

NEWS UPDATE TO MEMBERS – May 2021

Letter from the President: Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and our thoughts are with those of you who have suffered or lost friends or family over the last 14 months. This last year has been very difficult for us all but thankfully we can now see an end in sight and increasingly the further easing of restrictions over the coming months. We are all looking forward to returning to some normality and getting back to play the wonderful games of golf and bowls once again. Our golf course and bowling green are in great condition and for this we have to thank our course staff and volunteers.

All the committees, including the Management Committee, have been working diligently on our behalf making sure all was in order for our return. As you are aware, a new electronic gate will be installed in the near future to enhance the security of the Club. The gate will be a decorative design similar to the railings that border the golf course and driveway. This will be open during the day but will close at night with early morning opening.

With respect to our finances, major decisions were taken by our Management Committee in order to reduce the financial impact of the pandemic on our Club. A skeleton administrative staff was maintained to carry out essential works and we thank Pat, Muriel, Noel, Tommy and the Security staff for their efforts. However, because of Covid-19, the Club has lost out significantly on income derived from competitions and green fees, society and sponsorship over the last year and, given that your subscriptions are our only source of income at present, I would appeal to Members to please pay their second moiety of subscriptions as promptly as possible. You can contact Reception to make payment by phone (01-833 1892) by card or on-line, details of which are printed on the back of the invoice that has been sent to you recently. We are very conscious of your patience and loyalty during the ups and downs of this current world pandemic and we intend to have some "Thank You Member Events" over the coming months when restrictions allow.

Our Pro Shop and Restaurant have also been impacted severely due to Covid-19 and they could do with your support whenever you can. Some Members availed of the takeaway menus and afternoon teas supplied by our caterers, Ann and Laurent, and, from feedback received, the Members enjoyed them very much. As before, burgers, buns, tea, coffee, etc., will be available to purchase from our caterers before or after your game served from the "Smoking Shelter" aka "The Hut". The veranda furniture has been revamped and new picnic tables have been bought for outside dining to allow us to enjoy even more the Summer ahead and will be installed at the appropriate time when the Government allows.

For the rest of this year, we can look forward to Clontarf Golf Club participating in a number of Golf Ireland Inter Club matches due to start in mid June and also to some of our own internal competitions taking place. In order to allow as many Members as possible to play a game of golf, we are operating the timesheets initially using a two ball, nine holes format at eight minute intervals on both nines. This is now working very well with all our Members having the opportunity to play golf again. As the restrictions ease, we will shortly return to normal playing ways.

I hope you enjoy your golf or bowls as we ease back to normality and return to life as we knew it before and our wonderful golf course, bowling green and clubhouse. I look forward to seeing you all soon and, in the meantime, stay safe, healthy, and well.

Yours sincerely,
Tommy Cooke, President

Invoices for payment of Annual Subscriptions: As advised in the News Update for March, the Management Committee has decided, that, as another means of reducing costs, invoices for Annual Subscriptions will now be sent to Members by email rather than by post, commencing with the invoices for the 2nd moiety due on 1st May 2021.

In the case of Juniors, invoices will be posted to their parents as heretofore. Members who do not have an email address or have not provided an email address to the Club, will also receive an invoice by post.

The invoices for the 2nd moiety of the 2020/2021 subscription have now been issued and, as mentioned by the President in his letter, Members are asked to pay these as promptly as possible.

Special Offers for Membership: The Management Committee has agreed to add the following to the list of Special Offers for Membership:

- A Clubhouse Member, with three or more years Membership of the Club, who wishes to upgrade to either Ordinary Membership or Five-Day Membership will be subject to the following Entrance Fees:
 - Upgrade from Clubhouse to Ordinary Membership: Entrance Fee of €3,000 which may be spread over three years (€1,000 each year).
 - Upgrade from Clubhouse to Five-Day Membership: Entrance Fee of €1,500 which may be spread over two years (€750 each year).

Golf Course and Bowling Green are open for play: With a spring in their step, and after a long layoff, Members were able to resume playing golf and bowls from Monday 26th April. However, the Clubhouse and Locker Rooms remain closed. Members do have access to the toilets and the bag room but only through the Concourse entrance. Also, the Bowling Pavilion remains closed, except that Members have access to collect and return their bowls.

The Management Committee has made the following playing arrangements which will be subject to ongoing review in accordance with Government Guidelines:

Golf Course:

- All timesheets tee times will be set at 8 minutes.
- All are 9-hole timesheets, front nine & back nine.
- Play in 2's only.
- There will be no competitions although timesheets will be set up as competitions.
- There will be no guests at this time.
- Buggies are permitted – one Member per buggy. Exception – two Members from the same household may share a buggy.
- Front nine on Mondays will be reserved for ladies up to 5.00pm (Tuesdays if the Monday is a bank holiday).
- Front nine on Wednesdays will be reserved for men up to 5.00pm.

- ❖ Ongoing Timesheets for Mondays to Fridays
These timesheets will open on the previous Thursday at 7.15pm and close at midnight. **Members may book only two 9-hole slots over the five days.** Timesheets will reopen on the Friday at 7.15pm and Members can then book additional slots if available on either nine on any of the five days.

- ❖ Ongoing Timesheets for Saturdays and Sundays
These timesheets will open on the previous Tuesday at 7.15pm and close at midnight. **Members may book only one 9-hole slot over the two days.** Timesheets will reopen on the Wednesday at 7.15pm and Members can then book additional slots if available on either nine on any of the two days.

- Junior Members (Junior Bye-Laws condensed):
 - Tuesdays: May commence play up to 4.30pm.
 - Thursdays: May commence play up to 4.30pm.
 - Fridays: May commence play up to 4.30pm.
 - Saturdays and Sundays: May commence play after 4.30pm.
 - Note: Junior Members may also commence play each day (Monday to Friday) after 7.00pm but only if accompanied by an adult Member.

Bowling Green:

All six rinks are in play, playing singles. The only exception to this is that two Members from same household may play opposite two Members from another household.

To book slots for each day, please go to the Club website and click on Bowling Club (on top of the front page) for access to the link for the new booking system. Please note that all users must register on the website for approval first before they can book a rink.

Practical advice and guidance for Members and staff following the partial reopening of facilities on 26th April:

It is essential that golf and bowling operate in a responsible and safe way and that Government advice and policy is adhered to at all times. The measures outlined in this News Update will be under constant review and will be updated in accordance with guidelines from the Government, the HSE, the WHO and in conjunction with Golf Ireland/ BLI and will evolve in accordance with the gradual lifting of restrictions. Members are asked for their patience with all staff as they are working under Government guidelines and restrictions.

Over time, the full services provided by the Club, the caterers and the professional staff will resume. However, it should be noted that there may be certain restrictions in place for some time, such as a degree of social distancing. The safe management of the capacity of our restricted facilities, both on and off the golf course and bowling green, will be paramount and will, most probably, necessitate a phased return to full operation.

Current arrangements for access to the Clubhouse

- Access to the Clubhouse (other than toilets) will be limited to staff and contractors carrying out essential maintenance only. Any other access will be with the express prior permission of the General Manager only.
- To facilitate golfers and bowlers, the toilets will be opened and closed at designated times to coincide with timesheets.
- A member of staff will be in attendance to facilitate regular cleaning and sanitising of doors and toilets while access to Clubhouse is permitted.
- Hand sanitisers will be provided at entry and exit points.
- Locker Rooms, Restaurant, Function Room, Lounge and Bar are closed.

Specific advice and guidance for golfers: Details for booking on timesheets will be issued on Tuesdays (for the following Saturdays and Sundays) and on Thursdays (for the following Mondays through to Fridays). The Management Committee will monitor the use of timesheets and update Members of any changes that may be required to ensure the Club complies with all guidelines set out by the Government and Golf Ireland.

Booking times

- Members shall use the BRS system to book a time.
- Though the Pro Shop cannot be opened yet, either Eamonn or Kevin will be at the Pro Shop to monitor the starting times and also to take telephone bookings where required for the timesheets (01 833 1877).
- Members may enter a line on the timesheets but if 'Guest' or 'X' is entered they will be removed.
- The Management Committee may reserve a limited number of places on the timesheets for Members of the Club who are frontline workers (if required).

Golf Course Booking and Arrivals

- Currently, bookings are for Members only. When restrictions are eased, visitors and guests will be encouraged.
- Members must show consideration to other Members. No shows will be carefully monitored and Member booking restrictions may be put in place.
- Booking a tee time in advance is compulsory, either via the Club website or the BRS App.
- Tee time booking intervals must be strictly adhered to.
- No sharing of equipment, including buggies, is permitted except that two Members from the same household may share a buggy.
- Ample car parking is provided so please observe social distancing in the car park.
- Arrive at the Club no more than 15 minutes prior to a booked tee time and no more than 25 minutes if a Member has to retrieve his/her equipment from the Bag Room.
- Members whose golf clubs, shoes, etc. are in the Bag Room and who intend playing golf are required to visit the Club (Concourse entrance) not more than 25 minutes before they are due to play in order to retrieve their equipment. After playing golf, they may return their golf equipment to the Bag Room, always ensuring that they abide by the Guidelines for social distancing.
- Observe social distancing on the practice chipping and putting greens.
- Access to the practice chipping and putting greens will be to the group that is immediately waiting to play and limited to the group number.
- Locker Rooms are closed and Members are permitted to change in the car park. Members who need to sit down while changing shoes should carry a small stool or chair in their cars.
- Toilets will be open in the Clubhouse (via the Concourse entrance) and on the course, to facilitate golfers on timesheets.
- Please replace your divots and repair pitch marks.
- Guests are not permitted to walk the course with playing Members.

Access to the Golf Course

During this initial reopening stage, access to the golf course will be restricted to staff and only Club Members who are playing golf. To access the golf course, a player must have a tee time reserved and must be:

- a current Member, and
- not have a cold or be displaying COVID-19 symptoms, and
- not be required to be in self-isolation.

Playing on the Golf Course

- Play is currently for Members only and no guests are permitted.
- Tee time booking can only be done online.
- The tee time intervals are 8 minutes (in 2-balls) between tee times to allow for easier social distancing.
- Players to arrive in golf attire and change shoes at the car park.
- Wash your hands and your golf equipment before you leave home.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser to the course and use regularly during the round.
- Bins, divot bins, ball washers, seating, rakes etc., have been removed or covered.
- Players to smooth bunker sand with their feet or with a club.
- Flagsticks to remain in the hole and should not be touched.
- Scorecards will not be available during the initial reopening of the golf course.

Playing on the Golf Course

- Players to walk between shots keeping at least 2-metres distance.
- Do not proceed to the next tee until the tee box is free and social distancing can take place.
- Unless otherwise instructed, each hole must be played in sequence. Jumping between holes is strictly forbidden.
- Do not double back to play again if your ball is lost.
- Do not pick up "found" golf balls

Specific advice and guidance for golfers (continued):

Playing on the Golf Course (continued)

- Do not share or touch, equipment, food, or drink with another player.
- Ensure that you have sufficient numbers of golf balls, markers and tees to avoid having to exchange equipment with others.
- Do not dump or hide your rubbish on the course, please bring it home and dispose of it correctly.
- All golfers must leave the course 15 minutes before sunset.
- No high fives or handshakes.
- When competitions resume Members will be advised of any additional Local Rules.

Use of the garden practice area

Members, and only Members, may use the garden practice area subject to the following:

- Use is limited to four and play must be away from the Bowling Green.
- No sharing of golf clubs or golf balls.
- Entrance to the practice area is from the Machinery Compound side only.
- Members must observe the 2-metres social distancing rule.

Seats on course

The new on-course bench seats, which were kindly sponsored by some Members, were delivered in December 2020. They are currently stored safely in the Machinery Compound until such time as permission is granted under Government Guidelines to place them on the golf course.

Specific advice and guidance for bowlers:

Bowling Green Booking and Arrivals:

- Play is for Members only.
- Booking a tee time in advance is compulsory via the Club website.
- Touching of the jack by one Member only.
- Members must show consideration to other Members.
- All six rinks will be open playing in Singles except that two Members from same household may play opposite two Members from another household.
- No sharing of equipment is permitted.
- Members must travel to the Club alone or with members of the same household.
- Ample car parking is provided so please observe social distancing in the car park.
- Arrive at the Bowling green no more than 15 minutes prior to arranged time.
- No entry to the Bowling Pavilion except to collect and return bowls.
- Observe social distancing on the green.
- Locker Rooms are closed and Members are permitted to change in the car park. Members who need to sit down while changing shoes should carry a small stool or chair in their cars.
- Toilets will be open in the Clubhouse (entrance by Concourse).

Access to the Bowling Green

During this initial reopening stage, access to the bowling green will be restricted to staff and only Club Members who are playing bowls. To access the bowling green, a player must have a bowling time reserved and must be:

- a current Member, and
- not have a cold or be displaying COVID-19 symptoms, and
- not be required to be in self-isolation.

Playing on the Bowling Green

- The booking system and play will be managed by a sub-committee of the Bowling Committee and bowlers will be reminded of the guidance on social distancing and safe play.
- Play is currently for Members only and no guests are permitted.
- Players to arrive in bowling attire and change shoes in the car park.
- When guests/visitors are permitted, guests/visitors must provide phone numbers and email addresses to enable contact tracing.
- No sharing of bowls or equipment is permitted.
- Wash your hands and your equipment before you leave home.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser to the bowling green and use regularly during play.

Golf Ireland App launched: Golfers across the island of Ireland can now pre-register and enter scores from general play rounds at any rated course via the Golf Ireland App. The new app, developed by Golf Ireland in conjunction with the introduction of the new World Handicap System, is available to all members of affiliated golf clubs who hold a WHS Handicap Index. The app allows golfers to enjoy the flexibility of recording scores for handicap purposes from either 9-hole or 18-hole social rounds played in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping. Golfers can also view their handicap index and playing record as well as follow and communicate with friends.

Golf Ireland App launched (continued):

At the launch of the app on 20th April, Mark Kennelly, Chief Executive of Golf Ireland said:

“Golf Ireland is committed to ensuring that golf is accessible, modern and forward looking. Following the launch of the new World Handicap System in November last year, the Golf Ireland App will support the golfing community to get the most out of the game. The app is simple to use and will allow scores to be easily added to a player’s record from general play rounds at any rated course on the Golf Ireland platform making it possible to build a more complete and accurate record of a golfer’s actual playing ability.”

Once a player has downloaded the app and activated their account, they can pre-register a round at, or near, the venue of choice and then input a score by using the ‘Enter Score’ function and following the step-by-step instructions.

Protecting the integrity of the handicap system is a key consideration and geo-location technology will ensure pre-registering the intent to post a score can only be done in close proximity to the course where the round will take place. A time lag also operates from the point where intent to play a round is registered to the stage when a score can be accepted and a golfer’s final score must be verified by a playing partner who has witnessed the round and who is a member of a club affiliated to Golf Ireland.

To find out more about how the app works and how Golf Ireland’s geo-location technology and time lag restrictions will protect the integrity of the handicap system, watch the “How to Video Series” on the Golf Ireland website.

To download the app, simply search for “Golf Ireland” in the Apple App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android) and select the version with the Golf Ireland logo. Once downloaded, golfers will need to log in to access their account using their MyGolf membership number and password. If not done so already, golfers will first need to register an account on the MyGolf section of the Golf Ireland website at <https://www.golfireland.ie/signup>.

Information on Playing Handicaps under the World Handicap System (WHS): The information that follows has been provided in previous News Updates but, given that we are now returning to golf after a long absence, Members might find it useful refresh their knowledge of the WHS.

Following the recent development of the new ClubV1 competition software system that is now in operation in the Club, when you swipe into a competition in the Pro Shop in future the computer will inform you of your Handicap Index, your Course Handicap, and your Playing Handicap on the day. The computer will also print an adhesive label containing all this information which you must then stick onto your scorecard.

There are several resources that can be used to help work out your playing handicap when playing in a competition in another golf club. The R&A website, <https://www.randa.org/worldhandicapsystem/Lookup>, will give you the Course and Slope Ratings for other courses and <https://coursehandicap.com/> will give you the Slope Ratings with an option to enter your own Handicap Index and a slider to select the format of golf to determine your Playing Handicap on other courses.

For those who wish to understand the various steps involved in calculating your Playing Handicap on the day for competitions in Clontarf G.C., the information set out below will guide you through the different stages.

1. Handicap Index: The first step is to establish your Handicap Index. This may be done by creating an account on the Golf Ireland website at <https://www.golfireland.ie/signup>. The procedure for setting up such an account and for accessing your Handicap Index therein is set out further on in this News Update. Alternatively, you can access your Handicap Index by logging onto ClubV1 Members Hub on the new Club V1 competition software system that is now in operation in the Club. Staff assistance will be available to any Members who are having difficulty registering on the ClubV1 Hub, especially those who do not have a Smart Phone. Details are provided further on in this News Update.

2. Course Handicap: Having ascertained your Handicap Index, you must then establish your Course Handicap. This can be worked out by simply consulting the Club’s look-up table located outside the front of the Pro Shop and in the concourse area of the Clubhouse (entitled Course Rating & Slope Rating Table, hereinafter referred to as “the Table”). The Table may also be viewed online on the Club’s website (temporarily located in the “News” section of the Club’s website).

- ❖ For men and boys, your Course Handicap will differ depending on whether you are playing the Blue Tees Course or the Green Tees Course. In order to establish your Course Handicap for each of these two courses, you should firstly identify where your Handicap Index lies on the left-hand side of the Blue Tees column or the Green Tees column, as appropriate, in the Table. Your Course Handicap will be the corresponding figure on the right-hand side of the Blue Tees column or the Green Tees column, as appropriate.
- ❖ For ladies and girls, you can establish your Course Handicap by firstly identifying where your Handicap Index lies on the left-hand side of the Red Tees column in the Table. Your Course Handicap will be the corresponding figure on the right-hand side of the Red Tees column.

Information on Playing Handicaps under the World Handicap System (WHS) (continued):

For those of you who like to work out the numbers for yourselves, you can establish your Course Handicap by using the following formula for an 18 hole round: Course Handicap = Handicap Index multiplied by the Slope Rating for the course being played (Blue, Green or Red) divided by 113. Please note that the calculation for a 9-hole round is different.

- ❖ The Slope Ratings for the three different courses are set out in the Table viz. 119 for the Blue Tees, 114 for the Green Tees and 135 for the Red Tees.

3. Handicap Allowance: You should bear in mind that, for most competitions, you will not be playing off your full Course Handicap but will be playing off a defined percentage of it. This percentage is known as a Handicap Allowance and will differ depending on the format of the competition in which you are playing. The relevant percentage/Handicap Allowance for each of the three most common formats of competition can be found at the top of the 4th column (column entitled Handicap Calculator) of the Table viz. 95%, 90% or 85%, as appropriate.

4. Playing Handicap: To work out your Playing Handicap for any one of the three different courses (Blue, Green or Red) you simply multiply your Course Handicap by the relevant percentage/Handicap Allowance for the format of competition you are playing on the day. However, you don't have to work out the actual calculation yourself as this has already been done for you in the Handicap Calculator column of the Table. Just work your way down the left-hand side of the Handicap Calculator column, identify your Course Handicap for the course being played and you will find your Playing Handicap immediately to the right as follows:

- (i) In the case of a Singles Competition, your Playing Handicap will be 95% of your Course Handicap. You can see what your actual Playing Handicap for this format of competition is by looking down the 2nd sub-column of the Handicap Calculator Column. The 95% handicap allowance applies when playing Singles Strokes, Singles Stableford and Singles v Par Competitions.
- (ii) In the case of a Fourball v Par Competition, your Playing Handicap will be 90% of your Course Handicap. You can see what your actual Playing Handicap for this format of competition is by looking down the 3rd sub-column of the Handicap Calculator Column.
- (iii) In the case of a Fourball Strokes or Stableford, your Playing Handicap will be 85% of your Course Handicap. You can see what your actual Playing Handicap for this format of competition is by looking down the 4th sub-column of the Handicap Calculator Column. The 85% handicap allowance also applies when playing Fourball Strokes Competitions.

For other competition formats, the relevant percentage handicap allowances to be applied to Course Handicaps are as follows:

4 Player Team Event (Stableford): all playing from same tees	85% (2 scores to count)
4 Player Rumble (Stableford): all playing from same tees	85% (2 scores to count)
4 Player Team Event (Stableford): playing from mixed tees (see note below)	85% (2 scores to count)
4 Player Rumble (Stableford): playing from mixed tees (see note below)	85% (2 scores to count)
4 Player Scramble	25%, 20%, 15%, 10% from lowest to highest Course Handicap
2 Player Scramble	35% for lower handicap player, 15% for the higher
Foursomes (Strokes)	50% of combined team Course Handicap
Foursomes (Stableford)	50% of combined team Course Handicap
Matchplay (Singles)	100% (lowest player goes to 0 and the other player gets the full stroke difference)
Matchplay (Four-ball)	90% (lowest player then goes to 0 and other players get the stroke difference)
Matchplay (Foursomes)	50% of combined team Course Handicap

Note:- In mixed tees competitions, the Tournament Committees may apply a Handicap Adjustment in accordance with a defined formula.

World Handicap System and your handicap: You can access your Handicap Index by creating an account in <https://www.golfireland.ie/signup>. You will need your swipe card number and your pin number to create your account in Golf Ireland. Your pin number can be found on the back of your swipe card or in the 'My Dashboard' tab of your Golfnet account.

World Handicap System and your handicap (continued):

Having registered on the Golf Ireland Website a player can access his/her Handicap Records via 'My Golf Login' - located in the top right hand corner of the Home Page. This will be the main source of a Player's Handicap Record in future.

The World Handicap System will be updated at midnight on the day in which a player has played in an acceptable score Competition. It will display My Golf Account which includes My WHS Handicap Index, My Handicap Performance and My Golf Scores.

How to Register on the ClubV1 Hub: Members are reminded once again to register on the ClubV1 Hub App on their Smartphone and/or iPad or Tablet.

Now that golf has resumed, it is important that Members be registered as having this application (Club V1 app) will provide you with up-to-date information on golf activity, playing history, competition results, personal Club accounts and direct access into the BRS booking system. While a Smart Phone is required to register, the R&A and Golf Ireland have shown no sympathy to those who do not have a Smart Phone.

The Management Committee has agreed therefore that :

- the Club will arrange basic training for Members in registering when the Clubhouse is reopened;
- Club staff will assist any Member to register, and especially those who do not have a Smart Phone; and
- further text/email messages and guidelines will be sent out and published in the News Updates over the next few months.

However, most Members should be able to register themselves now by following the steps below.

- (1) Open GOOGLE or your preferred search engine.
- (2) Search for ClubV1 Members Hub.
- (3) Press "Install" and then "Open".
- (4) Two message boxes will appear on screen. (1) If you already have a HowDidiDo passport account, please "click here". (2) Passport Registration - If you do not have a HowDidiDo passport account "click here" and proceed to create one.
- (5) Enter your email address, your password, confirm your password, and enter your forename and surname.
- (6) Then register.
- (7) Validation Link - A validation link will arrive in to your email immediately.
- (8) Open the email and confirm your account.
- (9) Log in to Passport and Profile Update and proceed.

It's all very simple – just follow the on-screen instructions and you'll be up and running in no time.

Inter-Club Golf Matches: The Club has received notification as follows of Inter-Club Golf Matches for 2021.

Ladies' Team Fixtures

Competition	Opponents	Play before	Team manager
Junior Cup	Howth	13 th June	Niamh Brown
Intermediate Cup	Sutton	7 th June	Frances Hand
Minor Cup	Malahide	7 th June	Eileen Fowley
Challenge Cup	Skerries	7 th June	Paula Carton
Junior Foursomes	Luttrellstown	13 th June	Anne Marie Dufficy.
Ladies' Fourball	Corrstown	7 th June	Noelle Walls.

Competition	Handicap conditions
Junior Cup	Handicap index of no less than 7.5 on 1 st January 2021
Intermediate Cup	Handicap index of no less than 15.0 on 1 st January 2021
Minor Cup	Handicap index of no less than 21.0 on 1 st January 2021
Challenge Cup	Handicap index of no less than 26.0 on 1 st January 2021
Junior Foursomes	Handicap index of no lower than 13.0 on 1 st January 2021. For a pair to be eligible, their combined handicap indices must not be lower than 28.0.
Ladies' Fourball	The combined total of the pairs handicap indices on 1 st January 2021 must not be lower than 19.0 and must not be higher than 46.0.

Mixed Team Fixtures

Competition	Opponents	Play before	Team manager(s)
Mixed Foursomes	Malahide	20 th June	Teresa Cummins & Tony Duffy

Competition	Handicap conditions
Mixed Foursomes	Handicap index of each pair must not be lower than 19 on 1 st January 2021

Inter-Club Golf Matches (continued):

Men's Team Fixtures

Competition	Opponents	Played before	Team manager(s)
Senior Cup	Ashbourne	13 th June	Jack McGuinness
All Ireland Fourball	Malahide	20 th June	Ray Maguire & John McMahon
Pierce Purcell Shield	Sutton	20 th June	Pail Gethings & Paul Reynolds
Junior Cup	Portmarnock	13 th June	Christy Stafford & Brendan Darcy
Jimmy Bruen Shield	Howth	13 th June	Gerry Keevey & Brendan Foy
Barton Shield	Royal Dublin	20 th June	Jack McGuinness
Barton Cup	Forrest Little	26 th June	Noel Hickey & John Delaney
Metropolitan Cup	Roganstown	13 th June	Tom Blake & Brian Mooney
Fred Perry	Corrstown	13 th June	Peter Bergin & Colm O'Rourke

Competition	Handicap conditions
Senior Cup	Must have a handicap index at the time of competing
All Ireland Fourball	Handicap index not less than 14.5 on 1 st January 2021 and combined not less than 34
Pierce Purcell Shield	Handicap index not less than 10.5 on 1 st January 2021 and combined not less than 25
Junior Cup	Handicap index not less than 2.5 on 1 st January 2021
Jimmy Bruen Shield	Handicap Index not less than 3.5 on 1 st January 2021 and combined not less than 14
Barton Shield	Must have a Handicap Index a time of competing
Barton Cup	Lowest combined handicap index of 14 for the pairs
Metropolitan Cup	Handicap index must not be lower than 8.5
Fred Perry	Handicap index not more than 28 on 1 st January 2021 and combined not more than 42

Boys' Team Fixtures

Competition	Opponents	Play before	Team manager
Junior Foursomes	Howth	13 th June	Shay Nash, Male Junior Convenor
Leinster Under-15	Roganstown	11 th July	Shay Nash, Male Junior Convenor
Irish Boys	In Malahide	On 28 th June	Shay Nash, Male Junior Convenor

Bowling Club: The Bowlers are delighted to be back in action and are making full use of the bowling green which is in excellent condition. Only singles are allowed currently except that two Members from the same household may play opposite two Members from another household. Booking must be done on the new bowling booking system. This can be accessed from the Bowling Club Section of the Club website. You must register first. When you have received an email from the Administrator, you can then sign on as a User and book a rink. This is required for contact tracing. There is a video on the website just under "Book a Rink" showing how. If anyone is having difficulty, please contact Denis Murphy 086 251 5732 or Yvonne Keogh 087 278 4112.

Remember COVID-19 is still with us and more infectious than last year, so the following rules still apply:-

- 1) Put mats and Jacks in the disinfectant liquid.
- 2) Bowling shoes should be changed in car park and not at the bowling green.
- 3) Arrive no more than 15 minutes before the time booked and leave immediately afterwards.

Masks are recommended but are not compulsory.

Club Competition entry forms are on the message page of the website which comes up as you sign in. The Competitions (including entry fees and handicap conditions) are as follows:-

- a) Club Championship (free entry), Singles, no handicap.
- b) Bowling Captain's Prize (€7), Singles, handicaps apply.
- c) President's Prize (€7 per person), Mixed Pairs, handicaps apply.
- d) Men's Golf Captain's Prize (€7 per person), Open Pairs, handicaps apply.
- e) Lady Golf Captain's Prize (€7 per person), Open Trips, handicaps apply.
- f) Senior citizens (over 70s), (€7), Singles, handicaps apply.

The entry form will be sent out shortly as an email attachment to all Members to assist those Members who have not been able to access the website. The closing date for competitions is 21st May. Members are encouraged to send their entries in as soon as possible as we wish to commence the competitions as soon as restrictions are lifted. There will be a draw for all competitions, so you do not need to have a partner in advance, just send in your entry. Denis Murphy is the new Competitions Secretary and all entry fees should be given to him.

Bowling Club (continued): It looks as if some bowling leagues will be run this year. The timing will depend on the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions.

If you wish to be considered for selection, please email bowlingclub@clontarfclub.ie or phone Yvonne Keogh (Bowling Secretary) at 087 2784 112. The Bowling Committee is hoping for a great response from those who represented the Club so brilliantly in the past, both ladies and gents, and from Members who would like to start playing on league teams.

An email in connection with the bowling leagues was only received on Wednesday 28th April and we need to reply by Friday 7th May. **Therefore, we need a response from our Members, expressing interest or otherwise, by Tuesday 4th May.**

The team managers for 2021 are as follows:-

- Men - Denis Lynch
- Ladies - Ann Louise Mulhall & Lynne Foy
- Vets - Peter Laird

Even if the LBLI do not run leagues, the BLI leagues are open to both men and women. All Members are encouraged to support and participate in the league competitions to reconfirm Clontarf's place in the BLI before our centenary year in 2025.

Catering: The Club's Caterers, Ann and Laurent Creusevaut have recommenced the takeaway service operating from the "The Hut" from 11.00am until 7.00pm. They will be serving tea, coffees, snacks, breakfast bap, beef burger, fresh chicken fillet burger and BBQ pulled pork wrap.

The caterers will also be taking orders at "The Hut", each day from Monday to Thursday for takeaway on Saturday nights. The very popular Afternoon Tea Caddy can also be ordered each day with 24-hour notice. For bookings, please call 089 225 2829. Please remember this is a takeaway service and, in accordance with Government Restrictions, there are no facilities for outdoor dining.

Please call the office to place an order for wine and collection during the week, while stocks last. Currently in stock are Domaine Peiriere Réserve, Cabernet Sauvignon and Fumées Blanches, Sauvignon Blanc for €13.50 per bottle and payment may be made using your Bar Credit.

Bar Credits: Members were previously advised that they could transfer up to €75 of their Bar Credit to their Restaurant account and the credit could then be used at "The Hut" and in the Restaurant when it reopens. This option is still available and Members, who have not already made a transfer, may still do so. If interested, please contact the Office from Monday 10th May at 01- 833 1892 or email info@clontarfclub.ie.

2021 Diary & Bye-Laws: As advised last month, the Management Committee has agreed not to publish a hard copy of the Club Diary this year due to the uncertainty as to when the Club is back to normal times and the substantial savings the Club will make as a result. Instead, a monthly diary of Club events will be posted on the Club website. Hard copies of the monthly diary of Club events will be made available at Reception and in the Pro Shop when the Clubhouse and Golf Course reopen fully and we are back to more normal times. Members are advised to retain their copies of the 2020 Diary & Bye-Laws for information in relation to Club Contact Details, Club Hours, Club's Bye-Laws and Members' Phone Numbers.

The short diary for 2021, mentioned last month, is now available for collection at the Pro Shop. This contains a blank two-page calendar for each month for the period April 2021 to February 2022 (similar to the Club Diary 2020). Many thanks to the following sponsors who have covered the printing costs - Tommy Cooke (President), Dave Dalton (Captain), Anne Gardner (Lady Captain), Alex Magill and Allen & Tom Cassidy (T. Cassidy Printing Ltd.).

Stop Press: This News Update was written before the Government's announcement on 29th April of a further reopening of the country and a relaxation of some of the measures that had been in force to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The Management Committee will consider how the changes impact on the operation of the Club and take account of advice from Golf Ireland..

The following changes are of immediate interest to the Club and its Members.

- 10th May Click and Collect retail allowed. The Pro Shop will be able to operate in this manner.
- 17th May All retail can reopen. The Pro Shop will be able to resume a full service..
- 7th June Pubs and restaurants can serve customers outdoors. The Bar and the Caterer will be able to provide drinks and food in an outdoor setting.

Also of particular interest to some Members, both male and female (no names but you know who you are!), barbers and hairdressers can reopen on 10th May.