



# Dunmurry Golf Club

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Thought for the day:

*No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.*

## Dunmurry Pro-Am



Pro-Am winner Peter Martin with Philip Cassidy, CEO GEM



Pro-Am winner Peter Martin is congratulated by Dunmurry Captain, John Bennett



The winning Team from left to right  
John McIlwaine, (Sr) Andrew Snoddy (PGA),  
Eamon Brady (Pro), John McIlwaine, (Jr)  
John McAree, Philip Cassidy, (GEM)

The sun shone on Thursday 27th May and the PGA Professionals turned out to show us how the game should be played. In all we had 37 teams taking part in the annual event which was again sponsored by GEM.

Even though conditions were ideal only 3 of the professionals managed to break par.

Peter Martin from The Riverside Academy finished three shots clear of the field to record his first victory of the season.

Martin had a yo-yo first nine of four birdies, three pars and two bogeys and then laid the foundation of his victory with a quad of birdies from the 14th hole.

That birdie blitz from the 14th left Peter's chasing pack behind. He got up and down from sand for birdie three at 14, got down from 10 feet at 15 for another three, rifled a six iron to eight feet at the 16th for his second two of the day and completed the rollicking run by getting up and down from a greenside bunker for his fifth birdie three of the day at 17.

Martin overshot the green at the 18th hole to finish with bogey five but finished with a wonderful winning 65, three shots clear of Stephen Hamill (68). Eamon Brady had the third underpar round with 69.

The team event was won by Clontarf professional Eamon Brady and Dunmurry amateurs John McAree (16), John McIlwaine senior (10) and John McIlwaine junior (9). They carded 91 points.

### **SATURDAY COMPETITION REMINDER**

The Saturday Competition Timesheet will operate with the traditional 'allocated times' supplemented by 'floating players'. This will be considered as an undertaking to play in the respective competition.

Players must remove their name from the Competition Timesheet by no later than 10.00am on the Friday morning of the week to be played. This can be done in person or by phoning the Club office during office hours (Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm), on 9061 0834. (Late removal of names may be acceptable in extenuating circumstances).

### **The Grouse Foursomes**

Stroke Competition will be held on  
**Thursday 17th June.**  
This will be a Shotgun start at 6 pm.  
There is a Timesheet available on  
the Club Noticeboard

### **All Members please take note**

The wash basins in the Gents Toilets are not for washing Golf Clubs. In recent weeks some of the basins have been cracked. Please clean your clubs outside.

Members should be aware of the Green Staff working on the course. If you see a worker make sure that he is not in your line when hitting your shot

## — Competitions —

The Competition Season started on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April with the **PGA Tankard** which was won by Adam Spence with 43 points. In second place was Aaron O'Rorke with 39 points who pipped Ciaran McGarvey, on the back nine. also with 39 points. The best gross on the day was Colin Power with 70.

The **Thelma Cup & Scratch Matchplay** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April was won by James Keag with a net 61 shots, followed by Iain Ferguson (62) and Steven Duncan (64). Darren Crowe had the best gross with 68.

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April the **Anno Domini** was won by William Rogan with 42 points who had a better back nine than Paul McKenna who took the **McKNIGHT TROPHY**, in second place was Chris McGaw with 41 points and third was Noel McGill with 40 points. Ian Moore had the best gross, 66 strokes.

Frank Watterson won the **Doris Barbour** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May with 63 strokes, net, Ward Orr came a close second with 64 and pushed Tony McDermott into third place because of a better back nine. Steven Crowe had the best gross on the day with 67 strokes.

The **Frank Carson Trophy** was won by Canice Ward on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. He beat John McIlwaine by virtue of a better back nine. Both players had 40 points. In third place was Eamon McFlynn with 39 points. Steven Crowe once again had the best gross, 66 strokes.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May the **Centenary Cup** was won by Paul Scott with 42 points. We had 3 players on 40 points and had to separated on count back. William Roberts was second and Andrew Stewart was third. This week the best gross went to Darren Crowe with 66 strokes.

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May the **Waterloo Trophy** was won by Nigel Abernethy who had 42 points and in second place with 41 points was Ian Berry. Michael Snoddy had 40 points and came third. Steven Crowe took his third best gross of the season with 68 strokes.

The final competition in May **The Spring Medal** was played on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. Section 1 was won by Brian McCary with a net 67 followed by Kris Mullan with 66 and Peter Cooke in third place with 67. In Section 2 the first 3 players all had 67 but was won on countback by William Meehan with Liam McCartney in second place and William Gray in third place. Section 3 was won by Stanley Halliday with a net 66 and John McCormick in second place also with 66, John McGowan was third with 67.

*Competition results can be viewed on the Club Website - <http://www.dunmurrygolfclub.com/results.htm>*



## The Hat

The Hat continues to attract large numbers on a Tuesday Evening. Last week we had 55 players. This competition takes place over 24 weeks with the best 5 scores from each player accumulated to decide the winner. On the final night which will be the 14<sup>th</sup> September we will have a buffet and prize presentation. The top 5 at this point are  
John Bennett – 145 pts  
Brian George – 141 pts  
Jonathon McIvor – 131  
Sam Thompson – 128  
Terry Coogan – 128

The full list of scores can be seen on the Club Website

[www.dunmurrygolfclub.com/thehat.htm](http://www.dunmurrygolfclub.com/thehat.htm)

**Golfer: Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?**

**Caddy: Eventually**

## Team News

### Senior Cup

The Senior Cup Team played their qualifying round at The Hilton on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and made it through to the knockout stage. They now have to play Fortwilliam on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Hilton.

### Ulster Cup

The Ulster Cup team were drawn against Castleblaney in the first round and managed a 5-2 victory at home. They then went to Concra Wood and again were victorious and were drawn against Hilton in the second round. The first match was played away at Templepatrick but unfortunately were beaten 5½ - 1½. This proved to be too big a lead to claw back and so went down fighting in the second round.

### Junior Cup

The Junior Cup Team travelled to Edenmore to play their qualifying competition on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. They scored a total 310 strokes and qualified in first place, 4 strokes ahead of their nearest rivals. They now have to play Tandragee at Edenmore.

### Jimmy Bruen Shield

The Jimmy Bruen team qualified in third place at The Spa and were drawn against Warrenpoint in the knockout round. This was also played at The Spa where they were narrowly beaten 3-2

### Irish Mixed Foursomes

The Mixed Foursomes qualified to play in the knockout stages from their group at Ormeau and were drawn against Hilton in the first round. This match was also played at Ormeau and Dunmurry won by 3½ - 1½. They now await the draw for the second knockout round.

# —— Ladies' Section Report ——

## TEAMS' NEWS

This year the ILGU events have a different format. Each section plays on the same day at a neutral venue. On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> three Dunmurry teams played their first round matches.

Intermediate Team, captain Helen Shepherd, played against Temple at Warrenpoint.

**Result, 5/0 for Dunmurry.**

Minor League, captain Suzanne Donnelly, played against Shandon at Carrickfergus.

**Result, 3/2 for Dunmurry.**

Challenge Cup, captain Jean White, played at Allen Park against Fort William.

**Result, 4/1 for Dunmurry.**

*Congratulations, Ladies. 3 excellent results and good Luck for next round.*

## BRIDGE FOR ALL

The last 'Thursday' bridge evening was on 29<sup>th</sup> April. The numbers were swelled because the 'Beginners' joined the regulars for their first taste of *real* duplicate bridge. We had a full house with 9 tables. It really was an excellent evening with the Senior players helping and encouraging the new-comers. After play all were treated to a splendid supper and a glass of wine. We hope to see some of the beginners return to play when the club reopens in September BUT they must not think they will get their supper every night!!

### RESULTS

North/South	East/West
K. Irwin/L.Dickson - J. and J. White	
K. Cassidy/T.Deery - J. Price/S.Magowan	
L.Johnston/F.Young - R.Kilpatrick/S.Irwin	



**Liz Johnston seen here and Frank Young were from the Beginners' class!**

## COMPETITION RESULTS.

The first mid-week Stroke competition was held on 28<sup>th</sup> April. It was run in conjunction with the Elaine Louden Salver. The worthy winner was Vivian Bannon who scored 68. The next two places had to be split on better back nine. Janet Stirling was runner - up with 69 and Joyce Hughes was 3<sup>rd</sup>, also scoring 69.

Elaine Louden is scored in two divisions

## ROE VALLEY MAY 12<sup>th</sup> 2010

The Ladies' section had their annual outing to the Roe- Raddison on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. We were anticipating a pleasant, sunny spring day but we had chilly temperatures, hail stones and the Balmoral Show traffic to contend with. However, nothing daunted off we set about half an hour late on our excursion northwards. Luckily the day improved and we all had a great game of golf and managed to take off the woolly hats and scarves eventually. Vinnie Briggs carded the best score for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running, Kathleen Bleakly was runner -up and Bo Shane took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Many other lucky ladies won prizes too! After an excellent meal, washed down with a glass (or two ) of wine we headed home. The return journey was rather noisier, with organised singing and unexpected entertainment from the coach driver. Thanks to the main organisers, Norine and Jan. Hope you have booked for 2011!



Jean White, Ros Boyce and Anne Thorpe



Jackie Wilson and Margaret Kennedy

## SHOTGUN COMPETITION

The annual 'Shotgun Competition' was held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. 60 ladies started at different tees around the course at 3 p.m. exactly. The weather was glorious and the sun shone for the complete event. The course was in excellent condition. There was a lot of run on the ball leading to some high scores.

Winning team

Lillian Patterson, Wendy Reid, Rosalene Thompson

Runners-up

Helen McCarthy, Maureen Duffield, Norma Irwin

Helen McCarthy had an excellent personal score too. She grossed 72! What a player! Almost all the ladies were able to stay for a meal and prize giving. After dinner, Lady Captain interviewed some of the more senior members and their funny golfing tales were enjoyed by all.

and the top four players from each section won 8 and 6) and are through to the next round. Keep up the good work!

and is set out below.

V.Bannon	V	A. McCullough
J. Stirling	V	L.Johnston
J. Hughes	V	F. McGrady
H.Hanna	V	N.Irwin

The open event, held on May Day, was won by Dunmurry ladies. 1st J. Trinder, 41 pts, 2nd I. McAuley, 35 pts, 3rd M. Hamilton, 39 pts.

The club competition on 7th was a 'Foursomes' event and was won by T. Rocket and A. McCullough with 38 points. Runners-up were M.Duffield and N.Morris also with 38 points. Well done to Trish Rocket, in particular, as she is one of our new members.

This was the Peugeot Coronation competition so the winners will go on to the Final to represent the Club later in the season.

In the 'Daily Mail fourball, better ball' Donna Gillespie and Sarah Toland had a convincing win against Clandeboye (they

## COMPETITIONS

### *Dates for your Diary*

4th June

Hazel Pollock Trophy

11th June

Four Ball Better Ball

18th June

Club Captain's Prize for Ladies

25th June

Lady Captain's Day

30th June

Ladies Monthly Medal

**Golfer: Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake.**

**Caddy: Think you can keep your head down that long?**



**Nicky's tips to better golf**

The perfect stroke is that elusive thing we all strive for, asleep in our beds at night with a smile on our faces as we dream of that drive going straight and true down the middle of the fairway or that putt dropping in to the cup at the end of its smooth 50 yard run.

Unfortunately reality bites when we get to the tee and make our shot, those niggling worries start in the back of our minds, are my feet too far apart, is my eye on the ball, is my chin too far in is my back swing too shallow, this indecision and doubt might be throwing you off your game, so take a little time and read through these tips to improving your swing and stance, if you do not learn anything at least you now know you were doing the right things all along and that doubt can be lifted and replaced by the dream stroke you always had inside of you.

1. Is your stance too narrow? A narrow stance can cause balance problems for a golfer, it also causes an unstable base and this can lead to more balance problems and so the vicious cycle continues. To solve the problem of poor balance you should take a slightly wider stance should be used, your toes should be slightly splayed out. The lead foot should be splayed out around 30 degrees, make these adjustments and you break the cycle, your base is stabilised and your balance restored.

2. When the club addresses the ball are your hands too close to your body? This can limit the arc of the club and can cause it to be too narrow, to improve your arc you should reach a little more this produces a wider arc and improves distance.

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3. Avoid swaying during the back swing, if you have a tendency to sway backwards this can seriously impair your swing, this is because you are not turning about your pivot point and the weight becomes too much for your rear leg, you should feel free to move your weight to your rear leg but only to the inside, you should concentrate more on turning than swaying to solve this problem.

4. One thing that will loose you power when you are playing golf is keeping your club too close to your body on take away, the way to correct this problem and get that power back is to extend your arms away from your body, like you were going to hand your club to somebody on your right had side, you must maintain your balance throughout.

5. To get a wider arc and more power you need to ensure that your right elbow stays out from your body, too many golfers keep the elbow too close into their body and this causes a loss of power and severely limits your game.

6. Concentrate on not moving your weight on to your front foot during the back swing, this can cause a reverse pivot, that will lead to a loss of power, you must ensure that you move your weight to your back leg but not so much that you risk a loss of balance.

### Swing Thoughts by John Dolan



If your hands are too active, move your body more, as Nicklaus said, "your hands only hang on"

When putting keep legs still - a lot of people sway without realising.

All good swings have good weight shift.

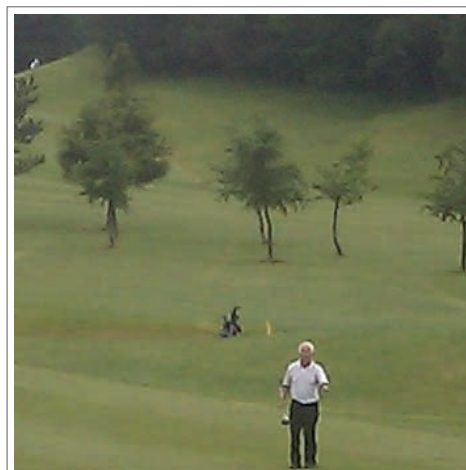
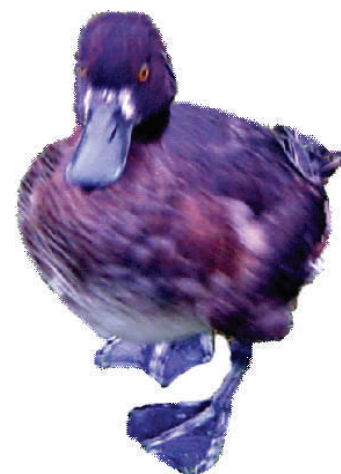
The head of the club is first to move away and the last to come back.

Your golf swing should have a change of direction just like a child on a swing

**Golfer: That can't be my ball, it's too old.**

**Caddy: It's been a long time since we teed off.**

## Quacker's Corner



**Does anyone know the penalty for taking a trolley into the hazard?**

### COMPETITIONS

*Dates for your Diary*

5th June  
Professionals Prize

12th June  
Bell Trophy

16th June  
Sir Milne Barbour Mixed Flag

17th June  
Grouse Foursomes

19th June  
Captain's Day  
& Captain's Night Dance

26th June  
Max McCready Salver

### ENTERTAINMENT

*Dates for your Diary*

**Saturday 19th June  
Captains Night Dinner Dance  
Dancing to Forecast  
Book through the office  
Meal £16.00**