



# Breezes from the Lea June 2016

## Social Calendar

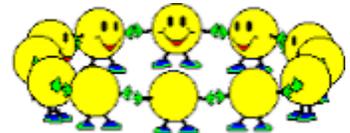
- Fri. 10<sup>th</sup>:** *Music from Multi Instrumentalists*    **Fri. 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Wedding Party (members welcome)*  
**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup>:** *Private Party (late licence)*                      **Sun. 19<sup>th</sup>:** *New Orleans Jazz Band & Lunch*  
**Fri. 24<sup>th</sup>:** *Lady Captain's Day (late licence & music by Jim Burnside)*  
**Sat. 25<sup>th</sup>:** *Private Party (late licence & members welcome)*



*Please note that the latest details on all social events can be found on our app or web site at [www.carnaleagolfclub.com/Events](http://www.carnaleagolfclub.com/Events) where you may also find further details on any particular event.*

## Entertainment on Friday Nights

*The experiment of starting the entertainment an hour earlier at 8.00 pm on Friday nights in May has proved to be successful and this will continue on 10<sup>th</sup> June with the Multi Instrumentalists.*



*Why not treat yourself and your better half to an excellent meal coupled with live entertainment and good company?*

## Unified Handicapping System

Throughout its history there have been regular revisions to the GUI handicapping system all with the aim of assisting club members to have handicaps that truly reflect their playing ability. These revisions have proved highly beneficial. The system does not stand still and a number of further refinements, borne out of experience and new evidence, are being introduced with effect from 1 January 2016.

The rationale for change includes the following principles: to

- *encourage participation in both competition and social golf;*
- *try and make the system fairer for players of all abilities;*
- *try and make the handicapping system more uniform throughout GB&I;*
- *develop the system in the light of new evidence.*



A great deal of four- ball better ball golf is played throughout GB&I and research has shown that setting the handicap allowance at 75% for such competitions is not fair for those players with a higher handicap. Consequently the allowance has been increased to 90% to ensure more equitable competition This is just one example of the revisions made and members attention is drawn to the 'Responsibilities Of The Player' notice on the Club Noticeboard.

## GUI Competition Updates

*Both the Men's & Ladies teams have been battling away throughout April & May in the various GUI competitions and well done to all those players who have represented us at all levels. At the time of going to press, we have a number of teams who have made it through qualification & knockout stages and we'll provide a detailed update in the July edition. In the meantime, good luck to the Jimmy Bruen, All Ireland Fourball and Holt Shield Men's Teams as they continue to progress through their respective competitions.*



*In the Ladies competitions, best wishes for continued progress to the Intermediate, Minor & Challenge Cup Teams. Finally, the Irish Mixed Foursomes successfully came through qualifying and we wish them well in the knockout stages.*



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## Sunhoggers' Captain's Day

There was a big turnout for the annual Sunhoggers' Captain's Day when Captain Brian Patterson hosted a very successful competition, dinner and prize giving. Congratulations to Ainsley Whiting on winning the Shield with Tony Coyle taking The Runner Up prize. Noel Woods Captured the Washboard ... somebody has to ...



## The Rowley Weekend

May saw the first outing this year for the Rowley Society playing Galgorm Castle and Portstewart on what was a very enjoyable and eventful weekend! Cyril Cummins claimed the much sought after Shield, Glenn Lindsay the less sought after spoon with Danny Loughran Runner Up and Stephen Graham in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Next up Scotland in September!



The Past Lady Captains enjoying themselves at the Annual Dinner.



The Grumpy Happy Mondays preparing for their AGM



## Course Marshal

*As many of you will be aware, we have started to use course marshals at Carnalea for Saturday competitions. A "marshal" on a golf course is an individual whose job it is to patrol the golf course, keeping the pace of play up and responding to golfers' questions or concerns. Marshals are volunteers from the club who will usually ride in a marked golf cart and their primary value is in their visibility. If golfers know a course has marshals, they are more likely to police themselves. Slow play is a primary concern for all of us, and marshals are empowered by Council to encourage slow groups to speed up or allow the group behind to play through in order to speed up play. If disputes arise between groups of golfers or issues relating to pace of play or etiquette, those groups should seek out a course marshal to mediate. Members, should follow the requests and instructions of marshals, if a marshal offers such.*

