

Boyle Golf Club

A month-by-month review of 2008

By Michael Gilmartin

January: The year started with bad weather and for the month the club closed, and re-opened for the Daily Mail foursomes won by Pat Gannon and Gerry Emmett.

February: Jimmy Dwyer had two wins on the trot and also changed his van. Willie and Nicola took over the catering.

March: The Captains Drive in took place in March won by Brendan Gaffney. Eamon Perry, Michael McHale and Paul Anderson.

April saw the spring league won by Brendan Gaffney, Stephen Bohan and Martin Murphy. The voucher competition was won by Pat Gannon 2nd year running. Bets on for a hat trick in 2009. Susan Gaffney won the ladies voucher. Thursday night competitions re-commenced with James Shivnan winning the two's club carried over from last year. Still waiting for that drink James. A club outing was held in Ballyconnell won by Brendan Gaffney, Jimmy Doyle and Carmel McGarry, thanks to Peggy Feely.

May: Tadgh Egan won the PGA tankard. The Traders competition was won by Rodney Boles and Damien Eames and Friday evening scrambles re-commenced. Junior golf lessons began on Saturday morning and would run right through the summer. Thanks to Myra Egan and all who assisted her. The Marching Band Competition was won by Eddie Conroy and Martin Murphy with The Holmpatrick Cup won by Michael Gilmartin and James Shivnan. The runners up Gerry Emmett and Stephen Bohan went on to represent the Club.

June: Some great successes in Inter Club Competitions for the seniors, the mixed foursomes and also the Pierce Purcell Team. The Ladies began a great run that was to lead to the Connacht final. Liz Dwyer, Sean Heslin and John Tiernan were among the prizewinners in the Erne Waterways weekend. King Harmon matches commenced and Geraldine McDermotroe became Queen of the Scrambles after three wins on the trot. Colm Loftus, Gerry Emmett and Peggy Feely won the Crumlin Classic which would eventually bring them to Portugal. The Mixed Foursomes, Seniors and Pierce Purcell Teams bowed out of inter club competitions while the Ladies Miele Team beat Roscommon. The Jack O Sullivan Team marched onwards and the Cecil Ewing Team had a great win against Strandhill. Colm Cooke won the Lady Captains prize to the men and the we saw a Thursday nights won by three Michaels, Simon, Costello and Gilmartin.

July: Carmel Conlon won the Lady Captains Prize. The Jack O Sullivan Team lost out to Castle Dargan and the Ladies made it through to the Connacht Semi-final. Open week was a great success with lots of visitors and the weather held up. The Club hosted the Connacht Close Junior Championship with Declan and Gary Carty taking part and Michael Simon completed a hat-trick of Thursday night wins. Gerry Emmett

was honoured by the GAA for his part in the Roscommon All Ireland Under 21 winning Team. Our Cecil Ewing Team went out to Ballymote.

August: Sean Heslin won the Captains Prize, Patrick Egan won the Barty Moran Trophy and the Connacht Shield team beat Rosses Point and Ballymote. Stephen Bohan celebrated a notable birthday and the Club was closed again due to the inclement weather. The Club played host to the Shepherds Crook Society and its Captain Vincent Egan. Phil Emmett won the Ladies Presidents Prize and Damien Eames won the mens prize. David Gallagher won the Junior Prize. Fergail O'Donnell and Stephen Bohan took up Management positions with the Roscommon. Senior Team. We wish them both good luck. Junior Smith had a hole in one in Tullamore.

September: The Ladies were narrowly beaten in the Connacht final and were welcomed back at a special reception in the Clubhouse. Declan Carty won the King Cup and Gary Carty won the PGA in Royal Tara. Jimmy Dwyer won the Shepherds Crook Captains Prize in Bundoran. The Presidents prize was finally won by Pat Gannon.

October: More bad weather and the Club was closed most of the month. In November the winter League was won by David Wynne, Michael Reid, Dermot Lally & Michael Bermingham. Charlie O'Donnell's dog took part in the Musical.

December: Brendan and Susan Gaffney took up positions as Club Captains as we said goodbye to Charlie O'Donnell and Mary McKeon Willie and Nicola stepped out and Gerry and Phil stepped in again. Phil Emmett won the Ladies Golfer of the Year and also celebrated a notable birthday. Gerry and Phil also won the GAA Lotto. Willie Tiernan won the Christmas bonanza and James Shivnan hit the bell on the fifth. Brendan Gaffney and Michael Keville won Turkeys and the Christmas Scramble was won by Liam Whyte, Michael Keville and Jonathan Egan. A great year in spite of the weather.

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the press. We wish you all a Happy and Peaceful 2009.**