

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

In an effort to keep all members up to speed on the happenings and general affairs of the club we are going to put a newsletter together every few weeks.

Clubhouse. Tom Niland, club professional, and his team are doing a great job running the bar and restaurant. A good pint, fresh scones, homemade tarts and tasty meals all served with a smile are the order of the day. In order to continue with this wonderful service they need our support. So, spread the word among your fellow golfers... and rediscover the 19th. Noel Kelly has agreed to paint the car park and speed bumps free of charge and Albany will supply the paint.

Michael Casserly secured a sponsor for stones. John Quirke and Peter have helped him with the task of filling in the potholes around the bridge and clubhouse.

Golf A meeting was arranged for January 12th to discuss the Junior Golf programme which will be headed by Gerry Fahy. Members and parents were invited to attend.

All competitions from March to October are sponsored. Please support our sponsors.

There will be 2 major team fundraising events during the year ...

It is very important that we try to invite golfers from other clubs to play in these events as they are important fundraisers. .

Finance: Subs are now due.

LOTTO : There are currently only 170 ongoing participants in the lotto . The Lotto is a major part of the clubs income and if supported correctly could prevent future sub increases. If you are not already a member please contact a committee member for details.

We must also try and promote the weekly envelope sales...maybe among work colleagues? The Lotto is **now €10,100.**

COURSE .Greenkeeper Dermot Casserly and his team , Jarlath and Peter, have been busy chopping this winter. Various conifers throughout the course are being taken out as they have gotten too big or they are blocking light from the greens. Trees near the toilets were felled as they were a threat to the roof. The plan is to let the timber season and sell it to members. Details on this will follow at a later stage. A big 'thank you' to The GOATS for their donation of a new chainsaw making this job easier.

The greens were a bit stressed and have been treated .They will be fertilised in February.

Drainage work will be carried out in front of the 4th green and in front on the 12th tee box.

Remember the 3 R's Repair pitchmarks. Replace Divots. Rake bunkers.

USE OF TIMESHEET members are encouraged to use the timesheet when arranging golf.

The reason is twofold...an empty timesheet sends out a message to anybody looking at it that there is nothing happening in the club (this is particularly true on the open Wednesdays)and there are many members who do not have regular playing partners.

Members are encouraged to introduce new people to Tuam GC, we have several membership options for golfers and beginners and have wonderful facilities...good course, practice area, golf pro, catering and complimentary wi fi in clubhouse.

There will be a members meeting on Tuesday 28th of February whereby all members are invited to attend to discuss how best to go about increasing our membership.