



Greystones Golf Club Newsletter

December 2021

Golf Ireland have announced their development Panels. Seven Greystones members have been selected. They are;

*High Performance Development Panel
Dylan Holmes*

*Area Development Panels
Isabella Stewart
Shaune Siefried
Sophie Lumley
Toby Murphy
Jamie Anderson
William O’Riordan*

*Junior Golfer of the Year,
Isabella Stewart*



*Winner of Attendance,
Tayla Bower*

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...



The Club looks Christmas ready, with two beautiful trees and many baubles, all thanks to the efforts of the Ladies Committee and Club maintenance staff.



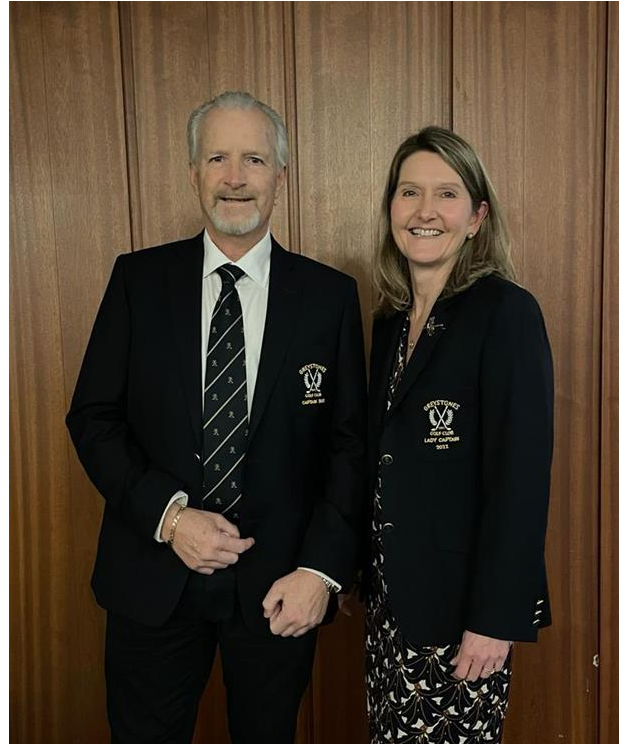
Aawww.. sure it's only those three mischievous elves, Jenny, Paul and Liam getting in the spirit!



Seasons Greetings from our Captains,

We would very much like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Whether you plan on being naughty or nice, it's a special time of year to spend with family & loved ones, even if we are still socially distancing. We remember those who have lost someone during the year, those who because of Covid cannot see their family and those who are less fortunate.



A very big thank you to those members on Council and Committees who give of their time freely to manage all aspects of club life and without whom we could not manage. Thank you also to our course and clubhouse staff who do such a great job all year round.

Your generosity as a club exceeded expectations this year in supporting the St Vincent de Paul annual appeal. You donated over €4,760 for the Greystones community, thank you.

Wishing you many memorable rounds of golf in 2022, a lot of laughter and fun with friends and that your three putts are extremely rare!

All the very best for the festive season and the coming year

Danny & Amanda



The State of the Course – December 2021

Caveat – This was written the week before our latest unwanted guest 'Storm Barra' arrived

It's been a great start to the winter as the weather has been so good. We have been doing some cutting right up to the start of December. Unfortunately with winter comes ropes, tee mats and fairway mats. I realise that these are not very popular with members but they are there to help protect the course so it can be presented in better condition early in the spring when competition golf returns.

We have mats on the par 3s where most golfers use low irons. This means that when we return to full tees in the spring we have full use of the tee. You need to use a short tee with these mats as the rubber backing is not perforated. We have recently added some rubber tees to the mats and Davie has some tees especially for the mats available in the pro shop.

Fairway mats are used on fairways that are narrow and suffer quite badly with divots. By using the fairway mats we dramatically reduce the amount of divots in these areas. While we could fill these divots, it is not as effective as using the mats. It can take up to a month before a divot has recovered after it has been filled with divot mix, providing you have good growing conditions. Again, using the mats means we can present the fairways in much better condition once we return to competition golf in the spring.

Ropes are used on areas of high wear. Due to the design of some holes and different ground/soil conditions we put up ropes to direct traffic away from high wear areas where everyone tends to travel. If we did not redirect golfers, these areas would become very compacted/muddy and would take a long time to recover come the spring. We are trying to avoid areas that are very highly trafficked during the summer.

The State of the Course – December 2021 continued...

Gone are the days of golf being a summer sport, and with improvements in course maintenance practices and investment in drainage it's great that we can now play golf all year round but we are still putting the course under a lot of pressure with an average of 700 rounds per week for November.

Golf could be played during the winter with no mats or ropes, but if you expect the course to be in top condition as quickly as possible when we return to competition golf in the spring (and I think you should) we need to be conscious of the damage we are doing during the winter when there is NO recovery, and take measures to reduce it. With this in mind I would ask you to keep repairing pitch marks, take a different route to everyone else to spread the wear and keep buggies and trolleys as far from greens and tees and you can.

We are taking on a number of projects along with our usual winter work this year. Some of the larger projects will include,

- Extend the Irrigation towards the tees on holes 4 and 9. These areas suffer any time we get prolonged dry periods and are in play for a lot of golfers so the added Irrigation will improve the surface.
- Renovate the bunker edges on 9, 11 and 17. Over time sand builds up on these edges and can no longer support the machinery used to cut the grass around them so we will remove the soil, build a new artificial face, replace the soil and re-sod..We did the bunkers on 1, 2, 8, and 11 a few years ago in the same way and it has been very successful.
- Extend the rear of the 5th green. We will reshape the area to the rear of the 5th green and take the green surface that we can't use from the front and re-lay it at the back. This will give us more usable green space and more pin positions.

The State of the Course – December 2021 continued...

SOMETIMES it's not so bad starting work so early!



Heaven on Earth – Competition for a Caption

This photo was taken by our very own Kevin Markham on the 7th Hole at sunrise.

If any one of you creative souls out there would like to send a suitable caption for this beauty, please send along to administration@greystonesgc.com

The winner will be picked by independent panel, and will receive a brand new sleeve of balls!



Update from the Pro Shop



We're on Instagram, Twitter & Facebook! Check us out on the links below, (if links don't work, copy them into your browser).

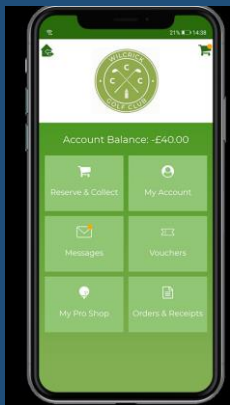
<https://instagram.com/greyston ESGOLFclub?igshid=1tes02mv750ib>

Twitter @Greystonesgolf

https://m.facebook.com/greyston ESGOLFclub/?ref=py_c

Don't forget to download XPOS

Cntrl Click here to download the app.
<https://hub.crossovertec.co.uk/account/getapp>



Looking for some Christmas Present ideas for your family or friends, OR better yet to treat yourself – go on you deserve it! Take a look at Davie's video below...



<https://youtu.be/GaZwDrkn0EQ>

Come on in! have a look around, they are a friendly bunch!



Interesting excerpt taken (with permission), from golfer Maureen Madill's website where she answers a question posed on Twitter by our very own Jennifer Moore....

If you'd like to see the full article click on the link below

<http://www.madillgolf.com/our-journey/all-our-yesterdays/%20>

....It's hard not to think of my parents a great deal when I'm back in Ireland. There's scarcely a corner of it we didn't travel to in my and Patricia's amateur days, starting from the age of 11 or so, and everywhere we went over the last week and a half had many happy associations and memories. It's a bit of a shock to the system, though, when you want to check a fact or ascertain the veracity of a bit of golfing folklore and you realise with horror that there's no one around any more to ask about it. Why, oh why didn't I pay more attention to the generation ahead of me?

One such incident occurred this week when I received a question on Twitter, along with the accompanying photo from Jen, (Jennifer Moore), a member of Greystones Golf Club.

"Hi there. Am a member of @GreystonesGolf and there's an old picture on the wall of the ladies' locker room of the Irish Ladies' Golf team – 1920 at Newcastle. Included in the line up is one Mrs Madill.....any connection to you? Curiosity finally getting the better of me!"

To my shame, I couldn't immediately come up with an answer to Jen's question but cloudy memories began to surface of a distant relative called Georgie Madill, whom I believed had married one of Dad's uncles. Patricia proffered the suggestion that she was the one married to the Rear Admiral of the family, but digging back into family history on my return home proved that Georgie, nee Lauder, had married one of my grandfather's other brothers, David. Ivan Morris' excellent "History of Women's Golf in Ireland" confirmed that Georgie was one of three Lauder girls, all connected with Sutton Golf Club, and that Georgie "had an international career that lasted until 1933".



IRISH TEAM - NEWCASTLE 1920

Backrow: M^{rs} J.E. Jameson, M^{rs} Alexander, M^{rs} Lewis Smith, M^{rs} Madill, Miss M. FitzGibbon (Sub)
Frontrow: M^{rs} L. Gatto, M^{rs} Lionel Jackson, Miss J. Jackson, M^{rs} Hulton, M^{rs} Cramsie (Captain)



Georgie Madill, nee Lauder, playing in the 1910 Irish Ladies' Championship at Newcastle. She was beaten in the fourth round. [Courtesy of RCDL Collection and featured in "A History of Women's Golf in Ireland" by Ivan Morris]

My interest in the team photo was further piqued by two additional members of that 1920 team – May Fitzgibbon, back right, and Violet Hulton, second from the right in the front row.

Jen had referred to her fellow club member, Miss Fitzgibbon, as “a legend in Greystones”. Well, my whole family had the pleasure of meeting the Greystones legend in 1970 when we travelled to the club for the Irish Girls' Championship. Along with the redoubtable Audrey O'Donohue of Dun Laoghaire, May Fitzgibbon ran the Girls' Championships for all the years of my eligibility as a junior golfer. She and Audrey handled everything as regards running the championships and organising consolation events for those beaten early on. I do remember May having to organise a search party for me and Sheena O'Brien-Kenney after we had failed to appear back in the clubhouse after one of those consolation events. We had been chatting nineteen to the dozen, had grown a little weary of all the shots we were hitting and had simply parked ourselves in the rough to continue our chatting as we made daisy chains!

Links for you to check out.....

Golfing Ireland have many useful videos on YouTube, here is one that you may find interesting....



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDPV1DK4vkQ>

Have you checked out our new website yet? We hope you find it much easier to navigate.



[Home](#) [Our History](#) [Member Dashboard](#) [Visitor Dashboard](#) [Junior Dashboard](#)

[Email Us](#) [+353 1 287 4136](#)



Gallery



Do you have any old push trolleys that you could donate to Greystones Tidy Towns, for use in their community planting efforts . If you do please let Liam know or email mariettown@gmail.com



From our restaurant

Why not take a break from cooking after all that Christmas shopping and get a take away from the Club! Please see a sample menu below.



SUNDAY TAKEAWAY MENU - 1PM TO 3.30PM

Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding	€14.95
Traditional Roast Stuffed Turkey and Ham	€13.95
Marinated Oven Baked Salmon	€16.95

All the above are served with seasonal veg & potato

Dessert

Chocolate Fudge Cake	€5.00
Warm apple pie	€5.00

To Order:

Please call the restaurant on (01) 287 41 36 Option 3

And ... your monthly quiz,

WARNING! The answers are on the next page... no flipping forward – that would just spoil your fun!

Christmas Trivia



Name _____ Correct Answers _____

1. Best-selling Christmas single of all time:

- A. Jingle Bells
- B. I'll Be Home for Christmas
- C. White Christmas
- D. Silent Night

2. Who declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the 25th December?

- A. Pope Alexander VI
- B. Emperor Constantine
- C. Pope John Paul II
- D. Pope Julius I

3. First company to use Santa Clause in an advertisement:

- A. White Rock Beverages
- B. Coca-Cola
- C. Pepsi
- D. Canada Dry

4. First United States President to decorate the White House Christmas tree:

- A. John Adams
- B. Franklin Pierce
- C. Benjamin Franklin
- D. Donald Trump

5. Popular drink that is only available around Christmas:

- A. Wassail
- B. Purple Haze
- C. Eggnog
- D. Hot Buttered Beer

6. How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh?

- A. 6
- B. 7
- C. 8
- D. 10

7. Who wrote the Christmas song "Let It Snow Let It Snow Let It Snow":

- A. Johnny Marks
- B. Kim Gannon
- C. Hugh Martin
- D. Jule Styne

8. What is Frosty the Snowman's nose made of?

- A. Rock
- B. Button
- C. Carrot
- D. Potato

9. In what year was published "A Christmas Carol", by Charles Dickens?

- A. 1843
- B. 1866
- C. 1873
- D. 1895

10. The gingerbread house come from which country?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. United States
- C. Germany
- D. Australia

11. Name of Australia's Christmas island Capital:

- A. Canberra
- B. Flying Fish Cove
- C. Sydney
- D. North Pole

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Now aren't you glad you were honest!

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Lastly... a short message

It has been our pleasure to bring you these newsletters during 2021. When we started these COVID had stopped us in our tracks.

Everyone remembers the dreaded 2kms, 5kms, and worst of all 'Cocooning' ... well we're in a better place now with some freedoms returned and let's hope 2022 brings even more freedoms.

Keep an eye on our newly renovated Website where we post plenty of news updates.

You can be part of the communications team, we encourage you to send along any community items of note for upload to the website.

Wishing all of you a very safe and happy holiday season, and all the very best for 2022,

Your Communications Committee

