



# *Annual General Meeting*

Will be held in Clubhouse  
Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
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. Any other business
7. Election of Officers & Committee

Mary Osborne, Honorary Secretary  
Paul Dobey, 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".

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION**

Forms for the Management Committee election can be obtained from the office and must be submitted no less than fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

**Courtown Golf Club**  
**Bar Trading & Profit & Loss Account**  
**for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

	2021	2020
<b>Income</b>		
Sales	55,381	62,661
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Opening Stock	11,343	11,788
Purchases	20,964	25,958
	32,307	37,746
Closing Stock	(6,513)	(11,343)
	25,694	26,403
Gross Profit	29,687	36,258
Gross Profit %	54%	58%
<b>Direct Expenses</b>		
Wages (Net of EWSS/TWSS)	9,449	27,595
Legal Expenses	(111)	1,074
Stock Take	400	356
<b>Overhead Allocation</b>		
Light and Heat	5,863	8,445
Cleaning	1,756	1,168
	(17,357)	(38,638)
	12,330	(2,380)
Bar Grant Small Business	4,000	-
<b>Net Profit/Deficit attributable to Bar</b>	16,330	(2,380)
Carried Forward.....		

**Courtown Golf Club**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

		2021		2020
			€	
<b>Bar Trading Surplus</b>	<b>1</b>	16,330		(2,380)
<b>Other Income</b>				
Members Subscription	2	598,587		549,009
Green Fees		93,421		66,391
Competition Receipts		76,794		77,559
Buggy Hire		6,920		5,785
Driving Range		6,779		4,646
Sundry Receipts	3	45,869	828,370	18,328
			<u>844,700</u>	<u>721,718</u>
				<u>719,338</u>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>				
Course and Office Wages (Net of TWSS/EWSS)	4	244,330		285,705
Rates		5,050		4,145
Insurance		17,912		15,597
Light & Heat		10,561		18,643
Hygiene & Cleaning	5	15,803		10,517
Advertising, Printing & Stationery		26,085		30,808
Telephone		3,227		6,149
Prizes & Competitions Expenses		40,318		42,930
Repairs & Maintenance: Club House, Machinery.	6	92,627		95,079
Petrol & Oil for Machinery		8,669		10,217
Entertainment & Team Expenses	7	8,199		13,970
Fertilisers and Sprays	8	42,500		20,949
Audit Fees		4,779		4,155
Bank Interest & Charges		9,459		10,199
Accounting Fees		7,360		8,208
Professional fees		1,545		2,122
Sundry Expenses		3,863		4,611
Subscriptions: Golfing Union		15,603		18,959
Depreciation		99,256		103,296
			<u>(657,146)</u>	<u>(706,259)</u>
<b>Net Profit before Social Prepayment</b>			187,554	13,079
<b>Social Prepayment Retained</b>			-	8,914
<b>Net Profit for Year</b>			<u>187,554</u>	<u>21,993</u>

**Courtown Golf Club**  
**Balance Sheet**  
for year end 30 September 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	9 <u>2,699,787</u>	<u>2,655,383</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stocks	13,526	27,870
Debtors/Prepayments	22,077	26,616
Cash at bank & in hand	<u>463,933</u>	<u>124,656</u>
	<u>499,536</u>	<u>179,142</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade Creditors	202,454	91,096
Smart Card	71,490	39,970
Leasing Creditors: amount due Less than 1 year	21,520	27,225
Accruals & Other Creditors	<u>114,563</u>	<u>52,971</u>
	<u>410,027</u>	<u>211,262</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>89,509</u>	<u>(32,120)</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	2,789,296	2,623,263
Leasing Creditors	<u>(10,750)</u>	<u>(32,271)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>2,778,546</u></u>	<u><u>2,590,992</u></u>
<b>Capital Account</b>		
Brought forward	2,590,992	2,568,999
Profit for the year	<u>187,554</u>	<u>21,993</u>
	<u><u>2,778,546</u></u>	<u><u>2,590,992</u></u>

## Courtown Golf Club

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### 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 and club house depreciation has not been charged.

Land	-	Nil
Club House	-	Nil
Expenditure on Course	-	3% / 20% Reducing balance
Plant & Machinery	-	20% Reducing balance
Clubhouse Fixtures & Fittings	-	10% Reducing balance

The club has previously operated the depreciation policy of full year depreciation in year of acquisition and none in the year of disposal. In 2017 it was decided that 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**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Note 9 Analysis of Tangible Assets**

	Land	Course	Plant & Machinery	Equipment Fixtures & Fittings	Clubhouse & Buildings	Total
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1st October 2020	93,666	2,219,376	1,249,440	786,962	919,559	5,269,003
Additions	-	(1,672)	83,766	26,352	35,214	143,660
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<u>93,666</u>	<u>2,217,704</u>	<u>1,333,206</u>	<u>813,314</u>	<u>954,773</u>	<u>5,412,663</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	-	887,349	1,109,235	617,036	-	2,613,620
Charge for the year	-	50,786	30,261	18,209	-	99,256
At 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>938,135</u>	<u>1,139,496</u>	<u>635,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,712,876</u>
<b>Net Book Values</b>						
At 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	<u>93,666</u>	<u>1,332,027</u>	<u>140,205</u>	<u>169,926</u>	<u>919,559</u>	<u>2,655,383</u>
At 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<u>93,666</u>	<u>1,279,569</u>	<u>193,710</u>	<u>178,069</u>	<u>954,773</u>	<u>2,699,787</u>

## **Courtown Golf Club**

### **Auditor's Report to the Members of Courtown Golf Club**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 2-6 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on **Note 1**.

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 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: 19 November 2021**

## Report to the Members of Courtown Golf Club

### Explanatory Notes

**Note:** All figures refer to 2021 Accounts, 2020 comparisons are shown in brackets.

1. **Bar Trading Account €16,330 (-€2,380)**

Bar trading profit reflects the benefit of government wage subsidies of €18,076 and a small business grant of €4,000. Gross profit margin reduced from 58% to 54% due to stock wastage arising from prolonged bar closures over the past two years.

2. **Member Subscriptions €598,587 (€549,009)**

Adult members (Excl Pavillion, Jrs & Students, O/seas & Honorary)		
Total 2021		793
New Members		114
Resigned	(48)	
Deceased	(2)	(50)
<b>Net Increase in Membership</b>		<b>64</b>

Member's subscriptions increased by €49,578 on the prior year. The club lost 48 members and welcomed 114 new adult members to the club in 2021. The club ended the year with 793 adult members. The club also has a vibrant junior section which is very active in the summer months. This included 115 Junior cadets, 97 Juniors/Juveniles and 34 Student members. This is an important investment in the future.

3. **Sundry Income/Receipts continued €45,869 (€18,328)**

Sundry Income/Receipts	2021	2020
Golf Ireland Grant	20,000	4,500
County Council Grants	4,657	6,137
Insurance Claims	13,022	-
Masters/PGA Fundraisers	3,080	-
Club Vouchers	(3,513)	(1,209)
Sponsorship	4,916	4,192
Buggy Park, Lockers and Trolley Park, Replacement GI cards	1,036	-
Catering (Light and heat)	1,074	2,288
Sundry Receipts (Captains' Prize Sweep)	1,597	2,420
	<b>45,869</b>	<b>18,328</b>

The club benefited from grants and other government supports in 2021 amounting to €67,692. This included the government wage subsidy of €43,035, which is net against wages (€24,959; Office and Course: €18,076; Bar), and restart grants of €4,657. The club also received a Golf Ireland grant of €20,000. The club is most grateful for these supports which are critically important to our investment plans for the club and to the clubs' longer-term resilience. The Co. Council grants comprise of an outdoor seating grant €1,937 Restart Grant €1,841 and an Outdoor Eating area grant €879.

4. **Wages €244,330 (€285,705)**

Course and office wages decreased by 17% in 2021 compared to 2020. This is in addition to a reduction of 27% in 2020 compared to 2019. The reduction in 2021 of €41,375 included the benefit of government wage subsidies of €24,959 and other cost saving measures, over and above those of 2020, of €16,416.



5. Hygiene and Cleaning €15,803 (€10,517)

	2021	2020
Hygiene Services	1,181	955
Toilet Supplies	1,445	1,802
Skip Hire	1,579	844
Cleaning Equipment/Detergents	148	1,472
Pest Control	996	620
Septic Tank & Grease Trap	2,098	2,262
Contract Cleaning	10,112	3,730
Transfer to Bar Account	(1,756)	(1,168)
	<b>15,803</b>	<b>10,517</b>

The cost of contract cleaning relates to additional external cleaning costs due to Covid-19.

6. Repairs & Maintenance €92,627 (€95,079)

	2021	2020
Electrical Repairs & Maintenance	5,305	419
Bar Repairs & Maintenance	711	630
Hardware Supplies	252	174
Clubhouse Repairs & Maintenance	16,283	11,148
Kitchen Repairs & Maintenance	691	85
Office Repairs and Maintenance	112	50
Machinery Maintenance/Repair	16,551	16,693
Course Maintenance	9,358	7,771
Trees & Stakes	-	35
Sand	34,872	43,528
Protective Clothing	844	1,681
Irrigation System	1,170	5,561
Fire & Alarm System	3,972	4,371
Signs	488	2,023
Driving Range	-	910
Miscellaneous repairs and maintenance	385	-
Plant Hire	1633	-
	<b>92,627</b>	<b>95,079</b>

Increases in Electrical repairs and Clubhouse repairs included Clubhouse roof repairs of €2,043, upgrade of emergency safety signage of €2,395 and the repair element of the bungalow project of €9,659

7. **Entertainment Team Expenses €8,199 (€13,970)**

	2021	2020
Captain's Expenses	448	524
President's Expenses	350	164
Lady Captain's Expenses	77	169
Lady President's Expenses	335	150
Past Captain/Presidents Day	-	406
Music	503	2,413
Captains - Drive In	-	1,640
Captain's Dinner	-	1,825
Sky Subscription & TV Licence	160	2,595
Committee Outings	-	806
Flowers	50	65
Sundry/Misc. Expenses	874	1,606
Subtotal	2,797	12,363
<u>Teams</u>		
Barton Cup/Shield	179	100
Provincial Towns	153	50
Jimmy Bruen	111	75
Ladies Challenge Cup	79	-
Ladies Intermediate League	263	-
Ladies AA Junior & Minor Cup	225	
Ladies Junior & Senior Foursomes	539	105
Ladies Boyne Trophy	-	60
Pierce Purcell	256	75
JB Carr/Jimmy Carroll	-	180
Juniors	2,230	65
Junior/Senior Cup	193	100
Irish Mixed Foursomes	-	75
Misc	1,174	722
Subtotal	5,402	1,607
	<b>8,199</b>	<b>13,970</b>

## 8. Fertilisers and Sprays €42,500 (€20,949)

	2021	2020
Fertilizer/Nutrition	12,275	10,704
Grass seed	2,480	0
Wetting Agent/Surfactant	1,299	1,331
Fungicide	9,065	5,800
Weedkiller/Herbicide	7,423	3,114
Graminicide (Primo)Growth regulator	9,958	-
	<b>42,500</b>	<b>20,949</b>

Expenditure on Fertilisers and Sprays has increased by €21,551. A program of growth regulator for fairway improvement is reflected in the figure for graminicide. Weedkiller spraying of fairways was outsourced this year. Fungicide and Fertilizer increase is due to increased stock levels.

## 9. Fixed Assets Additions €143,660

<b><u>Plant and Machinery</u></b>	
2 Electric Buggies	22,377
Iseki Compact Tractor	35,670
John Deere Bunker rake	16,494
Verti-drain Aerator	9,225
	<b>83,766</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u></b>	
Coffee Dock	2,525
Patio Furniture	3,176
Appliances	1,485
Patio and Marquee	3,196
Office Computers/Phone System	7,729
Bungalow	8,241
	<b>26,352</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on Clubhouse/ Buildings</u></b>	
Roof Repairs	2,043
Member App/Website, tee sheet, Epos till system	3,923
Emergency lighting upgrade	1,418
Generator (Ambrex)	26,170
Compressor	1,660
	<b>35,214</b>
<b>Course (Credit note re 2020 expenditure)</b>	<b>(1,672)</b>
	<b>143,660</b>

Trade Creditors at 30 September 2021 include €98,136 due to suppliers of plant and machinery purchased during the year and included in fixed asset additions.

#### 10. Planned Capital Investment and commitments.

The club embarked on a significant machinery purchase program during the year and had capital expenditure amounting to €145k for the year as set out in note 9. In addition, as of 19<sup>th</sup> November, the club has committed to purchase the plant and machinery at a cost of €198,513 as set out below.

<b>Machinery</b>		<b>2021</b>
Golf Buggies x 6		64,413
Greens mower		51,075
Fairway Mower		83,025
		<b>198,513</b>

## Treasurers Report 2021

It has been both a great pleasure and challenge to act as the Treasurer of Courtown Golf Club for 2020 and 2021.

### **Covid 19**

Covid 19 has had an enormous impact on the members and employees of Courtown Golf Club over the last two years. It has given rise to significant restrictions in members ability to enjoy the club's facilities and the club's employees have been severely impacted through layoffs or short working hours.

Covid 19 has also had a significant impact on the finances of the club including very significant reductions in its golfing revenues and the need to cut costs.

While Covid 19 has had a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of the members and staff of the Club the financial position of the Club has improved significantly in the last two years due to the following factors:

- The Club benefited from the fantastic support of its members who paid full year subscriptions but were only able to access the club's facilities for part of each of the last two years.
- We attracted a large cohort of new members to the club in each of 2020(42 new adult members) and 2021(114 new adult members) because of the increased popularity of golf and a thoughtful membership drive focused on attracting new members that we expect will stay with the club for the longer term.
- The Club benefited from very generous government supports in 2020 and again in 2021 and benefited from Golf Ireland Grants in each of 2020 and 2021. The club is most grateful for these supports and has deployed these funds to invest in course maintenance, course machinery and other essential infrastructure replacement. These investments enhance the long-term resilience of the club for the benefit of current members and increases the attractiveness of the Club to new members.
- The Executive Committee of the Club implemented drastic cost measures immediately when the Covid crisis emerged in March 2020 and has had a razor-sharp focus on all the club's costs throughout 2020 and 2021.
- Finally, the club has benefited from the very generous support of our members who participated in sponsorship, fundraising activities and volunteered for work on committees, in the office, on the course and for the Bungalow project.

On behalf of the of the Executive Committee I would like to thank our members, employees, contractors, and suppliers for your support at what has been a very challenging and uncertain time for the Club. The significantly improved financial position of the club over the last two years is a testimony to that support.

### **Result for the year**

The net profit for the year was €187,554 against a profit in the prior year of €21,993. The profit before depreciation was €286,810 in 2021 against a profit before depreciation of €125,289 in 2020. This means that the club has generated a positive cashflow from operations in the last two years of €412,099 which has been deployed to pay down substantially all the clubs' debt, invest in the club's infrastructure and build up cash reserves to strengthen the financial resilience of the club and give the club options for future investment and development.

The positive swing of €165,561 in the 2021 result compared to the 2020 result reflects increased revenues of €125,362, reduced costs of €49,113 and reduced social prepayment retained of €8,914. The factors that contributed to this success are as set out above.

### *Revenues*

The increase in revenues of €125,362 in 2021 includes an increase in green fees of €27,030 and sundry receipts of €45,869. The sundry receipts include a number of one-off items such as the Golf Ireland grant of €20,000, County Council grants of €4,657 and an Insurance claim of €13,022 in respect of equipment destroyed by a lightning strike in 2020, which was received in 2021.

The bar traded at a surplus of €16,330 in 2021 (after the benefit of the wage subsidies of €18,076 and a small business grant of €4,000) which compared to a loss of €2,380 in 2020. This is a good result considering Covid 19 restrictions.

Member's subscriptions increased by €49,578 on the prior year and this is the second year in a row that we have seen a healthy increase in subscriptions. The club lost 48 members and welcomed 114 new adult members to the club in 2021. The club ended the year with 793 adult members which is a step closer to our estimate of optimal membership capacity of between 850 and 900 full adult members. The club also has a vibrant junior section which is very active in the summer months. This is an important investment in the future.

### *Expenditure*

The Clubs expenditure for 2021 was €49,113 less than 2020 which in turn was €172,154 less than the club's expenditure in 2019. The reduction in expenditure includes the favourable impact of government subsidies of €24,959 in 2021 and €48,890 in 2020. The remaining reductions in expenditure arose due to course closure, less competitions, staff layoffs and other cost action taken during the year. While some of these cost savings will continue into next year this overall level of cost reduction will not be possible in future years when the course is open, government supports are no longer available and member services are restored to the required standard.

### **Grants and Government Supports**

The club benefited from grants and other government supports in 2021 amounting to €71,692 and in 2020 amounting to €63,318. These supports for 2021 included the government wage subsidy of €43,035, restart grants and small business grants of €8,657 and a Golf Ireland grant of €20,000. Our members are grateful for these supports.

### **Financial position at the year end.**

The cash balance on 30 September 2021 was €463,933. This was offset by outstanding trade creditors and leasing liabilities of €234,724 giving a net positive position of €229,209. This compares favourably with a cash balance of €124,656 on 30 September 2020 which in turn was offset by trade creditors and leasing liabilities of €150,592, giving a net negative position of €25,936.

### **Members Subscriptions and Social Prepayment**

At the 2020 AGM the Chairman expressed confidence that the continued focus on revenue growth and costs optimization measures would mean that a further increase in the membership subscriptions for 2022 could be avoided.

I am delighted to inform members that the 2021 Executive Committee achieved the required revenue growth and cost optimisation measures to avoid a subscription increase for 2022.

While future increases in subscriptions will depend on many factors and will be considered by future executive committees and by members at future Club AGM's, I believe that a continued focus on revenue

growth and costs optimization measures in the coming year, will mean that an increase in the subscriptions in 2023 can also be avoided.

In addition, I am delighted to inform members that the utilisation period for both the 2020 and the 2021 social prepayment has been extended to 30 September 2022.

### **Capital Investment**

A multiyear machinery replacement plan was developed during the year and is being implemented. Further details of our capital investment program are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Capital expenditure incurred in 2021 was €143,660 compared €43,613 in the prior year. As of 19 November 2021, the club also had commitments to purchase additional machinery amounting to €198,513.

It is my pleasure to recommend the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2021 for your acceptance and I look forward to addressing any questions members may have on these accounts at the club AGM in December.

*Paul Dobey*

**Paul Dobey**

**Honorary Treasurer**

**19 November 2021**

## Honorary Secretary's Report 2021

It is my pleasure to report to you on some of the work of the Executive Committee 2021, in this, the 85th year of Courtown Golf Club.

The year started off with the full closure of the course and clubhouse for almost four months due to the Coronavirus pandemic, resulting in the layoff of all bar and office staff. This was a difficult time for all concerned, members, staff, and contractors. The Greens staff under the guidance of James Timmins continued their work whilst observing all covid regulations, and I think you will all agree that when the course did open on April 26th it was in magnificent shape.

You, the members, showed great loyalty and forbearance with the extended closure and the full timesheets upon reopening showed your enthusiasm for the game of golf and the return of some semblance of normality. Strict protocols were in place which made it difficult to organise competitions and some of our annual fixtures such as the Drive-In took on a new look. Thankfully the course remained open and with the further lifting of restrictions the clubhouse and restaurant were able to open with outdoor bar and restaurant services the order of the day. We welcomed back our bar and catering staff, and our caterers did a great job on the Barbeque where their burgers went down very well with members and visitors alike. Our bar staff did stellar work in serving drinks from the Bar in the new patio area. Many thanks to the volunteers who worked hard on the patio to make this much used facility available to the club. The purchase of a marquee was an added bonus to the club for outdoor bar and catering purposes.

All that said, we were glad to return to indoor dining and bar services and the bar and catering staff did an admirable job in collecting the required names and contact numbers and adhering to the government guidelines. We are in the lucky position of having Mossel Bay Catering with Ian and Siobhan at the helm and the standard of food that they provide. We wish them continued success.

Mary Cleere and Keith are the friendly faces in the bar, and we would like to thank Darragh, Sofi and Saul for their time with us and wish them well in their new ventures. Our renovated former "Green Room" now The Coffee Dock has turned out well and is a quiet, bright space for that post golf drink, pint, coffee, or snack.

Our treasurer Paul Dobey was charged with the club finances, and he will outline the financial situation in his report. Thank you to Paul for his management of the club finances.

The office staff were laid off during the pandemic and sincere thanks to our manager David Colley who was always a phone call away when we needed to ask questions (sometimes in a panic) and is more than helpful on a daily basis. We were delighted to have David and Gillian return to the office in April, and Mairead started work with us in August following a period of volunteer work there. May I take this opportunity to thank Gillian who left in July and our office volunteers President Jim, Gay Gahan, Brid Lillis, and Kieran Murphy.

This year saw the introduction of the Clubnet system. This system is like a one stop shop that looks after all the bookings, invoicing, emails, website, epos systems and information. This replaces the many other separate systems we had and will be both cost effective and time management efficient in the long run. By now you will all be familiar with the Clubnet app which you use to book your golf. Thank you for your patience while this changeover was ongoing. As with any new system there is bound to be a glitch here and there as we familiarise ourselves with it. A new more efficient telephone system was also installed this year along with new computers and screens.



On the facilities side, we saw the roof repaired and the installation of a new generator. A new air compressor was also installed. A plan has been drawn up for the future maintenance and refurbishment of the clubhouse depending on finances.

The Greens committee were hard at work from early in the year, and the committee and staff continued to work tirelessly on our greatest asset, the course. New machinery including a drag mat, fertiliser spreader, bunker rake and greens brush, compact tractor, a verti-drain and some smaller items of machinery were purchased. A 5 year replacement plan was put in place depending on finances. New buggies were ordered early in the year and 4 more are ordered for next year.

There was a meeting with the buggy owners in June, and a plan was agreed to extend the use of buggies throughout the Winter months. The full benefit of this plan may take a few years. There was also a commitment to resurface the buggy yard, which at time of pen to paper, is underway.

Membership saw an upturn in new member applications this year with 122 new applicants including Full, U35, Pavilion, Overseas and Students. We had 48 resignations. This is a positive sign for the future of the club.

The Junior section has been a terrific success and there was a waiting list for coaching. Vice Captains Adrian and Mary and their Junior Committee and Paul Morris worked hard over the Summer with the Juniors, organising coaching and competitions for the various age groups and abilities. "The Juniors of today are the members of the future." Thank you to you all. Our Junior Captains Taylor and Bethany did us proud this year. Good luck to you both as you head into the exam years.

The Governance committee had a heavy workload with the drawing up of the new constitution. The 2021 constitution was put to the members at an E.G.M. in October and got unanimous approval. The new rules will apply from 4th December 2021 and a copy of them may be found on our website.

Competitions and Teams went ahead this year after a late start due to the pandemic. A sincere thank you to our very generous sponsors of both the Ladies and Men's competitions, and to all our card checkers and Handicap Secretaries who had the task of coming to grips with the new WHS.

Our teams didn't fare well this year, but hopefully 2022 may see some silverware. As usual we say thank you to our club professionals Paul Morris, James Roche and Martin Darcy. Always helpful and accommodating to both members and visitors.

The Bungalow Project was a project which thanks to the vision of our Captain Vincent and our club professionals Paul and James has come to fruition. The installation of a Trackman Simulator will be a great asset and facility for the club, especially during the dark wet days of the Winter months. Lessons may also be held indoors when weather conditions are not favourable. Many thanks to all who contributed to this project by pre-buying hours. The transformation of the bungalow was made possible by the many volunteers who worked tirelessly on getting it ready.

I cannot mention all of our volunteers individually, but your help on the course, on the flower beds, in the bungalow, the patio area, the office and around the club has quite simply been invaluable. Your skills and talents were very much appreciated by us all and a huge thank you to you all.

The Executive Committee held 14 meetings during the year, with the earlier monthly meetings held on-line. Much planning was done during the enforced closure to ensure the smooth reopening in April.

The committee took on the following roles;

Bar and Catering- Eileen Cullen, Practice Area and Development-Pat Donnellan,  
Governance- Paul McDonald, Sponsorship- Laura Funge, Greens -Seamus O Donohoe,  
Facilities- Pat Roche. Juniors- Adrian Copeland and Mary Cooper.

Well done to you all for the time and work you have put in.

We have come through another challenging year on many fronts, especially with Covid 19. This committee had the benefit of the covid experience of last year's committee, so we were somewhat prepared.

There are many challenges and opportunities for the club to grow and rebuild our membership numbers, attract visitors and guests. We can only look forward with optimism by working together to further develop the club and its facilities to ensure that Courtown Golf Club remains the premier club in the region.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to our Presidents Jim and Mona, our Captains Vincent and Ann and the Executive Committee. It has been an honour working alongside you all.

I would also like to wish the incoming officers and committees all the best for 2022. Best wishes to you all for good health in the future.

Yours in golf,

*Mary Osborne*

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**19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**