



Annual General Meeting

Will be held in Clubhouse
Saturday, 2nd December 2023
at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
2. Treasurer's and Secretary's Report
3. Motions
4. Revisions of Subscriptions & Entrance Fee
5. Election of Trustees
6. Election of Officers & Committee
7. AOB

Donal O'Keeffe, Honorary Secretary
Terry Noone, Honorary Treasurer

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MOTIONS

Rule 8.6 Club Constitution

"Unless otherwise provided by a majority of two-thirds of the members plus one present and voting at any Club AGM, a member desirous of moving any resolution at an Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary not less than fourteen days before the meeting, and a copy of such resolution, with the names of the proposer and seconder shall be posted on the notice board of the Club seven days prior to that date".

**Courtown Golf Club
Bar Trading & Profit & Loss Account
for the year ended 30th September 2023**

| Income | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Sales | | |
| Liquer Sales | 124,612 | 135,731 |
| Bar Sales other Inc Tea and Coffee | 14,444 | 12,356 |
| Bar food Sales | <u>8,944</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | 148,000 | 148,087 |
| Cost Of Sales | | |
| Opening Stock | 5,881 | 6,513 |
| Purchases | | |
| Liquer | 56,417 | 70,029 |
| Teas & coffees | 6,083 | - |
| Food | <u>5,903</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | 74,284 | 76,542 |
| Closing Stock | <u>(9,886)</u> | <u>(5,881)</u> |
| | <u>64,398</u> | <u>70,661</u> |
| Gross Profit | 56.49% 83,603 | 52.28% 77,426 |
| Direct Expenses | | |
| Wages (net of TWSS) | 74,130 | 44,015 |
| Legal & Licence Expenses | 1,101 | 1,655 |
| Stock Take Costs | <u>1,367</u> | <u>1,147</u> |
| Overhead Allocation | | |
| Cleaning | 1,274 | 1,662 |
| Light and Heat | <u>7,100</u> | <u>18,521</u> |
| | <u>84,972</u> | <u>66,999</u> |
| Net Profit from Bar Trading | (1,369) | 10,427 |
| Carried Forward..... | | |

**Courtown Golf Club
Profit & Loss Account
for the year ended 30th September 2023**

| | <u>Note</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Bar Trading Surplus | 1 | (1,369) | 10,427 |
| <u>Other Income</u> | | | |
| Members Subscriptions | 2 | 631,195 | 644,863 |
| Green Fees | | 137,667 | 132,970 |
| Competition Receipts | | 122,709 | 125,124 |
| Buggy Hire | | 20,425 | 17,920 |
| Driving Range | | - | 5,897 |
| Sundry Receipts | 3 | <u>48,818</u> | <u>38,887</u> |
| | | 960,815 | 965,661 |
| | | 959,445 | 976,088 |
| <u>Administrative Expenses</u> | | | |
| Wages -Sec., G. Keeper & Club Staff (Net of EWSS) | 4 | 374,928 | 357,051 |
| Rates | | 7,160 | 1,305 |
| Insurance | | 24,319 | 19,154 |
| Light & Heat | 9 | 63,895 | 33,422 |
| Hygiene & Cleaning | 5 | 11,469 | 14,962 |
| Advertising, Printing & Stationery | | 17,166 | 24,617 |
| Telephone | | 2,702 | 2,429 |
| Prizes & Competition Expenses | | 63,241 | 56,577 |
| Repairs & Maintenance: Clubhouse & Machinery | 6 | 179,076 | 144,128 |
| Petrol & Oil for Machinery | | 19,754 | 18,912 |
| Entertainment & Team Expenses | 7 | 27,666 | 22,674 |
| Manure/ Fertilizer/ Spraying | 8 | 36,312 | 35,989 |
| Audit & Accounting Fees | | 3,358 | 5,720 |
| Bank Interest & Charges | | 14,135 | 11,671 |
| Sundry Expenses | 10 | 3,411 | 4,237 |
| Golf Ireland | | - | - |
| Depreciation | | <u>194,321</u> | <u>164,804</u> |
| | | (1,042,913) | (917,653) |
| Net Profit/(Loss) for the Year. | | <u><u>(83,468)</u></u> | <u><u>58,436</u></u> |

Courtown Golf Club
Balance Sheet
at the ended 30th September 2023

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 11 | 2,727,846 | 2,734,059 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Stocks | | 22,304 | 22,865 |
| Debtors/Prepayments | | 4,643 | 22,725 |
| Cash at Bank & In hand | | <u>318,379</u> | <u>333,536</u> |
| | | <u>345,326</u> | <u>379,125</u> |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Trade Creditors | | 109,227 | 151,033 |
| Smart Card | | 61,947 | 56,202 |
| Leasing Creditors due < 1 year | | 28,088 | 14,474 |
| Accruals & Other Creditors | | <u>55,460</u> | <u>54,493</u> |
| | | <u>254,723</u> | <u>276,202</u> |
| Net Current Assets | | <u>90,603</u> | <u>102,923</u> |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities | | 2,818,450 | 2,836,982 |
| Leasing Creditors > 1 year | | (64,935) | - |
| | | <u><u>2,753,515</u></u> | <u><u>2,836,982</u></u> |
| Capital Account | | | |
| Brought Forward | | 2,836,982 | 2,778,546 |
| Profit for the year | | (83,468) | 58,436 |
| | | <u><u>2,753,515</u></u> | <u><u>2,836,982</u></u> |

Courtown Golf Club
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 30th September 2023

Note 12 Analysis of Tangible Assets

| | Land | Course | Plant & Machinery | Equipment Fixtures & Fittings | Clubhouse & Buildings | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Cost | | | | | | |
| At 1st October 2022 | 93,666 | 2,305,293 | 1,425,062 | 816,717 | 971,003 | 5,611,739 |
| Additions (Note 11) | - | 53,168 | 124,353 | 10,585 | | 188,106 |
| Disposals | - | - | | | | - |
| At 30 th September 2023 | <u>93,666</u> | <u>2,358,461</u> | <u>1,549,415</u> | <u>827,302</u> | <u>971,001</u> | <u>5,799,845</u> |
| Depreciation | | | | | | |
| At 1 st October 2022 | - | 991,696 | 1,184,266 | 653,167 | 48,550 | 2,877,681 |
| Charge for the year | - | 68,167 | 60,612 | 16,992 | 48,550 | 194,321 |
| At 30 th September 2023 | <u>-</u> | <u>1,059,865</u> | <u>1,244,878</u> | <u>670,159</u> | <u>97,100</u> | <u>3,072,004</u> |
| Net Book Values | | | | | | |
| At 30 th September 2022 | <u>93,666</u> | <u>1,313,597</u> | <u>240,794</u> | <u>163,550</u> | <u>922,451</u> | <u>2,734,059</u> |
| At 30 th September 2023 | <u>93,666</u> | <u>1,293,596</u> | <u>304,535</u> | <u>157,143</u> | <u>922,451</u> | <u>2,727,846</u> |

Courtown Golf Club
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 30th September 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies adopted by the club are as follows:

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life. In the case of land, depreciation has not been charged.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Land | - | Nil |
| Club House | - | 5% Reducing Balance |
| Expenditure on Course | - | 3%/ 20% Reducing balance |
| Plant & Machinery | - | 20% Reducing balance |
| Clubhouse Fixtures & Fittings | - | 5% Straight Line |

Additions are to be depreciated according to the number of months they are present in the club in the year of acquisition since it believes that this better reflects the pattern of consumption of economic benefits.

Since 2018 the club changed the depreciation policy provided on course expenditure from 3% to 20% reducing balance. Any course expenditure included prior to 2017 is still being depreciated at 3% while expenditure incurred in 2018 is being depreciated at 20%.

2. Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Courtown Golf Club

Auditor's Report to the Members of Courtown Golf Club

We have audited the financial statements on pages 2-5 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies.

Respective responsibilities of the Committee and the Auditors

The Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Committee in the preparation of the financial statements, and whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the club's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the club's affairs as at the 30th September 2023 and of its profit and loss account for the year ended on that date.



**M&E DOYLE ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & STATUTORY AUDIT FIRM
RAILWAY ROAD
GOREY
CO. WEXFORD**

DATE: 17 November 2023

Explanatory Notes

1. Bar Trading Account

The Bar trading shows a loss of €1,369 for the year versus a profit in 2022 of €10,427. During the year we carefully monitored the trading in the bar in order to maximise the margin. This proved to be very effective and ensured that we achieved an exceptional margin of 56.5% net of members discounts. While turnover for the year remained constant for the year this should be view in light of the significant losses occurred in October, November, December and January resulting from the unprecedented wet weather which caused the closure of the course for prolonged periods. Unfortunately this trend is again presenting itself in 2023. We have been fortunate to recover this loss of income in July and August as a result of the huge support received from 3 major societies during that period.

2. Members Subscriptions €631,195 (€644,027)

| Memberships | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----|
| Total Adult Members (Excl Pavilion, Junior & Students, O/Seas and Honorary) | | 768 |
| New Adult Members | | 36 |
| Resigned | | -64 |
| Total 2022 | | 796 |
| Net Loss | | 28 |

Members Subscriptions decreased by €12,832 over the previous year. The club lost 64 members but welcomed 36 new full members to the club during the year to September 2023. This number has increased further by 1 since the financial year end. We continue to run at full capacity in our Junior section.

3. Sundry Income /Receipts €48,818 (€38,887)

| | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Catering (Light & Heat) | 4,679 |
| Buggy Park, Lockers And Trolley Shed | 3,995 |
| Club Vouchers | 50 |
| Sponsorship | 10,227 |
| Courtown Interclub Shield | 2,800 |
| Simulator sales | 4,313 |
| Facilities Rental | 2,525 |
| Golf Ireland grant towards increased Light & Heat costs | 15,919 |
| Sundry Income incl Replacement GI cards | 1,235 |
| Machinery sale | 3,075 |
| | 48,818 |

The principle item of note this year was the Golf Ireland Grant of €15,919 towards our increased energy costs. We do not expect this to be repeated in 2024. The inclement weather during the year say a significant usage of our Bungalow simulator. This generated Income of €4,313 for the year.

4. Wages €374,928 (€357,051)

Course and office wages increased by 5% in 2023. This reflects the salary increases of 5% granted to all employees for 2023.

5. **Hygiene & Cleaning €31,225 (€35,676)**

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Wages Cleaners | 18,482 | 19,143 |
| Skip Hire | 1,419 | 1,941 |
| Cleaning Equipment/Detergents | 3,940 | 8,455 |
| Pest Control | 706 | 738 |
| Contract Cleaning | 6,678 | 5,491 |
| Allocation to Bar | (1,274) | (1,662) |
| | | |
| | 29,951 | 34,105 |

6. **Repairs & Maintenance €179,076 (€144,128)**

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Electrical Repairs and maintenance | 6,263 | 2,587 |
| Bar Repairs & Maintenance | 1,302 | 2,139 |
| Hardware Supplies | - | 499 |
| Clubhouse Repairs & Maintenance | 60,982 | 32,070 |
| Kitchen Repairs & Maintenance | 6,097 | 5,548 |
| Office Repairs & Maintenance | 2,370 | 92 |
| Machinery Repairs & Maintenance | 19,686 | 19,035 |
| Course Maintenance | 29,222 | 20,366 |
| Sand | 44,103 | 40,377 |
| Plant Hire | - | 2,273 |
| Protective Clothing | 1,403 | 803 |
| Irrigation System | 2,174 | 3,244 |
| Signs | 198 | 8,295 |
| Fire & Alarm System Maintenance | 2,736 | 3,697 |
| Driving Range Expenses | - | 187 |
| Repairs & Maintenance Miscellaneous | 2,540 | 2,917 |
| | | |
| | 179,076 | 144,128 |

Most of the increase here related to the roof repairs to the clubhouse, the replacement of windows and the refurbishment of the dining room furniture.

7. **Entertainment & Team Expenses €27,666 (€22,674)**

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Committee Outing | 342 | 578 |
| Captains Dinner | 1,534 | 780 |
| Men's Captain Expenses | 1,363 | 956 |
| President's Expenses | 1,050 | 1,478 |
| Chairman's Expenses | 1,068 | 352 |
| Ladies Captain Expenses | 1,703 | 1,657 |
| Sky, Setanta & TV Licence | 7,533 | 7,678 |
| Music | 1,150 | 850 |
| Flowers | 458 | 495 |
| Entertainment Sundry/Misc. Expenses | 3,343 | 557 |
| Team - Barton Cup | 155 | 560 |
| Team - Barton Shield | 55 | 80 |
| Team - Provincial Towns | 68 | 273 |
| Team - Jimmy Bruen | 284 | 255 |
| Team - Ladies Challenge Cup | 2,721 | 1,120 |
| Team - Ladies Intermediate Cup | 256 | 196 |
| Team - Ladies Minor League | 759 | 195 |
| Team - Revive All Ireland Fourball | 361 | 1,855 |
| Team-Ladies Australian Spoons | 25 | - |
| Women's Silver and Bronze Medals | 25 | - |
| Team - Pierce Purcell | 250 | 225 |
| Team - Juniors | - | 25 |
| Team -Ladies Junior & Senior Foursomes | 140 | 395 |
| Team- Gents Senior Cup | 849 | 195 |
| Team - Gents Junior Cup | 70 | 120 |
| Teams Miscellaneous | 1,081 | 1,800 |
| Team-JB Carr | 707 | - |
| Team-Irish Mixed Foursomes | 212 | - |
| Team R&A Nine-Hole Challenge | 25 | - |
| Teams Girls Inter Club | 30 | - |
| Team-Boys Inter Club | 50 | - |
| | | |
| | 27,666 | 22,674 |

The increase in these costs reflect the increased representation of teams in additional competitions during the year and in particular the success achieved by our Men's Senior cup team and the Ladies Challenge Cup team in reaching the latter stages of the Provincial and National competitions.

8. **Manures & Fertilizers €36,312 (€35,989)**

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fertiliser | 22,374 | 21,282 |
| Manures/Spraying | 13,937 | 14,708 |
| | | |
| | 36,312 | 35,990 |

We benefited from the forward buying of fertilizers which protected us somewhat from the significant price rises during the year. This cost is expected to rise during the coming year.

9. **Light & Heat €63,895 (€33,422)**

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Gas | 22,214 | 19,475 |
| Electricity | 48,780 | 32,467 |
| Re-allocated to bar | (7,100) | (18,521) |
| | | |
| | 63,895 | 33,422 |

There was a significant increase in energy costs during the year. These increases were somewhat compensated by the award of a grant from Golf Ireland of €15,919 as a support mechanism to clubs.

The allocation of costs to the bar in 2022 was higher than usual to offset Government grants received. This is normally set at 10% of overall energy costs.

10. **Sundry Costs €3,411 (€4,237)**

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sundry Miscellaneous | 524 | 288 |
| Professional Fees | 250 | 419 |
| Blazers & Sweaters | 2,637 | 3,530 |
| | | |
| | 3,411 | 4,237 |

11. **Fixed Asset Additions**

| | 2023 | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Expenditure on Course | | |
| Groundworks for Practice Area | | 2,750 |
| Practice area Design Works | | 7,534 |
| DAR Golf -Practice Area | | 42,884 |
| | | |
| | | 53,168 |
| Plant & Machinery | | |
| Fairways Mower | | 83,025 |
| Golf Buggies | | 41,328 |
| | | |
| | | 124,353 |
| Fixtures and Fittings | | |
| Computers and Printers | | 2,215 |
| Boiler | | 6,240 |
| Furniture - Green Room | | 2,130 |
| | | |
| | | 10,585 |
| | | |
| Total | | 188,106 |

A significant amount of money was expended on Capital items during the year. The Mower and Golf Buggies were financed by term leases of 5 years and 3 years respectively. €104,220 remains outstanding in of these leases at the end of our financial year.

The following Capital Commitments exist at the year-end

| Capital Committed | | |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------|
| Roughs Mower | Est | 98,000 |
| Sidewinder | Est | 51,500 |
| | | 149,500 |

While these two items have been ordered the suppliers cannot give a definitive price and as such we have advised that our order will be dependant on availability of cash flow when the machinery is available. We do not have sight of a delivery date for these items.

Treasurers Report

Financial Year ended 30th September 2023

It has been my pleasure to act as Treasurer of Courtown Golf Club for 2023.

Our Objectives for 2023

In association with the Management Committee, it was agreed that the continued stabilisation of the Clubs' financial position was the primary objective for the year. This we achieved through stringent management of costs and a continued drive to increase the income of the club.

We encountered some serious challenges during the year primarily from extended course closure due to weather conditions, significant cost increases, particularly in the energy sector, and the urgent need for repairs to the clubhouse and in particular the roof.

Our second objective was to integrate the Clubnet system to our new accounting package to ensure the accuracy of our monthly management accounts. This has been achieved by virtue of new reports which have been generated from the Clubnet system which we helped design.

We are very happy that we have successfully developed and implemented all the necessary control and procedures to successfully run the finance of the club and this year we were in a position for the first time ever to provide a full set of accounts with supporting back-up to our auditors in the knowledge that no material changes would be made.

I would like to put on record my appreciation for the outstanding work of Mairead and Eimear in the office and the incredible voluntary support offer by Gay Gahan to ensure the smooth operating of the administrative function of the club.

Results for the year

The Club recorded a net loss for the year of €83,468 compared to a profit in the prior year of €58,436. The profit before depreciation for 2023 was €110,853 against a profit before depreciation for 2022 of €223,240. This shows that the club succeeded in generating positive cash flows which is providing the necessary finance for investment in machinery, course and clubhouse improvements and financial resilience for the future.

All the positive cash flow that we generated in 2023 was spent on fixed asset additions of €65k and lease repayments of €33k. This has resulted in a net inflow of cash reserves for the year of €13k.

Revenues

Revenues decreased by €16,643 during the year. This reflects a decrease in income from member subscriptions of €13,668 following the net reduction of 28 in member numbers. We gained 36 new members during the year while 64 members resigned. Our green fee and competition income remained remarkably consistent with the previous year despite a significant increase in the number of the days that the course was closed. Our income in this regard was greatly helped by income from our 3 biggest societies from Prospect, Tara Cove and Tara Meadows in July and August which enabled us to reverse, what was becoming,

a very worrying trend in green fee income for the year. These 3 societies also provided much needed income to our bar trade.

Despite this we incurred a loss of €1,369 during the year compared to a positive return of €10,427 for 2022 (inclusive of a Covid Wage subsidy of €9,812). Our aim each year is to ensure that the operation of our bar is not a significant cost on the members and we continue to achieve this. This can only happen if members continue to support the trading of the bar. We thank you for your support during 2023. Our margin in the bar is a very healthy 56.5% which is in line with expectations and this is being closely monitored with monthly stock takes and reconciliation taking place.

Expenditure

Our expenditure during the year increased by €154,778 before depreciation. These increase costs reflect the salary increases for staff of 5%, which is still below the rate of inflation. We encountered a 100% increase in energy costs. We had increased costs of repairs and maintenance of the clubhouse and had to deal with general inflationary increase on all overheads. We applied for and received a grant from Golf Ireland to help with the increased energy costs as we were delighted to receive €15,919 in this regard.

We fully expect that all costs will continue to increase during 2024 and I believe that an increase in our membership subscriptions will be necessary if we are to succeed in keep the club financially viable going forward.

In 2022 we adopted a new accounting policy of depreciating our clubhouse buildings to reflect the wear and tear of the buildings. This, together with the fixed asset additions has resulted in an increased charge of €29,517 for the current year.

Financial Position at the Year-end

The bank position at the 30 September 2023 was €318,379. This was offset by trade creditors of €109,227, leasing liabilities of €93,023 and other net liabilities (including Social Prepayments of €62k) of €90,406 giving a net positive position at the end of the year of just €25,668. This figure is down from the position at the 30 September 2022 of €102,923. This movement reflects the cash inflow referred to above of €13k, capital expenditure of €66k and the increase in lease liabilities associated with the acquisition of fixed assets.

Membership Subscriptions and Social Prepayment

While significant uncertainty continues to exist in relation to costs for the coming year the Committee has decided that, in light of the reducing current financial position of the club, and despite all the cost controls introduced over the past two years that we have no alternative but to recommend an increase in subscriptions levels for the coming year. This increase of €59 per member will keep our subscription rate below that of all other comparable courses in the area.

Please note that it is our intention to revert to the policy of making a sweep of the Social Prepayments unspent at the end of the year. This was notified at last years AGM and through club notifications throughout the year.

Capital Investment

As is evident to all, we continue to invest in course machinery upgrades and course improvements. During the year we invested €177,521 in these areas and have already committed to Machinery upgrades for 2024 and beyond of €149,500. Further course improvements have also been committed to depending on finances. Further investment will be needed in our clubhouse during 2024. Financing of these commitments will be a priority of the executive in the coming year.

As previously notified, we anticipate that a further €20,000 will likely be spent to finalise the kit-out of the practice area when it re-opens in the new year. We anticipate that this area will generate income in excess of €10k per annum going forward.

I would like to recommend the Accounts to the members for the year ended 30 September 2023 for your acceptance and I look forward to dealing with any questions that members might have at the club AGM on December 2nd next.

Terry Noone

Honorary Treasurer

17 November 2023

2023 Honorary Secretary's Report

It has been an honour and a privilege to be selected to serve on this Committee on your behalf for your club, and I present for you the 2023 report.

The new club structure, now in its second year is working well, with the various Portfolios being handled by the Committee, very ably and successfully on your behalf. The distribution of these Portfolios are as follows.

Chairperson. Vincent Kearney,

Finance Hon. Treasurer Terry Noone, Bar and Catering Jim French, Facilities Martin MacDonnell, Membership and Marketing Mary O'Connor, Sponsorship and Entertainment Laura Funge, Greens and Course Seamus O'Donohoe.

Club President Bronagh Stafford, Club Captains Paul McDonald, and Eileen Moriarty.

I would like to thank the President, and both Captains for their attendance and contributions during their year of office, and all the Sub Committees for their hard work.

In the absence of a Club Manager a huge amount of work was covered by the office staff, Mairead and Eimear, always helpful and obliging and ably assisted by Gay Gahan, many thanks to them for their help and support during the year.

In addition to a number of ancillary meetings, 12 full Management Committee Meetings took place.

Despite the above average rainfall, a huge amount of work went into the Course this year, additional drainage, the felling of dangerous trees on the 16th, sanding and hollow coring programmes, and general course maintenance. This is an ongoing programme from which we will reap the benefits of in the future. James and his staff have kept the course in excellent condition. Big thanks to Seamus and his team, for all their efforts and work to date and not forgetting the amount of voluntary work carried out by our Members. Unfortunately, our practice area suffered at least 3 separate setbacks due to severe weather conditions. Hopefully we can look forward to reopening it early 2024. Suitable bays and safety netting are under review for this area. It must be stressed how important it is as well, that all Members help to keep the course in good shape by repairing pitch marks and divots, raking bunkers and the careful use buggies. Please be aware of your pace of play and how it affects the rest of the competitors, which can necessitate the use of Course Rangers on occasions.

New buggies were purchased early in the year and a mower.

The Club has applied for an electric charging EV facility which is part of The Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme, this installation is free of charge to clubs who meet with the necessary criteria, and is in conjunction with Golf Ireland. This would be located in a suitable location in the carpark following an inspection by the suppliers, ZEVI. A further grant was applied for to create a short game area, as this is a Government Scheme, we will await results.

Health and Safety inspection also took place and all areas indicated by the Fire Officer to be dealt with have been attended to, i.e., emergency lighting, fire safety upgrades. Most of this work was ably organised by Martin MacDonnell.

The Trackman studio helped us greatly during the bad weather conditions, and also provided competitions which were well supported by our members. These will continue into 2024, and a thanks to all those who organised these, and sponsored prizes.

Our Sponsors have been very generous again this year and many thanks to them, as this is a huge support to the club and is very much appreciated. Any members wishing to provide sponsorship please contact the Main office.

The Clubhouse interior received a facelift with redecoration of the bar /restaurant area and with the removal of the window lower studding to create an enhanced view from the bar. In addition to this, replacement glazing and repairs to some of the upper and lower windows helped as well. Again, this work was carried out mainly by volunteers, mustered and ably assisted and directed by our Chairperson Vincent. New match play boards were also installed.

The roof on the entrance side of the Clubhouse, required considerable repair work to address some major internal leaks. This has been done but from recent inspections, it would appear further work at the rear and side will be required to totally rectify this problem.

We welcomed in our new Caterer's headed up by, Mr Anslem Diaz and wish them success, and will work with them to provide a suitable menu, and food for our Members, Visitors and Staff.

Planning permission has been granted for a new trolley shed, which will be located off the car park, work on this project will commence shortly. The exit from the course at the 18th hole is also under review, with the intention of widening it and providing a facility for the cleaning of buggies and trollies on exiting the course. Further plans for access to the Bar/Restaurant area from course side are being investigated and costed.

During 2023 a full calendar of competition events took place, both within our own club and in addition to a number of inter club matches.

A huge amount of background work goes into keeping this operation going, and this is no easy job, checking cards, adjusting and controlling handicaps, setting up and closing competitions, contacting winners. A big thank you to all, for your time and effort spent carrying out these tasks.

It is a great honour to represent the club and be picked for club teams, and it also requires a big commitment from those involved, players, team managers and selectors. Thank you all for the efforts and the success which you achieved during the year. A new format will be introduced this year to select, coach, and train teams well in advance of any scheduled Inter club competitions. Congratulations to all our major club competition prize winners.

Our Pro-shop Staff, Paul and Martin, with some help from Taylor, have been very good and always available for advice and help in the shop, at the Trackman, and with the coaching of Juniors. Juniors are a very important section of the club and will hopefully compete and represent the club in the future. Well done to the Junior committee who organised and ran a number of competitions during the year, which were well supported. Thanks to our Junior Captains of 2023 Darragh and Aideen and wish them all the best for the future.

The Bar traded well, despite many weeks of course closure and thanks to Mick, Mary and the staff for their welcoming approach and for looking after us. Let us not forget Mary, who keeps our Clubhouse in excellent condition.

Unfortunately, we lost a number of Members during the year, one of which was a Trustee, and as one other Trustee will be retiring from his position, this will require the appointment of two Trustees. The Management Committee has met with the Trustees and agreed to have these posts filled.

I would particularly like to thank our Chairperson Vincent for his assistance to me, and his efforts, work, guidance, and foresight, into the future needs of the club.

Yours in Golf

Donal O Keeffe, Honorary Secretary