



# ROYAL TARA NEWS ISSUE 2- 2011

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## Captain's Message



It is a great honour and privilege for me to be elected as your Club Captain for the year 2011.

As your Captain, I would formally welcome you all to this, the official start of our golfing year and take this opportunity to welcome you to our new and user friendly website. Royal Tara has continually progressed in maintaining modern standards and technology, to best serve our members, visitors and friends. Our new website is our best way of communicating with all our members and updating all aspects and activities of our club. I would request members to use, contribute and support our efforts.

We are all aware of the most difficult economic circumstances in our country's history, and how it affects our club. In the light of these conditions we recognise how valuable and generous our sponsors have been over the years. We welcome the generous contributions of new sponsors. I would request our members to support the businesses of our sponsors whenever possible.

We have a busy schedule for the year ahead, both golfing and social. We started off on the right track getting a fantastic day for our drive in. Thank you all for your support and good wishes.

We acknowledge the voluntary effort and commitment given by so many members, in serving as officers, on committees, sub committee's, team managers, players and all other volunteers.

Our club more than ever needs the support and involvement of all our members, all can be involved one way or the other in maintaining our course, replacing divots, repairing pitch marks, using our very excellent Restaurant and bar, and supporting our social occasions whenever possible.

We wish all our members, visitors and friends an enjoyable and successful year's golf.

Some advice, "The most important shot in golf is the next one."

Padraig

## Lady Captain's Message



What a fabulous start to our year as captains! The Drive-in was an amazing day, the warmth of the welcome felt by both Padraig and I was uplifting and I would like to say thank you for giving me a memory that I will always treasure.

Tara is a strong vibrant club. In today's environment of marginalised golf clubs, we can rest assured our club is in good hands. Our Board and committee members give unstintingly of their time on a voluntary basis for all our benefit and have a long history of commitment, dedication and hard work.

From time to time, we need to remind ourselves what a haven our club is, we are blessed with wonderful facilities, a great clubhouse, an exceptional course, upbeat, positive and friendly members, a great social scene and a warm community spirit. All-in-all Royal Tara has a lot to offer, so let's support our club.

Our life blood is our youth. We need to nurture them so that the future of our Club is secure. I encourage you to get your sons and daughters involved.

When I joined Royal Tara, I never expected to hold the privileged office of Lady Captain. Over the years, I have had a wealth of wonderful experiences in our Club and I welcome the opportunity to serve the members of Royal Tara during my tenure. Thankfully I have the support of a wonderful Lady's Committee. I am very lucky to have Sandra as my Lady Vice Captain. Lady President Margot is a wonderful ambassador for our club and I wish her every success for the remainder of her term. I look forward to working with Captain Padraig through 2011.

I wish you all the very best of good health. Enjoy your golf for the coming season.

Deirdre



### THE CAPTAINS' DRIVE-IN



Lady Captain Deirdre, smooth swing !



Captains, Vice Captains and Junior Captains



Captain Padraig , aggressive swing !

Captain Padraig and Lady Captain Deirdre got the golfing season off to a wonderful start with their drive in on 10<sup>th</sup> April. They arrived in style in a very fine chauffer driven Regent vintage car and were welcomed by a large crowd of golfers and well wishers. Musical entertainment was provided by Manilla Strings. Vincent and the bar staff served hot toddies and bucks fizz. Sam and Mary served the finger food. The mood was set, the sun was shining brilliantly and the Captains received a welcome I'm sure they will never forget. The Committee Ladies basked in the sun at the back of the clubhouse, as they took the entries for the 13 and 14 hole competitions. Both competitions were fully booked and this was a tribute to the popularity of the captains.

Both Captains' drove the ball off the first tee, watched and cheered on by a huge crowd... and what great drives they hit.

The shotgun sounded at 2 o'clock and the competitions began.

After the golf the clubhouse was 'buzzing'. The mens' committee produced the competition results and when everyone had 'wined' and 'dined' ,the Captains' addressed the golfers and presented the prizes. A great day was had by all.



Paula, Vera and Angela—Checked-in?



Driving in Style.



Past President and Junior GirlsCaptain.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions for 2012 may be paid over a twelve month period starting in July 2011. Details are available in the main office from Declan and Riona. Check the notice boards in the locker rooms for details. All members who sign up to pay their sub by monthly instalments from July will be entered in a draw for a Taylor Made Driver. The Taylor Made Driver is displayed in the bar with details



## President's Message



I would like to thank the members for electing me their President for 2011 and 2012. It is a great honour and privilege for me and I hope I can maintain the high standards set by previous Presidents.

My congratulations and best wishes to our captains Padraig and Deirdre for a successful and happy year in office. My best wishes also to our Lady President Margo who is in her second year and to our Vice Captains Sandra and Francis.

Our course is in superb condition once again and long may it remain like this. Remember we are hosting the GUI National Cups and Shields Finals in 2013, which is a great compliment to our course. Well done to all involved in getting it back to this condition after the problems we experienced with winter frost and snow. It took a great amount of work and especially the patients and understanding of members over the early months of the year. Now is the time to consider inviting some friends along for a game when we can once again be proud of our course and show that normal course conditions and renowned hospitality in Royal Tara is alive and well.

I wish all members enjoyable and healthy golfing for 2011 and 2012 so get out there and play even if it is only for the exercise, to stay fit and hopefully enjoy some good weather,

**Tom O'Connell President.**



Above: President's prize winner to Ladies, Joan Neylon with President Tom.  
Right: Captain's prize to Ladies, winner Monica Brady with Lady Captain Deirdre and Captain Padraig.



### JUNIOR GOLF:

Registration and an information evening on Junior golf for parents was held in the clubhouse in April. The Junior boys Captain is Cormac O'Leary and the Junior Girls Captain is Caroline Maloney. Junior golf activity has already started with 4 competitions played over Easter. On Saturday afternoons a nine hole competition is held for the Juniors.

Local schools are being visited to recruit junior golfers. Registration will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> July for new juvenile golfers. In July juvenile golf lessons will take place on Wednesdays at 9am for boys, 10a.m. for junior boys, 11a.m. for girls and 12midday for p-wees.



## GLITZ AND GLAMOUR ON THE CATWALK IN ROYAL TARA

On Thursday evening March 24<sup>th</sup> 2011, Royal Tara Golf Club, was transformed. Led by our Lady Captain Deirdre, the social Committee and the Ladies Club created a dazzling array of colour, fashion, soft lights and music and that was before the MODELS arrived on the Cat Walk! YES! The second spectacular FASHION SHOW was a huge success, attended by 200 guests, who were welcomed to the ambience of a **Fashion House** with a glass of wine, kindly sponsored by Gibneys.



Local boutiques from Navan, Trim, Drogheda and Slane, and of course our very own Professional Golf Shop, dressed our beautiful committed Royal Tara male & female models, in their Spring/Summer collection to the delight of the audience. Local fashion Designer Lynn Mar closed the show with her special Capsule collection.

The proceeds of the raffle, and thanks to all who sponsored the prizes, came to €1,075, which was donated to our local Navan branch of St.Vincent de Paul.

The success of the show was due to the dedicated hard work (too numerous to individually mention) of the above mentioned committees and members, and also the many men who helped out, at the drop of a hat! And, of course the Royal Tara professional model squad!

To Vincent and his hard working beavers behind the bar, who kept the thirst of the audience quenched for the night!

AND, last but not least the M.C. extraordinaire Catherine Treacy, not only was she at the helm to offer and give advice but with her easy descriptive commentary, kept the Models at ease and the audience entertained.

Many thanks to you all.

Yours in fashion!

Marie Nolan Steen

Social Sec..



*"You described this course as having a 'small drainage problem.' Don't you think you were understating the problem a bit?"*



*"Seeing I had already hit you once, was I correct in yelling EIGHT?"*