



MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

Warrenpoint Golf Club, Lower Dromore Road, Warrenpoint, BT34 3LN

February 2016

Happy New Year to one & all!!

We hope all our members had an enjoyable festive period and wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2016. We are excited entering into February with the countdown well and truly underway to the start of the 2016 golfing season.

New Year's Eve @ Warrenpoint Golf Club

The superb Rimini brought in the New Year at WGC with dinner and dancing to the early hours!

Is function trade the present and future @ WGC?

With day to day bar trade slowing it is clear to see that less and less people are using our bar facility. However, it would appear that more people are becoming aware of the excellent function facilities at WGC. With ample space, a superb view, complimentary parking, excellent food and competitive pricing it is easy to see why. Sunday 17th January brought 2 separate Christening parties, filling the Golf Club and creating an excellent atmosphere. Another Christening followed on Sunday 24th while we greeted Carlingford Lough Yacht Club for their Annual Party on Saturday 30th. It was great to receive such positive feedback on the facilities and our service over the last number of weeks. We have no doubt this will bode well for 2016.

Members' Survey 2016

Our Mission: To provide a better all-around experience of our golf and social facilities for our members and guests.

Our Strategic Plan: We would like your feedback to understand what you as members want, in order to determine our strategy moving forward.

Completing the Survey: A link to the survey has been emailed to all members in our email database on Friday 29th January. Following the link will bring you to the survey where all questions will require an answer.

Feedback is essential for Warrenpoint Golf Club to keep doing what it does well and to improve where required. We thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey and would ask that you complete and return it by 19th February 2016.

For those who return the survey by this date, they will be entered into a draw for a £100 top up to their smartcard which will take place on 22nd February 2016.

For those who do not have email or who do not receive the link by email, you can collect a hard copy from the office.

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Our new road sign at the roundabout approaching Warrenpoint from Newry



COMPETITION RESULTS

Boxing Day Team Event

Boxing Day started brightly with some good weather in the morning but it quickly turned in the afternoon with rain clouds approaching around 1pm. However, the majority of teams braved the conditions with the winners as follows:

P Rooney, B Mc Kee, R Mc Shane & J Lenfestey - 85 pts

J Larkin, M Keenan, N Campbell & D Mc Givern - 82 pts

L Mc Cabe, H Mc Guffin, I Mc Neill, S Byrne - 81 pts 48 bk 9

New Year's Day Team Event

The weather played a more significant role on New Year's Day with heavy rain the night before leaving the course very wet. Heavy winds and bursts of rain greeted the few teams that made it to the first tee. The winners on the day were as follows:

J Burns, K Cranney, T Redmond & P Digney - 64 pts

I Mc Neill, G Moan, G Campbell & P Smyth - 63 pts

Criss Cross Week 7

Again the Criss Cross competition was interrupted by weather but week 7 was eventually completed on Sunday 24th January with the following prize-winners:

G Mc Cann & S Lavery - 51 pts

C Quinn & S Lavery - 50 pts 26 bk 9

G Castelli & P Jackson - 50 pts 25 bk 9

Criss Cross Week 8

Criss Cross 8 began on Monday 25th January and concluded on Sunday 31st January. The winners were as follows:

F Larkin & P Carroll - 50 pts 24 bk 9

S Coulter & T Cunningham - 50 pts 23 bk 9

R Gribben & S Mc Mahon - 49 pts 24 bk 9 / 17 bk 6



This has been the all to familiar weather report at Warrenpoint Golf Club throughout the last 2-3 months.

What lies ahead?

The Criss Cross competitions will continue throughout February and into March.

Captains Farewell - We thank our Captains Michael and Petrina for their efforts during their year in tenure. Golf will take place as normal on Saturday 6th February.

Captains' Drive-in - John Spiers and Rosemary Thornton will strike the first tee shots of the 9 hole mixed greensomes on Sunday 13th March with tee times from 1:30pm.

Ladies 18 Hole Singles - the first 18 hole singles for the ladies will take place on Tuesday 15th March.

Fairgrieve Salver - Gets things underway for the men on Wednesday 16th March.

Presentation

Winter League, Criss Cross and other Prizes to be presented at 7pm on Tuesday 9th February at 7pm.



COMPETITION RESULTS

The Winter League has been largely disrupted by weather more so this year than any other I can remember. However, it has finally finished with the last qualifying cards being marked on Sunday 31st January. As always there were some fantastic scores with the winners as follows:

Team	Name	Wk 1	Wk 2	Total
Team 1	Cunningham U	46	43	
	Murray J	42	32	
	Hanna W	35	40	
	Clarke P	42	42	
	Total	130	125	255
Team 3	Toal B	48		
	McNeill I	41	38	
	Gribben R	39	40	
	Byrne G	35	40	
	Total	128	118	246
Team 7	McAteer P	38	40	
	McMahon Sh		45	
	Sands M [sen]	39	36	
	Spiers J	37		
	Total	114	121	235

WINTER LEAGUE WINNERS

		NAME	SCORE
Week 1	Low Section	S Burns [9]	42
	High Section	B Toal [28]	44
Week 2	Low Section	M Sands snr [12]	45
	High Section	D Redmond [21]	45
Week 3	Low Section	S McMahon [5]	43
	High Section	U Cunningham [25]	46
Week 4	Low Section	L McCabe [13]	43
	High Section	R Sands [16]	44
Week 5	Low Section	H McGuffin [8]	42
	High Section	M Devlin [21]	45
Week 6	Low Section	F. Larkin [10]	46
	High Section	C Quinn [16]	46
Week 7	Low Section	I McVerry [12]	41
	High Section	P McCarthy	47

PRESENTATION OF ALL WINTER LEAGUE AND CRISS – CROSS AND OTHER COMPETITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM IN THE CLUB-HOUSE.



GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

It has been a difficult few months for both golfers and green staff alike due to the weather conditions. However, we appreciate the patience of our members in regards to course condition and the work being carried out.

Conditions may have slowed some planned work but the following is scheduled, weather permitting:

- [Work to the 17th tee box](#)
- [Verti-draining of the putting greens](#)
- [Slitting of fairways](#)
- [Drainage work to wet areas](#)



Pruning - trees have been pruned at the 1st green, to the rear of the 2nd green, at the 6th green and along the 17th fairway. Trees to be pruned between 1st & 9th holes.

Paths - A new path is now complete alongside the 3rd tee and all paths are being gritted at present.

Trees & Shrubs - Some small trees have been uplifted from around the course and planted along the right hand side of the 15th fairway. There was some damage to trees and branches that fell during the stormy weather that have been removed. Shrubs from the front of the 6th tee have been removed and will improve visibility of the green.

Banks - The banks at the 15th and 17th tee boxes will be soiled and seeded.

Rivers - With better weather we plan to commence work on cleaning out the rivers on the 3rd and 8th holes.



We thank all our members for their patience and cooperation in the maintenance of the golf course. Please remember to:

1. Repair all pitch marks
2. Rake bunkers after use
3. Avoid wet and damaged areas outlined by ropes

2015

The condition of our golf course in 2015 was well received by members and guests alike. A lot of positive feedback was received.

However, we will strive to improve further by addressing those areas that cause concern and by keeping our members more up-to-date with what is going on on the golf course.

Feedback

We welcome all feedback on our golf course.

Our members' survey provides an excellent opportunity to let us know how what we are doing well and where you feel we can improve!

Course Notifications

Course open and closed notifications are now posted on the news feed section of the website.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Fourth Annual General Meeting of Warrenpoint Golf Club Limited is set to take place on Wednesday 10th February 2016 at 7:30pm in the clubhouse.

All Voting Members are welcome to attend (Voting Members means the Full Members, Senior Full Members, Under 30 Members and Honorary Members afforded voting rights by the Council and such other Playing Members who are Shareholders in the Property Company).

Only Voting Members who have paid their subscriptions in full, or have entered into a formal agreement to do so, may attend the AGM.

The business on the evening will include:

1. Minutes of Third AGM of Warrenpoint Golf Club Limited.
2. Secretary's Report
3. Amendments to Schedule 1
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Any Other Business
6. Election of Captain
7. Election of Vice-Captain
8. Election of President
9. Election of Officers
10. Election of Auditor
11. Election of Council

Notice to Shareholders

Please note that the AGM for the Properties Company will take place at 9pm following the AGM of WGC Limited.

Ladies Branch AGM

The Ladies Branch of Warrenpoint Golf Club will hold their AGM on Monday 8th February at 8pm in the Clubhouse.

All membership fees should be paid. Full and Senior Full Members, Associate and Senior Associate, Honorary, Under 30 and Five Day Members with a share in the Properties Company are eligible to attend.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are in the final stages of completing our diary for 2016. There are still a few sponsorship and advertising opportunities for the upcoming season. Should you wish to take advantage of these please contact the office for further information.

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INTER-CLUB FIXTURES RELEASED

Ulster Cup (Round 1) – (Handicaps of 10 and above)

(vs Castleblaney by Monday 18th April)

All Ireland Fourball Inter Club (Round 1) – (Handicaps of 17 and above)

(vs County Cavan by Monday 16th May)

Jimmy Bruen Shield (Qualifying) – (Handicaps of 6 and above)

(1st May at Warrenpoint Golf Club)

Pierce Purcell Shield (Qualifying) – (Handicaps of 12 and above)

(8th May at St Patrick's Golf Club)

Fred Daly Trophy (Round 1)

(vs Lurgan by Monday 11th April)

Irish Mixed Foursomes (Qualifying)

(15th May at Banbridge Golf Club)

Irish Senior Cup (Qualifying)

(22nd May at Concra Wood Golf Club)

Irish Junior Cup (Qualifying) – (Handicaps of 5 and above)

(29th May at Portadown Golf Club)

Barton Shield (Round 1)

(vs St Patrick's Golf Club on 12th June at Tandragee Golf Club)



Changes to the CONGU Unified Handicapping System

Among the most significant changes in the 2016 edition of the manual are the following:

- ❑ **Dates** – The handicap year will now follow the calendar year, 1 January to 31 December, and a player's handicap will be based on scores returned within that period
- ❑ **Four Ball Better Ball Handicap Allowance:** In both stroke play and match play the back marker now concedes strokes to the other 3 players based on 90% of the difference between the full handicaps rather than 75% (3/4) as at present
- ❑ **Reinstatement of Handicap Status:** The reinstatement of a competition status handicap requires a player to submit 3 qualifying scores (which could be 18 hole competitions, 9 hole competitions or Supplementary Scores both home and/or away)
- ❑ **Continuous Handicap Review:** To assist with this process there will now be a computer generated report which highlights those players with 7 consecutive 0.1 increases. Handicap Committees are now recommended to review the performance of such players and to give due consideration to applying a handicap increase where applicable or required.
- ❑ **Exact Handicaps:** In Ireland lowest exact handicap is now restricted to 1.0 stroke increase in a calendar year.



FAREWELL TO OUR CAPTAINS

We wish “farewell” to our Captains Michael & Petrina on Saturday 6th February. The excellent Bobby White will be performing live and a set menu for the night can be found below. Food and entertainment for £20.95 per person. Table reservations can be made by contacting The View Restaurant on 02841753695 Ext 4. We thank Michael & Petrina for their dedication to their role and the excellent job they have done!



To Start:

Caesar Salad

Bacon, Croutons, Chicken & dressed leaves

Chicken Liver Pate

Served with Pear Chutney & Melba Toast

Homemade Fish Cake

Chilli & Saffron Mayo, Fresh Leaves

For The Main:

Chicken Maryland

Veg and Creamed Potatoes

Pan Fried Salmon

Selection of veg and creamed potatoes

Slow Cooked Mourne Lamb

Creamy Mash Potato, Steamed Seasonal Veg. & Roasting Jus.

Sweets:

Lemon Posset / Traditional Apple Pie / Fresh Fruit Salad

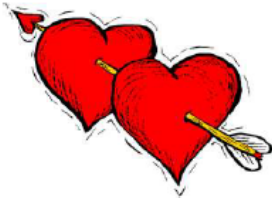
Tea and Coffee

Food & Entertainment £20.95



Warrenpoint Golf Club

Valentine's Weekend (Friday 12th – Sunday 14th February)



To Start

Roast Tomato & Red Pepper Soup
Served with Oven Baked Breads

Fishcake

Lemon and Black Pepper Crumbed Fishcake with Guacamole Mayo

Goats Cheese Salad

Mixed Leaves, Cherry Tomato, Walnuts, Sliced Apple, Red Onion & Goats

Main

Roast leg of Mourne Lamb
Colcannon Mash, Celeriac, Peas & Madeira Jus

Grilled Kilkenny Hake
Pea & Ham Hock Risotto

Lemon & Garlic Roast Chicken
Fondant Potatoes, Bacon Lardons, Peas and Sweet Onions

Dessert

Raspberry & White Chocolate Cheese Cake
Raspberry Coulis

Sticky Toffee Pudding
Salted Caramel & Vanilla Ice Cream

Apple & Rum Raisin Crumble
Fresh Custard

Tea & Coffee

£39.95 per couple





Live at Warrenpoint Golf Club

Large screen on display

Excellent bar & catering facilities

