, results, lotto winners and lots of interesting photos, hints and tips.

Inter-club Competitions

Clonmel Golf Club has a strong tradition in representation in the major inter Club competitions and we are currently the Men's Munster Junior Cup Champions and Ladies Challenge Cup Munster Finalists. We had the honour of hosting the ILGU Senior Cup in May 2019 and received high praise from all the visiting clubs on the standard of the course and the warmth of the reception.

We are constantly on the lookout for players who are interested in playing inter- club competitions. Team managers are appointed by the Captains and these are posted on the notice boards and on the GUI/ ILGU web sites. Information details are posted in early Spring on the respective men's and ladies noticeboards and usually via WhatsApp.

The Men's Primary Inter- club competitions are;

- Senior Cup
- Barton Shield,
- Junior Cup, Handicap 5 to 8,
- Jimmy Bruen, Handicap 6 to 12
- Pierce Purcell, Handicap 12 to 18
- Mixed Foursomes

Qualifying handicap is usually determined by the previous year' s lowest and the player must have returned a minimum number of cards.

The Ladies Primary Inter-Club Competitions are;

- Senior Cup
- Junior Cup, handicap 8 to 15
- Intermediate Cup, handicap 16 to 22
- Minor Cup, handicap 23 to 29
- Challenge Cup handicap 30- 36 (Munster Finalists 2018)
- Senior Foursomes, handicap – minimum combined 14
- Junior Foursomes, handicap 15 to 30 minimum combined 35
- Mary McKenna Trophy-over 60's (All Ireland Semi Finalists 2017)

How to Get a Handicap:

If you were a member during the previous calendar year at another affiliated club, you can transfer your handicap to Clonmel Golf Club on production of a Handicap Certificate. If you have never had a handicap or your handicap has lapsed, you will need to get a new handicap. In order to obtain a handicap you must submit 3x18Hole Cards which have been signed by a valid marker. A marker may be a fellow-competitor or any other member that has a valid handicap.

Important: Please wait until you have completed the 3 cards, clip them together and put them in an envelope and mark it 'For Handicap'. If you have your GUI/ILGU number, then write it on the card also. The cards should then be either handed to the relevant Handicap Secretary or placed in the competition box in the relevant locker room.

You cannot play in competitions until you have attained a club handicap.

Etiquette:

Every individual in the club, should at all times, show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of all.

On the Course:

Please avoid slow play at all times. If you are not able to keep up with the people ahead of you, and you are delaying the people behind you, you must give way.

Please dress appropriately at all times. Please repair pitch marks on the greens and rake bunkers before moving on to the next hole. Your behaviour on the course should never cause interference to other players at any time.

In the Bar:

Golf shoes worn on the course should never be worn in the bar. Please dress appropriately at all times. Language which is offensive to others and bar staff should not be used.

Facilities:

Locker Rooms:

Located downstairs both men's and ladies' locker rooms are fully equipped with showers and towels can be rented from the bar if required.

Bar & Catering:

We are in the process of developing our bar and catering options which will hopefully provide us with an opportunity to enjoy high quality food and drink in a great clubhouse environment from 1st February, 2022

Pro Shop:

David Barry PGA has been the Teaching Professional since October 2020. The Pro Shop is currently open and available for Buggy hire and any equipment needs you may have, and David is available to take bookings for lessons. Contact 052 6124050.