

# SAINT PATRICK'S WORD

Official Newsletter of Saint Patrick's Golf Club, Downpatrick.

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Welcome to the first edition of the club's new  
Newsletter "Saint Patrick's Word".

It is hoped to publish one at the end of each month  
from April onwards.

It will have all the news about the club, how teams  
are doing and competition results etc. to social  
events and information.

If you want to get this please make sure you can get  
on the club web site where it will be published.  
I hope you enjoy it and if you have any information or  
stories that you think should be included please  
e-mail them to me at [philposnett@hotmail.com](mailto:philposnett@hotmail.com)

Phil Posnett

Editor



# WELCOME FROM THE CAPTAIN TO THE FIRST “SAINT PATRICK’S WORD” NEWSLETTER.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have served as your Captain in 2015/16. Having received the baton from Gerry Reilly I was determined to build upon the great foundation which he had laid. I am delighted to say that we have witnessed a sea change in our golfing success at a competitive level and an improvement in our financial picture.

Our young men returned with two pieces of silverware bridging a gap of over 20 years since were successful at this level. This was an outstanding achievement and augurs well for the future. Great credit must go to Conor Deegan, Juvenile Convenor and Gerry Reilly who consistently extolled their potential over the barren years despite contrary views from some.

Our senior men did exceptionally well in the Senior Cowdy losing out to a well coached Kilkeel outfit in the final. Our Jimmy Bruen side also exceeded expectations also losing out to a very experienced Fortwilliam side.

The Ladies retained the Drumlin Shield and proved that they had the mettle when tested and we have some very accomplished young ladies who will represent the Club with distinction in the not too distant future.

The Club is going from strength to strength and embracing the challenges of moving into the 21 Century. This is evidenced with the appointment of Geraldine Gray as our incoming President and I wish her well for her tenure. She has a wealth of golfing experience and has contributed significantly to this club over a long period of time.

To our outgoing President Michael, I thank him for his sage advice and invaluable contribution to the Club’s management and wish him well for the future.

To our outgoing Lady Captain Elizabeth, I thank her for her support and that of all the ladies in the Club. We are a better club because of our Ladies and often we fail to appreciate their value.

To our incoming Captains Gerry and Assunta I wish you well for your year and assure you of my continued support.

To achieve what we have this year has been down to hard work by many and in particular I want to thank the Council for their endeavours, patience and diligence throughout the year.

The Club is reaping the benefits with the appointment of Aidan Robinson and he has brought a professional approach to the management of the affairs of the club which was absent for many years. He has risen to the challenges admirably and has built an excellent team around him.

The Golf Course has had very trying times this year due to the inclement weather but Emmet and his staff have managed to overcome this to the best of their ability and I applaud them for their endeavours. This has also had an impact on Robbie in the Pro Shop and I would encourage members to support him wherever possible.

The Club is very lucky in having a small cohort of members who give so willingly of their time to assist in different areas of the clubs activities and I am grateful for their continued support. We need more people to assist and I would appeal to anyone who has the time to contact any Council member in relation to their availability. I would urge members to support the facilities that we have and bring their friends along too. It is your Club and its future rests with you.

Brendan Mullen (Club Captain 2015)





# Daisy Lodge

St. Patrick's Golf Club, Downpatrick were delighted to present a cheque for £360 to Daisy Lodge and the Cancer Fund for Children.

Last year's Irish Open at Royal County Down, hosted by the Rory Foundation, brought the spot light to the facility and the wonderful work it does to give families affected by cancer a warm and welcoming place to stay.

Members of St. Patrick's Golf Club in response took the opportunity to support this deserving, local charity by raising £360 as a result of a golf tournament.

Current Vice-Captain, Gerard Killen presented the cheque to Andrew Boal, Fundraising Manager at Cancer Fund for Children, who also provided a tour of state-of-the-art facility.

In addition to the money raised, St. Patrick's Golf Club have also extended an invitation to the patrons receiving care in Daisy Lodge and their immediate family to enjoy a round of golf as guests of the Club.



# From the President Michael Bohill



As the outgoing President I find this is a great opportunity to make contact with the full membership and also to wish Phil Posnett every success in the new Newsletter " St Patricks' Word".

Firstly, may I offer my sincere thanks to every member for their respectful and courteous behaviour towards me and the position of President over the past two years of my tenure. I also wish to express my gratitude to the wider golfing community who treated me admirably whenever I left the confines of St. Patrick's while "on duty" or when socialising.

Secondly, my thanks to all the club administrators, they made my role very easy indeed; a special thanks to Marie in the office who was always there to assist me and offer advice. A special mention also to Elaine who was there when I took office - we all hope you are improving and returning to full health soon.

Finally, to the staff of the club, every one from Aiden to the waitresses provided a professional and friendly demeanour at all times. I feel we are very fortunate to have such excellent people- not forgetting Jute and his staff also.

A golf course is only as good as the people who care for and maintain it. I wish to take the opportunity to congratulate Emmett and his staff for the constant high standard of St. Patricks.



As President, I was fortunate to be invited to play in the NI PGA Championship Pro-Am on both occasions. I played with the PGA Captain in the inaugural event. He told me after we finished that he had not played on a better prepared course all year and that the quality of the greens was comparable to an IRISH OPEN. This statement was backed up in a letter sent two weeks later, to the then Captain, Gerry Reilly, reiterating what he had told me. Need I say more!

I suppose we made a little bit of history when the club changed it's name and I became the 1st President of St. Patrick's GC. Also, with the incoming President being the 1st ever Lady President, Mrs. Geraldine Gray has made history too. Well done Geri. We all wish you well and have no doubt you will be a great ambassador for St Pats.

On a lighter note, being a President has a number of perks, one of which I had never thought of being mentioned in higher circles!! . My granddaughter Victoria, when at Primary school was asked by her principal if she knew of any Presidents. She answered -Yes,I know two, Mr Obama and my grandfather. It doesn't get any better than that !' Keep swinging SLOW

Yours in Golf  
President



# St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Thursday 17 March

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FOOD AND MUSIC**

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# The LADIES SECTION

Lady Captain:-  
Mrs Elizabeth Mageean

Lady Vice Captain:-  
Mrs Asunta Morgan

Lady Secretary:-  
Mrs Anne Teggart

Handicap Secretary:-  
Mrs Yvonne Posnett

## St Patrick's Ladies 'Word'

The Ladies are looking forward to another good golfing year and are raring to go.

Congratulations to Lady Captain Elizabeth on a very successful year.

The ladies continued to play eagerly in the Monday Club and Winter Ringer to ensure the golf skills are kept up to scratch.

The Winter Alliance has been unfortunately hit by some very unfavourable weather and a few matches were postponed. St. Patrick's Golf Club ladies hosted the Alliance on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - scoring 99 points. The Lady Captain posted a fine score of 30pts (14holes) and Anne Tumelty -25pts. Well done ladies and many thanks for the good turnout.

The Team Captain's have been selected and will soon be posting notices for expressions of interest.

The Drumlin Shield starts 5<sup>th</sup> April at Spa G.C. Team Captain Anne Roden is keen to bring the shield back again this year to St. Patrick's G.C.

Geraldine Magill has accepted the role as juvenile girl's convenor for 2016. We wish Conor and Geraldine another successful year and assure them of continuing support from the ladies section in supervision and volunteering with the juveniles, who are the future of our club.

We welcome the new lady members who have joined following the 'Taster' and mentoring sessions which prove to be a very successful approach to recruiting new lady members.

Dates for your diary-

Ladies away day - Dunmurry G.C. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Ladies weekend away ---- Slieve Russell - 7<sup>TH</sup> 8<sup>TH</sup> October.

Portugal Golfing Trip ( 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> March) The Captain and Lady Captain and golfing members are heading to the sunny climate of Portugal for a well earned '**rest**' and a bit o golf!!! We hope you have a safe journey and enjoyable time. Don't do anything I wouldn't do !!!

Congratulations to Emmett and his staff for maintaining the course through some very difficult weather conditions.

-A happy and healthy golfing year to all

Anne Teggart (Lady Secretary).



# THE CARVERY

ST. PATRICK'S GOLF CLUB  
DOWNPATRICK

—  
EVERY SUNDAY



*Primary School Children Eat Half*

*Price*

*Main course £8.50*

*2 courses £11.50*

*3 courses £14.50*

*We Do Not Split Bills*

ST. PATRICK'S GOLF CLUB

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Starters

*Chef's Vegetable Broth*

*Chef's Pate & Cumberland Sauce*

*Spicy Thai Fishcakes*

*Stuffed Mushrooms With Cream Cheese & Chives*

Mains

*Roast Sirloin of Beef*

*Stuffed Loin of Pork*

*Honey Glazed Ham*

*Co. Down Turkey*

*Boneless Leg Of Lamb*

*All served with a choice of Mashed Potatoes, Roast Potatoes,  
Chef's Broccoli & Cauliflower Mornay, Carrots & Parsnips*

*. With a choice of Gravy or Peppered Sauce.*

Desserts

*Pavlova*

*Sticky Toffee Pudding & Butterscotch Sauce*

*Hot Chocolate Fudgecake*

*Chef's Cheesecake*

*Bannoffe Pie*

*All served with either Fresh Cream or Ice-Cream*

# COMPETITIONS

**KEY:**

[LG] - COMPETITION OPN TO BOTH LADIES & GENTS

[P] - PRESENTATION THAT EVENING

[CC] - COURSE CLOSED

[SG] SHOTGUN START

[G] GREEN MARKER COMPETITION

[J] - JUNIOR COMPETITION

LADIES ONLY COMPETITIONS

MARCH		
T	17	OPEN MIXED SINGLES [LG]
S	26	EASTER 4 BALL
Su	27	ULSTER BANK CUP SINGLES
M	28	GERRY CARSON MEM OPEN
T	31	GERRY CARSON MEM FOR LADIES
APRIL		
S	2	THE HUT OPEN
Su	3	THE CAPTAINS SINGLES
		THE CAPTAINS DRIVE IN 12.30pm
T	7	CLUB COMPETITION [S'FORD]
S	9	THE MASTERS OPEN TEAM
Su	10	THE MASTERS OPEN 4 BALL
W	13	FINAL WINTER WED SWEEP
T	14	CLUB COMPETITION [S'FORD]
S	16	FRED DALY SINGLES
Su	17	MARTIN VANCE [GOY 1 STROKE]
W	20	MICK O'REILLY TROPHY 2016
T	21	G'SOMES COMPETITION [S'FORD]
S	23	4 MAN SCRAMBLE
Su	24	GENTS OPEN FOURSOMES
W	27	SUMMER SWEEP WEEK 1
T	28	DOWNE TROPHY [STROKE]
S	30	SPRING MEDAL [GOY 2 STROKE]

## LADIES and GENTS FIXTURE LIST FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2016

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**Anne Roden & Anne Teggart**  
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We also have a number of sponsors who wish to remain anonymous



# INTERCLUB MATCHES 2016

Date	Day	Competition	Venue	Team Captain's
By 18 April		Ulster Cup	Hollywood	Ryan Teggart & Gary O'Connor
By 18 April		All Ireland 4 Ball	Hilton, Templepatrick	Tom Higgins & Gerard Savage
1 May	Sun	Jimmy Bruen Shield	Warrenpoint @ 11.00	Raymond McCormick
8 May	Sun	Pierce Purcell	St Patrick's @ 8.30	Colm Brennan & Martin McDonnell
15 May	Sun	Irish Mixed Foursomes	Ormeau @ 12.30	Daniel Teggart
22 May	Sun	Senior Cup	Concra Wood @ 11.10	Robbie Hutton
29 May	Sun	Junior Cup	Portadown @ 10.10	Mark Carson
By 5 June		Junior Cowdy	v Rossmore	Brendan McCartan & Brian Feeney
By 5 June		Rossmore Cup	V Mourne	Colm Brennan & Martin McDonnell
12 June	Sun	Barton Shield v Warrenpoint	Tandragee @ 10.00	Robbie Hutton
By 19 June		Ronan Rafferty	V Cloverhill	Conor Deegan
By 26 June		Senior Cowdy	v Tandragee	Mark Blythe & Stephen Quigley
By 26 June		Sam Rutherford	V Down Royal	Lawrence Craig
11 Jul	Mon	Irish Junior Cup Foursomes	Lisburn @ 12.20	Conor Deegan
21 Aug	Sun	Jack Craig Memorial Mixed	Kilkeel	Daniel Teggart
9 Sept	Fri	Cowdy Captain's	Loughgall	N/A
13 Sept	Tue	Cowdy Seniors	Rossmore	Jimmy Fitzsimons

## *Early Bird Menu – Wednesday – Friday*

### *Starters*

**Soup of the Day**

**Potato Skin** *with Cajun Chicken and Bacon*

**Chicken Liver Pate** *and Cumberland Sauce*

**Tomato and Basil Crustini** *with Curried Lentils*

**Breaded Mushrooms** *and Garlic Mayonnaise*

### *Mains*

**Chicken Breast Curry** *with ½ rice ½ chips*

**Lasagne** *with Salad and Chips*

**Cottage Pie** *with Chips and Seasonal Vegetables*

**Steakburger** *with Salad and Chips*  
*(add bacon for 50p)*

**Chicken Fillet Burger** *with Salad and Chips*  
*(add bacon for 50p)*

**Beef and Vegetable Casserole** *with chips or champ*

**Pan Fried Pork Chops and Cabbage,** *with Gravy or Peppered Sauce*

**Pan Fried Chicken** *with Gravy or Peppered Sauce*

**Liver and Bacon** *served with Onion Gravy and Chips or Mashed Potato*

**Hot Roast Beef Baguette** *with Chips or Champ*

**Breaded Cod Goujons** *with Chips and Salad*

2 Courses for £10\*

\*Members Discount not applicable

\*\* Add desert for £2.50 with £10 Meal Deal

Please ask your server for any special dietary requirements

