

Thursday Seniors Report 2019

2019 was the 29th year of the Thursday Seniors. We can be proud of our efforts over those years, from a small group in 1991 to the significant numbers we now have, in contributing immensely to the enjoyment of golf for the senior members and our contribution overall to the wellbeing of the club.

That said, the membership declined somewhat, from 124 last year to 112, reflecting the overall decline in club membership.

Fortunately, the weather smiled upon us on Thursdays this year and we played 47 times as compared to 42 last year, although there were some tough conditions occasionally and the lowest turnout was 11 brave souls. The highest was 68 on 28th March, and the average over all the outings was 40.

This year we played away on 9 occasions, two of which were due to the club requiring the course for special events.

These were, winner in brackets, Ballinasloe (M. Harty), Connemara (N. Bolger), Athenry (S. Mannion), Tuam (S. O'Neill), Ballinasloe (M. Harty), Portumna (K. Byrne), Claremorris (T. Fahy), Ballinrobe (K. Byrne) and Galway Bay (P. Queeney).

Winners of the Home Competitions

Pat Keaney Cup – Martin Joyce



O'Dea Trophy – Padraic Griffin



President's Prize - Gerry Smyth



Club Fundraiser – Padraic Griffin



Christmas Hamper – Martin Joyce



The Club Fundraising Day was played on 24th October and a total of €1,300 was raised for the club.

The Golfer of the Year was won by Mixie Harty who is getting back to his consistently good form he showed in previous years after a lapse last year. He will be the one to watch for 2020 although the competition fiercely contested.

For the first time ever we had a “Galway vs. The Rest” competition. Michael Concannon was the main inspiration for this event and he managed to obtain some marvellous prizes. A big thank you to Michael. For the record, “The Rest” beat Galway by 196 points to 181.

There were two “Yellow Ball” competitions held which were great fun and certainly helped to concentrate the mind when it was one's turn to play the yellow ball. Suprisingly, many teams managed to finish with the yellow ball. The first competition was won by team M. Concannon/J. Curran/M. Roche and the second by team M. D'arcy/M. P. O'Conaola/P. Quinlan.

Two of our members passed away this year, Peter Moore and Martin Ridge. May they Rest in Peace.

The Christmas dinner was again a very enjoyable event with larger numbers attending early for a pre-prandial drink (s). 69 attended and it was reported that the festivities went on quite late after the dinner and prizegiving had ended. Clearly a successful occasion.

A donation of €200 was given to COPE, represented by Peter Queeney.

Cash Account Summary: We started the year with €635 and finished with €45. The surplus on the “away” green fees was down by €500 and the Christmas dinner surplus was down by €520.

Ends 15/1/2020