

SAINT PATRICK'S WORD

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Mixed and Pierce Purcell Teams Qualify for Matchplay stages.



Pierce Purcell

Well done to all the lads who qualified today in the Pierce Purcell. St Patrick's led the four qualifiers by 12 shots. They now face Spa at Rockmount GC. Team captains' are Colm Brennan & Marty McDonnell who deserve a wee mention

From the Club Captain, Gerry Killen.

I can't believe how quickly the first 2 months of my tenure has passed. May has been a hectic month with all the club matches to attend. I have attended 10 matches to date, 6 of which were held in various locations last weekend. Unfortunately the teams have had limited success to date and once again it looks like the young guns are leading the way with two wins on their way, I hope, to retaining the Norman Drew.

I have been extremely impressed with the professionalism shown by all the teams and irrespective of the results to date they all did the club proud. I would like to thank the team captains and all those who represented the various teams. I'm looking forward to attending the outstanding matches which have still to be played and hopefully some successful results.

Members will have noticed the significant improvements which have been made to the course recently and I would like on behalf of you all to pay tribute to Phil Posnett, Greens Convenor and to Emmett and his team for their hard work over the past number of weeks to bring the course to the excellent standard which we all are now enjoying. I would also like to thank all those members who volunteered to assist Emmett and his team in hollow-tining the greens. I hope more members will help the greens staff throughout the summer to keep the course at a high standard. I have received many compliments about the course from visiting teams in recent weeks.

I would like to welcome Ronnie Gelston who has recently taken on the Catering Franchise and would wish him and his team every success. The quality of the food to date has been excellent and I would encourage all members to support Ronnie as much as they can.

Finally I want to wish the club President a very successful day on her Presidents Day on 4th June and look forward to sharing the day with her.



Dr Dennis McBrinn GIVES MOTIVATIONAL TALK TO LADIES SECTION.



WORK COMPLETED ON NEW PAST CAPTAIN'S & PAST PRESIDENT'S IMAGES



Some of the older images have since come to light, they are being processed as we speak and will be added to the line up.

DRESS CODE on and OFF The COURSE



At a recent visit to another club this poster re dress code was spotted. It is fairly standard and the council would commend this to you and ask for your co-operation in adhering to the same.

From the PRESIDENT

As your new President and the first lady member to hold this office I am delighted to have this opportunity to contribute to “St.Patricks’ Word”.

A little piece of history has been made and our Council are to be commended on taking this very progressive step. We are now the only club in Ulster this year to appoint a lady member as their Club President.

As a long standing club member I have had the privilege of holding the office of ladies Hon.Secretary, Hon.Handicap Secretary, Juvenile convenor and also had the pleasure of working with the gents on many Bar/House and Entertainment committees.

It was an honour to represent the club serving two three year terms on the Northern District of the Irish Ladies Golf Union where I was involved with the organising and running of tournaments and competitions at club and representative level. I also served on the Junior Girls Golf committee which subsequently led me in to the work of Child Protection. Involvement with these experienced golfers and administrators gave me an invaluable insight into the workings of the governing body of this great sport - GOLF.

I am extremely proud to be President of St.Patricks and I would wish you all good health, successful golfing and hopefully good weather for the rest of the year - we have a great golf course which is at present in magnificent condition, a council which is working hard at maintaining all the behind the scenes aspects ably assisted by many very hard working VOLUNTEER members and with ‘Healthy Eating ‘ under the guidance of Ronnie Gelston on board we can all both on the golf course and in the clubhouse move positively forward with your continuing support

I would like to wish you all good health ,successful golfing and hopefully good weather for the rest of the season.

Yours in Golf

Geraldine



BAR and HOUSE REPORT

Gerry Reilly (Convenor)

NEW CATERER STARTS

The main piece of news is that we now have catering, we need to encourage the members to support “Healthy Choice Catering” the new franchisee.

Menus and Opening times will be displayed in the clubhouse and on the club website, Tony Roden is doing up a entertainment poster which is shown on next page in the magazine .

The first big club event of the year is Presidents Day there will be a presentation followed by Live Music. The Caterer will have a special Presidents Day menu available for the members.

Cheers
Gerry R



St Patrick's Golf Club

Upcoming Events

(including entertainment)

Friday June 3rd	Paul Mageean Open (late licence)
Saturday June 4th	Presidents Day (late licence) Music by Kevin O'Hare
Tuesday June 28th	Captains Guests (Music details later)
Saturday July 2nd	Captains Day (late licence) Music by The Whole Hog
Friday July 8th	Peter King Memorial
Saturday August 6th	Lady Captains Day (late licence) Music by Purple Patch
Friday August 12th	Olivia Cullen (late licence) Charity Day Music by The Chancers
September	Concert – Date to be advised
October	Fashion Show – Date to be advised
Friday December 16th	Christmas Dinner (late licence)
December 18th	Santa Sunday

Any further details of events will be added/adjusted accordingly

The LADIES SECTION

Lady Captain:-
Mrs Assunta Morgan

Lady Vice Captain:-
Mrs Anne Roden

Handicap Secretary:-
Mrs Yvonne Posnett

Lady Secretary:-
Mrs Carmel Hanvey



Ladies recent results;

PGA Qualifier- Moya Cannon- 40pts. Moya goes on to represent St Patrick's at Spa GC in September
Gaerdencare Open-All 1-2-3-places went to St Patrick ladies; Lesley McKenna, Anne Teggart Vera Kelly with Yvonne Posnett taking the front 9 and Orla o Neill winning 2 nearest pins.
Yvonne Posnett did the club proud at Headfort GC recently coming 26th out of 140 in the All Ireland Silver Medal competition.
Angela Kenmore and Pearl Gick won the Ladies Greensomes
Unfortunately our Challenge Cup team were beaten at Belvoir Park GC after a great display as were the mixed GUI team at Ormeau against Rockmount. Next Ladies Open is Lady Captain's Charity Day on Thursday 23rd June for Neo Natal Unit Jubilee. Pink Day Raised over £300 to date for Action Cancer_thanks to sponsor Alaister Killen

Carmel Hanvey (Hon Sec)

A Difficult Challenge!

The Challenge Cup Team took on Kilkeel Golf club in the first round of the competition and secured a win taking them through to the second round where they came up against Belvoir Park Golf Club. Despite a valiant attempt on both the home and away matches Belvoir came out on top. Congratulations to the ladies for representing their club and the commitment they have shown.



L-R Anne Tumelty, Phyllis Cranston, Alison Rooney and joint team Captains Moya Cannon and Jackie Elliott

LADIES PINK DAY

THIS COMPETITION WAS KINDLY SPONSORED BY ALISTAIR KILLEN AND THE LADIES REALLY ENJOYED PLAYING FOR THE LOVELY PRIZES.

WINNERS ANGELA KENMORE AND PEARL GICK 37 PTS
RUNNERS UP TWYLA GIBSON AND PATRICIA MC CORMICK 37 PTS
THIRD MOYA CANNON AND SINEAD MC CANN 35PTS

LADY CAPTAIN HAD ALSO ORGANISED A RAFFLE WITH ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE DAY GOING TO ACTION CANCER.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GARDENCARE OPEN ON SATURDAY. FINGERS CROSSED FOR GOOD WEATHER AS WE HAVE A FULL SHEET OF COMPETITORS.

GOOD LUCK TO THE CHALLENGE CUP TEAM AWAY TO BELVOIR PARK ON SUNDAY AT 2PM. THEY ARE IN WITH A GOOD CHANCE OF QUALIFYING AFTER A GOOD HOME RESULT.

GOOD LUCK ALSO TO THE GUI MIXED TEAM IN THE MATCHPLAY AGAINST ROCKMOUNT AT ORMEAU ON FRIDAY 27TH. ALL SUPPORT WELCOME

YVONNE POSNETT REPRESENTS ST PATRICKS AT HEADFORD GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY NEXT IN THE ALL IRELAND SILVER MEDAL COMPETITION. GOOD LUCK TO HER, SHE IS PLAYING REALLY WELL AT THE MINUTE.

OUR LADY PRESIDENT WAS ALSO AMONG THE PRIZEWINNERS AT BALMORAL SHOW FOR HER CHUTNEY AND GINGER BISCUITS. LOOKING FORWARD TO SAMPLING BOTH !!!!!

THANKS TO DARREN AND STAFF FOR LOOKING AFTER US WHILE WAITING FOR OUR NEW CATERER-WE HOPE THIS WILL BE A BIG SUCCESS FOR THE CLUB.

TIME SHEET OPEN NEXT WEEK FOR LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY {NEO NATAL ROYAL JUBILEE] ON 23RD JUNE. SPONSORSHIP FOR TEE BOXES [£30] WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. PLEASE CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER RE-THIS.

NEXT WEEKS COMPETITION IS THE PGA QUALIFIER. HOPE FOR A BIG ENTRY.

HAPPY GOLFING
EILEEN AND CARMEL

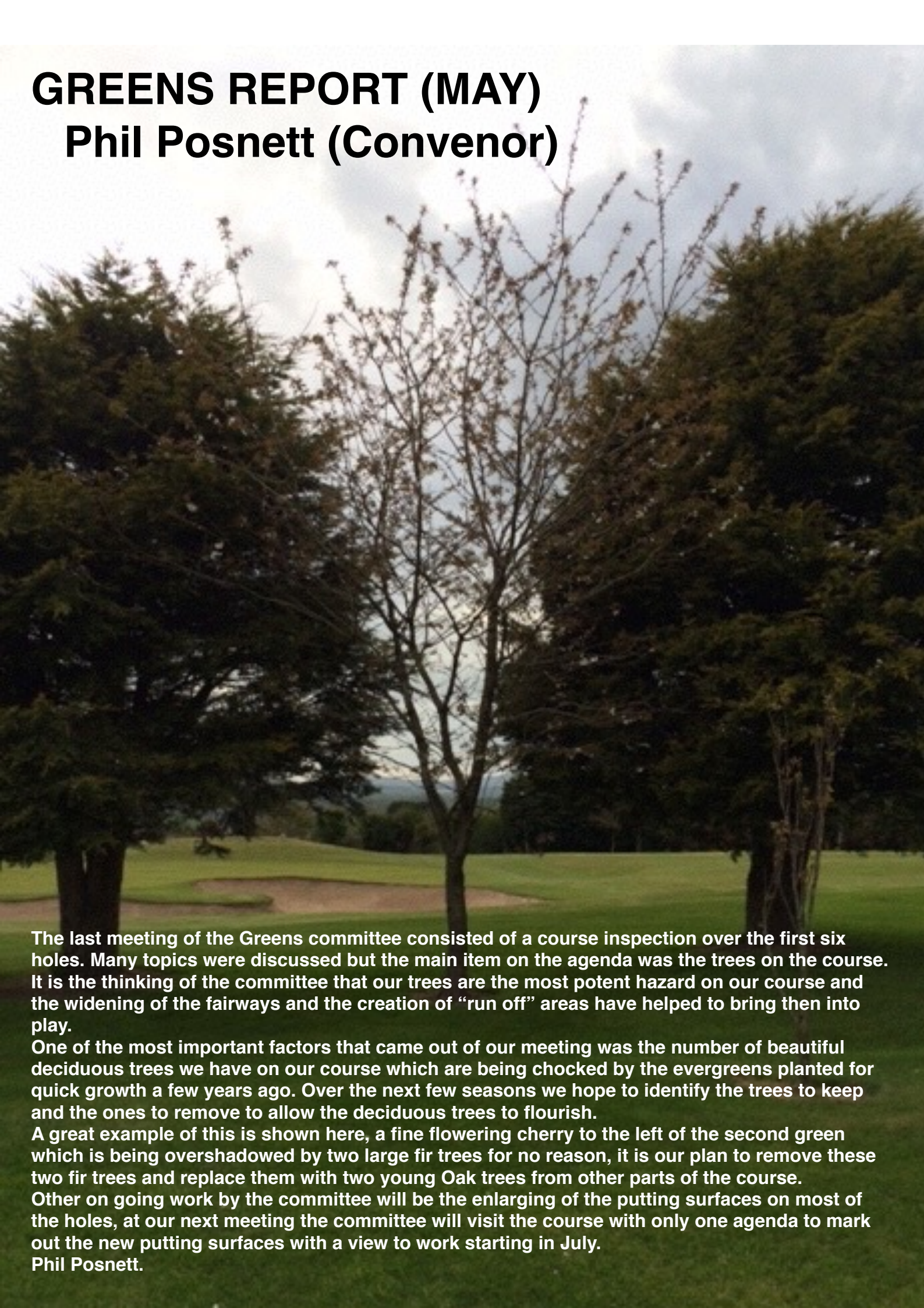


**At the Gardencare, Farm
and Garden Supplies Open.
The Lawnmower was the prize for the Hole in One.
Lady Captain had no lift home so she was offered
this !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



GREENS REPORT (MAY)

Phil Posnett (Convenor)

A photograph of a golf course. In the foreground, there are several trees, including a prominent flowering cherry tree in the center. The background shows a green and a sand trap under a cloudy sky.

The last meeting of the Greens committee consisted of a course inspection over the first six holes. Many topics were discussed but the main item on the agenda was the trees on the course. It is the thinking of the committee that our trees are the most potent hazard on our course and the widening of the fairways and the creation of “run off” areas have helped to bring them into play.

One of the most important factors that came out of our meeting was the number of beautiful deciduous trees we have on our course which are being choked by the evergreens planted for quick growth a few years ago. Over the next few seasons we hope to identify the trees to keep and the ones to remove to allow the deciduous trees to flourish.

A great example of this is shown here, a fine flowering cherry to the left of the second green which is being overshadowed by two large fir trees for no reason, it is our plan to remove these two fir trees and replace them with two young Oak trees from other parts of the course.

Other on going work by the committee will be the enlarging of the putting surfaces on most of the holes, at our next meeting the committee will visit the course with only one agenda to mark out the new putting surfaces with a view to work starting in July.

Phil Posnett.

JUNE		
T	2	PRESIDENT'S LADIES PRIZE [S'FORD]
F	3	PAUL MAGEEAN MEM OPEN
S	4	PRESIDENT'S DAY [P]
Su	5	OPEN 4 PERSON TEAM [LG]
T	9	LOCKE CUP STROKE (INGLENOOK CUP)
S	11	M.B McGRADY OPEN
Su	12	FORD IN GOLF TROPHY
T	16	DAISY FERGUSON F'SOMES [S'FORD]
S	18	DANNY MORGAN MEM TROPHY
Su	19	BoTL OPEN SINGLES
Tu	21	CAPTAIN'S TEE TIME BALLOT
T	23	LADY CAPTAIN'S CHARITY OPEN
S	25	DOWN WINDOWS SYSTEMS OPEN
Su	26	SUMMER MEDAL [GOY 4 STROKE]
Tu	28	THE CAPTAIN'S GUEST DAY [CC @ 1.30pm] [SG 2.00pm]
T	30	CAPTAIN'S PRIZE FOR LADIES
JULY		
F	1	[CC] CAPTAIN'S MIXED [SG 5.45pm]
S	2	CAPTAIN'S DAY [P]
Su	3	PGA QUALIFYER
T	7	NELLY GARRETT F'SOMES Q
S	9	PAT MORGAN MEM OPEN
Su	10	EURO 4 BALL
MINI OPEN WEEK 12 - 17 JULY		
Tu	12	OPEN SINGLES (FROM 1PM) [LG]
W	13	BoTL GENTS SINGLES
T	14	HEANEY LADIES OPEN SINGLES
F	15	4 PERSON TEAM EVENT [LG]
S	16	RJ & SE SCULLION OPEN SINGLES
Su	17	GENTS OPEN SINGLES [to 12.30pm] CWS OPEN MIXED G'SOMES PM [LG]
T	21	ROISIN McCANN MEM [STROKE]
S	23	JACK HUTTON TROPHY
Su	24	4 MAN SCRAMBLE
T	28	CLUB COMPETITION [S'FORD]
S	30	LOCKE CUP [GOY 5 STROKE]
Su	31	CLUB SINGLES

LADIES and GENTS FIXTURE LIST FOR JUNE & JULY 2016

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**We also have a number of sponsors who
wish to remain anonymous**

SENIOR CUP QUALIFYING at CONCRA WOOD GC

The Senior Cup team played at Concra Wood today & narrowly missed out on qualifying by 3 shots. The top 4 teams qualified for the matchplay stages with St Patrick's finishing 6th out of 18 teams.

I must thank the guys, as their team Captain, for their time & effort, it was a great display in very testing conditions.

Conor Deegan, Barry Fitzsimons, Paul Fitzsimons, Jack McKenna & Sean McMahon represented the club superbly well.

The next top level senior event is the Barton Shield next month at Tandragee GC where we take on Warrenpoint GC in the first round.

Any support for the clubs best players would be very much appreciated.

Robbie Hutton (Team Captain)



COMPETITION RESULTS MAY 2016

Wed. Summer Sweep 27/4/16

1. Alex Macrea 37
2. Gerard McStay 37
3. Ian Hilsdon 36
4. James Magee 36
5. Aaron Ferris 35 (Back 6)

Murphy Jewellers Saturday 29/4/16

1. Barry Toner 45
2. Anthony savage 44
3. Gerard Digney 39
- G. Paul Fitzsimons 72

Spring Medal Sunday 30/4/16

1. Johnny P Holland 61
2. Niall Powderly 62
3. Gerry Eaton 63
- G. Conor Deegan 65

Cat 1 Stephen Quigley 66

Cat 2 Kevin O'Hare 65

Cat 3 Matteo Crispi 65

Cat 4 Gerard Hanna 66

Ladies & Gents Open Day Monday 2/5/16

Gents Result

1. David Watson (Crossgar) 39 (20/19)
2. Andrew Redmond 39
3. Conor Mason 37 (20/17)
- G. Paul Fitzsimons 74

Cat 1 Phil Posnett 32

Cat 2 Niall Powderly 35

Cat 3 Mark Fitzsimons 37

Cat 4 Gerard Killen (Captain) 36

Ladies Result

1. Anne Tumelty 44
2. Lesley McKenna 36

Wed. Summer Sweep 4/5/16

1. Philip Gelston 37
2. Gerard McStay 35
3. Michael Stevenson 35
4. Jack Ferris 35
5. L Watson 33 (17/16)
6. Gerard Magee 33 (17/16)

Northern Finance Open Saturday 7/5/16

1. Conan George 39
2. Matteo Crispi 37
3. Raymond Gormley 36
- G. Conor Deegan 65

Cat 1 - Paul Fitzsimons 35

Cat 2 - Liam Higgins 36

Cat 3 - Brian Feeney 35

Cat 4 - Gerard Magee 36

Magee Fourball Week-end Qualifying (Leading scores)

Saturday 14/5/16

1. Oliver Laird & Malachy Laird 57
2. Damian Brannigan & Gerard McStay 58

Sunday 15/5/16

1. Philip Traynor & Stephen Shields 60 (33/27)
2. Michael Donovan & Gabriel Carlin 60

The qualifiers on Saturday are as follows

Laird/Laird 57 - Brannigan/McStay 58 - Deegan/Magee 60 - Teggart/Teggart 60 - McStay/Kelly 60 - Lynch/Mount 60 - Miley/Kearney 61 - Trainor/Magee 61 - Hilsdon/Reynolds 61 - Mullen/Sharvin 61 - Tumelty/O'Neill 61 - Ferris/Ferris 61 - O'Hare/Scullion 62 - Mason/McKinney 62 - Killen/Smith 62 - McClenaghan/Cassidy 62 - Carson/Carson 62 - Magee/Magee 62 - Reilly/Brannigan 62 - Prior/Magee 63 - Rice/deegan 63 - Savage/McCausland 63 - Galbraith/Galbraith 63 - Posnett/Gibson 63

Wed Sweep 4BBB 18/5/16

1. David Gibson & Lawrence Craig 46 (23/23)
2. Bobby Douglas & Paul Douglas 46 (23/23)
3. Sean McMahon & Martin Logue 46 (25/21)

Singles

1. Tom Connor 42
2. John Press 40

Sunday Result - 22/5/16

1. Conor Tumelty 63 (35/28)
2. David Ross 63
3. Liam F Higgins 65 (34/31)
- G. David Gibson 71

- Cat 1 Stephen McAneney 66
Cat 2. Conor McMenemin 65
Cat 3. Gerard McStay 67 (36/31)
Cat 4 John Passmore 70

Lions Open Result Saturday 28/5/16

1. The Captain 40
2. Stefan Mason 40
3. Paddy Lannon 40
4. Anthony Doherty 39
- G. Paul Fitzsimons 69

Sunday Results 29/5/16

1. Darren McKelvey 44
2. Ciaran McCann 39
3. Ethan Press 39
- G. Dale Baker 70

- Cat 1 Sean McMahon 38
Cat 2 Mark McGrath 38

INTERCLUB MATCHES 2016

Date	Day	Competition	Venue	Team Captain's
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