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# Slievenamon Golf Club Newsletter

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## *The Best Little Golf Club in Ireland*

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Welcome to Issue 2 of Slievenamon's Golf Club Newsletter. The last three months since Issue 1 have seen some dramatic changes on the Course and I hope you will agree that they have all resulted in a vastly improved and more enjoyable – if more challenging – golfing experience. The Course is now a par 70, beautifully laid out and at last resplendent with our new signage. The course works described in our last newsletter have seen new tee boxes at most of the holes that are a longer distance, the reshaping of a number of greens and the strategic placing of a number of new bunkers, with two new finishing holes at 17 and 18. The new 17<sup>th</sup> hole has been lengthened considerably with two new bunkers, one before the drain and one front left of the green. The 18<sup>th</sup> hole, despite being shortened, has been challenging all players, and has been the cause of some vigorous debate. It is now just 123 yards long and the green has been increased in size, but the large horseshoe bunker around the green is proving an interesting feature, to say the least.



In the throes of construction



Enjoying the improvements

The course has also been gifted with seven new benches by a number of members and sponsors, so if it all gets too much, there is somewhere to sit down, relax and take stock. Thanks to Michael O'Meara, there are also beautifully crafted bins in which to throw your clubs if things get too much!

We are immensely proud of what has been achieved on the Course in such a short space of time, and immensely grateful, too, to Paul Kenny and his team – Mike Walsh and Matt Fleming. Without their dedication, hard work and commitment over the past months, we could never have hoped to have the Course in such fine condition now. A special mention here for Michael O'Meara also, who almost single-handedly saved our greens during the summer drought this year, taking on the enormous burden of watering the greens and tee boxes every morning and evening.

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As we mentioned in the first newsletter, the overall objective for the upgrade has been to make the Course more feature rich and to create a golf course that is playable for all categories of golfer, particularly for golfers who value shorter courses where accuracy, rather than length, is the key. We stated that we wanted a golf course that is expertly maintained to the highest standards with fast true greens, well defined fairways and graded roughs that remains a pleasure to play for all our members and guests. We believe we have met that objective. We are now calling on all members and visitors to help us maintain the high standards that have been achieved by playing their part in repairing pitch marks and raking bunkers. Everyone at the Club will be aware that this is becoming the refrain around the Clubhouse but please, do take this seriously. There are pitch repairers for sale at the office in the Clubhouse and rakes are located in each of the bunkers. If people play their part, the benefits will be felt by everyone.



Although it seemed at one stage that the course might not be ready in time for our first ever Classic, things went our way and the hard work of the Green-keeping staff paid off in spades in late September – the Course looked magnificent and everyone who played enjoyed themselves tremendously. It was a fantastic occasion and one which we plan to have as an annual event – and hopefully a little earlier next year. Again, we are very grateful to everyone who turned up and to the members who volunteered so willingly and with such good humour to make the occasion an extremely special one



The Golf Club has also been the scene of many other hugely enjoyable occasions over the past few months. Margaret English, our out-going Lady Captain, had a very successful Lady Captain's Day where the golf played was outstanding and the style afterwards at her very well-attended Dinner was dazzling.



Shane Kenny, our outgoing Captain, held his Captain's Day in early October, patiently waiting without complaint as we pushed back his allotted day to give the new Course time to bed in. The style afterwards was not on a par with the Ladies, but everyone seemed very happy with the day regardless.



President's Day was also a huge success. Of course, while Billy Phelan knocked it out of the Park on the day, I think even he would be prepared to admit that the real stars on the night were our musical incoming Captain and Lady Captain, with Pat Slattery proving a worthy minstrel himself. We are looking forward to enjoying many more renditions from them over the months ahead.

As we face into the Autumn months at Slievenamon, I want to thank all the Members again for the continuing commitment to the Club. We are looking forward to meeting new faces over the coming months and hope that Members will take the time to encourage their friends and associates to visit the Course and test it out for themselves, with a view to joining our Community.

I also want to thank our staff for being so dedicated and helpful in navigating their way through all the changes, and of course a special thank you goes to Brendan Kenny, who has been such a feature of the Golf Club for so long, and whose tremendous good humour and kindness have been matched only by his courage in dealing with his own health issues. I know we all wish him a very speedy recovery and hope to see his smiling face back at the Club as soon as possible.



That's it for this issue. As always, you can phone the office at any time on 052 613 2213 or email at [slievenamongolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:slievenamongolfclub@gmail.com) if you have any enquiries. Any issues relating to the Club will be posted clearly in the Clubhouse and we will always keep you informed of any information relevant to your membership. We will shortly be relaunching our website at [www.slievenamongolfclub.com](http://www.slievenamongolfclub.com) but we will send out a note to confirm when that has been done. In the meantime, you can keep up to date on all our activities on our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/slievenamongolfclub/>

We look forward to your continued presence at “the Best Little Golf Course in Ireland”



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