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# The Swan



County Cavan Golf Club  
Newsletter

## Message from our Captains'

*Dear Member,*

We are delighted to welcome you to the first edition of The Swan for 2021. It is intended to publish a monthly edition for the months of April to October and bi-monthly over the remaining winter months.

The past year has been life changing and surreal in terms of the impact of the Corona Virus pandemic on our daily lives and managing our club. We have overcome so much and can now look forward to an easing of restrictions in the coming months and, hopefully, a return to normal club activities, commencing 26th April.

Since lockdown the 3 committees – Parent, Mens and Ladies, have been busy and activities undertaken and completed are outlined below. The sub-committee tasked with publishing The Swan comprises Eamonn Rice, Cathy O'Hanlon, Paul Flynn and Johnny O'Hanlon. If you have any items you feel are worthy of inclusion in this newsletter please contact any of the above or submit on email to; [theswan@cavangolfclub.ie](mailto:theswan@cavangolfclub.ie)

As club captains we wish to thank the many volunteers and committee members who have given so generously of their time over the past year in helping to ensure the up keep of the course and securing the future of our great club. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead and hope that you will support all the activities for the remainder of the season.

*Best wishes for 2021,*  
Liam and Dolores

## Virtual AGM 2020

Due to Covid restrictions the club AGMs took place via Zoom. This proved very successful with good numbers connecting in for all meetings. This would not have been possible without the considerable work and expertise of Pat McEnroe to whom we are indebted.

## 2021 Club Committees

The members of the club committees for the coming year are as follows;

### Parent Committee

<b>Captain:</b>	Liam Bouchier
<b>Lady Captain:</b>	Dolores Brady
<b>Vice Captain:</b>	Patrick Marron
<b>Lady Vice Captain:</b>	Margaret Sheridan
<b>Honorary Secretary and Ex-Officio Captain:</b>	David Shiels
<b>Honorary Assistant Secretary:</b>	James Greene
<b>Honorary Treasurer:</b>	Patrick McEnroe
<b>Honorary Assistant Treasurer:</b>	Mary Mulvey
<b>Course Convenor:</b>	Edward Kellett
<b>Committee:</b>	Miriam Griffin, Eamonn Rice, Seamus Bennett and Owen Smith.

### Mens Committee

<b>Captain:</b>	Liam Bouchier
<b>Vice-Captain:</b>	Paddy Marron
<b>Secretary:</b>	Edward O'Hanlon
<b>Handicap Secretary:</b>	Fergal Dunne
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Leo Costello
<b>Juvenile Officer:</b>	Vacant
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Noel Johnston
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Edward Kellett
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Paul Flynn
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Gerry Cooney
<b>David Shiels:</b>	Ex- officio

The role of Juvenile Convenor is currently vacant and if you are interested please contact either Captain Liam or Dolores.

## Ladies Committee

<b>Lady Captain:</b>	Dolores Brady
<b>Lady Vice Captain:</b>	Margaret Sheridan
<b>Lady Secretary:</b>	Cathy O'Hanlon
<b>Lady Handicap Secretary:</b>	Majella Brady
<b>Lady Competition Secretary:</b>	Mary Malone
<b>Lady Treasurer:</b>	Imelda Shiels
<b>Committee:</b>	Finola Smith Miriam Griffin Carmel Gavin Evelyn Hannigan

## Course Development

The parent committee was successful in its application to Golf Ireland for grant aiding of €15,000 through the Golf Ireland Club Resilience Fund. This grant will be used exclusively for development of the practice area and will include the purchase of a new golf ball machine, washer, new balls and the provision of a standalone teaching bay. The bay will be fitted with the latest teaching aids and should prove to be a welcome additional resource for members.

An application for a Capital Sports Grant in the amount of €87,000 has also been submitted. The works proposed in this application include the construction of 9 new tee boxes for the ladies on the front nine, 2 new winter tee boxes and drainage works to the 15th, 16th and 17th fairways. This grant will require a 5% funding contribution from the club.

A new leaf blower was also purchased last Autumn and is a welcome addition to our machinery complement. All grass cutting machinery has been serviced in anticipation of the new season.

We are grateful to Hon Secretary Dave Shiels for the pivotal role he played in preparing both of these applications.



*The leaf/grass collector pictured was purchased from the proceeds of the 2020 club classic as was a new telephone system for the clubhouse.*

## Winter works

Our Course staff members have been on a 3 day week over the winter period and have undertaken considerable maintenance work. This work has included a lot of trimming of overhead branches on our trees around the course and, in particular, between the 15th and 16th Fairways.

Our more recent plantations located between the 2nd and 3rd fairways, to the right and left of the 12th hole, the right of the 14th tee box were thinned by a group of volunteers. This work will ensure that these planted areas will mature to their full potential.



Club captain Liam Bouchier, Noel (Snowy) Smith and Martin Duffy rebuilt one of the walls surrounding the buggy parking bay at the rear of the club house. Indeed, Martin Duffy has been working voluntarily on a nearly daily basis throughout the autumn and winter carrying out various maintenance tasks around the club. Sincerest thanks to all volunteers, this work will be evident and no doubt appreciated when golf resumes later this month.

## Ladies

The ladies committee met on 23rd February and while outline plans for the year were discussed, no commitments can be made until Government Covid lockdown guidelines issue. Entries have been completed and accepted for Golf Ireland All Ireland match-play competitions in the various sections.

Members are reminded to register with Golf Ireland and to check their handicaps.

Promotion of ladies golf has been posted on the golf club face book page linking with Council Sports Partnership Programme.

Congratulations to Megan Griffith Keane on being selected for coaching on the Golf Ireland Girls U17panel.

Golf Professional Pete Duignan will be available on re-opening for lessons for beginners/improvers and all other members.

## Communications investment

A new phone system was installed in October 2020 replacing the old system which was over 14 years old. The new system has the facility to transfer calls automatically based on caller functions. There is also an answer machine which can be accessed in office or remotely. This investment will pay for itself over 18 months. This estimate is based on the lease cost of the of the old system which no longer pertains.

The Clubnet app was upgraded in March and the new score card app will be up and running on our return.. The new system is more user friendly and also has the facility to calculate stableford points . The system is also live in real time with Handicap Master.

## Subscriptions

While we have been denied golf for the past 3 months maintenance of the course and the employment of our staff has continued. This has been a drain on club funds and, unfortunately, the payment of annual subs has been very slow. Those members who have not paid their subs are requested to do so as a matter of urgency. The committee recognises that some members may have been financially negatively impacted as a result of the pandemic. Should those members wish to discuss, in strictest confidence, a payment plan suited to their means, please contact the Hon.Treasurer.

## EGM

Don't forget to login to the EGM on Tuesday 13th April at 8pm.

## Jimmy Stafford RIP

There was widespread shock and sadness when members learned of the sudden passing of Jimmy Stafford on Tuesday 16th March. Jimmy was a valued member of the club and former Cowdy Cup captain. He was as competitive on the golf course as he had been during his highly distinguished footballing career for club, county and St. Patrick's College.

Deepest Sympathies are extended to Jimmy's wife Una, his sons David and Donagh, his daughters Jennifer, Katie and Fionnula and his extended family.

## Oliver Cregan RIP

The unexpected death of Oliver Cregan, Carrikane, Cavan on the 1st April marked the passing of a true gentleman. Oliver was a former club captain, President in 2011/12, and juvenile convenor and made a significant contribution to the club over the years. He is fondly remembered by all, particularly the scores of juveniles he coached during his tenure as Juvenile Convenor. He was blessed with good judgement which was respected by all who knew him. He was also a valued member of other organisations in Cavan. We extend our sincerest sympathies to Patricia and the wider family.



**Club Captain Liam Bouchier preparing the foundation for the new driving bay, ably assisted by club member Johnny Farrelly, who dug out the base.**