

## **DONEGAL COUNTY GOLF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023.**

The Annual Meeting held at Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 at 8pm.

PJ McGowan took the Chair (in the absence of Chairman Brian O'Reilly) and made an introductory address and thanked those present for making the journey. He relayed Brian O'Reilly's apology for not attending as he was out of the country.

### **ATTENDEES:**

All clubs were represented except Buncrana – there had been a change to their email and they did not receive the notice.

### **MINUTES 2022:**

Minutes of 2022 AGM as published on Website were agreed for adoption.

### **DONEGAL COUNTY GOLF COMMITTEE WEBSITE.**

The website address is [www.dcgc.online](http://www.dcgc.online) and contains as follows:

- Matchplay Draws,
- Teams Captains,
- Roll of Honour,
- Financial Statement for 2022
- Fixture Calendar (not populated for 2022 yet) - **Not being attended to.**

## **MATCH PLAY CONVENOR'S REPORTS.**

- **Senior Scratch Matchplay** (Tony Carr)  
Winners: Gweedore.
- **Junior Scratch Matchplay** (Frank Casey)  
Winners: Letterkenny.
- **Paddy Carr Donegal League** (Donal McBride)
  - Winners: Strabane
- **Senior Scratch Matchplay** (Peter Dobson)  
Winners: Cloghaneely
- **Minor League** (Donie McIntyre)  
Winners: Bundoran.
- **Youth Matchplay** (Ed Harvey)  
Winners: Portsalon

Tony Carr extended his Thanks on behalf of the Committee to Ballyliffin for kindly hosting the Senior & Junior finals as well as the Youth Matchplay. Many thanks to each of the Convenors for helping to run these events which were all once again finished on time.

Ed Harvey encouraged all the clubs to look at ways to encourage Youth Golf – he was heartened by more entries including Ballyliffin, Greencastle, Letterkenny, Portsalon, Dunfananghy & Ballybofey who he said were running a very commendable youth policies / programmes. Ed said the Plate competition had been a great success.

Ed will make draw later in year – and give other clubs a chance to enter.

## **SENIORS ALLIANCE – REPORT & FIXTURE LIST.**

PJ McGowan outlined the Fixture list now set for 2023 – Available on Website.

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**PROPOSALS:**

1. Introduce a new rule for the Donegal Interclub Fourball Matchplay to provide for the Participation of a wider range of handicaps as follows:

Each club may enter one team consisting of Ten ( 10 ) male members and play will be by better ball match play under handicap. The lowest player reverts to scratch and concedes strokes to the other three players based on Nine Tenths (90%) of the difference between the course handicaps on the day of the fixture.

- The maximum handicap for pair 1 will be a Handicap Index of 7.0,
- The maximum handicap for Pair 2 will be a handicap Index of 10.0
- The maximum Handicap index for Pair 3 will 13.0
- The maximum Handicap for Pair 4 & Pair 5 will be a handicap Index of 17.4 Players with a higher handicap Index can play in these pairings but the handicap will revert to the maximum allowable for the purposes of calculating the shots to be conceded by the lowest handicap in each match.

**AFTER DISCUSSION (SOME FOR SOME AGAINST) IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO AMEND THE RULE. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED TO MONITOR THE HANDICAPS OF THE PARTICIPATING PLAYERS IN THE 2023 EVENT WITH A VIEW TO RECONSIDERATION AT THE 2024 MEETING.**

**FIXTURES:**

Some clubs handed in a list of fixtures to allow for a collated calendar.

**AOB:**

It was pointed out that it had been a tradition of the meeting to welcome the delegates with a cup of Tea / Coffee and a sandwich or biscuit and that in view of the reasonably healthy state of the committee's finances it was disappointing that no such hospitality was offered at the 2023 meeting.

Tony Carr Acknowledged this oversight (the barman had forgotten) and advised that it was unintentional, and that the tradition would be observed next year and thereafter.

Meeting ended at 9:30, PJ wished everyone a safe journey home.