

Monthly Newsletter

KIRKISTOWN CASTLE
GOLF CLUB

05 JUNE 2026



Kirkistown Castle Golf Club
Cloughey, Northern Ireland

Number #1 Rated Course in North Down

Number #11 Rated Course in Northern Ireland

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to reach out to all our members, mainly those who do not access Social Media.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our members who have continued to support us during the opening months of our new Bar & Bistro facilities. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our club running smoothly and effectively.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully held our Braid and Salver Mixed Foursomes competition and Sisters of Country Night, both of which were a huge success and something we look forward to hosting again.

We are also excited to see the return of Inter-Club matches, giving our members the opportunity to both represent and support the club. These matches are a way to show their support and interact with fellow members while also enjoying great food, drinks, and entertainment. We hope to see you there throughout the month. Matches are well underway with results available in our Golf Overview section.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our club relies on the kindness and support of our members. Whether you participate in events, share feedback, or simply stay connected with the social side of the club, your involvement helps us grow and improve year on year.

What to expect?

Clubhouse
Updates

Upcoming
Events

Course
Updates

Volunteer
Spotlight

Results



Upcoming Events

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th June
 Presidents Weekend
 Mr Leonard Hamilton

Sunday 21st June
 Fathers Day Carvery followed by
 Live Entertainment by
Eimear Dynes

Friday 26th June
 Corporate Day for Beth Coulter

Upcoming Competitions

- Florence Calvert Trophy
- Brian McVea Cup
- Nellie Garrett Cup
- Esdale Dowling Memorial Trophy
- Mr Captain & Lady Captain joint competition for Ladies & Gents

Volunteer Spotlight

Peter Atkinson

We are truly blessed to have a group of dedicated volunteers who continuously give their time to assist in the running of the club.

In the spotlight this month is long-standing member, Peter Atkinson. Peter is a current Council member who takes control of the BRS Booking System. Members will remember the times of our "Fastest Finger First" booking system which wasn't ideal each week. By managing the weekly tee-time bookings throughout the year, this takes added pressure off our members and we are extremely lucky to have Peter and thank him for his hard work and dedication.

GOLF OVERVIEW



Competition Winners

Paula Millar, Jacqui Jellie & Claire McNally -

Peggy Nelson Trophy Qualifier

Darren Hokinson - Ritchie McKee Memorial Cup

Paula Watson - Isa Forsythe Trophy

David Cully - Miscampbell Cup

Mairead Breen - Jonathan Peden Trophy (L)

Dermot Woods - Jonathan Peden Trophy (G)

Denise Upritchard & Claire McNally - Australian Spoons

Alan Carson - Berkeley Cup

Mary Gallagher & Liz Charleton - Monthly Medal

Robert Simpson - Helena Marchant Trophy

Inter-Club Matches

Both our Ladies' and Gents' teams have been competing in Golf Ireland competitions. Our ladies are performing strongly throughout various competitions whilst our gents have come up against some strong opposition, failing to progress to the next rounds unfortunately.

See below for our remaining competitions:

Holt Shield | B&D | Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy |
Barton Shield | Revive Active Fourball



BRS Booking

With the course showing no signs of letting up with Societies and visitors -

Remember to have your purse topped up to allow Match & Handicap to make your weekly booking.

Please use the BRS App for casual golf where possible to avoid any confusion on the 1st Tee.

50:50 SPLIT THE POT

TICKETS £5.00

*Enter now to win
half the pot!*



DRAW TO BE MADE 27TH JUNE

HOW TO ENTER:



Place £5.00 in the envelopes provided



Write your name and contact number on the envelope



Place inside the secure box located in the lounge

HOW THE POT IS SPLIT:

50%

**GOES TO
THE WINNER**

50%

**GOES TOWARDS
OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY
FUNDRAISER**



SUPPORT OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY —
half the pot goes back to the club. 

Enter now and make a difference!



**KIRKISTOWN CASTLE
GOLF CLUB**

More than a game, it's a community.



BETH COULTER TURNING PRO



ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND STAFF AT KCGC WOULD LIKE TO WARMLY CONGRATULATE BETH COULTER ON HER PLANS TO TURN PRO THIS SUMMER. WE ARE ALL EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU BETH, AND WISH YOU THE UPMOST SUCCESS IN YOUR PRO CAREER WHICH WE WILL FOLLOW WITH GREAT INTEREST

KCGC COUNCIL

COURSE UPDATE



GREENS REPORT

2nd June 2026

Overview:

We are pleased to report that the greens are steadily improving and taking on a firm and fast characteristic where balls bounce and release rather than stopping instantly. Similarly, surrounds and approaches are developing more to accept the “ground game”, meaning you can bump-and-run approach shots instead of exclusively flying them to the pin. The greens receive the utmost attention to continually improve, including regular feeds and watering (when necessary) and this week will see the mower blade dropped and greens rolled in preparation for Presidents weekend.

However, the work of our greenkeeping team has been significantly hampered by a number of challenges, including 23 fewer growing days in 2026 compared with 2025, supply chain issues affecting the delivery of sand for top dressing, and frustrating machinery breakdowns at critical points in the run-up to and the start of the main playing season.

The good news is that sand is now expected next week, so a top-dressing exercise can be carried out before the end of the month and machines are behaving much better than they were!

We appreciate members’ patience and understanding as the team continues to work hard to deliver the best possible playing surfaces.

REPLACE YOUR DIVOT | REPAIR YOUR PITCH MARK | RAKE THE BUNKERS

Steve Hewlett | Greens Convenor | Kirkistown Castle Golf Club

SPECIAL MENTIONS



DOUGIE BOYD -

Congratulations to Dougie on a fantastic achievement, recording a HOLE IN ONE on our 11th hole. Every golfer dreams of that perfect shot and Dougie's memorable ace is a moment to be celebrated. A shot that will no doubt be talked about for years to come.

Well done Dougie!

ADAM LOCKHART

Congratulations to Adam on an outstanding performance at the ISPS Handa Irish Close Championship for Golfers with Disabilities, held at County Meath Golf Club, where he secured victory in his section. Adam's dedication, determination and skill were on full display throughout the event, making this a well-deserved success and a proud achievement for both himself and the club.

Well Played Adam!

MONTHLY RECAP IN PHOTOS

