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## **MEMBERS UPDATE 24/01/2022**

### **THE GOLF COURSE**

Recently you will have noticed the appearance of some “Birds of Prey” out on the golf course and we would like to give you some background on why this is happening. The reason we have placed these Birds of Prey on certain holes is to try and counteract the damage that the Grey Rook and the Common Crow are causing to the surfaces of our greens. The Crows are digging up the greens in search of the leather jacket larvae, this insect grub is the larva of the commonly known “daddy long legs”. The Larvae themselves do cause some minor damage to root development and some minor surface damage but it’s the birds that create the visible surface damage. One of the main reasons why this has become an issue is that the availability of chemical suppressants is no longer an option due to recent chemical product regulation changes from the Department of Agriculture. If one of the Birds of Prey interferes with your swing or stance you are entitled to remove it, as you would a distance marker, to take your shot but don’t forget to replace it.



### **STORM BARRA**

Storm Barra hit in early December and did bring some disruptive conditions with gusts up to 130 Kmh, thankfully we only suffered some minor tree damage out on the course. Following a recent inspection, it has become obvious that one the Macrocarpas that is adjacent to the 18<sup>th</sup> tee/1<sup>st</sup> approach, did suffer critical damage. This tree in particular has also been problematic in the past due to root invasion onto the 18<sup>th</sup> tee. Both course management and local *tree* surgeons have looked at this tree and both feel that it is unsafe due to the damage suffered and it will need to be felled. Once cleared some more suitable native species will be planted that will be less obstructive.



### **MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS**

We are currently working through a very busy period for the office and we would like to help you with your membership payments. Firstly, we would ask that you make your payment via online banking using our bank details below. This is our preferred payment method because in addition to the security of the payment method we are also avoiding a bank charge of approx. 2% on cash lodgements. Secondly, we do take payments over the phone but the phone lines are very busy at this time. We apologise if you experience difficulty in getting through to us and request that you send us an email and someone will contact you as soon as possible to complete your payment. The email addresses for the Office are: [manager@dundalkgolfclub.ie](mailto:manager@dundalkgolfclub.ie) [admin@dundalkgolfclub.ie](mailto:admin@dundalkgolfclub.ie) or [accounts@dundalkgolfclub.ie](mailto:accounts@dundalkgolfclub.ie). Please note that we do still accept cash payments in the office and, as above, if you cannot reach us please email us and we will arrange a time which is suitable for you.

Our bank details are:

**Bank of Ireland**

**Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk.**

**IBAN: IE23BOFI90336510032516**

**BIC: BOFIE2D**

Note - Can you please include your reference or membership number when making a payment.

### **MEMBERS SURVEY**

As you will all be aware we released the latest members survey this week, we would again like to remind you that it is important that you take 15 minutes to respond to this survey. At present, approx. 25% of members have completed the survey so if you have not already completed the survey, please click the link to complete the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DKCRKX>. It is extremely important that as many members as possible complete the Survey as it will greatly assist with planning the future strategic direction of our Club.

### **TIMESHEET REVIEW GROUP**

A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, 24 January and feedback received from members over the past few months will help form the agenda for this meeting. Saturday time sheet pressures and BRS misuse will be two key issues to be reviewed at this meeting. An update will be issued to all members following consultation with the *Men's and Ladies Committees*.

### **COVID RESTRICTIONS**

With the latest government announcement on Friday, we are now thankfully returning to a more normal life again. **Key changes that will affect the club include:** The current 8 p.m. curfew for bars and restaurants will end. Social distancing and attendance rules at events will also cease. Vaccine certs will no longer be in use. Capacity limits at indoor and outdoor events will no longer apply.

*Kind regards,*  
Dundalk Golf Club