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The Curragh Golf Club

News Sheet

Corporate Day 2009

Our Corporate Day will this year be held on Thursday June 4th.

This is an opportunity to showcase our club to the corporate sector and to members of other clubs.

We intend building on the success of our initial effort last year. To this end an impressive list of celebrities from the sporting world will be taking part, including Mick Galway, Jack O'Shea, Dermott Earley Jnr, Micheál O'Muirtheathaig, Michael Duignan, Shea Fahy etc.

To meet so many sporting personalities in the club at one time is unique and will no doubt add to the atmosphere and enjoyment on what will be a hugely entertaining occasion.

The cost per team is €1,000.

Individuals are invited to support the club by entering as individuals at €250 ea. where they will be made into teams of four or indeed enter their own team to partake in the competition.

There will be a gala dinner on the evening of June 4th to which all teams are invited.

Corporate Day

Be part of a
really
entertaining
day
and
evening

Greens

New greens
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Following on from the resolution at the AGM, the work on the new greens is becoming apparent.

The 8th & 10th have been re-sodded and are almost ready for play. They were open for The Scratch Cup in May and will open for general play very shortly. Without giving an exact date we are confident they will be in play by Open Week at the latest.

Prepared sod for the 11th 12th & 13th is well advanced and work on these greens will commence in the autumn at the latest.

Martin Miller will meet shortly with the Captain's select group to discuss the new greens and the course improvements. It is the Captain's intention to hold an information night open to all interested personnel in the first week of June.

Meantime over-seeding is continuing to try to improve the surfaces of these greens for the summer season. The course has improved in recent times due to the growth and hard work of the course staff led by Martin Miller and John Dempsey.

Everyone is aware of the difficulties encountered in trying to present an acceptable course for all members, but we would ask for everyone's forbearance, as we are working extremely hard to bring the course back to an acceptable standard.

It is our intention to provide, on a regular basis, information of our progress.

Team News

Provincial Towns

The Brendan Daly & Tony Byrne led team have had good wins over the holders Newbridge and Newforest and now go on to meet Dunmurry in the next round.

South Leinster

We were well beaten by Tullamore 5/2, losing 2 matches at home thus ending our interest in this competition.

Central Towns

We were beaten by Athy 4/3 in a tight match, losing the deciding match in Athy on the 19th.

The Straffen Cup

Spider led his troops to a very good 3/2 win over a strong Powerscourt team. The deciding match was again won on the 19th.

The Duggan Cup

Paddy O'Carroll squeezed his charges past Athy 3/2 and now meet Knockanally in the next round

Pierce Purcell

Our Pierce Purcell qualified for the finals but were beaten in the semi-finals.

Ladies Intermediate Cup

Tullamore proved to be too strong for us losing out 3 ½/1½.

Ladies Junior F/Somes

The ladies travel to Castlecomer for the return match with 5/0 advantage from the home leg.

The Ladies Senior Cup, Cullen Cup and Senior F/some

teams are all in action before the end of May. We wish all teams the best of luck in these competitions.

Charitable Events

The club would like to thank and let all members who took part in the various Charity Days at the club, know their contributions are greatly appreciated. The "3Ts" competition on St. Patrick's Day raised much need funds for this worthwhile cause.

The annual KARE OPEN was run on Easter weekend in April this year and all proceeds from the two days of competition were donated to this very worthy cause. On Easter Monday a special competition was held to support our two members who recently turned pro, Paul O'Hanlon and Maura Morrin. This event raised €4,000 which was distributed between the two recipients. The Captains' charity day on the May bank holiday raised €2,000 which was donated to Down's syndrome Kildare and the Carriglea Cáirde Services, a sister organisation to Moore Abbey. On May 14th the members gave over the course to The Special Olympics for most of the day. Although rain interrupted proceedings in the morning the enthusiasm of all the participants and helpers overcame the weather and a most successful and enjoyable day ensued. Dermot Shortt came up trumps *again* winning the gold medal for 18 holes of golf accompanied by Frankie. Sean Tracey from KARE in Clane, accompanied by Eamonn Quirke

Fred Cogley (ex RTE) did compare on the day and the CAPTAIN, LADY CAPTAIN and LADY PRESIDENT were on hand to present the prizes to the enthusiastic winners.

The members' generosity in giving their support, course and time to these causes is much appreciated by the committee and the various organisations concerned.

Smoking

It has come to our attention recently that there is a tendency for people to use the front door as a smoking area.

The result is cigarette butts are being disposed of on the steps and surrounding areas at the front of the clubhouse.

This habit does not convey the image of the club we want to project.

It would be appreciated therefore if people would use the smoking area provided at the East side of the clubhouse.

Showers

End of chilling experience in sight.

Recently there have been complaints about showers being cold or taking too long to heat up –NO MORE.

New pumps, valves, widgets and thermostats have been installed so there should be a big improvement in this area from now on.