



# Breezes from the Lea January 2017

## Major Functions & dates for your diary 2017:

**Carnalea Golf Club Annual General Meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**Captain's Inaugural Dinner: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March (Late Licence)**

Smart casual dress code with drinks promotion followed by entertainment & dance.

**President's Day: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Smart casual dress code with drinks promotion followed by music in the bar.

**Captain's Weekend: Friday & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> August**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August** – Captain & Guests Dinner & Entertainment (Late Licence)

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August** – Smoker with Entertainment. Captain & Bar Manager's Drinks Promotion. (Late Licence)

**Prize Night: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

More details for all of these events will be published nearer the time.



**Please note that the 2017 Club Diary is now available free to members from the office.**

## January Social Calendar

**Wed. 4<sup>th</sup>: Bowls Night**

**Fri. 6<sup>th</sup>: Music from BLISS**

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup>: Staff Party, members welcome & Music with Conor Taggart. (Late Licence)**

**Tues. 10<sup>th</sup>: Ladies Bridge Night**

**Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>: Bowls Night**

**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup>: Swing & Jazz with Conor Taggart**

**Wed. 18<sup>th</sup>: Bowls Night**

**Fri. 20<sup>th</sup>: Music from Neil Gallagher**

**Tues. 24<sup>th</sup>: Ladies Bridge Night**

**Wed. 25<sup>th</sup>: Bowls Night**

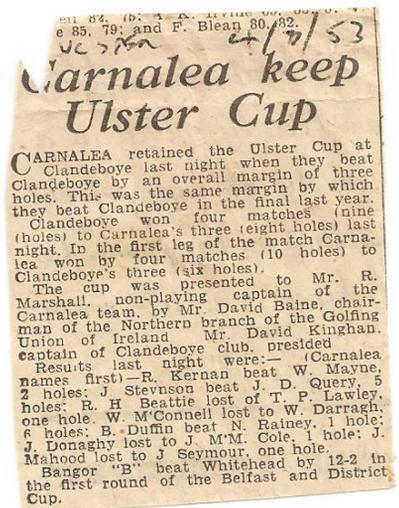
**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup>: Carvery Night & Entertainment with Ashleigh. (Late Licence). Tickets from Robert**

## Those were the days!

Editor: I was recently handed an old newspaper clipping from a member (Alastair Hamilton) who was clearing out his roof space when he came across this old article. It dates back to August 1953 when I was preparing to start P1 in Beechfield Primary School but I am aware that we have some more senior members in the club who may recollect this and maybe even have memories of some of the players making up the team!

It was interesting to note that Carnalea beat Clandeboye in that year's final (1953) by an overall margin of 3 holes, exactly the same result and against the same opponents they had overcome in the previous year's (1952) Ulster Cup Final.

**The Grumpy Monday's (smiles on faces 😄) enjoy Christmas Dinner & AGM!**





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From the Archives ...

## 1990 Jack Mitchell Cup Winners

*Looking resplendent, the successful Carnalea 'A' Team captained by Billy McWilliams which won the Jack Mitchell Cup in June 1990: Receiving the trophy from F. Arnott, Captain Balmoral Golf Club (L to R) F. McAuley J. Milliken S. McGregor G. Wade B. McWilliams (Captain) B. Hanna J. Fisher.*



## 'Introduction to Golf Scheme' 2017



*Following the successful trial of the Introduction to Golf Scheme in April 2016, a similar scheme will run from April 2017. To be eligible, men and women must be beginners or golfers who have not held a full playing membership in the last 12 months (2016). The membership period will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 with a fee of £330 which includes £25 to be allocated to their bar card. Two group lessons will be included in April and May 2017 with lessons provided by Carnalea staff. A 'Buddy' scheme will be organised by volunteers from current membership and will include assistance in obtaining a handicap in order for members to be eligible to play in 9 and 18 hole competitions once their handicap is in place. Advertisements will appear in the local press over the next few months and if any member knows anyone who might be interested, please bring this to their attention*

## Course Maintenance

*The course has been holding up well so far during the winter conditions. The greens and fairways were top dressed in the autumn to improve playability and drainage which has proved very successful. The fairways were in need of this work as it had not been properly done in the last few years due to financial constraints. Work will commence in January 2017 on the reconstruction of the 16<sup>th</sup> green.*

## Drones over Carnalea

*Members may have noticed a drone hovering over the course during the month. This is just to make you aware that we are carrying out some work to help us promote the club further in a number of areas and you may be interested in the sample image posted opposite:*



*The Early Birds at the Welders, Martin goes out in style on his last night (we wish you well big fella') and ...*

*Carnalea Golf Club Members welcome in the New Year with Delux ...*

