

## Message from the Captains 2010

### Captain Paul Brady



I would first of all like to thank all the members for the great honour they have bestowed upon me in electing me Men's Captain for 2010. Royal Tara Golf Club has played a very special part in my life and that of my family for a long number of years. Monica and I have made great friends and have spent many a pleasant evening in the company of fellow members enjoying the facilities provided within our fine Clubhouse. The foresight and ingenuity of the past Captains and Councils and laterally Boards

of Management have created a fantastic Golf Club and course of which I am privileged to be Captain this year.

When I first joined Royal Tara in 1974 as a student member, having moved back from Loughrea, and subsequently joined as a full member in 1977, little did I know that one day I would follow in the footsteps of my father, Paddy as Captain of this great Club. For the past 36 years I have been privileged to enjoy the facilities and golf course that is Royal Tara and of which I am extremely proud. I will do my best this year to follow in the footsteps of all the great Past Captains of the Club who have set the standards for us to follow.

There are a number of extremely tough issues that we face this coming year. The economic downturn has brought great challenges to bear, not alone on our Club, but on Irish society as a whole. However, we are confident in our Board of Management delivering the best possible results for us all and thus ensuring a

positive future for the Club. For the first time in my tenure in Royal Tara, our membership is not full and we are anxious to attract new members. The support and positive input of all the members are needed now more than ever. The Board of Management and both the men's committee and the ladies committee are working diligently and successfully on behalf of you the members to ensure that Royal Tara maintains its prominent position among the great Golf Clubs of this country.

I would like to thank, on behalf of all members, the various Officers and Committees who give of their time voluntarily and generously to ensure that all is well with the Club. Their immense work does not go unnoticed. When I joined Royal Tara I had no idea of the amount of countless hours that are surrendered by these people for the benefit of the Club to ensure that it is an enjoyable experience both on and off the course for all members and visitors.

I would like to wish the Lady Captain Maureen my very best wishes for the year and I am delighted to serve alongside her this year.

To our President Larry and Lady President Margot. I also wish to say thank you for your support. I would also like to give my congratulations and best wishes to Deirdre and Pdraig our new Vice Captains.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all members good health and prosperity in 2010 and the following years and the ability to enjoy their membership, golf and social relations. I also wish all teams representing the Club during the year the very best of luck in their endeavours on behalf of the Club.

### Lady Captain Maureen Scannell



My sincere thanks to those who have elected me to represent Royal Tara Golf Club as Lady Captain for 2010.

I consider it an honour and a privilege to serve the Club.

Together with Captain Paul and Presidents Larry and Margot and all our Committees. I will work hard to champion the club and maintain the reputation which it has carefully built up over more than a century.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and to wish them many years of good golf and commraderie.

Royal Tara is, after all, a wonderful and excellent golf club, which is built around a community of people who enjoy each other's company as well as the game of golf.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Vice Captains Pdraig and Deirdre and our Lady President Margot. I look forward to working with them during the year. I wish them and all of our members a year of happiness, good health and, of course, great golf!

## Lady President Margot Martin



It is an honour and a privilege to have been elected to the office of Lady President of Royal Tara Golf Club for the years 2010 - 2011. I would like to thank the ladies for the confidence they have entrusted in me and will endeavour to serve as your Lady President to the best of my ability.

Since I joined Royal Tara in 1965 it has been wonderful to see the

Club progress from a 13 hole course to the great 27 hole complex, with a state of the art Clubhouse which we have to-day. We are blessed in having excellent facilities due to the commitment and foresight of past committees and I would urge each and every member to take full advantage of our great amenities. Sincere thanks to all the members and staff for the friendliness and warmth shown to me since my election. It is very much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our hard working Lady Captain Maureen, President Larry and Captain Paul, every success, and hope they have an enjoyable year.

## Captains' Drive-In



Captain Paul Brady and  
Lady Captain Maureen Scannell



Vice Captain Pdraig Hoey, Lady Vice Captain Deirdre Byrne,  
Captain Paul Brady, Lady Captain Maureen Scannell



Captain  
Paul Brady



Lady Captain  
Maureen Scannell



Lady President Margot Martin, President Larry Reynolds,  
Lady Captain Maureen Scannell

## .... and now for the Social News @ Royal Tara

Our first outing for 2010 was Valentine's night, where 134 members and friends 'dressed to impress' and danced to the music of the LTD band. The wonderful food was prepared by Sam and served by Mary and her ever efficient team. The bar staff as always ensured our thirst was quenched! Despite the economic downturn, we still managed to come out in style and party until the early hours!

In March and in time for Easter we held a Flower Gala. Again, a large number of members and friends were in attendance and were treated to an enjoyable and informative evening of flower arranging demonstrated by an enthusiastic Ann Kinsella. All the flower arrangements were raffled on the night and a cheque for the proceeds which amounted, to €1080.00 was presented by our Lady Captain Maureen to Ms. Mary O'Toole representing St. Vincent de Paul Navan, a very worthy cause.



## Course Report

### Noel Rowland, Course Secretary



It's that time of the year again, the course is in very good condition and we are looking forward to a new season of golf and hoping for a good summer.

As we all know we had a lot of problems with drainage, especially in the rough. Through the winter we have had some work completed by a contractor and it is hoped that over the next few years we

will continue with this programme and invest a sum of money each year until we solve the problem. On top of that our own course staff have tackled the smaller wet spots where specialised machinery is not required to complete the task. Our three new tee boxes are completed, again our own staff carried out most of the work. Except for the hire of a JCB to move the earth, costs were kept to a minimum.

Our agronomist, Mr Eddie Connaughton, has made a visit to the course and he is happy with the state of the playing surfaces and is very confident that we should have a good standard of greens this season.

Just a word on the temporary greens that were in use for the winter. It was intended to use these on frost affected days only, but, as it turned out, there were so many frosty days that they were in play for much of the winter. It is fair to say however, that we would have played very little golf without them, as some other clubs experienced. It also helped that our greens were rested through the winter, which limited the damage that winter can cause.

I would like to finish by thanking Jim McElroy and his staff for the hard work that they have put in through the winter and for the work they continue to do to keep our course up to a very high standard.

The first night of the '9 Hole Open Mixed' was held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April and was a great success. 74 people teed off. And all enjoyed the benefits of a busy "happy hour"! This '9 Hole Open Mixed' continues to be very popular with members and visitors alike.

**Keep an eye on the social section of the website for latest updates, to include:**

- BBQ Evening 30th of July
- Members ART DISPLAY evening will take place in the autumn so all you budding artists out there gather all your art work, dust it off and prepare to display!
- Wine tasting evening pre Christmas.

Thanks as always to the social committee for their hardwork.

## Josephine Maguire



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our dear friend Josie on the 6th September 2009.

Josie was a long standing member of our Club, having joined Bellinter Park, as it was then, in 1957. She soon became a member of the Ladies Committee and served in numerous positions, as an Officer, Lady Captain, in 1963 and Lady

President 1976 - 1978. Her proudest moment in the Club was her election as an Honorary Member in 1993. Over the years she participated in all activities in the Club. She was a great mixed foursomes player – who cannot but remember her lovely ballet routine when she was putting!

Josie was an intelligent, articulate lady, an active member of Meath Historical and Archaeological Society and a regular contributor, over the years, to National Newspapers. Of course, we all remember her humorous articles in our Newsletter. She was one of the leading lights in the Ladies Cabaret for many years, and who can forget her sketches and stories with her great companion – the High Nellie Bicycle! How we looked forward each year to her witty repartee. Josie was truly part of the social fabric of the Club, and she will be remembered with great affection.

Josie was predeceased by her husband Joe in 2002 and her daughter, Lorna, just a few short months before her death. To her son, Ronan, grand-daughter Riona and all her family members, we extend our deepest sympathy. May she rest in peace.

# Golfing Union of Ireland, Cups and Shields, National Finals 2013.

Royal Tara Golf Club has been selected by the Golfing Union of Ireland to host their National Finals, Cups and Shields, in September 2013. The finals that will be played are Senior Cup, Junior Cup, Barton Shield, Jimmy Bruen Shield and the Pierce Purcell Shield, names of trophies that have inspired amateur golfers for many years. We should be very proud that our course and facilities have attracted this very prestigious event.

The Board of Management and committees recognise that this is a very good opportunity to focus on improvements on our course and already various suggestions are being explored. We have all seen the great work carried out on the 9th Cluide and 9th Tara tee boxes, the drainage work in many of our wet areas, and the ongoing tidying of shrubs and trees. There is a lot more to be done. Consideration is being given to construction improvements to some of our bunkers that are prone to flood water erosion. There is an ongoing tree replacement programme and plantations are evident at various strategic locations around the course. Previous committees have given consideration to course enhancements from water features, relocating tee boxes and greens and possible additional bunkering.

A dedicated committee has been formed to consider the many and varied proposals already suggested and would welcome any and all written proposals that are practical and cost efficient. The members of the committee are Ray Reynolds (Chairman), Harold Lawlor, Francis Collier and Marie Foley. Proposals, addressed to the 2013 committee can be left into the office or behind the bar.

## All Ireland Final 2013

### Proposals

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| <b>Bunkers:</b>       | raise up bunkers which are prone to flooding.  |
| <b>Tees:</b>          | Extend 1st & 14th par 5 and put in one new bunker in each of them.   |
| <b>Greens:</b>        | It might be worth considering building one new green on the 12th behind the existing one, just to compare with existing ones.            |
| <b>Water Feature:</b> | Put water-feature between 9th & 18th green. It would make for a great finishing hole and you would have a great view from the Clubhouse. |
| <b>Drainage:</b>      | Continue with vertidrainning and sanding.  |



**Did you know  
you can be a member  
of Royal Tara Golf Club in 2011  
for less than €100  
per month.**

Contact Riona in the Office for more details  
(12 instalments beginning July 2010)

### *We would like to thank*

our New Member Mr. Francis McGee  
of **Franc Construction Ltd.**

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for generously cleaning our Carpark.

## CONDOLENCES

- Alan Brady on the death of his Mother.  
Rosie Fitzherbert on the death of her Mother.  
Denis Carolan on the death of his Father.  
Paschal Reilly on the death of his Mother.  
Frank Fahy on the death of his Mother.  
Declan Kelleher on the death of his Father.  
Phonsie McEntaggart on the death of his Brother.  
The Family of Male Member John Heery.  
The Family of Male Member Basil Lynch.  
The Family of Member Fr. Seamus Dunican.  
Robert Dore on the death of his Mother.  
Constance Devine on the death of her Husband  
Peter Crisham on the death of his Sister.  
Jack McGuinness on the death of his Son.  
Jackie Crinion on the death of her Brother.  
Gertie & Nuala Loughran on the death of their Sister.  
Mark Keenan on the death of his Sister.  
Myles Fitzgerald on the death of his Mother.  
Peter Geraghty on the death of his Father,  
Past Member Pat Geraghty.  
Peter McKeever on the death of his Brother.  
Ray Byrne on the death of his Brother.  
The Family of Lady Member Mairead Slattery.  
Tony Whelan on the death of his Mother.  
Paula Kennedy on the death of her Sister.  
The Family of Lady Member Gretta Fenlon.  
Lavinia Lynch on the death of her Mother.  
Liam & Noel McLoughlin on the death of their Sister.