



Breezes from the Lea (mid) July 2015

COMPETITIONS 📅

Congratulations to the Holt Shield Team who qualified from their section to enter the knockout stages where they will now face Carrick Golf Club when all support will be welcome. The tie will be played over 2 legs with Carnalea at home in the first leg on Sun. 12th July at 1.25pm. Return leg Sun. 19th July 1.00pm.

Breaking News 😊

Due to his 46 points in the Paul Fox Cup, Colin Dill was not allowed to play on Lady Captain's Day. His skirt and blouse will be available for a prize in the next club ballot.

CSS Explained???

The Standard Scratch Score (SSS) for a course is the indication of course difficulty. That is assessed on a set of criteria by a ratings team which come out and look at the course. They do a series of measurements, take some data and then issue the club with a SSS which is based on the ability of a scratch golfer. Competition scratch score (CSS) is calculated following the conclusion of a competition and takes into consideration the number of scores returned by all the players in the field, and then the amount of people in each handicap category.

It's quite a complex (!) calculation but the CSS can move up or down depending on how bad or good the scores are that day.

If you have a lot of people who play below the SSS, you tend to find the CSS coming down. You'd have to have nobody really playing in their buffer zone for it to go any higher than one or two. The CSS is a floating rating of the competition results rather than the course itself ... easy ... 😊

Carvery & Karaoke & Cocktail Nights



These will be held once a month during the summer and you are all welcome to come along for a good night's fun, entertainment and spot prizes. The dates will be available on the club web site as well as on tables in the clubhouse. The first one is scheduled for Saturday 18th July and tickets are going fast.

Juveniles

As you may have noted, the Juveniles have now started their short season when they compete mainly on Thursday mornings on the course. We greatly appreciate the patience of members in facilitating our youngsters as they very much represent the future of the club ... and of course ... we were all one once upon a time youngsters 😊

Sticking with the Juveniles, this year's *Sargaison Shield* was hosted by Carnalea with 15 clubs participating. Congratulations to our victorious Juvenile Team of Phillip Henderson (Jnr Captain), Scott McGowan, Todd Robinson, Michael Devine and Rookie Tommy Winter.

Five Clubs from the North Down Girls Alliance also participated with Carnalea's very own Rebekah Gardner winning the 18 hole comp. The future looks bright!



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How to Rake a Bunker Correctly!



1. Find the lowest spot around the edge of the bunker that's near your ball. You will enter and exit here. Stepping in and out near a steep face causes erosion and pushes the sand off the face and into the bottom of the bunker. Plus, it's easier to rake flat areas of sand.
2. Step into the bunker... and take the rake with you. Though some believe it's against the rules to take a rake into the bunker, we assure you, it is not only perfectly legal, but recommended as it speeds play (see [rule 13-4](#) for more). Just don't "test" the conditions or "improve" your lie with the rake, ok?
3. Play the shot. Put the rake somewhere behind you or otherwise out of the way. Be careful where you drop the rake: not only do you not want it to interfere with your swing, but you do not want it to help you align your shot or otherwise touch you during your stroke. Both of those could be construed as using the rake to assist in making the shot.
4. Begin your raking by raking the divot from which you hit your ball, then your footprints. Pull the tines of the rake toward you to smooth over the sand without pulling too much sand. Attempt to restore the average surface of the sand to the proper contours of the bunker. Walk backwards towards your entry point, cleaning up your footprints as you go.
5. Step out of the bunker (some players also opt to knock the sand off of their cleats with their sand wedge, back into the bunker, at this point). Rake your last footsteps and [place the rake in the proper position](#). This should be outside the bunker.
6. The raked bunker should have an even surface with no signs of footprints or divots and minimal signs of digging or plowing. Furrows from the rake tines are fine - you can't do anything about those, and bunkers are hazards. Raking bunkers properly is a nice way of "paying it backwards" to flip a phrase, and the next time your ball lands in a properly raked bunker, you'll be grateful that someone took the time to learn to clean up after themselves properly

Greens Committee Highlights



There will be no major work done on the course apart from normal maintenance until the Autumn when the work will include scarifying the fairways and sanding the wettest areas, hollow coring the greens and selective drainage work. In terms of reconstruction of tees and greens, the back tee at the 17th will be realigned and the 16th will be the next green to be reconstructed at a cost of £3.5k, possibly in October. Costings are currently being looked at for reconstructing the 4th green and we'll keep you posted with updates. Congratulations are due to the Head Green Keeper and his staff for the superb condition of the course which has been recognised by members and visitors alike.

Captain's Prize Winners' Competition 2015.



Many thanks to all those who took part in this year's competition. Twenty-nine invitations were sent out but unfortunately out of the 18 people who replied only 8 were available to play. The two four-balls who played enjoyed a beautiful day weather-wise, and were treated to a dazzling display of putting by Walter Stevenson, who returned a score of 34 to win the Cup and Sweep. Second place went to the guest, Captain Bill Martin, with 31 points.

A very enjoyable meal followed the round and a good evening's 'craic' was had by all.

Carnalea Past Captain Jonathan Adair leads the Emirates Team to victory as Winners of the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open Pro Am at Royal County Down.

Representing Emirates were (from left to right): Jonathan Adair, Andy Sullivan, Jonathan Millar & Tom O'Donohue.

