



ENNISCORTHY PRO SHOP

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VIEW FROM THE PRO-SHOP

First up I hope this Newsletter finds you and your family well. In the 10 years of Pro-Shop newsletters this one is unquestionably the most unusual. No results, no upcoming fixtures, matches, events and no special offers. It goes without saying it's been an incredibly difficult period for everyone and the Golf Industry is no different, now finding itself in uncharted territory. Every Golf club in the country will now rely on the goodwill and support of its Membership to come out of this crisis in tact, and the reality is Enniscorthy is no different. It's only in a situation like this, when you miss your golf so much that you realise what a great club we have and hopefully EGC will come out the other end of this stronger than ever

Fortunately there is light at the end of the tunnel – On May the 18th as I'm sure you know Golf can be played again. Of course there will be restrictions initially but we really were so well organised safety wise in the final weeks before lockdown that I know we will be fine

I have been down to the Golf Club regularly over the past few weeks and I can honestly say the course is in the best shape it has ever been in. Great credit goes to our Greenkeeping team for the work they have done over the past few weeks. The first hole looks fantastic and it really is something to look forward to when play resumes.

With regards the Pro Shop, I am chomping at the bit to get back. I have been upskilling during the lockdown by doing several online coaching courses and will be actively seeking new Guinea Pigs in the weeks and months ahead 😊

By engaging with the PGA and fellow Teaching Professionals it is clear that Golf Professionals can give Golf Lessons whilst adhering to and maintaining safe distance protocol. It is my intention to resume teaching as soon as I can, so those of you with vouchers and my lesson regulars can rest assured lessons will be conducted with your safety in mind at all times

As for the Pro Shop itself, I will ensure that everyone is entering a safe environment that you can feel comfortable in. We are well stocked with stock that under normal circumstances would have diminished significantly by now, so there will certainly be a great selection for you when you start playing again 😊 I too will be hoping for the support going forward that I have always got in the past

I really look forward to seeing you all again in the next few weeks.

Until then I hope you and your loved ones stay healthy

See You Soon

Stephen

P.S I know you are all scratch handicap garden golfers at this stage! but just to keep you busy for the next few weeks I have set out a couple of really simple but effective drills for you to try on your back lawn in the lesson section below. Before that a few pics of what awaits you on May 18th



THE NEW 1ST HOLE



STEPHENS GARDEN TIPS OF THE MONTH



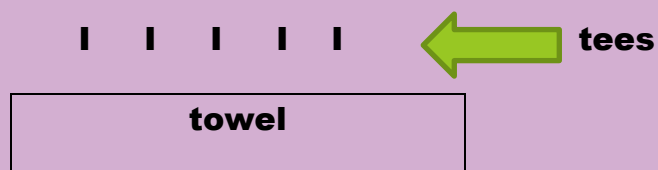
When you are practicing in the garden always use tees, you need something to focus on rather than just slash at the grass in frustration. A really simple warm up drill is putting 10 tees in the ground in a row, pick any club and hit the tees out one by one swinging as hard as YOU can. The challenge is to maintain your balance at the end of each swing (5 seconds without falling over) If you are comfortable and balanced at the completion of your follow through you have 90% of a good swing!

IRON DRILL

One of the keys to good iron play is a *descending* angle of attack into the ball with your clubhead. To achieve this, at impact you need approx 70/80% of your weight on your front leg with the shaft leaning diagonally forward as the club makes contact with the ball.

This ensures the divot comes after the ball, whereas poor iron players generally snag some of the ground before the ball. With this in mind put 5 tees in the ground, now lay a towel out on the ground 2 inches behind the tees.

Your objective is to make contact with the tees without hitting the towel. When you start doing this you can be sure you are doing all the right things to hit crisp irons



DRIVER DRILL

The opposite is the case with the driver, you are looking to hit the ball as the driver head is just about on its way back up (ascending angle of attack) Most poor drivers of the ball tend to have an iron angle of attack with their driver and as a result chop at the ball.

This can have disastrous results!

With this in mind set your 5 tees in the ground again, only this time lay the towel out 2 inches ahead of the ball. To achieve the correct clubhead angle of attack for the driver you should be able to clip the tee but not hit the towel. If you are catching the towel you need to keep practicing this



