

**KILMASHOGUE GOLF CLUB AGM
WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER 2021 IN KGC CLUBHOUSE**

Attendees: Berne Barry, Michael Barry, PJ Barry, Freddie Blake, Tony Bourke, Kevin Burke, Tom Creavin, Peter Donohoe, Mark Donovan, Annette Egan, Tony Egan, James Ellis, Anne Gildea, Andrew Grehan, Gerry Grehan, Mary Gough, Hugh Gough, Patricia Grennan O'Byrne, Noelle Kennedy, Judith Hayward, Eamon Hayes, Deirdra Healy, Elaine Healy, Eileen Hickey, Jim Humphreys, Barry Jackson, Barbara Kearney Jack Kearney, Susan Maher, Pauline Mahony, Emily McCarthy Dan Meaney, Jennifer Moffett, Jim Nix, Dorothy O'Brien, Anne O'Dea, Jim O'Dea, Vincent O'Kelly, Sam Strong, Marc Thornton, Ann Turley, Stephen Walsh, John White, (Total = 43)

Apologies: John Dunne, Ger Dunne, Suzanne McNelis, Imelda Hutchinson, Mary Dillon, Marcella O'Morain, Colm O'Morain, Ellen Hayes, Ailish Doyle, Aine, Doyle, Caroline Hill, Nigel Hill, Ornagh O'Gorman, Georgina and Sam Ferrer, Anne Marie Kerney, Anne Beirne McParland, Ger Grehan, Liam Mahony, Patricia McDonald, Tina Donoghue, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Sowman, Mary Harris, Dermot King Pearse McCarthy, Frank King, Viv O'Rourke, Tom Culligan, Alison Heuston, John and Mary Crabbe Avril and Roger Dungan, Catherine Condon, John Westman, Pat McGuinness, Anne Hackett, Bernadette White, James McDonnell, Jimmy McDonnell. Geraldine Coghlan.

Mesage from Ms.Sally Gibbs, Bursar, St.Columba's

Prior to the commencement of the meeting President Emily thanked Ms. Sally Gibbs,

Bursar,St.Collumbas for her report to the AGM.

Bursar's Message

"Dear Members,

Please find below my report for the last year. I send sincere thanks to the Committee and in particular the club Captains, PJ and Noelle for their work over a very difficult year for all of us. I know that the Captains make many sacrifices to carry out their duties as diligently as they do during their term of office and it is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Sandra and Mark for their help in the administration of the members' information and subs. The online booking system may have brought difficulty to some of you when it started but it is of great benefit to us for contact tracing purposes and for better checking of Green Fees. It has also greatly helped Stewart and his team on to plan some elements of course maintenance in less busy periods.

In the academic year 20-21 under Covid regulations our c350 pupils were not allowed to play any sports matches at all, not train inside and only train outside in restricted pods. This made it very difficult to operate our normal sports programme that runs over 6 afternoons per week. We had more pupils than ever wanting to play golf and some now have professional coaching. This is an area that the College will be looking to develop in the near future with a small number of elite golfers being encouraged to join the school from September 2022 on a programme designed to develop their skills and with golf as their major sport.

Although Covid caused us many difficulties the fact that no-one could travel has seemed to cause a resurgence of interest in the game and currently we have in the region of 335 active Licensees and 61 new people join since July 2020. I would particularly like to thank Judith and Barbara and their team of ladies for the huge amount of time and effort they put into the Get into Golf Programme which has resulted in the fifteen ladies who are now in the Stay into Golf Programme in this year, a fantastic achievement.

We were lucky enough to have a mild winter but the course was exceptionally dry over a long summer period requiring the watering of greens by hand, a very time-consuming job during the busy growing season.

Much work goes on throughout the year to keep the playing surface in its good condition. All the fairways were sanded in the Spring. In order to carry on the work to improve the drainage on the greens 80% of them were scarified early on in the year. Top dressing was completed as part of normal maintenance.

The Jacobsen rough mower that was bought in 2019 proved very problematic and caused much frustration to the green-keeping team as well as to all of you. Despite our efforts to get it fixed properly and produce the quality of cutting required this proved unsatisfactory, so the decision was made to trade it in for a John Deere model. This has proved a good decision and we are confident that there is already a marked improvement in the playing surface.

After comments from the club regarding the copse between the 8th and 9th which had previously been thinned in 2016, our tree surgeon returned in January and removed a further 86 trees, leaving 140 in play. Around the same number was removed from the copse next to the top half of the 9th fairway. In addition, the ditch in front of the Ladies 2nd T box which had caused an unwanted ball trap was tidied up.

We cannot guarantee the constant flow of water down the hill to feed the pond on the bend of the first fairway and in times of relative drought such as now it does not look well. We hope that by making it smaller it and edging it more cleanly it will be more of a feature for longer periods and enable it to be more manageable even in dry conditions.

Covid restrictions prevented us from carrying out anything other than general maintenance on the course but we were able to use the time to replace the decking around the pavilion and install a paved veranda and railings which looks fantastic and has extended the outside seating space for licensees to enjoy.

I extend my thanks to our green-keeping team of Stewart, Joe, Ciara, Roland, Paul and Barry who between them continued to work to keep the course playable over the year. They are all utterly loyal, hard-working and diligent and do their best, day in and day out often in unpleasant conditions. I am very grateful for their ongoing support as I am sure you are all too.

I wish Stephen and Barbara all the best for the upcoming year and look forward to working with them and I wish all of you good health and good golfing. Sally Gibbs, Bursar”

1. Opening of meeting

President Emily McCarthy declared the AGM open and welcomed everyone.

2. Notice Of AGM

The Mens’ Honorary Secretary (Jim Humphreys) read the following notice issued on 13 Oct.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Kilmashogue GC on Wednesday 27 October 2021 at 7.30p.m In the Clubhouse

Dear Member,

The Annual General Meeting of Kilmashogue Golf Club will take place in the Clubhouse on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at 7.30 pm. The Agenda for this meeting is attached. Also attached are nominations for the Officer and Committee positions together with Motions submitted for the meeting’s consideration. Members are asked, in a precautionary approach to Covid risks, to wear a mask which can be removed when speaking during meeting. As patio doors will be opened during meeting wear a warm jacket! Yours sincerely,

Patricia Grennan O’Byrne

Jim Humphreys

3. Apologies

The President stated that apologies received would be recorded in Minutes.

4. Minutes of 2020 AGM

Approved on proposal of John White and seconded by Dodie O’Brien

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising on 2020 Minutes

6. Election of Tellers

Meeting appointed Jim O’Dea and Dodie O’Brien as tellers.

7.Reports

LADIES HONORARY SECRETARY’S REPORT (Patricia Grennan O’Byrne)

President Emily, Captains Noelle and PJ, and fellow members

ZOOM was our way to hold meetings this year. The 3rd June was a red letter day when we held our first meeting on the club house balcony.

A short historical note, I attended the EGM of the ILGU on Thursday 28th January 2021 on Zoom. The purpose was to vote for the ILGU to cease trading. The vote was 100% in favour of dissolving the ILGU. President Emily attended the inaugural National AGM of Golf Ireland on Saturday 27th February 2021 via online conference. I would like to thank Geoff Brooks, Sue Farrell and Jim O’Dea who remain as Club Children’s officers for Golf Ireland. They attended Courses organised by Golf Ireland on having juniors on the course, this is mandatory from Golf Ireland.

The WHS was rolled out in early 2021. Our handicap secretaries had to digest an enormous amount of information on all the adjustments, I sincerely thank them for this work.

We currently have a list of 106 Lady Members, which includes 1 away member and 7 New Members.

I include Judith Hayward’s report on the wonderful success that is GIG AND SIGS :

“I am delighted to share that during the 2021 golfing year, KGC welcomed 15 new lady members to its numbers, graduates of the Kilmashogue “Get into Golf” and “Stay in Golf” Programme. I am equally delighted to share that all our GiGs and SiGs ladies have now obtained their WHS handicaps, carry full club members status and report that we have seen quite a number of the new ladies participating and indeed winning some of the Tuesday competitions; a notable mention here of our KGC Ladies Foursomes Match Play Winners this year - Bernie Barry from SiGs and Barbara Kearney.

Due to the ongoing Covid disruption earlier in the year and some considerable pressure on the time sheets in the Spring, the Ladies club decided not to re-run the GiGs programme this year. The programme template for future sessions has been created and can be repeated when the club is ready. Perhaps next time around we will see some of our new members participating again, but this time as volunteers, course walkers and card markers. It goes without saying, the Committee remains grateful to all who supported the programme and gave their time generously. It has been a real pleasure to work with and get to know these ladies over the last 12 months and we look forward to golfing with all of our 2021 new Members for many Seasons to come. Judith.”

And finally, a big thank you to Jim and Sandra, for their wonderful support and help during the year.

Men’s Hon. Secretary Report (Jim Humphreys)

President Emily, Captains PJ and Noelle, Incoming Captains Stephen and Barbara and fellow members It is my privilege to present the Men's Secretary's report for the year 2020/2021- another very disjointed year thanks to Covid. Closed between January and May club activities were very disrupted. Many traditional events and competitions-Captains dinner, winter league, Christmas lunches, Captains’ drive-in etc were casualties. Thanks are, however, due to everyone for maintaining a high level of compliance with Covid protocols.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of our Captains and their committees but a special word of thanks is due once again to Jim Ellis and Andrew Grehan in particular, and their counterparts in the ladies section for the efficient discharge of an increased workload due to Covid and the bedding down of the WHS system.

On the playing front the club succeeded in playing our major club competitions- the Captains prize, the President's prize, GOY etc. The Captain's away day also took place. The “hole in the wall” competition and Four internal Matchplay competitions were run with a total of some 90 matches played. Thanks to Deirdra Healy for all her work in organising the matchplays.

On the inter-club front the Club fielded teams in the Pearse Purcell with Jack Kearney and Tony Bourke as captains, in the Metropolitan led by Dermot King and Jim Berry, in the All-Ireland Four ball led by Brendan Blake and Dan O'Connor and in Mixed Foursomes led by Barry Jackson and Elaine Healy. Unfortunately, all lost their first- round matches but not without a good fight. The Club, led by Frank King and Vivian O'Rourke, exited the Old Conna seniors against Woodbrook . The Club had very good runs in the Best Cup led by Jim Nix and Brendan Young and the Cullen Cup led by Marc Thornton and Deirdra Healy -getting to the finals in both competitions. Great achievements for a small club. Thanks to all the Captains and the vice-Captains for all their work in organising panels and teams, practice sessions and so on. Thanks to Frank King and Jennifer Moffet for co-ordinating inter-club activity. I would strongly recommend to members that they put their names down for club teams in the coming year.

The position in relation to membership is that the men's section now consists of 243 members, with 1 social member plus 8 members on the injured list. Since the last AGM 28 new members have joined and 19 have not renewed their membership. Most of these have retired from golf. We hope they will continue to visit the club and enjoy the odd game as guests. Finally, I want to thank Patricia, Ladies Honorary Secretary and Sandra for their help and cooperation during the year.

Treasurers' Report (Mark Donovan)

On behalf of myself and Suzanne I would like to express thanks and gratitude to Sandra Murtagh for her work and assistance during the year. Her commitment and support were, as ever, invaluable to myself and the club. I would also like I to thank my fellow committee members and wider membership for their support and assistance over the past year.

Given the extraordinary circumstances we have all endured over the past 18+ months I am delighted that we are all able to be here in person this evening.

With the added complexity and uncertainty caused by pandemic I endeavour to deliver this report in as a clear and transparent way possible.

As Treasurer, I present the report of the financial affairs of Kilmashogue Golf Club for the year ended 31 August 2020.

The club has produced a surplus of €20,426 for this year. This follows a surplus generated last year of €11,718. The headline drivers for this are due to a large inflow of new members and minimal costs incurred in some expense categories in comparison to a 'normal' year. However, I would like to emphasise the importance for us to "normalise" the compatibility of the accounts and the best way to do this is to compare the statements to 2019 where the club generated a modest surplus of €4,600.

Having said that the club is sitting on increased reserves and our committee have set some projects in motion to use these reserves in order to best serve Kilmashogue Golf Club. Some of these projects and decisions include the reversal of the 40/60 split on competition prizes and competition revenue with immediate effect, installing new club IT systems to help us modernise and streamline our operations and we will also be rolling out new club embroidered clothing via a new supplier. If you have questions on any of above mentioned please feel free to ask me about them.

The committee would also encourage members to contact us with any ideas they might have but we would remind members that we do not own the course and it is difficult to justify any capital expenditure on the course using members money.

Finally, I would like to urge caution on loosening purse strings entirely. It is our duty and priority to first protect the future of the club.

In relation to the Balance Sheet, I have included a breakdown of the Debtors and Prepayments and the Accrued Expenses below for your reference.

- **Debtors & Prepayments**

Item	Balance
Affiliation Fees	€5,881.50
Insurance	€8,376.51
Handicap Master Licence	€435.00
Internet/Web Hosting Licence & Security	€528.89
Membership Fees Debtor	€3,724.00
Total	€18,945.90

- **Accrued Expenses**

Item	Balance
Captains Allowance	€1,300
Charity Donation	€204.00
Audit Fees	€1,599.00
Competition Expense	€390.00
Easy payment Fees	€246.00
AIB Merchant Services Fees	€130.00
Petty Cash	€27.73
Kitchen Supplies	€257.86
Deferred Income	€32,128.66
College Creditor	€2,065.99
Competition Purse Creditor	€8,552.50
Total	€46,901.74

If you have any questions on any of the information supplied in the financial statements or in the above report, please feel free to ask questions and I will do my best to answer them.

Kevin Burke queried rise (10%) in insurance cost despite reduced activity, rise (6%) in membership fees but affiliation fees down 28%-should they not move in parallel, and lack of any provision in accounts for fixed assets and whether club had any fixed assets. **Mark Donovan** attributed rise in insurance to new members and confirmed that no rebate on insurance due to Covid despite request for one. He confirmed that drop in affiliation fees happened due to the amalgamation of Golf Ireland. Historically you have had a renewal date for the GUI and a separate renewal date for the ILGU. When Golf Ireland came into being they set their renewal date – 1st April. This created a gap of a month or two where clubs were not charged for affiliation fees. However, we are yet to see if Golf Ireland look at this in the coming year. In relation to fixed assets **Mark explained that** the club did not hold any fixed assets at the year- end 31/8/2021. The clubhouse and its fixtures and fittings are owned by the college and the clubs use of it is permitted upon the agreement between the two parties. Any small machines and IT equipment bought by the club in the past were so cheap and/or obtained via donation or second hand thus the amounts were judged to be immaterial to the accounts and were expensed. However, since the year end the club have purchased a laptop for use by the handicap secretaries and this will be capitalised at a cost of €900 and depreciated over the next 5 years. The reason for this purchase is that the new handicap system and master score board can be accessed remotely and therefore secretaries don't have to clog up the office here in the clubhouse.

Vincent O'Kelly queried provision of €32,000 for deferred income, whether College contributes to club admin. Expenses, added features of new IT system and contribution from monthly draw . **Mark Donovan** explained that Deferred income arises due to the difference in club membership renewal dates and the financial year end date. For example, when a member paid his/her €160/€140 in June/July this was for membership from 1st July 2021 – 30th June 2022. In essence the €160/140 paid was for 2 months of the 2020/21 FY and 10 months of the 2021/22 FY. The 10- month proportion becomes deferred income for next year, 2021/22. **Mark** confirmed that College did not contribute to club admin costs.in relation to **proposed IT improvements** **Mark** indicated that club has no IT system in the back office. All work is done manually which creates inaccuracies, extra work loads, mis-information and mis-communication. There are systems such as BRS, Easy-payments, Master Scoreboard, Realex and AIB Merchant Services. While these systems are extremely important to the club the club has no membership management tools or financial management system. For example, we cannot ask on a given day how many members are in the club without a considerable body of work having to be carried out. This causes issues around reconciling the BRS system, providing membership numbers for insurance purposes, providing numbers to Golf Ireland for affiliation purposes etc. The rationale on doing it now is that Club will be looking for a new office administrator and best to update systems in parallel. These systems will also promote consistency and accuracy with the changeover of officers year on year. **Mark** confirmed that monthly contributed €4485 as per accounts.

The meeting approved the Financial Statements for 2020/2021

Competitions Secretaries Report (Jim Ellis & Ger Coughlan)

President Emily, Lady Captain Noelle, Captain PJ and Members.

In the interests of brevity, we are presenting a joint Competitions Report in respect of both the men's and ladies clubs.

Your Competitions Committee provided Weekend Competitions, Tuesday Competitions, Wednesday Competitions and Bank Holiday Competitions. However, covid restrictions prevented the holding of any social competitions during the summer. Thank you to all our members who have competed in competitions during the year since October 2020. We wish to thank our colleagues Andrew Grehan, Jimmy Fortune, Phil Kelly and Mary Harris, who manage Handicap Masters and Master Scoreboard, for providing results for our 9 holes and 18 holes competitions throughout the year. We would like also to record our thanks to those members who gave their time in assisting to compile results for those competitions that cannot be processed through the Master Scoreboard System. Your involvement enabled a greater variety of competitions to be provided to members!

Overall weather conditions were favourable for competitions with just one weekend competition affected by adverse weather and none of the Tuesday & Wednesday competitions were affected.

Granted we were not playing golf during the bad winter weather because of Covid.

Vouchers to the value of €4,450 were distributed to men prize winners in competitions held up to 2 October 2021 out of fees income of €10,590 in respect of these competitions. On the ladies side for the same period, fee income of €5,315 was received with €2,190 being given back in voucher prizes. The Competitions Committee would like to thank Sandra Murtagh for all her admin help and expertise provided throughout the year and previous years.

Thanks to Vice-Captains Barbara and Stephen for their superb organisation of the annual "Hole in the Wall" competition against Stackstown, which was won by Kilmashogue. A great win – well done to all concerned.

We also wish to acknowledge the work of Deirdra Healy and Jim Humphreys in organizing this year's matchplay competitions and to congratulate all the various winners.

Ladies Foursomes: Winners: Barbara Kearney and Bernie Barry. **Runners Up:** Dodie O'Brien and Anne O Dea

Mens Foursomes: Yet to be decided

Mixed Foursomes: Winners: Marc Thornton & Deirdra Healy. **Runners Up:** Lisa Lynch and Peter Stevenson

Mens Singles: Winner: Ger Murphy. **Runner-Up:** Lorcan McCrea

We would like to express our thanks to all those who have assisted us during the last year. In that regard, we were fortunate to have available to us the support, guidance, knowledge and help of previous competition secretaries, in particular Barbara Kearney & Tony Bourke.

Support for charitable organisations is a strong mark of Kilmashogue Golf Club. The longstanding "Charity Twos and Birdies" competition run by Vivian O'Rourke and Frank King continues to raise significant amounts of money for the Irish Cancer Society and the club is grateful to them for their continuing running of important charitable fundraisers.

The annual Hospice Day competition, organised and run by Dodie O'Brien, raised the impressive sum of €2,805 for this worthy cause. A huge debt of gratitude is due to Dodie, and her helpers, for making this enjoyable and profitable day happen each September. Thank you also to everyone who played or contributed to the day – it can't happen without our members' support!

We also managed to run the Play in Pink Day this year and with the generous support of our members (both men and ladies) we raised a total of €1,190 for the Breast Cancer Research Institute.

The ladies also participated in the Granard Cup (a fundraiser for the National Council for the Blind).

The winners of this Fourball competition were Barbara Kearney and Gedingka Fair but, as they were unable to represent Kilmashogue in the Leinster Final, Ann Turley and Barbara Fitzpatrick (as runners up) went on to qualify from the Leinster Final in Grange Golf Club to represent us in the All-Ireland Final in Balbriggan. They came back as runners up in the final and won a Pennant for our club.

Congratulations and well done to Ann and Barbara. This event raised €280 for the National Council for the Blind.

Despite the loss of competitive golfing activity from January to late May, a significant number of the major competitions managed to be run. We are grateful to Jim Nix for his help and support in devising the golf diary. Unfortunately, we didn't get to see PJ and Noelle arriving in style for their Drive-In and they also missed out on this special occasion.

The Roll of Honour in relation to the major competitions is as follows:

Captain's Prize: John Mahony

Lady Captain's Prize: Anne Marie Kerney

President's Prizes: Martin Jones and Anne Marie Kerney

**Golfers of the Year: Joint Men Winners: David Hennessey and Dan O'Toole
Noelle Kennedy**

Two Tom's Trophies: Caroline Hill and John Corcoran

Paul Noonan Trophy: Deirdra Healy and Dan O'Toole

Congratulations to all the winners. We believe it is the first time that the Captain's Prize and President's Prize were won by the same person – very well done to Anne Marie Kerney.

A special thank you to Eileen Hickey of Hickey Electrical who very generously sponsored the Lady Captain's Prize and the President's Prize this year.

A prize giving will be organised later this year for the presentation of medals, trophies and prizes to the winners of the outstanding competitions.

Finally, we would like to extend our best wishes to the incoming Competition Secretaries, John and Bernadette White. Please be assured that we won't be very far away if you need any help.

LADIES HANDCAP SECRETARY'S REPORT (Mary Harris & Phil Kelly)

Mrs. President, Vice President, Captains, Vice Captains and Fellow Golfers

There was no Ladies Annual Handicap review done for the year 2020 due to the change over to the World Handicap System (WHS) as per Golf Ireland instructions.

We lost 10 members during year. We also had 23 new players including the CIGS. Our move to Masterscoreboard was challenging however with everyone's help it worked well.

I would thank all members for their patience and goodwill during this time.

I would like to thank my committee for all their help and support throughout the year-Margaret O'Kelly, Anne Marie Kearney, Geraldine Grehan and particularly Mary Harris for her unfailing help. I would like to express my thanks to Andrew Grehan for his help during the year always there answer any queries we had.

I would like to wish the new Handicap Secretary and her Committee good luck in the coming year

Mens Handicap Secretary Report (Andrew Grehan)

President, Vice-President, Captains, Vice-Captains, Committee members and fellow members, the following is the Men's Handicap Report for 2021. All figures are per the Golf Ireland statistics of Kilmashogue members as of 20 October 2021:

There are 243 members in the men's category (238 in 2020). 228 men currently hold a handicap (213 in 2020). This is a net increase of 15 players to the Handicap List for the same period last year. In total 13 (2020 -15) initial handicaps were issued to members during the period. There are 15 members without a handicap. These are both new members who have recently joined the club and existing members. There are currently 2 players in the process of obtaining an initial handicap.

There are 10 players of which 3 are away members whose handicap is in single figures, with 5.4 being the lowest handicap held by a home player. The following are the number of members in each category:

(0.0 to 9.9) 7 home & 3 away

(10.0 to 19.9) 83 home & 2 away

(20.0 to 29.9) 93 home & 4 away

(30.0 to 39.9) 31 home & 1 away (40.0 to 54.0) 4 home & 0 away.

I again wish to acknowledge and thank sincerely Jimmy Fortune for his practical help and handicap expertise throughout my tenure as Handicap Secretary. Thank you also to Jim Nix for his participation on the Handicap Committee and to Sandra for her ongoing support in the office. It has been a pleasure and rewarding to work with the Committee and with the Ladies Handicap Secretaries Mary Harris and Phil Kelly throughout the period.

I also wish to acknowledge the help and guidance of David Robinson and Geoffrey Brooks with the production of our new scorecards earlier this year. The major handicapping event of the period was the introduction of the World Handicap System for all golf clubs in the country. All golf clubs and memberships have had to adjust to the implementation of the revised handicap index, course and playing handicaps. Thank you to the Captains and to all the membership for their support with this and other initiatives I wish my successor the best of luck as he takes up his new role as Handicap Secretary.

Tony Burke asked about Handicap setting. **Andrew Grehan** confirmed that there were no new directives from Golf Ireland with regards to issuing Handicaps and taking history of applicants into consideration when issuing Handicaps. Andrew also indicated that Golf Ireland had just issued instructions on the Annual Review process and that all handicaps including initial handicaps would be considered as part of that review.

KGC Course Update (John Westman)

First like to thank you, the members, for your cooperation and forbearance during the Course disruptions and closures, most arising from the Covid 19 mandatory restrictions. Also want to thank you for your ongoing assistance with repairing pitch marks, replacing and/or putting sand into any divots, smoothly raking the bunkers and using a Golf Tee at all boxes.

The 2021 Course report is brief. Presuming you are regularly playing the fairways and admiring the view from the new patio - you will no doubt agree - that generally the Course is in nice condition.

The members wish to thank the Grounds Superintendent Stuart and his team, for their work in maintaining the Course and for their ongoing attention to the greens, which has delivered a steady improvement in the condition of the KGC greens.

As you know, the Captains and Joint Committee are the forum for member's feedback on issues that interfere with your golf game ...for example ...Why is there a difficulty locating your golf ball is it due to excess grass growth in the ditches or under the pylons ...? or because the hedges or shrubbery are encroaching on the Fairways? ... or the ponds are not regularly cleared?

These issues are aired at meetings between the College and the Captains and the Joint Committee members. The goal of the KGC Committee is to positively influence Saint Columba's College to maintain and develop the Course in prime playing condition throughout the year.

Looking forward, there is a mix of Course maintenance and development items which require attention – namely Pin placement variation... supply 2 ball retrievers at the Ponds, one for each side locate the Temporary or winter greens off the playing Fairways to a position akin to the spare 9th green Upgrade the Tee Box signage build the 4th Tee box back to the wall raise up the 6th Tee box extend the First Green to embrace the Pond.

Kilmashogue Golf Club is fortunate to have enthusiastic volunteer members who are actively engaged doing work that you might expect the College should do, but otherwise can be overlooked. The Committee want to especially thank those volunteer members for their time, commitment and efforts.

Consider the heap of rocks on the 4th Fairway which has been transformed into a floral rockery that could win a prize at the Cheslea flower show. The creation of the Hydrangea display at the pond on the 7th. Applaud the efforts to plant and arrange the colourful flower pots around the Clubhouse and Patio. Our congratulations and appreciation are due to these hardworking ladies Anne O'Dea, Dodie O'Brien, Emily McCarthy.

We say thank you to Matt Gannon, Jim Nix and Captain PJ for their time and expertise to repaint the red and white stakes about the Course including repainting all the outdoor seating. Likewise Jack Kearney does an excellent job creating and supplying KGC with various signs and markers.

One stalwart volunteer is Brendan Blake, who does 5am weekend Course inspections with a torch, to be sure the Course is fit to play. He is a multitasker - who does grass edging, weeding and hedge trimming as well as planting flower beds and marking GUR and Drop Zones. Brendan is usually ably assisted by Liam Heritage, Brendan Young and Jim Berry. Well done guys. The Committees wishes Tom Kelly continued success with his recovery. Finally, during the upcoming 9-hole season the Men's 15th Tee box will be used rather than the 6th to assist with safety and the speed of play. Winter matts will be in use.

Kevin Bourke, congratulated the grounds committee and college staff on the wonderful condition of the course.

LADY CAPTAINS REPORT (Noelle Kennedy)

President Emily, Captain PJ, Vice Captains Barbara and Stephen, all Committee and Club members. What a strange year we have had with Covid. We had lockdown for a while and eventually the Club opened much to our delight. Unfortunately PJ and I had to cancel our Drive in, which was a pity because we had a hot air balloon booked for the occasion! Thankfully we had our Captains away days, both of them were very successful. My Captains day was very kindly sponsored by Eileen Hickey of Hickeys Electrical Services. Thank you Eileen. My away day in Edmondstown GC was sponsored by club member Jennifer Sowman, and again thank you Jennifer. I was delighted that Anne Marie Kerney won my Captains prize, a very popular and deserving winner.

We entered various Ladies teams in the Interclub competitions, unfortunately it was not our year, apart from the Cullen Cup. Managed by Marc Thornton and Deirdra Healy. They reached the semi-final but were beaten by a strong Cahir Park team. I could also like, at this stage, to congratulate our Men's Best Cup team who were beaten in the final by Corballis with the last putt of the match. Thank you Jennifer Moffatt who was the Liaison Officer and Managers, players and caddies. The players who all played their best on the day, and that is all we expect. Roll on next year!

Another huge positive for me was my wonderful Ladies committee, without exception they gave me so much support and generosity during the past 12 months, my vice captain Barbara, who backed me to the hilt on all occasions and was a great help. Thank you Patricia for your hard working in keeping and circulating our minutes very promptly. You certainly kept us all on our toes! During lockdown we had to have our Ladies meeting on Zoom, which was a foreign language to me at the time, but Patricia very kindly gave me a few private lessons. I don't think I was her star pupil as I had a few "hick cups" along the way, but sure I did my best and got there in the end. To Geraldine who was a superb Competitions Secretary, very efficient with the time sheets, always so helpful and willing to facilitate the members in every way which I know as not easy at times. Thank you Ger. Phil did a great job as Handicap Secretary ably assisted by Mary, who both worked so hard with the change in the World Handicap System teaching the Ladies how to master and manage score entries on Master Scoreboard. And doing so with great patience. To Dodie, who worked tirelessly with a very successful Hospice Day and made over £2,500 from organising the golf and raffle, making it the best year ever financially. It was great that the men joined us also. Another great cancer charity day "Play in Pink" in aid of National Breast Cancer Research, all the pink ensembles came out of the wardrobes for the occasion. The men also participated with their pink ties, shirts, shorts and hats. I was very disappointed none of them wore any grass skirts! We made £1,190 which was very gratefully received by the Institute. Thank you Emily, Ann, Geraldine Dunne and Aine for baking the delicious pink buns on the day. A big thank you to all the Lady and Men members who supported PJ's and my charity Irish Cancer Society which is very close to both of our hearts in the 2's. The total so far £6,800 which is amazing considering we missed nearly 6 months of play. To Vivian -for counting the money and leaving out the golf balls for the winners each week-. Thank you. I look forward to presenting the cheque to the Cancer Society. This normally happens before the AGM but unfortunately cannot happen this year.

A special work of thanks to Anne, Emily and Dodie who gave so much of their time during the nice dry summer evenings keeping the shrubs, flowers and pots on the veranda well watered late in the evenings. Anne could be seen in her blue bubble dishing up to ten the rockery on the 4th hold and hydranges on the 7th with the light fading fast. Thank you to Mary Dillon who kept us all happy, looking after the supplies of Tea, Coffee, milk and biscuits. She has now thrown in the 'towel' and retired from kitchen duties. I would say her arms have stretched from carrying the 3litre bottles of milk up the steps to the Club House. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to Sandra, our Administrator for all her help, advice and patience to me during the year. Her support and work commitment was invaluable to me and my committee. Thank you Barbara for agreeing to be my Vice Captain and for

your support and advice You will be a great Captain you have so much to offer and will add all your experience and knowledge to Kilmashogue Golf Club. I wish you and your committee a best of luck in 2022.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Lady Captain in this great golf club despite the presence of Covid and lockdown. My only regret was the absence of our social events, especially our Thursday night's golf and BBQ. But, hopefully next year all our socials will be back on track. I would like to welcome all our new Lady members and the SIGS who are now entering our competitions which is great. Thank you Judith for all your hard work over the past couple of years with the GIGS and SIGS!

I have left the best wine until last. What can I say about PJ. It has been my privilege and honour to have worked with you during the past year, you are an absolute gentleman. We worked so well together, a great team never a cross word or argument, having fun and laughter along our journey – with no tears. Thank you so much no word can express my gratitude to you. I have made a friend for life. I now look forward to spending more time with the 8 other men in my life namely my 2 sons, 6 grandsons and 2 lovely daughters in law. I tried my best to please the majority of members in this great club. I hope I succeeded.

Captain's Report (PJ Barry)

President Emily, Vice President Jack, Captain Noelle, Vice-Captain Stephen, Vice-Captain Barbara & fellow members of Kilmashogue GC,
WELCOMEone & all!

As always, the AGM brings the golf year to an end and signals the start of the new. We learned to cope with an ever-changing calendar...a virtual calendar as opposed to the standard hard copy because it was difficult to predict what restrictions Covid would feist upon us. We experienced lockdown after lockdown but we got used to it and coped. It was such a good feeling to be allowed swing a club again...even if it was casual golf only for a while. Gradually we were able to restore a semblance of normality with a blend of competitions, casual golf and the Sigs programme. Much to the relief of the many members, it made a big difference when the College kindly agreed to take the students Saturday - tee times out of the middle of the very popular Saturday Competition. which in turn facilitated a smoother flow in the Crossover. The College has also been generous in releasing vacant student slots to the club whenever possible. The refurbished verandah is a very much used facility ...our thanks to Stewart & his crew. The purchase by the College of a new mowing machine for cutting the rough has made a big difference and is very much appreciated by all. As you heard earlier the work is never-ending with so much more to do to make it an even better course. Many thanks to our course maintenance volunteers.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our long-serving secretary Sandra.....we'll miss her and we wish her a happy & healthy retirement. I would also like to thank all those who helped in any way in the running of the club and hopefully the easing of restrictions will allow a gradual build up to having the same level of social activity as we had pre Covid.

We didn't do too badly activity-wise as we succeeded in running The two Toms trophy, two bank holiday weekends, The Captains Prize, Play in Pink, Mens Captains Away Day, The Paul Noonan Trophy, Match Play, GOY and medals competitions.

To conclude I would like to thank the JOINT COMMITTEE as a whole for all the voluntary work throughout the year. They are the backbone of the club and without them neither the Club nor the Captains could survive.

I think that a big bualadh bos for all of them is called for!

AND now it's time for me to bow out as Captain and wish the incoming Captains the very best of luck in their endeavours.

The year flew! It's been an honour and a great experience.....well most of it!and I can sincerely say that I have no regrets.

8. Motions

Motion No.1

Currently one has to play three 18 qualifying rounds in the previous 12 months to be eligible to win for a given major competition (e.g. the Captains Prize). This motion proposes to change that to also allow six 9 hole qualifying rounds in the previous 12 months to be eligible to win a given major competition. Given the club is a 9 hole club and also some people cannot play 18 hole golf much at weekends (due to personal or work reasons), this seems a fair motion for change given the reason for the rule is to ensure major competition entrants have not been protecting their handicap by not playing in qualifying rounds of golf.

Proposed: Pearse McCarthy Seconded: Gerry Grehan

In the absence of Pearse McCarthy (Proposer) **Gerry Grehan** presented the motion to the AGM. A number of members (including **Jack Kearney, Tony Egan,**) spoke against the motion noting, inter alia, that prior to Covid the requirement was for four 18 hole competitions.

A number of members (**Kevin Burke, Mary Gough**) indicated support/sympathy for the motion on the basis that changing circumstances including profile of players , need to promote participation etc pointed to need for change.

On a show of hands the motion was rejected.

Motion No 2.

Proposal to change the indexes on the 9hole cards from 18-hole indexes to 9-hole indexes. Why? As a 9 hole course a lot of competitions are played over 9 holes. The present 18hole indexes on the 9 hole card is confusing especially for newer members. The change can easily be done at the next printing of 9 hole cards. **Proposed:**Gerry Grehan **Seconded:**GerardineGrehan

Gerry Grehan presented the motion to the AGM . **Andrew Grehan** , in response, outlined the extensive consideration given to the proposal earlier in the year by the Joint Committee which decided not to adopt the 1-9 indexes on the basis that it would conflict with computer software, give rise to need for new and additional marker posts and itself cause confusion due to differing indexes on 9 and 18 hole cards. Other members (including **Barbara Kearney, Marc Thornton, Tony Bourke**) also spoke against the motion on similar grounds. In response to Marc Thornton's query about the position of the JC in relation to the 1-9 indexes and whether a counter-motion was considered Jim Humphreys confirmed that JC were opposed to motion and that counter-motion considered but not proceeded with. In light of the discussion **Gerry Grehan** withdrew the motion

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Noelle Kennedy confirmed she had received correspondence from a lady member, about competitions and she would pass this email on to incoming committee for attention.

In response to queries from **Tony Bourke, Mark Donovan** confirmed that club subs. are paid in one lump sum.

Elaine Healy asked that the guidelines for the nomination of Presidents of KGC be reviewed by the Incoming Committee and that a secret ballot be used.

10.Outgoing President's Address (Emily McCarthy)

Captains P.J and Noelle, vice captains Barbara and Stephen, Vice President Jack, fellow members- It has been a great honour and privilege to have been your president for the past year. Because of the corona virus it was a difficult year for all of us and we had to skip many of the social events that we would normally enjoy.

I want to thank Captains Noelle and PJ for their hard work over the year. When the rest of us were at home, walking around the block for the 5th time (exercise) PJ was up at the club, walking the golf course or meeting with Stuart to make sure the course was kept in good condition for our return to golf. Thanks to Stuart and his team for doing an excellent job. Noelle was also very busy cycling

around to visit anyone who wasn't well or even dropping off presents if she heard it was someone's birthday. It must have been very frustrating for both of them not to be able to follow their dreams and aspirations for the club during their year as captains, and I want to thank them for their patience and for keeping us all safe.

As President one is guardian of the constitution. I'm glad to report nothing serious arose during my term as President.

At the start of my year in office, after studying the constitution, 2 areas struck me where the ladies club and men's club could work better together. One was on numbers - the men's club had 247 members and the ladies just 94. I suggested that the men's club cap their numbers and that the ladies club do all they could to increase the membership. Judging by the reports this evening the numbers are going in the right direction. A big thank you to Judith Hayward and her team for focusing on our Gigs and Sigs programme.

The second area where I felt we could cooperate better was on grounds work. Anne O Dea and Dodi O Brian volunteered to join the grounds committee and with help from the whole team formed the rockery on the 4th and planted Hydrangeas beside the pond on the 7th. (Aine Doyle's idea.) Anne also bought and planted the pots on the patio and many evenings during the summer herself and Dodi were here at dusk watering pots or driving up to the 4th to water the plants there. Thank you Anne and Dodi and indeed thanks to all the grounds committee for their hard work.

As we continue to make progress towards a normal golf year, I would ask you all for your continued patience, and support with any restrictions still in place. We will get there and hopefully enjoy more social golf in the near future.

A big thank you to the committees of both clubs for their hard work and to Sandra in the office for her good humour and multi tasking ability. I wish the incoming captains and committees all the best. I also wish your incoming President Jack good health, and the very best of luck during his term of office.

11. Election of Vice-Captains, Officers and Committees

President Emily deemed nominees elected as there was only 1 nominee for each position. President Emily wished the Captains and committees all the best for 2021/2022.

12. Presentation of Blazers and Badges

The blazers and badges were presented by the outgoing Captains Noelle and PJ to the incoming Captains Barbara and Stephen. Outgoing President Emily presented the blazer and badge to incoming President Jack Kearney.

13. Incoming President's (Jack Kearney) Address

Vice President Anne, Captains Stephen & Barbara, Outgoing President Emily, Captains Noelle & P.J., Committee & Fellow Members.

It is a great honour to be your incoming President. Thanks to Howard Farrell who nominated me, Tony Bourke who seconded me and the Past Captains and Presidents who elected me. I would like to give a special thanks to outgoing President, Emily. It is an honour to take over from you. It is a pleasure to have Anne O'Dea as our Vice-President. Anne has done super work over the years for our Club and I know she will make a great President. The past few years have been very difficult for Presidents Howard and Emily and the Past Captains and Committees because of Covid 19 and under the circumstances they did great work. Over the next year I will carry out the role of President with great enthusiasm and I look forward to working with our new Captains and Committee.

I wish all members a healthy year and good golf.

14.Incoming Ladies' Captain(Barbara Kearney) Address

President Jack, Vice President Anne, Captain Stephen,Outgoing President Emily, Captains Noelle & P.J., Committee & Fellow Members.

I am hugely honoured and excited to be your incoming Ladies' Captain for 2022.

The past 18 Covid months have been a roller coaster for us all, but I am now "cautiously optimistic" that a reawakening is coming for our golf & our Club, with restrictions lessening and hopefully a return to a full, regular golf routine. Thank you, Noelle, for inviting me to follow in your footsteps, and thank you and your Committee too for all your work, dedication & good humour in a very difficult year. Enjoy your well deserved retirement.

I am so looking forward to the coming year, with the serious but sociable Inter Club matches back on schedule in 2022. I am also very hopeful that the full programme of various Club "Majors" and Medal/GOY competitions will be restored to keep you more serious golfers challenged! The regular weekly 9 & 18 hole competitions will hopefully tempt the more relaxed golfers and those new to golf to join in and play regularly. Plans are afoot too for the resumption of regular social events, both on and off the course, presuming Covid obliges!

It was heartening to see our Ladies Club increase in membership during Covid times. It was so lovely to see 15 women transfer from Judith's very successful SIGS programme to full membership, and we are also delighted to welcome a further 8 new members to our ranks. Ladies, you are all so very welcome to Kilmashogue, and I wish you all good golfing, enjoyable socialising and friendship in your new Club.

I also would like to say a huge, sincere, thank you to our longer serving members for your patience during Covid, for cheerfully adapting to constant new processes as the Club tried to work its way through the pandemic, but mostly for supporting your Club during that difficult time. It is incredibly appreciated and I am hopeful that your patience will be rewarded with a full golfing calendar and a great year's golf.

Welcome to the new Committee members who have agreed to join me this year, thank you for your time, your support, and your trust. A grateful thanks too to everyone for their good wishes, and their offers of help. Rest assured, all help offered will be gratefully accepted at some stage –all Clubs need their members' help to effectively function and I am greatly reassured by all your offers.

Kilmashogue is a unique and wonderful Club and I am very proud to be a member for the past 22 years. I am honoured by this opportunity, together with Captain Stephen, to do all that we can to provide you, the members, with enjoyable golf, both competitive and social, in a friendly Club environment. I wish you all a healthy, successful, satisfying golfing year.

15.Incoming Mens' Captain (Stephen Walsh) Address

President Jack, Vice President Anne and Captain Barbara outgoing President Emily, Captains Noelle & PJ, Committee and Fellow Members

I never thought, when I originally joined Kilmashogue GC in 2002, that I would be standing in front of members at an AGM as the newly elected Captain. Perhaps I should have known, however, when PJ was buttering me up on the phone call when he asked me to be his Vice Captain, that there was

something up. However, I was obviously very happy but at the same time surprised that he did consider me.

I am very honoured to be your Captain for the 2022 year and I am particularly happy that Barbara and Jack have agreed to become Ladies Captain and President. Their knowledge of golf and of Kilmashogue GC is something that I will be depending on to help me in the coming year. I must also thank PJ, Noelle and Emily. The past year was very enjoyable and the start of a learning curve for me. I must commend them for dealing with the difficulties of a golf year that was disrupted by Covid and the uncertainty of when we could finally start playing again subject to a list of precautions and restrictions.

Golf is a very frustrating game at times, but it is its sociability that for me is probably the most important aspect that helps us all to keep us in the proper frame of mind even if on occasion the ball seems to have no intention of going where it is supposed to go. For me, the most important aspect of returning to golf after Covid restrictions eased was the ability to be with others and enjoy their company. The friendly atmosphere in this club is of huge importance to all of us and enhances the enjoyment we have in meeting friends and fellow members. We should be proud of Kilmashogue GC. We certainly have punched above our weight this year with a semifinal in the Cullen Cup, being narrowly beaten in the final of the Best Cup and winning the Shay Kearney Trophy. As a friend of mine said to me recently – oh yes, Kilmashogue – the 9 hole K Club! There's a thought!

As you know from the elections, we have 5 new members on the committee including new Handicap & Competition Secretaries and I am very much looking forward to working with them. I want to thank Andrew Grehan and Jim Ellis for their marvelous work as Handicap & Competition Secretaries and Jimmy Fortune, John Westman and Barry Jackson for their support on the committee. They all stand down after giving great service to the club. Of course, I am glad that Jim Humphreys, Jim Nix and Mark Donovan are staying on as I have found their help invaluable this year.

The position that Kilmashogue GC has with the college is a continuing factor in how we run the club and we consider that our discussions with St Columba's College are important in trying to obtain improvements to the course for the benefit of our members. We will have regular meetings with Sally and Stewart, which we are confident will help in dealing with any issues that may arise in the future. I am looking forward to working with fellow Captain Barbara President Jack, the Committee and all members to make this an enjoyable and satisfying golfing and social year for all of us in 2022. As Barbara has already said I wish you all health and success and hopefully a bit of fun as well.

16. Close of AGM 2021.

There being no further business President Jack closed the meeting.