

# Competition Secretary Report 2023 AGM

## Competitions

Some of the stats (last years in brackets).

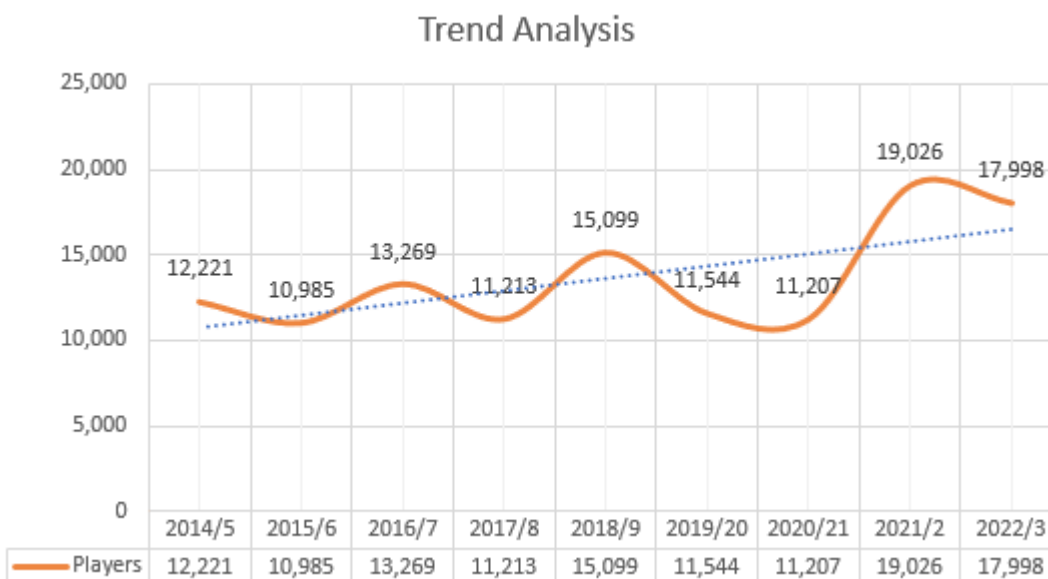
- Days when competitions were played 180 (192)
- Competition days with qualifying conditions 111 (130)
- Total Competitions 178 (190)
- Open Competitions 79 (79)
- Total Golf Rounds 17998 (19110)
- Visitors Golf Rounds 1580 (1460)
- Competition Days Course Closed (weather) 43 (20)
- Prizes given out 1537 (1546)

Breakdown of daily numbers playing in competitions.

- 7 days Over 150 played.
- 23 days 125 to 149 played.
- 66 days 100 to 124 played.
- 42 days 75 to 99 played.
- 26 days 50 to 74 played.
- 16 days Less than 50 played.

On average over the year, we had 101 players per competition.

The following graph gives us a trend of players in competitions since 2014.



### **Captain's & President's Prizes**

The Captain's Prize was a very close contest with only 2 points separating the top 3 players. John McNerney came out on top.

The President's prize was even closer with the top 3 players having the same score. Dermot Carty winning it on count back.

### **Medal Winners**

April - Craig Barnes

May - Mark Kavanagh

June - Tarek Qunber

July - Pat Fitzmaurice

Aug - Justin Moran

Sep - Donal O'Brien

### **Golfer Of the Year**

Shay Fagan won the 2023 Golfer of the Year.

Martin Filbert won the Gross Golfer of the Year.

### **Matchplays**

243 players competed in the singles matchplay qualifiers, and a further 279 competed in the other matchplays. 265 players (including 39 visitors) competed in the scratch cups.

### **Results**

Singles Winner

Colm Byrne

Gross Winner

Tomás O'Brien

Fourball Winner

Osmond Brady & Edward Murphy

Foursomes Winner

Hugh Turley & Philip Flanagan

Scotch Winner

Denis McCarthy & Damian Scanlon

### **Titleist Open Series (last years in brackets)**

This was a huge success with 2200 (2383) participants in the 25 (27) Titleist Open Competitions which included 759 (791) visitors. 146 (125) played on the final day. 62 (71) of those contested for the Titleist sponsored prizes. Marcella Coyne won the final with a score of 39 points on a better back 9. In fact, the top 5 players all had 39 points. We would like to give big thanks to our pro Greg who got Titleist to sponsor the final day. We are looking forward to having Titleist as sponsors again next year.

### **Super Score Card**

All members are included, no fee charged. This was completed after the last singles played under qualifying conditions at the end of September. All single stableford competitions which are played in qualifying conditions are included. There was one gross winner and in line with net prizes given out each week we have winners in each of those categories.

The winners were as follows.

Gross (white) – Ciaran Mahon (53 net)

Stableford (white)

Cat 1 Marco Guedes (61 Points)

Cat 2 - Michael Ginnetty (63 Points)

Cat 3 - Christopher Cannon (64 Points)

Cat 4 - Adam Hennessy (69 Points)

Stableford (green)

Cat 1 - Frank Saunders (63 Points)

Cat 2 - Martin Keane (62 Points)

Cat 3 - Tom O'Brien (65 Points)

Super Score Card tables are available on Master Scoreboard.

### **Team Competitions**

During the year and at last year's AGM there was a few requests for more team competitions. The Thursday 9-hole team competitions were very popular. However, weekend team competitions were not popular with members, resulting in a drop off in numbers playing.

### **Turkey Competitions**

The weather played havoc with these with most of December washed out. We did get to play 14 competitions. A total of 96 supermarket vouchers were given out in prizes.

### **Spring League**

Format was Teams of 6, best 3 scores each week counted. Double points in the final week.

Weeks played: 6. Weeks attempted: 11. Too much bad weather.

Teams: 24

Players: 144

Games played: 685

Holes played: 9,882

Winning Team: *Back to the Kuchar*. Total Points: 683

Players: P.J. Gannon, Eamon Rheinisch, Joe Husband, Ciaran Kelly, Donal O'Brien, Eddie Teehan.

### **Proposed changes to the 2024 format:**

We are running both teams and singles leagues next year.

The teams league consists of 5 Players on each team with the best 5, nine-hole scores from each player on the team to count over the 8-week period.

The singles league is the best 5, nine-hole scores from a player to count.

It will run from the 5<sup>th</sup> January to the 25<sup>th</sup> February

You can play on any Friday, Saturday, Sunday competitions.

There is no restriction on how many of you scores count over a weekend.

First 9 holes played count for score. No matter how many holes the comp is played over (9,12,15 etc)

There are overall team and individual prizes.

One entry fee covers both teams and singles leagues.

The hope is that it will be more structured and less vulnerable to impacts from the weather.

### **Hole in One**

We had a record 11 hole in one's in 2023.

Noel Cosgrove, John Flynn, Conor Mahon, Paul McPartlan, Tom Kelleher, Ciaran Smith, Martin Halstead, Darrell Moore, Fergus Dunne, Jim Foley, Joe Scales

### **Prizes and Presentation**

We had presentations for the Captain's Prize, President's Prize, Medal winners, Matchplay winners, and GOY. All other competition prizes were available for members to collect from the proshop within a few days of the competition. As we no longer use vouchers all prizes are credited to members proshop or bar/restaurant accounts on a weekly basis. We are having a presentation for recent medals, Golfer of

the Year and other trophies on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. We have organised a team event with a shotgun start and some food afterwards to take place before the presentation on the 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Interclub Competitions (Brendan Finlay)**

Kilcock Golf Club has participated in additional interclub competitions compared to 2022, with slightly better results compared to last year. The Super Seniors team managed by Dominic Holmes were again successful, retaining the competition they won in 2022.

In the other competitions, most matches were narrowly lost by the odd game in 5.

Given the increasing membership, and expressions of interest from members, it is proposed to enter additional Inter-club competitions next year with the following –

#### Golf Ireland Competitions

Pierce Purcell	Jimmy Bruen Barton Cup	Junior Cup	Senior Cup
Barton Shield	Provincial Towns	Fred Perry	Irish Mixed Foursomes

#### Leinster Competitions

JB Carr	Super Seniors	Straffan Cup	Senior Alliance
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### **Proshop & Course Staff**

I would like to give a big thank you to Greg, Johnny, Sean, and Ben in the proshop. They were a tremendous help to me during the year. To Tomás and the course staff, well done on having the course in such good condition and thank you all for your assistance over the year.

### **Competition Committee**

I was ably assisted during the year by Darren Gunning, Tommy Tallon, and Joe Scales who dealt with the seniors' competitions. Thanks to them for their help, support, and advice during the year. A special thanks to Tommy Tallon for his assistance in closing the three weekend competitions and posting the results, most of these are done within hours of the last scores being returned.

Finally, I would like to wish the incoming Captain Pat and his committee all the best for 2024.

### ***Michael Cronin***

Hon. Competition Secretary

*On behalf of the Competition Committee*

*Darren Gunning, Tommy Tallon, Joe Scales*