

# Strabane Golf Club



# Newsletter - May 2019

## **Course Development:**

David Jones visited the course on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and made various suggestions in regards to the 4<sup>th</sup> hole in particular.

### 4th Hole

To continue playing from the 4<sup>th</sup> tee proper, we will have to realign the hole, i.e. change the fairway and tee alignment. He also suggested installing a fence at the tee to prevent wayward shots entering the neighbouring houses or gardens. It is hoped to have the fence installed fairly soon.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Hole

The 8<sup>th</sup> hole could be lengthened and turned in to a risk and reward par 4, with a new green over-looking the river.

### 14<sup>th</sup> Hole

David also suggested that the approach to the 14<sup>th</sup> green be levelled to make a softer landing and fairer bounce.

### Course Development – 5 Year Plan:

The 18<sup>th</sup> green is causing concern due to the speed and slope of the front portion and Council is exploring the possibility of a new green being built.

The green on the 6<sup>th</sup> might also need major work and we now have the possibility of constructing a new tee on this hole as a result of the deposited material removed from the 16<sup>th</sup>.

It is also hoped to carry out major improvements on the bunkers, however as in all course and clubhouse developments this will necessitate a lot of fund raising.

### Men's Locker Rooms:

The plans to refurbish the men's locker rooms are currently with the planning department and will probably be another 12 weeks before a reply is received from them. Assuming we get a favourable response from the planning application, it is envisaged that work should commence end of September.

#### **BRS**:

Council have decided to continue with the present booking system until the end of the season but will also continue to monitor it. Can members please fill in members names as opposed to 'guest with' or 'reserved by' when making a booking. It is the responsibility of the member who makes the booking to ensure that all players turn up or remove their name if unable to play.



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### Walled City & Strabane Pro-Am:

There are places for 6 teams left in the upcoming Pro-Am on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Please contact Paddy McCrossan to enter a team as soon as possible, as any surplus spaces will be handed over to City of Derry within the next few weeks

### **Overflow Car Park:**

The area left of the 16<sup>th</sup> hole has now been cleared and it is hoped to use this as an overflow car park within the next few weeks. Perhaps members who have a locker could use this car park as the side gate will provide easy access to the locker rooms. Any member who drives a van or similar sized vehicle could consider parking there as well.

#### **Presentations:**

Council is increasingly concerned about the non-attendance of many prize winners for presentations. We appreciate that there are times when people have prior engagements, however we feel that the sponsors deserve better and that members should make a greater effort to attend. If anyone is unable to attend they should inform the Competition Secretary or send a representative on their behalf to accept the prize.

### 200 Club Draw:

The first monthly draw in the 200 Club Draw will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. The winner will receive £100 off their 2020 fees or credited to their bar card. Can all 200 Club members please ensure they are fully paid before the Grand Draw on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Seamus Duffy Academy:

There will be a Gala Day for the Academy on Friday 14th June from 4-6pm

### **Events & Entertainment:**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Club 200 Monthly Draw Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July Wedding Anniversary Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July Club 200 Monthly Draw Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August Club 200 Monthly Draw

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 200 Club Main Draw, Music by 'Friends'

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Any member is more than welcome to discuss with any club official or Council member ideas or suggestions for the betterment of the club.