



Warrenpoint Golf Club, Lower Dromore Road, Warrenpoint,
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Members' Newsletter

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Friday 9th October – Ladies Annual Supper

The Ladies Annual Supper is one of the biggest events in the ladies calendar with numerous competition winners being presented with their prizes from throughout the year. Around 80 were in attendance on the night and enjoyed an excellent meal with The View Restaurant. Congratulations to all of the prize-winners!



Saturday 17th October – The View Restaurant Launch Night

The View Restaurant at Warrenpoint Golf Club is a fitting name considering the wonderful surroundings from the dining area of the clubhouse. Saturday 17th October was the launch night of the restaurant and was supported by a great crowd. Again a superb menu was on offer and the food was enjoyed by all. A new act in Decky Harbinson was the entertainment for the night and proved a big hit with the crowd.

No doubt Decky will be back in the near future to perform again. Congratulations to all the monthly prize-winners who won prizes throughout September/October. This is our last monthly presentation night of 2015 but we will have our Annual Dinner upcoming in November where all our major prize-winners will receive their prizes.



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TONY BENNETT ON SONG

The weekly Wednesday stableford, sponsored last week by The Rug House, proved to be an exciting affair with 6 players tied for the lead on 39 points.

After applying the countback rule, it was Tony Bennett [27] who came top of the pops. It was a result which probably surprised the winner as much as anyone else. After an inauspicious start of 4 double bogeys, he was thinking "Where do I begin?" He did "Begin the Beguine" at 9 with a run of 4 pars. "This is all I ask" he said with a "Smile" on his face. But "The best is yet to come" and "For Once in My Life" the other 5 on 39 points had to concede with "Alright, Ok You Win".

A much better start to the day was had by Oscar Daly [18] with 5 straight pars and he went on to win the 16+ section, helped by a nice birdie [but no songs] at 15.

Raymond Duffin [10] won the middle section with just one bad hole on his card, a double bogey at the difficult 17th. He did shoot 10 good pars and a birdie at the 5th. Timothy Cunningham [8] took the low section with birdies at 3, 4 and 14.

Just 2 points behind was Paul McCartan who, playing off a handicap of 2, scored 37 points to win the gross prize.

CAPTAIN CARR COMES 1ST IN CUP

Saturday was another lovely day for golf and there was a large turnout for the annual prestigious Campbell Cup stroke competition. The course was set up to play long with some awkward pins, but Club Captain, Michael Carr, playing his best golf of the year off 21, managed to get round in a very respectable 82 shots for a nett 61 and a super win 3 clear of 2nd place. Pars at the first 3 holes followed by a birdie at 4 proved to be a great start, and a further 4 pars with no disasters was enough to take the title. Next week the Captain will find himself teeing up in the Champion of Champions with a handicap of 18.

In 2nd place was Mervyn Smyth [11]. He did well to come back after a double bogey at 2 to fire in 9 pars and 3 birdies at 3, 7 and 13 which are the index 1, 2 and 3 holes. The course just isn't difficult enough for this man as he went round in 75 for a 64 nett and a 2-shot reduction in handicap.

Conor Fegan [6] had a level par 71 for a nett 65 and a cut to 5. Four dropped shots in his round were cancelled out by 4 birdies and he took 3rd place ahead of Pierce Purcell team captain, Leo McCabe [14], who showed his players how it should be done, shooting a fine round of 80 for 66 nett and 4th place. Leo will be cut 2 shots for his efforts.

Scratch player Paul Reavey won the gross prize with an excellent round of 2-under par.

Mc GUIGAN MATCHES Mc CORMICK

Since his old friend and playing partner, Frank McCormick, won a Saturday competition a couple of weeks ago, Gervase McGuigan has been hard at work on improving his game in an effort to become a winner himself. The word on the street is he has invested heavily in golf balls and lessons at the range, and he has been spotted practising in the fields around the Barr area, sometimes by torchlight.

It all paid off last Wednesday when he won the club stableford with a very fine 41 points. The winner showed his fighting spirit after taking a double bogey at the first, by parring the second and continuing to play good steady golf for the rest of the round until the last hole where the nerves kicked in and another double ensued. Fortunately for him, he had done enough already to finish a point ahead of Timmy Cunningham who came 2nd on countback from Kevin Jennings, both players scoring 40 points.

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Good birdies at 11 and 16 helped Timmy to a 3 over round of 74 and a cut in handicap to 7. Kevin also had a birdie in his round, at the par5 4th. Unfortunately for him, in an otherwise very good round, he didn't score at 3 or 16, and this ultimately cost him the overall win.

Young Irish international star, Jamie Fletcher took the gross prize with 39 gross points. He birdied 1, 4, 5, 10 and 15, not dropping a shot to the 17th when he bogeyed the last 2 holes in what was, up to then, a faultless round.

7 UNDER FOR CAMPBELL

Playing off the lowest handicap in the club at minus 3, Warrenpoint's star player, Colm Campbell Jnr, was top of the leaderboard with 40 points in a round of 7 under par to win the Saturday competition sponsored by McGee's Butchers, Asda. He finished ahead of Colin Clements [14], who won the middle section on countback. Campbell was on fire from the start and hit birdies at the 1st and 3rd holes before a great run of 3 more at 9, 10, and 11. Another at the par 3 14th was immediately followed by an eagle at 15 to go 8-under. The only blot on his card was a bogey at the long par 4 17th before another safe par at the last for a magnificent score and a very well-deserved win.

Runner up to Colin Clements in the middle section was Colin Loughran [13] with 37 points. Peter Kenny [8] won the low section where 3 players tied on 39 points and had to be separated by countback. His score was helped by birdies at 4 and 11 and he finished ahead of Paddy Magee [4] who birdied 3, 4 and 10 to finish just 1 over par just ahead of Ruairi McCormack [5].

Also on 39 points, and winning the high section, was Paul Carroll [17] from the improving Michael Sands Jnr [20] on 38 points.

Scratch player, Ryan Gribben, won the gross prize with a round of 2 under par after birdies at 3, 4, 11 and 12.

KING BARRY CROWNED CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Sunday last, 11th Oct, and the pride and joy of Warrenpoint's golfers, 29 elite players, all champions in their own right after winning one of the Saturday or Wednesday competitions, took to the famous links to do battle for the last time this season and decide who was the greatest.

On a beautiful afternoon the competition was intense and the countback rule had to be used to determine the winner. Eventually it was the swashbuckling Barry Laverty, whose bold tee shots, accurate approaches and deadly putts made him unbeatable on the day and he was declared the winner, and crowned Champion of Champions. This is a great honour bestowed only on those who prove themselves the very best, and Barry Laverty, all agree, is a worthy champion who will receive his prize by special invitation to the Club's annual dinner. Playing off 11, he went round in 78 blows for 40 points, his birdie at 15 placing him in front of Niall Quinn, also on 40 points.

It was cruel fate which denied the unlucky Quinn, when, after great birdies at 9 and 10, he didn't score at the 15th, the very hole which pushed Laverty ahead.

Pierce Purcell star Michael Fitzpatrick played some of his best golf of the year on the back nine for 22 points to place him in front of Gervase McGuigan, both tying on 39. Until then McGuigan had been sinking putts from all over the place and was unlucky at the end when he lipped out at 18. That miss cost him the title but Mickey Fitzpatrick's round, which included birdies at 6 and 15 was well worth 3rd place.

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Final Competition Won By McCann

The final Wednesday qualifying competition of the year was very well supported and played in excellent conditions. It was a beautiful day and the course, as usual, was in great shape.

At the end of the day 3 players were tied on 41 points and had to be separated on countback. It was young Michael McCann who came out on top and who could deny him his victory after he went round in 2 shots under par? He birdied holes 2 and 5 on the front and 13, 16 and 18 on the back to ensure his win ahead of Christopher Gribben from the famous golfing family.

Gribben trapped like a greyhound as he raced into an early lead with birdies at 1, 4, 5 and 9, and there's little doubt if his back nine had matched his front he'd have been out of sight but 4 bogeys and no more birdies coming home left him at 3 over, still a very respectable score, and 2nd place.

The popular James [Jimmy] Lynch took 3rd place. Playing off 16, he too had a good start, with a birdie at hole 5 and a good run of pars before the wheels fell off and he double bogeyed 12, 16 and 18.

With a super round of 3 under par, young Jamie Fletcher took the gross prize. An eagle at the 1st was followed by birdies at 5, 9, 14 and 15 before bogeys at 17 and 18. This is the 2nd time in a row he has hit 39 points after a 3 under par round with bogeys at the last 2 holes, a jinx he will have to overcome.

TOAL SETS THE PACE

The clocks have been set back and the dark nights are drawing in. The white competition tees have been stored away and players are permitted to lift, clean and place on the fairways. The air grows colder and heavier and the well-hit ball doesn't fly as far as it should. Welcome to the world of winter golf in Ireland.

For those who need their weekly fix the Winter League is now up and running. At the time of writing, 96 brave souls have returned Week 1 cards with some big names among them – Ryan Gribben, Michael McCann, Gregory Campbell and Sean McMahon to name but a few.

However, it's Barney Toal, playing off 28, who sets the early pace with 44 points in Round 1. A fine birdie at the 9th gave him a tremendous 24 points on the front, which was followed by a steady 20 on the return journey.

Close behind on 42 points come J Burns, D Sloan and J Taylor, club stalwarts for whom the weather is of no consequence. Altogether 13 golfers so far have 40 plus points making an exciting start to their winter campaign.

So far the golfing gods have been kind and players have enjoyed the benign conditions but beware complacency. Dark days lie ahead and there will be suffering, weeping and gnashing of teeth before our winter champions are announced.

Speaking of "gnashing teeth", The View restaurant is now officially open and a full house enjoyed magnificent fare at last Saturday's presentation night. Well done to Mark and his team who now look forward to welcoming members and guests who can be assured of good fare at reasonable prices.

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Seniors News

North Eastern Seniors League

Bad weather has been the main story of the NESL to date with 2 of the first 3 outings being cancelled. However, Round 1 took place on 21st September at Ardee Golf Club where the hosts had by far the best score with 178pts from their best 4 cards. Our team managed just 152 pts and therefore sit in tied 5th place with a lot of ground to make up. The next venue will be Greenore Golf Club on 22nd February 2016 with other great courses such as Baltray, Laytown & Bettystown and Headfort still to be played in 2016.

Club Seniors

There was a large turnout for our first club competition with a welcome influx of new members on a lovely autumn day. The winning score came from J. Craxton with 39 pts while F.Rushe took 2nd with 38 pts and R.Martin 3rd with 37 pts. The next competition will take place on Monday 9th November and we hope to see as good a turnout on the day.

Ladies News

Lady Captain, Petrina Flood, pictured with the Ladies Golfer of the Year, Louise Carr, at the Annual Supper on Friday 9th October.



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Warrenpoint Golf Club Winter Opening Hours

(2nd November 2015 – 13th March 2016)

Bar Opening Hours

Monday	12 - 5pm
Tuesday	12 - 11pm
Wednesday	12 - 8pm
Thursday	12 - 5pm
Friday	12 - 10pm
Saturday	12 - 10pm
Sunday	12 - 9pm

Restaurant Opening Hours

Monday	10am - 3pm
Tuesday	10am - 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 7pm
Thursday	10am - 3pm
Friday	10am - 9pm
Saturday	10am - 9pm
Sunday	10am - 8pm

If you wish to bring a group to Warrenpoint Golf Club outside of these hours please don't hesitate to contact us with an enquiry

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Saturday 7th November – Annual Dinner

This year's annual dinner is set for Saturday 7th November with all the major prize-winners to be presented with their prize. We have the superb Bobby White performing live and a lovely menu on offer with The View Restaurant. Table reservations can be made by contacting the restaurant on 02841753695 Extn 4 with limited spaces available.

The View

@ Warrenpoint Golf Club

Annual Dinner 7th-11-15

Spiced Tomato & Roasted Red Pepper Soup
Oven Baked Bread

House Made Chicken Liver Pate
Piccalilli, Pear Chutney, Malt Loaf Toast

Lemon & Black Pepper Crumbed Fish Cake
Chilli & Saffron, Fresh Rocket

-Main-

Wild Co. Down Venison Steak
Braised Red Cabbage, Roasted Pear & onion, Fondant Potatoes

Lemon & Garlic Roasted Chicken
Gratin Potatoes, Chorizo, Alsace Bacon Lardons, Pea & Sweet Onions

Steamed Atlantic Salmon
Artichoke & Crushed Potato Salad, Roasted Mediterranean Veg

-Dessert-

Apple & Rum Raisin Crumble
Home Made Custard

Wild Berry & Valrhona White Chocolate Trifle
Brandy Soaked Sponge, Fresh Fruit, Chantilly Cream

Raspberry Frangipane
Blackcurrant Sorbet

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Saturday 14th November – Songs from the Shows

The ever popular Finbarr Keaveney is back at Warrenpoint Golf Club for a Songs from the Shows special! Spaces will fill quickly so be sure to book early to guarantee your spot.

Check out the superb menu on offer for the night included within. Table reservations can be made through The View Restaurant on 02841753695 Extn 4.



Songs from the Shows
With the superb Finbarr Keaveney

Saturday 14th November
Book your table now by contacting
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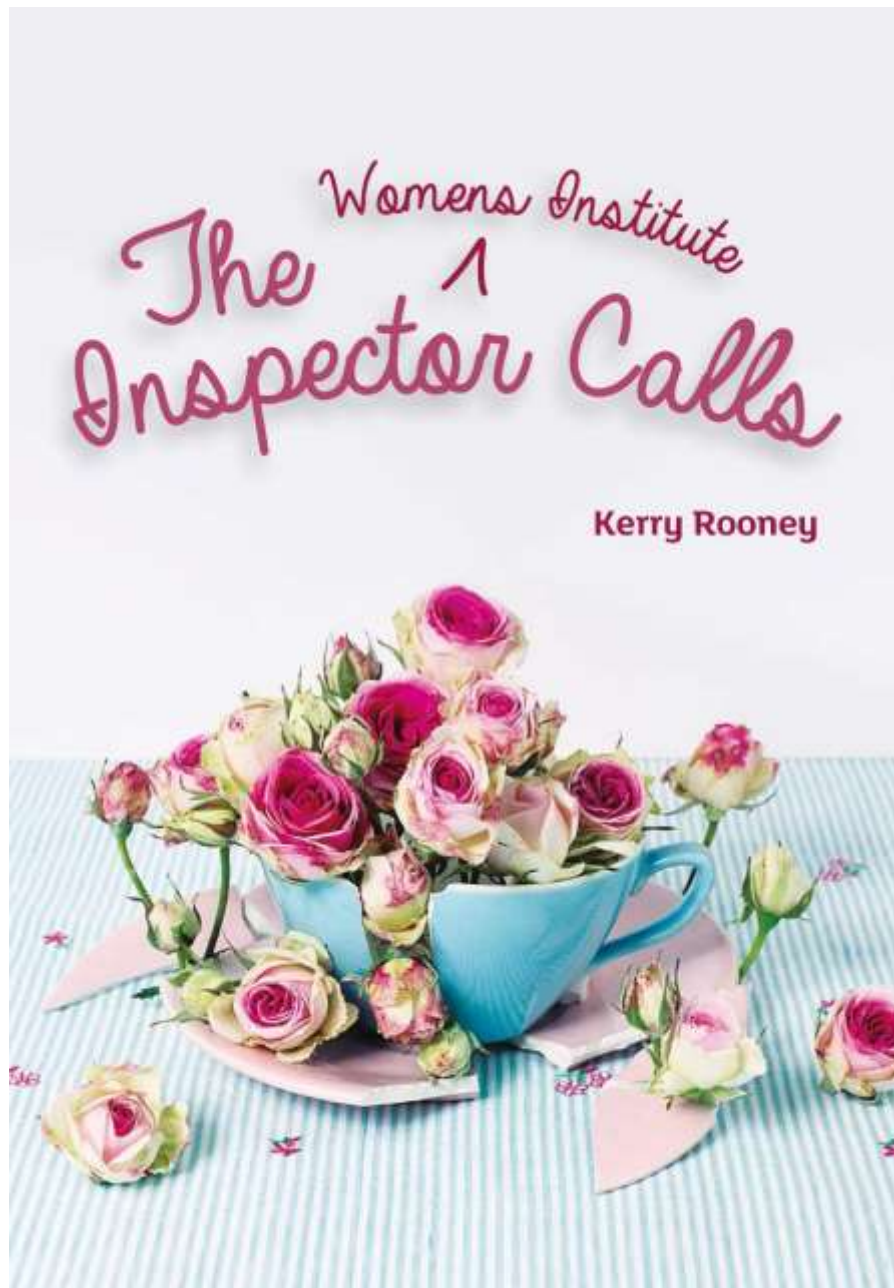


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Friday 27th & Saturday 28th November

The Ladies Branch have orchestrated a cast for an adaptation of Kerry Rooney's "The Inspector Calls". It is going to be a play full of laughs and entertainment not to be missed. Tickets are now available and you can find the menu enclosed. Food and show for just £20 per person.



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Family Sundays @



November - February



KIDS EAT FREE!

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY

**Applies to kids aged 8 and under
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Smartcard Special



10% Discount with The View Restaurant

**Every Friday & Saturday (November –
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**Not applicable with any other discounted
special**

T&C Apply

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**BIRTHDAY
BONUS**



**Celebrate your birthday with The View
Restaurant @ Warrenpoint Golf Club!**

**Bring your party of 4 or more on your
birthday and the birthday boy/girl will
eat for free!**

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**Call us in advance to book your
party and customise your menu**

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EXCLUSIVE
to the members lounge!!

Sharing Platter- £14

Based on 3 sharing



Share: Chicken Goujons, Garlic Bread, BBQ ribs, Cheese & Bacon Wedges, Spicy Wings and Garlic dip only at THE VIEW in association with Fusion Restaurant

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DON'T MISS STEAK NIGHT **EVERY FRIDAY**

Simply the Best Steak Deal around!

2 x Steaks, 2 x Home-made Chips, 2 x Peppered Sauce, 2 x Salad & Onion Rings to share

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Saturday 5th December – Members' Christmas Party

Celebrate the festive season with your fellow members at our Members' Special Christmas Party. Bring along family, friends or guests and enjoy a delicious menu with The View Restaurant and superb music from Brian Weir as Michael Buble. Guaranteed to be an enjoyable evening that gets you in the festive spirit.

Stocking Fillers

Winter Warmer
Soup of the Day with warm oven baked breads

Caesar Salad
Roast chicken, bacon lardons, croutons with caesar dressing

Smoked Salmon & Prawn
Marie Rose sauce on fresh wheaten bread

Chicken Liver Pate
with toasted brioche & cranberry jelly

Santa's Table

Old Traditional
Roast turkey, cider & mustard glazed ham, stuffing, cranberry chutney & all the trimmings

Pan fried Salmon
Pea Risotto and fresh lemon.

Ravioli
House-made spinach & ricotta pasta pockets served in a traditional italian sauce

10oz Dry Aged Ribeye *supplement of £3*
Peppered brandy sauce, hand cut chips & house side salad.

8oz Wild Venison Steak *supplement of £3*
Slow braised red cabbage, carrot puree & lycnnaise potatoes

Selection Box

Christmas Pudding
with brandy sauce & shoribread

Apple & Rum Crumble
with cinnamon ice-cream

Winter Berry Trifle
Served with brandy soaked sponge, winter berrys, jelly, creme anglais & honeycomb

Sticky Toffee Pudding
Salted caramel, ice cream & butter scotch sauce.

Christmas at Warrenpoint GOLF CLUB



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*Two Courses
for
£18.95
Price includes either
Tea or Coffee*

*Three Courses
for
£22.95
Price includes either
Tea or Coffee*



*Wishes You a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

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Colm Class as Ireland Cruise to Carey Cup Honours

Colm Campbell Jnr was once again selected to represent Ireland but this time it was in the United States. It was a 6 man team chosen to compete against a select New York Team in the Annual Carey Cup. Colm and his partner, John Ross Galbraith, combined brilliantly to win both their foursomes and fourball matches and then closed out the victory on the final day with wins in their singles matches resulting in an 8-4 win. Colm is pictured below in the tournament played at the Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson New Jersey.



Colm is now in full preparation for stage 2 of the Qualifying School which takes place in Spain this November. We wish Colm every success in Spain and hope he can progress through to the next stage. Pictured below are both teams who competed in the Carey Cup.



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Nov-15		
1	SUN	Welcome Inn G.S. 11:30am 12 people
2	MON	
3	TUES	
4	WED	
5	THURS	
6	FRI	
7	SAT	Annual Dinner
8	SUN	
9	MON	Club Seniors 11am - 12noon
10	TUES	
11	WED	
12	THURS	
13	FRI	
14	SAT	Songs from the Shows with Finbarr Keaveney
15	SUN	
16	MON	
17	TUES	
18	WED	Special MGM
19	THURS	
20	FRI	
21	SAT	
22	SUN	
23	MON	
24	TUES	
25	WED	
26	THURS	
27	FRI	The Inspector Calls - Dinner & Drama
28	SAT	The Inspector Calls - Dinner & Drama
29	SUN	Juvenile Competition 11:30am - 12:15pm
30	MON	

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