

CLONMEL GOLF CLUB

Men's Notes:

Captains Prize: Saturday last was Captain's Prize day and the weather played its part in a wonderful day. At 6.10am, the first pairing teed off and by the time the last three ball left the 1st tee at 4.40pm 175 players had signed in to play. The honour of winning the Captain's Prize 2020 falls to Aidan Fox who shot an excellent 66 nett narrowly beating Jim Butler who also shot a 66. Well done to the winner who plays off a 10 handicap and went around in a gross score of five over par. This was terrific golf from Aidan and congratulations to him on a wonderful win. Special mention to Jim Butler who had battled through 19 holes with the Pierce Purcell team on Friday evening finishing at 8.30pm and then teeing up again in the Captain's Prize before 8.am on Saturday and shot a wonderful round. The best score of the day came from junior member Owen Quigley who scored a superb 61 nett. Owen is a young man making great strides and is now a regular in the winners' enclosure and is steadily working on reducing his handicap and is playing excellent golf. New member Ryan Lambe shot a 65 nett and took third prize. Congratulations to all the winners. Our captain Pat Quinlan can be well pleased with his Captain's Prize day. A huge entry played and there were no significant delays on the course. Lots of praise too around the clubhouse about the course set up. Playing off the white tees the course was far from easy with difficult pin positions on some holes ending many player's chances as the field of potential winners whittled down over the course of the day. Well done Pat on a wonderful competition.

Pierce Purcell Shield: Our Pierce Purcell team were in action on Friday evening last. Drawn away to Thurles it meant that three pairings were playing in Thurles while the other two pairings were playing in Clonmel. With Thurles winning the 1st and 3rd matches on home turf the middle match went down 19. In Clonmel the top match was down by three on the 14th tee with the 2nd match ahead in the closing holes. A brilliant fightback from Marc Aherne and Jim Butler saw them turn the match around to lead going up the 18th hole. News of the middle game going to an extra hole in Thurles gave real hope of a win against a highly fancied Thurles team. Losing the 18th meant that Jim and Marc were now also going down the 19th. Kieran Burke and Tommy Power were well on their way to winning their match on the 17th hole and with a superb putt for par from Marc Aherne holed for at least a half on the 19th hole news that Billy Lambe and Luke Bourke had lost the in their play-off both matches in Clonmel were called in. This was a great effort from the team. Thurles have been All Ireland champions in this competition twice in the last 5 years so to run them so close is satisfying but ultimately Clonmel came up just short. Congrats and best of luck to Thurles and well done to captain Noel O'Brien and his panel.

Paddy Murray Cup Qualifier: This weekend we have the Paddy Murray fourball qualifier on both Friday and Saturday. In a condensed calendar due to the reduced playing year the committee have decided to run this tournament over a single week. There will be four qualifying pairs from Friday and Saturday. The semifinals are booked in for Saturday 15th with the final taking place on Sunday 16th. This competition is kindly sponsored by The Friends of Toddy O'Brien.

Summer Medal: The re scheduled Summer Medal takes place on Sunday next. We thank our friends at Chadwicks for their support for this competition. In addition to the Summer Medal which is a POY event played off the blue tees there will be a Summer Medal Plate event off the green tees. This competition is not a POY event.

Woodlock Scaffolding 12 Holes Summer Series: Our thanks to Woodlock Scaffolding who are sponsoring a generous array of prizes for the final of the Woodlock 12 Holes Summer Series. This competition is proving popular among members with a steady entry over the opening weeks. Played over 12 holes each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday with the top 40 and equal qualifying for September's final round. Members are required to submit at least two cards as the aggregate score for a player's best two cards will count towards qualification.

Toddy O'Brien Remembered: A new bench has been recently erected close to the 1st tee at Clonmel Golf Club in memory of the late Toddy O'Brien who passed away so suddenly in January. This is a lovely gesture from his great golf friends, Billy Acheson, Sean Callaghan, John Bolger and Donal Ryan who enjoyed many hours playing golf with Toddy. The Kilkenny native was a long-time member of Clonmel Golf Club having joined in 1981 and held a variety of admin roles including Men's Honorary Secretary and BRS administrator, a role he filled at the time of his death. Toddy was a keen and accomplished golfer who enjoyed the banter of a round with his playing partners. Those who ever played with Toddy will be well aware of the difficulty of earning a five euro note from him. He was also a huge help to those on committees who sought his advice on any aspect of the club. Toddy was a keen follower of sport. Manchester United and Leinster Rugby were two favourites, but he got most mileage from the successes of his home county Kilkenny as he beamed in the aftermath of their victories over Tipperary. Toddy was a follower Clonmel Golf Club's teams as they played and seldom missed an inter club match. Toddy O'Brien has left an indelible mark on Clonmel Golf Club and its members and is sorely missed on the course and in the clubhouse. This memorial will ensure that the name of Toddy O'Brien will remain part of the club for many generations.

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To ring the Office - dial 052-6124050

To ring the Course information - dial 052-6183344

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Join Clonmel Golf Club now as a fully paid up member up to December 31st, 2020 from €400. Free trial round available prior to joining, by prior arrangement. This offer is open to new members and past members who have not renewed their membership within the last 5 years. GUI & ILGU fees not included. Terms and conditions apply so for full details please contact Aine at the office on 052-6124050 or download an application form from our website www.clonmelgolfclub.com.

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Ladies Notes:

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