

HONOURY SECRETARY REPORT TO JMC AGM 2021

2021 has gone by so quickly as in part we all are affected in our usual annual 'markers' not being place due to the continuing COVID-19 situation which has been in effect throughout this year in one way or another.

Throughout lockdowns the clubs renewal period and normal season opening took place. The members faith in their club was seen by very good renewal retention accompanied by welcoming new members to our club.

Throughout the year the clubs committees, volunteers and staff have worked though these outside challenges to strive to grow and build our club.

2021 was quote a successful year for the club with steady improvements in almost all areas of the club.

I wish to pay tribute to our two captains and I wish to welcome to the new captains for 2022, and wish them every success.

I wish to thank all the staff for their hard work and contribution in 2021, and also wish to thank Synergy golf for their work and guidance.

I wish to thank the volunteers in our club who worked so hard in 2021.

Thank you to our caterers, Rye River Café who provided great service and managed this through all the challenges 2021 brought us.

Some of these key decisions, and accomplishments have been compiled below:

January 2021

PJ Gannon commenced as President.

3 Vacancies on the JMC

Sub Committees were set up and this made up a Planning Document which was transient during the year.

COVID-19 protocols allowed golf after a months lockdown in November 2020.

A Club Leave of Absence Policy for those unable to play golf for medical reasons was published – this is available on the Club Website.

February 2021

A renewed 2 year lease was signed by the tenant in the 'old' pro shop building.

The club's new website is launched.

March 2021

2 new members were welcomed to the JMC, Elaine Buckley and Ger Eyres-O'Brien. The club signed up to the Women in Golf Charter, a condition of accepting a Golf Ireland Grant. Pleased to now have exceeded the minimum 30% gender ratio under the Women in Golf guidelines.

The JMC welcomed the allocation of a grant of €12,400 under the Golf Ireland resilience grant. Over €60,000 in grants was gained by the club in 2021.

A sub-committee was set up to guide the club in compliance with Golf Ireland equality requirements.

April 2021

The contract was signed with Sepcon to upgrade the water treatment sewerage system in the club.

Golf began to open up again after the lockdown of 4 months.

May 2021

5th Seasonal member of green-keeping staff started work.

Kevin O'Connor was welcomed as the Course Convenor.

Rye River Café finalised plans for an outdoor catering facility to commence from 7th June.

June 2021

The clubs documents were started to be moved to a cloud based IT system.

The clubs 5 year strategic plan revision commenced.

July 2021

Voucher based system of competition prizes was moved to an electronic system.

Clubs Fundraiser for a sanding programme was in full swing.

August 2021

Rakes and flagsticks were re-introduced on the course, following allowances by COVID protocols being lifted.

Works on the new sewerage/water treatment system were completed.

September 2021

Bernie Coleman was welcomed to the JMC as the newly elected Lady Vice Captain.

The fundraiser produced a fantastic income of over €23,000.

The Barton Cup team participated in the final against Malahide, a great day for the club in team golf.

October 2021

Agreement was made to change buggy supplier with 7 buggies to be delivered to the club.

Security arrangements in the club were to be reviewed to allow for a 'keyholder' type service.

November 2021

An HSE/HAS inspection was made and we passed inspection with regard to the clubs implementation of COVID-19 guidelines.

New sponsorship is sought for the tee boxes for 2022.

Ian Dack, Hon Secretary, JMC