

Sunday mornin'.... wonderweb says course is open – jeez it's great to be getting back out again.

What do we need now... well we've been asked to protect the course so gotta respect that - e-mail said no buggies allowed... somehow (in my excitement) this has morphed into "no golf trolleys allowed" – so I take down an old pencil carry bag from the attic (garret or loft to any low handicappers reading), and am starting to kit it out.

Now, what to take and what to leave behind???

I'll certainly need my driver and 3-wood (big winds forecast). As the rough will be wet and clingy I'd better include the 5-wood too, oh, and will also need the rescue/hybrid - it doubles as a putter from the fringes! Can do without the 3-iron I think..hmmm.. (only used it once last year – when I mislaid my putter half way round), but can't go without the 4-iron so. Will definitely want the 5 iron for the 15th, and the 6-iron for my third shot to the 17th. The 7 and 8 irons next to go in - they're the only irons I can hit, and the 9-iron will be needed to get me back in play on the 11th. Good, now to the money clubs - in goes the pitching wedge, (I pitched in on the 10th back in August so that's a gimme!), and of course my sand wedge in case the bunkers are in play. Also my new lob wedge needs to go in – a Christmas present "guaranteed to succeed" that is goin' to save 5 shots a round. Finally must include the putter....which putter???. Careful now not to over-think this, it's only winter golf and we don't want to peak too soon!

Now, balls.... I need to pack balls. Something hard, that will travel a mile, and won't cost me a fortune if lost – better check the Christmas pressies again – need to take at least 8 or 9, together with a selection of tees, long, short and medium – may want them all if teeing up out the course. Now, must remember to put in a few ball-markers, and a pitch-mark repairer, and the usual 3 pens – Paddy Power pens costing me more and more every week.... but that's another story .

Next, my golf glove, and a spare, and a wet-weather glove for my other hand – in case the weather turns really nasty. Better to include a pair of mittens as well, just to keep my hands warm between shots, and a towel to clean the ball.

Crikey! Bag is bursting at the seams already and is heavy and awkward...there must be some knack to getting the straps right way round on the my shoulders, so I won't end up losing all my clubs going round, or do my Hernia in, - can work it out later. Lucky I decided to rationalise on the gear!

Right, get the golf shoes now – didn't think they were that shook, maybe Ger will have some good deals goin' on in the pro-shop. Here we go now, - body warmer and long sleeved polo into the bag, oh , and the thick windcheater (herself bought it twenty years ago) should be very handy this mornin'. Fleece lined trousers next (lets hope the auld knee holds up) and we're nearly there – oh, the leggings, rain-jacket and hat, nearly forgot those –will have to wear the leggings and the hat going out as the bag is full. No room for the banana and protein bar today so need a good breakfast first! Don't think I'll manage the umbrella either though. Phew, feeling exhausted already!

Later...much later...Right here we are now, Magnolia Drive, Farrangalway, Kinsale – with just occasional traces of sleet and hailstone diluting the rain. Storm Jonah or whoever seems to be here a bit early, accuweather how are ya...no matter, we're here now, so let's do it!

“No , yeah it might blow off after a while””Ah Yeah, no its not great again”...”Yeah ,no, haven't been out for a months””No, yeah, we'll give it a lash anyway”.....WHAT!!!,how do ya mean I was on the timesheet for yesterday morning and not Sunday.....”

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