

Minutes of Kinsale Golf Club Men's Club 2017 AGM

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Captain ; Chris Cronin

Agenda

1. Quorum Present
2. Minutes of AGM 2016
3. Hon Sec Report – Brian Doran
4. Competition Sec Report – Dick Heffernan
5. Treasurers Report – Tim Smyth
6. Handicap Sec Report – Gene O'Callaghan
7. Captains Report incl. Sponsoship Report
8. Election of Officers
9. Any other Business

Captain Chris Cronin called the meeting to order and established that there was a Quorum present – 37 Members in attendance. Apologies from Pat Higgins, Jim Deeney, Denis O'Sullivan, John O'Neill, Brian O'Neill, Fergus O'Halloran.

The Captain invited Rev Leslie H. Bryan to say a prayer to remember all our deceased members

The minutes of the AGM 2015 were taken as read and had been available on the Club website. Proposed by Meredith Talbot– Seconded by John O'Connell

1. Hon Secretary Report to AGM Kinsale Golf Club 2016

I would like to first pay tribute to the very efficient and productive effort from my fellow committee members through the year. Captain Chris led the meetings decisively and his communications to the membership was both very informative and amusing. It was perhaps one of the busiest years in terms of competition entry and the entire committee rose to the challenge.

The Captain led our delegation to the Munster GUI meeting in Mallow in late November, where the club was honoured to have two members selected as Junior and Senior Golfers of the Year –the first time the honours went to the one club. The meeting of the West Cork clubs revealed the venues for the competitions, but as it was the final year in the 3 year cycle, no other decisions were required to be taken.

I would like to thank all the team managers and selectors for their efforts through the year. It is often overlooked how much time is spent on the task, and I thank all involved, including the players for giving their time so generously.

Team Reports

Senior Cup and Barton Shield

Management in consultation with the Panel put a programme in place to facilitate participation in the Senior Cup/Barton Shield for the 2017 season. Repose form the panel was 100%, and the management were very happy with the input that was forthcoming from all individuals involved.

Irish Senior Cup 2017

South Munster Region was played in Mallow Golf Club, on Saturday 24 June 2017 and in the first round Kinsale played Mahon Golf Club, and progressed to second round to play Bandon Golf Club Saturday afternoon.

Kinsale progressed against Bandon Golf Club to meet with the home club Mallow Golf Club in the area semi final on Sunday 25th June 2017 unfortunately Mallow were successful and they progressed to win the area section. Mallow Golf Club were subsequently beaten in the Munster final in Tralee.

Round 1 Kinsale Beat Mahon by 4-1
Round 2 Kinsale Beat Bandon by 3-2
Semi Final Mallow Beat Kinsale by 3-2

Barton Shield 2017

AIG Barton Shield for 2017 was played at Macroom Golf Club on Saturday 15 July Kinsale Golf Club played East Cork Golf Club in the morning and progressed to beat Bandon Golf Club in the afternoon. Kinsale Golf Club progressed to lose to Douglas Golf Club in the area semi final on Sunday morning, and Douglas advanced to the final against Cork Golf Club, Cork Golf Club were the eventual winners of this area.

Round 1 Kinsale Beat East Cork by 8&7
Round 2 Kinsale Beat Bandon by 2 Holes
Round 3 Douglas Beat Kinsale by 2 Holes

The Management of the Senior Cub/Barton Shield have already expressed they were delighted with the input from the participants on the panel, and going forward with the level of golfers available to us. The future looks very bright for Kinsale Golf Club.

Panel for 2017

Timothy Broderick, Cathal Butler, Keith Fitzpatrick, Mark Healy, Shane Kennelly, Sean Kingston Kieran McCarthy, John Murphy, Eric Rumley, Gary Ward

On Behalf of Management

Gerard Cullinane. Ian Stafford. Ger Broderick

Junior Cup

This year's Junior Cup was played in Bantry Golf Club on the Weekend of the 1st & 2nd of July. The team consisted of experienced and youthful members of the men's club and we were confident that we were well prepared.

Our first match was on Saturday morning and saw us opposite Lee Valley Golf Club. The match proved very exciting with both clubs having two wins in and the fifth match going down the sixteenth with Lee Valley one up.

However our efforts fell short with Lee Valley securing a half on the sixteenth and a win on the seventeenth hole to win 2&1 and secure the match 3/2.

Ger Hayes, Team Manager

Jimmy Bruen Shield

The Area Finals were held at Kinsale, with the preliminary matches played on the 7th May and the finals played on the 13th and 14th of May. Kinsale defeated Douglas in the morning match 4 to 1. Kinsale then played Bandon in the semi-final, and Bandon won through in a tight match (2-4). Bandon then went on to win the final against Muskerry.

The panel was:

Alan Buckley, Jim Catchpole, Niall Costigan, Padraig Crowley, Patsy Coughlan, Aidan Cremin, Jodie Costello, Anthony Desmond, Stephen Dwyer, Andrew Kelly, Gerry Kelly, Michael Landers, Declan Murphy, Kevin O'Leary, Tony O'Donovan, David O'Keeffe, Brian O'Neill, Michael o'Shaughnessy, Leonard Sisk, Ian Sherlock, Vincent Walsh, Robbie Walsh Jnr

We would like to thank all the panel for their commitment and effort, there is a great panel and there is great potential for this group to take it to the next level.

Team Managers: John O'Neill and Brian O'Neill

Pierce Purcell Shield and West Cork Junior Shield

The West Cork Junior Shield was played on the 1st of April in Bandon golf club.

8 teams played with 2 to qualify. Kinsale qualified from our section. But we were beaten in the semi final by Bearhaven.

The Pierce Purcell competition took place in Mahon golf club on the 21st of May.

Kinsale had to play Douglas Golf Club in a first round match but we were beaten by a very good Douglas team.

The 2nd year of the spring league began in March of this year. The league is made up of 4 teams namely Kinsale, Lee Valley, Macroom and Blarney. 3 Bruen and 3 Purcell pairings play at home and away and the team with most points win. Kinsale won this again for the second year in a row.

Mr. Crean and I think this a great competition as it gives the managers a great chance to try out new pairings. Mr Crean and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the lads who played in all the competitions and for the great effort they put in for their club.

We would also like to thank our captain Chris Cronin and our president John Hunt for the opportunity to manage the teams.

Yours in golf,
Gerry Kelly & Jer Crean.

West Cork Senior Shield

Kinsale led the qualifying at Lee Valley, and then played Berehaven home and away. The home match ended with Kinsale holding a slight advantage, but won through in a tough match in Berehaven. Unfortunately in the final we were unable to beat Lisselan over the two legs.

I would like to thank the players for representing the club in the upmost sporting manner. They are a great group of players and did the club proud.

The panel consisted of Tony Barry, Donal Bollard, Alan Buckley, Kevin Crowley, Jim Deeney, Gerry Kelly, Paul McSweeney, Paul Shanahan, Stuart Shellard. Bobby Thompson and Ray Wolfe.

Team Manager: Tim Smyth

Irish Mixed Foursomes

Despite having a strong panel and lots of preparation in 2016 we lost the first match to a very strong Lisselan team. This was of course very disappointing and we were all very determined to do far better in 2017.

Right from the beginning we had a fantastic interest from long-time members as well as from new members to be included in the panel and the weekly practice sessions kicked off in April with a short-game session by Ger Broderick. Great effort was put into the practice from all panel members over the next couple of months, and eventually we had to select 5 pairs for our first round to be played in Bandon GC Saturday the 17th of June against Blarney.

We had a good start and were ahead in most matches all the way, but Blarney were getting closer and closer, and suddenly it was down to the last match and the 18th hole – the short game practice paid off - leaving us with a putt for a win! Yes... it went in – what a relief to get over this first line.

We were thus back in action the next morning - playing against Skibbereen, and again had a flying start. It was great to see the pairs playing well and enjoying the golf, but also fantastic to see so many members showing up to support us on the day. Skibbereen played very well, but we were just better on the day and everybody were absolutely thrilled to be in the FINAL round of the South Munster Bandon section.

After soup and a sandwich we were back on the first tee ready to take on Bandon in Bandon!

Playing against the hosting team in the final is somewhat of a challenge, and this time the home team got away a little too fast – we were fighting the best we could, but didn't manage to close the gap, and had to capitulate to a very strong Bandon team.

Of course we were hoping for a different result, but as managers we were very proud on behalf of the entire panel of how far we managed to make it this year!

Again, thanks a lot to all members supporting us over two very exciting days in Bandon and a huge thanks to the panel members for their fantastic commitment.

Anne Buckley & Gert Ringsted

JB Carr Trophy and Michael Minihane Shield

Practice for these competitions commenced in early February and with the first match barely a week away we had 30 golfers vying for a maximum of 10 places.

The J.B.Carr Trophy was our first goal. We were drawn away to Skibbereen GC. The date was set for April 10th. We arranged and played a practice round for the probables the previous week. We came through, with all 10 players performing exceedingly well. Skibbereen 1.5 Kinsale 3.5

We were next drawn at home against Monkstown GC . This match was arranged for April 28th. This was again a very exciting tie, with the outcome decided on the 18th green in the final pairing. Kinsale 2 Monkstown 3. Unfortunately the spoils went to our opponents, who went on to win our county section. In this competition, particularly, the margin between victory and defeat is rather slight. Thus ended our interest in this prestigious national competition. However it is my belief that we have the players to progress much further in the coming years.

We were preparing for the Jimmy Carroll Cup around this time when a chance remark led us to believe that this competition had been cancelled by the Carroll family. This in fact was the case. Kinsale GC had not been informed of this development by any of the organising clubs (Westmanstown GC, Ballykisteen GC or East Cork GC).

This is an unfortunate happening as it was one of only two National competitions for the senior golfers. Perhaps there is an opening there for a progressive and far-sighted club to replicate such a competition.

Dunmore GC was celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and sought and received permission to host the Michael Minihane Shield. It was played on June 12th. Again our players gave a great display, finishing in third place 5points behind the hosts who won, and 1 point behind Lisselan.

Overall 18 different players played in the three matches with 6 representing the Club for the first time.

Gerald Waldron and Joe Kennedy

McEvoy Shield and Carroll Cup

After many delays, the McEvoy Shield was eventually played on the 7th October at Skibbereen. Ten clubs competed and Kinsale finished joint third, with Lisselan winning outright again.

The Carroll Cup was played at Raffeen Creek on the 9th September, with the home club winning out.

The panel for both events was: Roy Cuthbrt, Dermot O'Sullivan, Ned Lambe, Jim Leahy, Chris Heaslip, Denis O'Sullivan, Brendan Cotter, Tom O'Donovan, Conor Ryan, Kevin Williamson and John Hunt.

Manager: John Hunt

Fred Daly and Junior Foursomes

The Fred Daly is the junior equivalent of the senior cup with all matches played off of scratch.

First Round; Kinsale Golf Club played East Cork Golf Club; at Cobh Golf Club unfortunately we were beaten on the day. As first round losers we then progressed to play in the Fred Daly Plate

Fred Daly Plate:

The Fred Daly team reached the Munster Semi Final of the Fred Daly Plate; we were beaten by Bandon Golf Club at Macroom Golf Club in August. Bandon Golf Club progressed to the final and were beaten by the Dooks Golf Club Kerry.

Junior Foursomes:

Ten Clubs competed at Cobh Golf Club in April 2017. The top two were to qualify for the Munster Match Play Competition.

Kinsale Golf Club finished third. This ended our involvement in same.

Managers: Ger Cullinane and Ian Stafford

Finally in keeping with requirements of the constitution I am to report the attendance at Committee meetings underneath

There were 10 meetings held in the year, the attendance was as follows;

Chris Cronin	9
Brian Doran	10
Richard Heffernan	10
Gene O'Callaghan	5
Tim Smyth	7
Joe Fahy	9
Pat Higgins	7
Ray Wolfe	6
Don O'Donovan	7
Stuart Shellard	8
John Hunt	9

Aidan O'Sullivan resigned from the committee due to work commitments.

Proposed by Vincent McDwyer
Seconded : John Hunt

Competition Sec Report – Dick Heffernan

2017 was an exceptional busy competition year; the total number of competition entries in Men's Competitions was 14,603. This is a significant increase on last year and well done to all the winners and participants in these events. April recorded the highest number with 1639 participating.

I would like to thank all the Committee Members diligently checking scorecards for each competition and producing the Weekly results in a timely and efficient manner throughout the year. They were always a pleasure to work with.

The Captain's Prize (Mr Chris Cronin) had a record number of entries (348) and John Goodman was victorious. There was also a record number (335) participating in the President's Prize (Mr John Hunt) where Ruairi Dwyer was the overall winner.

The Wednesday Open Singles attracted significant numbers. Throughout the summer we had over 100 entries played on 14 separate Wednesdays. We also had increased visitor numbers. The Wednesday Singles Final was played on October 4th which was won by Sean Kingston.

Again the Eight Monthly Medal Competitions were very well supported. There was an average of 122 entries per competition and 145 members played for June Medal. The eight Monthly Medal winners were: Alan Buckley, Ray Wolfe, Donal Murphy, Jody Costello, Stephen Dwyer, Diarmuid O Connor, Ben Mortlock and Sean O Donovan. Congratulations to Alan Buckley who won the coveted Gold Medal.

The highest number playing in any one day competition was on 1st May, Bank Holiday Singles (147) which was won by Sean O Connell.

The club Championships were run off as scheduled and thanks to all those involved for their co-operation and competitiveness.

The Club Championship Winners;

Club Singles: Ruairi Dwyer

Club Fourball: Brian O Neill + Pat Coughlan

Club Foursomes: Des Fitzgerald + Micheal Landers

Club Singles Plate: Leslie H Bryan

The Golfer of the year was Gerard Doolan who took a commanding lead early in the season and proved a deserving winner. I would like to say a special thanks to John Horgan for tracking the GOY so well throughout.

The MACDONALD SUMMER SERIES was won by Bobby Thompson + Dave Ryan

Our Scratch Cup Winners;

Senior: Darragh Smith (The Castle)

Junior: Keith O Shea

Intermediate: Tom O Sullivan

Minor: Brian Wallace

Congratulations to all the Winners in all competitions and for attending the Presentation Evenings. We had numerous presentation evenings throughout the year and thanks to Lady Captain Colette and the Ladies Club for their help and participation in some of these events which made these occasions more memorable.

I would like to mention and a special thanks Janice in the Club Office for her skill and expertise on the BRS system. She distributes the weekly results and is a tremendous help to the Mens Committee in dealing with the innumerable issues that crop up during the year.

In the Pro shop Ger Broderick and Ian Stafford do a fantastic job creating an atmosphere that makes the course and competitions enjoyable for all, visitors and members alike. Thanks to James, Timmy, Garry Cathal and Eric also in the Pro Shop for their courtesy and help throughout the year.

This was my first year as competition secretary and thanks to Des Fitzgerald for finding the time to give me a head start and showing me the ropes. Brian Doran our incoming Captain has done marvellous work throughout the year and his knowledge of computers and expertise has been greatly appreciated.

Our outgoing Captain Chris Cronin has been a wonderful ambassador for Kinsale Golf Club. He was a great supporter of the teams and the betterment of the Club has been foremost on his agenda. Likewise Mr John Hunt our outgoing President has put great energy into all Club activities has given Kinsale Golf Club his full attention. Both are true gentlemen.

Ger Broderick our Club Pro does sterling work in organising all competitions in a calm professional manner and does much unseen activities to ensure that our Club lives up to the accolade as "Ireland's Hidden Gem".

Richard Heffernan

Proposed by Joe Fahy, seconded by Bob Quinn

Treasurers Report – Tim Smyth

Proposed by Joe Kennedy, Seconded by Tony Long

Handicap Sec Report – Gene O'Callaghan

Mr Captain, Mr President, Vice Captain, Chairman of the Management Committee, Fellow Members.

First of all I would like to thank the Captain and the men's committee for their support throughout the year.

I would especially like to thank Ray Wolfe and Stuart Shellard for their help on the handicap committee during the year.

I would also like to thank Janice, and Ger Brodrick for their help also.

And I would also like to thank David Prendergast of the GUI for his guidance and support throughout the year.

During the year:

Over 70 new members were set up with Handicaps

There was 15 General Play cuts.

2 members applied for a handicap increase because of medical reasons and both were successful.

The handicap committee attended the Munster branch handicap meeting in Cork Golf Club during the summer.

The Annual review of member's handicaps is ongoing at present.

Thank very much to everyone for their assistance during the year.

Gene O'Callaghan

Proposed by Declan O'Flynn, Seconded by Ray Wolfe

Sponsorship Report – Captain Declan O'Flynn
Proposed Vincent McDwyer, Seconded Joe Fahy

Captain's Report – Captain Chris Cronin
Proposed by Chris Heaslip, Seconded by John Hunt

Election of Officers

As there was only one nomination for the positions across the officership and committee all having been properly proposed and seconded they were all deemed elected.

Competition Sec – Richard Heffernan
Treasurer; Dermot O'Sullivan

Handicap Sec – Ray Wolfe

Hon Sec – Tim Smyth

Committee – Joe Fahy, Damien Mongey, Pdraig Keating, Jim Deeney, Eamon Butler, Donal Bollard

Captain Chris Cronin introduced Brian Doran as Captain for 2018 which is seconded by Declan O'Flynn

Declan outlined how Chris had been on Committee for many years and has been a great servant of the Golf Club and a great support to him in his role as Captain and called on Chris to receive his Captain's Jacket.

Brian in thanking Captain Chris replied “.

Brian then announced that the Vice-Captain for 2017 was Tim Smyth.

Any Other Business

The following items were fully discussed during the Course of any other business with improvements to be made where possible by the incoming Officers and Committee

Vincent McDwyer asked that the new flag system be re-considered, and acknowledged that while this was a matter for the Management Committee that the Men's Club raise it. This was supported by Jim Robinson, Ned Lambe and Chris Heaslip.

Ned Lambe said the improvements to the course were superb and well done to all involved. He added that the course was very long and that more yellow tee competitions be played.

Patsy Coughlan said that as a new member that we had a fabulous course. He noted that the club fundraiser was played on a Friday and that perhaps a Saturday might be better supported.

John Hunt stated that he had a terrific year and he wished all the best to the incoming officers. John also noted that members might be a good source of sponsorship.

Barry McCarthy asked if any thought had been given to asking the GUI to consider Kinsale for the national finals in 2020 to celebrate 25 years at Farrangalway. Hilary Madden said that the matter had been raised.

The incoming Captain agreed to take all these issues back to committee and work on them during the course of his Captaincy.

There being no other business the Captain thanked everyone for attending the AGM and closed the meeting