

# Mahee Ladies Newsletter

May 2017



## May Results

### 1st May

#### Monthly Medal

1. J Mitchell 70
2. C Mitchell 72
3. E Hewitt 72

### 8th May

#### Peggy Nelson

1. K McClemments 37
2. F Clarke 36
3. J Wood 35

### 22nd May

#### Millennium Trophy

- 1 C Mitchell 74
- 2 M Campbell 74
- 3 G Minnis 76

Due to bad weather, two of the Monday competitions were postponed to a later date.

### Dates for June

- 6th (Tue) Monthly Medal
- 7th Nellie Garret Foursomes
- 12th Joyce Wilson Trophy
- 19th Gertrude Gregg
- 23rd LADY CAPTAIN'S DAY
- 26th Gent's President's Prize
- 30th Mixed Foursomes (Murphy Trophy)

## Get Into Golf

This initiative is to attract new members to the club and to golf in general and candidates should not have had affiliation to any other club.

After four weeks with pro. Gordon Fairweather, over 20 ladies are now "on the course" learning basic etiquette rules etc and enjoying the fun. The programme finishes on 13th June and to date we have established at least eight new members.

Other new members include Penny Brown and Joan Cowan (past members rejoining) and Geraldine MacFlynn now living locally, after a career in Scotland. We wish them all many happy times at Mahee.

Pictured right....

Siobhan Andrews getting some top class coaching from husband Arnie!

## Team News

This year, unfortunately our teams are not progressing just as far as previous years.

The Mixed Team failed to qualify at Helen's Bay by a very close margin. They all tried their best in very windy conditions.

The Challenge Cup Team put up a great fight when they began 4-1 down to Strabane. Inflicting a 4-1 defeat to



Just before a few holes on the course



Putting practice.



Strabane at Mahee, Jean's team lost out on holes. Well tried everyone.

The Minor Cup Team suffered at the hands of St. Patrick's. A 3-2 win at Mahee was not enough to take them through, although all the matches at Downpatrick were very close indeed.

The Junior Foursomes overcame Balmoral in the first round and are currently engaged with Malone. After the

match at Mahee it is level pegging, one and a half games each.

The return fixture is 4th June.

The Intermediate Team is currently in play with Lisburn. After the home leg, the score is currently 3 1/2 - 1 1/2 to Mahee. They play Lisburn on 9th June.

The Friendly League Team is going very well with only 1 defeat to date. A recent 4 1/2 - 1 1/2 win against Scrabo helped secure 2 more points on the league table.







**Mahee Island– The Beginning**

In 1978, the Historic Monuments and Building Branch of the Dept. of the Environment began to clean up the site of Nendrum Abbey and the Captain and Council of Mahee Island Golf Club began to consider plans to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the club in 1979. Quite a coincidence that both the Club and the Abbey should be getting special attention for it was the first Abbot of Nendrum Saint Mochaoi (pronounced Mahee) who gave his name to the Island where the Golf Club is situated. St. Patrick established the monastery at Nendrum in 450 AD. St. Mochaoi ruled there as Abbott until his death in 497 AD. The Monastery continued to be a centre of learning and industry until the coming of the Danes who destroyed it utterly in 974 AD.



**Get Well Soon!**  
**We were sorry to hear that Christine Loney has broken her ankle! We will miss her down at Mahee and representing the club on the Intermediate Team. We all wish you a speedy recovery.**



**Our Beautiful Mahee**

I know we say it practically every week, but we are indeed blessed to have such a beautiful place to play our golf!

We take for granted all the hard work that goes into making this one of the finest courses in Ireland. For this we must congratulate Wilson, the head greenkeeper and say a huge WELLDONE!!



**Hole In One!**

Congratulations to new member Geraldine MacFlynn, who got a hole in one whilst out for a round on her new course. The hole in one was at the 17th with a 9 wood!

Well done!



Above...the 6th green. Below view from the new 7th tee.



**Maeve Bogie at a recent practice session at Malone for the Junior Foursomes!**



**Latest Team News**  
 On Sunday 4th June, the Junior Foursomes just failed to continue to the next round, when they came up against a strong Malone team. Pauline and Frona, halved their match, Marie and Christine were beaten, and Maeve and Marge were called in at the 17th (1 down).  
 Many thanks to Susie Carnston who was a great Team Captain!