



NEWSLETTER



CHRISTMAS 2020



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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PRO-SHOP

It's our final newsletter of the year and a chance to wish you a great Christmas and thank everyone for their custom in 2020. It's been a difficult year obviously for Golfers and Golf clubs because of its stop start nature. It came as somewhat of a surprise to be closed in November but thankfully we are all back now looking forward (hopefully) to some enjoyable festive Golf in the weeks ahead.

I'm sure by now you have been notified of your new handicap status, which is certainly keeping us on our toes in the Shop ☺ It's certainly a different concept that over time I'm sure will present a fairer playing field for all Golfers. There is a piece on the new handicap system later in the Newsletter.

Keep an eye out for the Christmas programme of Competitions. There is something for everyone from Winter Series to Team events so don't put the clubs away yet

Hopefully we will see you in the shop before Christmas, whether you are playing or simply clearing the remains of your 2020 credit. However if not, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a great Christmas and here hoping for a more normal 2021 ☺

TWOS ACCOUNTS AND CREDIT

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who has been up to the Shop clearing their credit accounts for this year. As many of you have experienced first-hand, ordering specific stock in for individuals looking to clear their account has been a real challenge. We have tried to stock the shop as much as possible as an alternative to individual items that simply aren't available. I would like to thank everyone who has cleared their accounts with shop stock when realistically they would have liked to order in something specific. Hopefully next year we will be back to normal in this regard.

For those who haven't had chance yet you still have another 15 days to drop up. We will be staying open until at least 4pm 7 days to facilitate this, regardless of whether the course is open or not. Alternatively feel free to contact us by e-mail or phone and we will happily put something aside for you

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PRO SHOP REFRESHMENTS

We would like to remind all members that the Pro Shop offers Tea and Coffee all year round. While restrictions are in place upstairs in the Clubhouse we will also be offering Sandwiches and Muffins to any Golfer looking for refreshments before or after your round.



NEW HANDICAP SYSTEM

What's New?

- 1. You will have a Handicap Index.**
- 2. Handicap categories, Buffer Zones, CSS will no longer exist.**
- 3. Your Handicap Index can then be used to work out your Course Handicap, which means your Handicap will change to reflect the difficulty of the course and the set of tees you elect to play. Every golf club will have a chart available so you can quickly and easily work out your Course Handicap.**
- 4. Then just go out and play like you have always done. The WHS doesn't change the way you play the game; it just makes taking your score and measuring your ability fairer and simpler to understand.**
- 5. A maximum Handicap Index limit of 54.0, regardless of gender, to encourage more golfers to measure and track their performance to increase their enjoyment of the game**

What is a Course Handicap?

For your Handicap Index to be effective and portable across different courses, it must be converted into a Course Handicap to determine the number of strokes you receive for the golf course or tee set that you are playing that day.

You will even be able to convert your Handicap Index to a Course Handicap for the tees you elect to play from when golfing overseas. If pre-registered, these scores can also be returned to your home club for handicap purposes.

Playing Handicap

A Course Handicap is then rounded and converted into a Playing Handicap by applying the appropriate Allowance for the competition format of play.

Submitting scores

Again, nothing will change when playing your game. When you have finished your round, complete your scorecard and this can be entered into the system your club has chosen for the submission of scores. Handicap Indexes are calculated automatically at the end of each day through a cloud based software (Dotgolf).

Casual rounds

From 2nd November 2020, you will now be able to return casual rounds of golf for handicap purposes by pre-registering your round as an acceptable score before you go out and play. If you are playing at a course other than your home club then you can still pre-register your score.

You don't have to return a score every time you play golf. Unless you have pre-registered or are playing in a competition, you are not required to return your scorecard. However, the accuracy of your Handicap Index will be improved with every scorecard you submit.

Recap

- **General Play will be an authorised format for Handicap Index adjustment**
- **The Handicap Index will be converted to a Course Handicap, which will be converted to the Playing Handicap.**
- **The current CSS function will be replaced by the Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) function**
- **There will be an ESR function, but calculated differently from the current approach.**
- **The Low Handicap Index function will limit the Handicap Index increase in any 12-month period, replacing the current 1 shot limit.**

MENS AND LADIES WINTER SERIES

It's been a slow start to this years series but we have managed to finish 2 mens weeks and one Ladies. In the mens section the evergreen Joe Delaney has made the early running and Jacinta Kelly has got off to a flyer in the Ladies section. Below are summaries of Leaderboards, Twos winners and Prize winners in both

Ladies Winter Series 2021											
		Round 1	Round 2	Total	Final			Round 1	Round 2	Total	Final
1	Jacinta Kelly	29									
2	Geraldine Mackey	28				27	Anna Mai O'Connor	19			
3	Catherine Creane	27					Ursula Cousins	18			
4	Marie Dunphy	25					Joan Kavanagh	18			
	Breda Coffey	25				29	Meta Cummins	17			
	Elizabeth Browne	25				30	Helene Daly	15			
6	Eilish Sinnott	24									
	Avril Tormey Murphy	24					Par 3 Results				
	Fionnuala Killalea	24					Avril Tormey Murphy				
9	Teresa Bailey	23					Geraldine Mackey				
	Marina Hatton	23					Jacinta Kelly				
	Mary Breen	23					Eilish Sinnott				
	Lori Whitney	23					Breda Coffey				
13	Ann Bernie	22					Marie Dunphy				
	Breda Morrison	22					Catherine Crean				
	Pauline Rogan	22					Anne Bernie				
16	Helen D'esthe	21									
	Deirdre Newe	21					€5.50 Each				
	Joan Whelan	21					Will be added to a/c in Jan				
19	Margaret Frayne	20									
	Rosaleen Doyle	20					Total Pot €44				
	Christine Caesar	20									
	Sue Neville	20									
23	Kay Ryan	19									
	Audrey Lawrence	19					Results 6th & 8th December				
	Marian Martin	19					1st Jacinta Kelly 29pts				
							2nd Geraldine Mackey 28 pts				

Gent's Winter League 2021											
		Round 1	Round 2	Total	Final			Round 1	Round 2	Total	Final
1	Joe Delaney	36	33	69		27	Colm Sinnott	22	20	42	
2	James Morrissey	33	31	64		28	Sean Quirke	22	19	41	
3	Eddie Flynn	32	29	61		29	Sean Walsh	0	37	37	
	Ruairi Doyle	31	30	61		30	Nicky Murphy	34	0	34	
5	Lee Treacy	33	27	60							
6	Billy Crosbie	22	32	54							
	Colin Ruth	22	32	54							
	Denis Dunbar	26	28	54							
	William Murphy	28	26	54							
10	Brian Mullarkey	28	25	53			Twos Results				
	Paddy Fitzpatrick	23	30	53			Joe Delaney				
12	James Sheridan	19	33	52			TJ Parle				
13	Con Fleming	32	19	51			Martin Sludds				
14	Denis Dunne	27	23	50			Joe Kelly				
	Michael Lanney	23	27	50			Patrick Hore Jnr				
	Raj Tirbhowan	22	28	50			Raj Tirbhowan				
17	Patrick Shannon	22	27	49							
18	Dennis Hayes	23	25	48							
	Jack Treacy	25	23	48							
	Michael Marckey	17	31	48							
21	Eoin Mullarkey	26	21	47							
	Peter Furlong	23	24	47							
23	Barry Bolger	21	23	44							
	Michael Redmond	23	21	44							
	Stephen Casey	20	24	44							
26	John Parle	23	20	43							

PRO SHOP 2021

It's at this point every year that we start to plan for next season and consider any changes within the shop that might improve our service to you. We would welcome your thoughts on this matter.

Is there anything different you would like to see within the shop?

What brands would you like to see? Are there any changes you would like to see in any area, be it overall service, retail or tuition.

If you have any thoughts on this matter please reply by e-mail. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated

STEPHENS TIP OF THE WEEK



THE WORST PIECE OF ADVICE IN THE HISTORY OF GOLF!!!

How many times have you been told to “keep your head down”?? How many times have you *told* someone to keep their head down?? How many times have you watched a golfer on television or seen a good golfer in Enniscorthy finish their swing with their head stuck to the ground?? The answer to the third question is never.

Keeping your head down through the swing is counterproductive on 2 fronts. Firstly it prevents you from turning through the shot and transferring your weight correctly with absolutely no body/arm coordination.

Secondly sooner or later you'll pick up a back or a neck injury due to the strain on your body trying to stay still, while your arms swing through with such ferocity.

The correct advice is to try and keep your eye on the ball at the moment of impact and finish with your upper half facing the target.

Beginners and high handicappers should practice brushing the grass and finish facing the target – marry these 2 together and you have a good golf swing. Keep your head down and you will never have a good golf swing.