



# Baltray Weekly Newsletter

## Mens & Ladies Competitions

- The **Mid-week fourball** competition was won by **Niall Monaghan and Tony Hayes** with 43 Points.
- Friday night's social event, the **Brendan and Berni McDonald Mixed**, was won by **Declan and Margaret McCann** with 23 points.



Best of luck to the Ladies heading off today, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August to Laytown and Bettystown to play in the annual **Sheila Walsh Trophy**. No doubt it will be a great day of golf and lets hope Co. Louth bring the trophy back again.

## The R&A Boys Championship

**This is a historic week in our club as we host the R&A Boys Championship.**

From the moment the R&A rolled onto site, a certain buzz has been taking over the club.

Members volunteering and wearing their red jumpers with pride around the course and the clubhouse, graciously accepting the compliments that visitors are paying about our fantastic course.

There was added delight when one of our own Juniors, **Louis Goodman**, got a spot in the tournament, off the waitlist. Unfortunately Louis didn't make the cut after the 2 strokeplay rounds, we are so proud of his achievement and look forward to his bright future.

We are currently into the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of matchplay. 36 holes of Golf to be played on Thursday and Friday, leading to Saturday's 36 hole Final.

Its all to play for, and we have 2 Irish left in the tournament at this stage also. **John Doyle** from Fota Island and our local boy, **Adam Fahey** who lives in Termonfeckin and plays out of Portmarnock.

If you haven't been down to the golf club to spectate, you will be in for a treat if you can visit over the next 3 days to witness incredible golf and see how amazing our course and clubhouse look.

**Full Report to come Next Week.**





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## Junior Competitions and Events

### **U15's Boys**

Congratulations Colm Devine and his U15 Boys team who won their matches in Greenore and have progressed to the quarter finals.

### **Monarch Trophy**

Our Monarch teams won their matches in Dundalk on Monday and are playing in Greenore on Thursday 14th.

### **Laytown & Bettystown Open Day**

Our Baltray kids performed extremely well in L&B at their Junior Open day. Isabelle Mullen won the U15's, Aoibhinn Hackett 2nd Gross, Daniel McKenna 2nd Gross, Daniel Murphy 3rd nett, Aidan Flynn 1st Net, Alfie McKenna 2nd net, Emily Garvey 1st net, Juliette Mullen 2nd in their respective categories.

### **Portmarnock Invitational**

Daniel O'Brien, Elizabeth Sharkey, David Bohill and Holly Kirkpatrick are representing Baltray and playing in the Portmarnock invitational on Friday 15th. Best of luck to all.

## Junior Gallery







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## Ladies Senior Foursomes

Last Sunday morning in Castleknock our Ladies Senior Foursomes team went out to face Ardee in the semi-final of the North Leinster Finals. What a great performance it was, winning 2 out of 3 matches sending us into the Final at 2.20pm that afternoon.

Team Manager **Vicki Smyth** and assistant **Eileen Garvey** were at hand to manage all the formalities and the super team of **Emer O'Shea & Emily Murray, Ellen O'Shaughnessy and Aoife Allen, Holly Kirkpatrick and Karen Upton** gave it their all on a Sunny Sunday Afternoon with a large crowd cheering them on.

Unfortunately, despite taking the Royal Tara Team to the last hole in the final match, it wasn't to be our day.

Thank you to the Managers and All the Team for their fantastic commitment and performance all season

## Barton Shield Team Secures North Leinster Double

Last Sunday, our Barton Shield team completed the remarkable North Leinster double.

### **Semi-Final vs. Balcarrick**

Cousins **Gavin Tiernan and Daniel O'Brien** led the way in the semi-final against Balcarrick. They found their rhythm immediately, taking a 2-up lead after three holes. By the turn, they had extended the advantage to 5-up, and play was called in on the 15th with the pair an impressive 7-up, having dropped only a single hole all morning. It was an exemplary, professional performance.

In the second pairing, **Evan Farrell and Harley Phipps** prevailed in a more closely contested match.

The opening six holes were halved before they captured the 7th and 8th to go 2-up. Balcarrick responded by winning the 9th and 13th, but Farrell and Phipps regained momentum by taking the 14th. With the pair holding a narrow 1-up lead and the first group already 7-up, play was called. In the challenging foursomes format, both pairings finished the morning at two-under par in their respective matches.

### **Final vs. Howth**

Howth advanced from their semi-final against Malahide, setting up a rematch with a side we narrowly overcame in the opening round of the Senior Cup back in April. After a hard-fought morning, the afternoon line-up and order of play were reshuffled. **Stuart Grehan** was introduced alongside Gavin Tiernan to add further firepower, while Evan Farrell and Harley Phipps led out the opening match. Despite being 1-down through four holes, Farrell and Phipps responded superbly, winning five of the next six holes. They were eventually called in after 14 holes, finishing four-under par for the afternoon. In the second match, Tiernan and Grehan produced a breath-taking display, winning 6-up on the 14th. Despite their opponents making four birdies, the pair recorded an astonishing eight-under par for the 14 holes played. It was an exceptional performance that capped an outstanding day of golf from all five players across both matches.

Over the course of the five game Barton Shield campaign so far, 10 different players have contributed to this success. Four of our five matches have been contested away from home.



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## All Ireland Finals Details - Douglas GC Cork

Barton Shield Quarter Final v Roscommon GC Thursday 28th August 9am

Barton Shield Final takes place Friday 29th August.

Senior Cup Quarter Final v Roscommon GC, Saturday 30th August 11.30am

Senior Cup Semi-finals & Final take place Sunday 31st August

The support has been phenomenal so far and we hope as many members as possible can join us on this journey to Douglas Golf Club.

## Teams Gallery

