

# BACKSPIN NEWSLETTER

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As the year ends and we look forward to the new season beginning, in this the final issue of backspin for 2024 we recall the many National Champions who excelled in their grades in 2024. In their own words they share how their year unfolded, the dreams come true, the aspirations and gratitude to family, clubs and supporters.

As we say goodbye to 2024, we remember those who are no longer with us. The pioneers, coaches, mentors and friends who will never be forgotten.

A year when change began, many old friends returned to the game to stir up the competitive pot. Ireland won the World cup, Irish players took Spain by storm, the weather was bad, the weather was good. So here is a glimpse back to remind us of how our National players fared.

Stay tuned for more in the new year.

Until then, may you all have a healthy and happy new year from all of us.

#### Ladies National Matchplay Champion



"This year has been my best so far in Pitch and Putt. I am delighted with my National Matchplay win and I've had some amazing weekends playing new courses against some of the best ladies and gents in the game. My highlight this year was playing on the Leinster team in the Inter-Provincial Charity Challenge at Lakeside. I can't wait to see what next year will bring."

- Amy Galvin-





### National Matchplay Senior Champion

When the venues for 2024 were announced at the end of the previous year, I was happy to see venues that I had performed well at in the past and I knew if I got my game up to scratch, I was confident of competing at the highest level. The year got off to a slow start for me when I struggled to get any consistency into my game. The Cork and Munster Matchplay were poor performances as I got well beat in both competitions.

The qualifying draw for the national Matchplay was announced and it produced a mouth-watering clash for me in John Walsh from Collins. I knew then I had to get some practice in or else I faced watching from the sidelines in Cashel. It was a blessing in disguise as I put in the effort to try and qualify and my game improved. After reaching the finals I looked forward to Cashel as it's a favourite course of mine. The finals on the June bank holiday weekend got off to a good start with a win over Francis Feeley. Next up was Jason Cregan from Tralee, a young player with huge potential and someone who had beaten me the previous year in the Munster Matchplay final, I prevailed in a tough game. The 3rd round and quarter final games pitted me against fellow Cork players in Eoin Shannon and Rob o Donoghue. Thankfully I produced my best form of the year and made it through to the Monday morning semi-final. Waiting for me was Dean Grannell from St Pats, another great battle that could have swung either way but thankfully I managed to get over the line and into another final and a match against DJ lynch. I think experience helped me in the final to defeat DJ and win my 7th Matchplay.

It was the highlight of the year for me and to win it in Cashel was special. My good form continued when winning the Cork Strokeplay in Rocklodge, another favourite course of mine.

The national Stroke in Glenville didn't go to plan for me on a course that I regard as one of the best in Ireland. Another highlight of the year was making the Cork inter co team again and it was a privilege to win the Munster and national with a superb Cork team.



National Intermediate Matchplay Champion The highlight of my year in pitch and putt was winning the National

intermediate Matchplay championship 2024, following on finishing runner up in Munster intermediate Matchplay Championship, 37 years on winning the National intermediate Strokeplay championship in 1987.

It was a great honour to lift the cup for my club Collins. I'd like to thank all officials and volunteers who ran the competitions so smoothly and had the courses, Larkspur Park, Tipperary Hills, Cunnigar and Claycastle in such fantastic condition. Without voluntary work of officials these competitions would not be able to run in such a smooth manner.

I'd also like to thank my family and friends for great support, especially close friends driving me to competitions, without them I wouldn't be able to take part, as I don't drive. Wishing everyone a Happy, peaceful and healthy 2025, and loads of enjoyment in sport we all love.

-John Looney-



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2024 started well for me in so far as I qualified for the Team for the Spring League. Following came second in the Scratch Cup in Ashgrove and came second in the Johnny Shoer in Riverdale. My qualification in Larkspur Park for the National Match Play Championship was successful over 2 matches. Following that I qualified in Tipperary Hills over 3 matches to reach the semi-final in Larkspur Park, which I won. This brought me into the National Match Play final from which I emerged as National Match Play champion. As champion I automatically qualified for the Tipperary Pitch and Putt team, and we achieved third place in the Provisional championship held in Tralee. As a member of the Larkspur Park team who reached the final of the Spring League in Lakeside, we were runners up to Riverdale. 2024 is a year that I will remember fondly but the bonus has been the friendships, good will and support from all members of Larkspur Park. Friendships have been forged with many members of the PPUI community which augers well for the sport nationally. I would like to round off by thanking the members of Larkspur Park Club, neighbouring clubs and my family for all their support throughout the year

-Gerry O Connor -



# National Matchplay Nett cup Winner

Marion Gannon Kelly is the fourth player representing a Leinster club to win the All-Ireland Ladies Matchplay Nett Cup. Munster players won the first three; Leinster representatives have now captured the last four.

"Everyone is just a player, whether they're a top senior or a junior; we're all just players in this lovely game of ours, if you can get up and hit a ball. I met lovely people in Cashel who encouraged me all weekend and I didn't know them at all. Pitch and putt is a community, everyone supports and encourages each other. I've never seen it before in any other sport I played, it's amazing"

-Marion Gannon Kelly, interview June 14th on her Nett cup win –

# U16 National Strokeplay Champion

"Thinking back to this year 2024, it was a great year for me. Representing Leinster to include the best Ladies in Ireland at Lakeside Pitch & Putt Club Templemore in Nov 2024 V Munster and being on the winning Team making me, my club and my family proud of what I have achieved since picking up this game in 2021

Other achievements this year are winning the U16 County Matchplay at Prosperous Pitch & Putt Club I was a Beaten semi-finalist in the National Match Play at St. Bridget's Pitch & Putt club (on 36th hole)

I won the County Stroke play Pitch & Putt Club. It was a privilege to winning another Leinster Title in

Then playing in Co. Meath in a wasn't to be against my friend and Championship at Trim Pitch & Putt I Kildare in the Leinster Stroke Play My biggest achievement, I believe is on a total gross score of (+4) at remember. It's a title I really wanted evermore.

In 2024 I received Player of The Year



Championship with a gross score of 51 (-3) at McDonagh play for a Leinster Match Play title in my home club, front of a home crowd. I enjoyed that win...

sudden death play-off for another Leinster title but, it super player Gemma Cuffe in Leinster Stroke play also played with the Kildare A Team representing. Champions, it was a great team effort on our win... winning the National U16 - Stroke Play Championship -Hillview Sports Club Co. Tipperary making this a year to and having my name of this cup in history of P&P for

in Kildare County"

-Molly O'Toole -

#### National U16 Juvenile Matchplay champion

My year began competing for a place on the Cork U16 team. My first goal was to make the team and represent my County in the Munsters and National Intercounty. I was a bit rusty coming into the season but my game improved as I went along. I played all the Juvenile competitions. The Strokeplays didn't go as well as I would have liked as the putting was a bit off but in the Matchplays it was very good.

Going into the National Matchplay finals, I was playing very well. It was very tight in the semis and the finals. The semi-final went to 2 extra holes against Charlie Taylor. In the final against Jack McShane, I managed to win the final 1 hole which I was delighted with. The win didn't seem real for the first couple of days, but it finally sank in. All the Cork Champions in 2024 received a civic reception from the Mayor on our achievements over the year.

Playing on the Munster interprovincial Challenge team was a highlight of my year, playing with rivals and partners we played throughout the year was great.

I want to thank my family for their support throughout the year. My dad who travels with me to every championship. Thanks to my club, Claycastle, for all their help during the year and specially to Weeshie for looking after the juvenile teams



Aidan Spence Murph -

### National U16 Strokeplay Champion

"It was a very enjoyable year with many ups and downs but was a great experience.

I started the year playing as a distraction from football not knowing what I would achieve. I came close in County



and Munster championships. losing in the playoffs was disappointing but prepared me for the Nationals.

Playing in the first group of the day meant I had to set a standard, it was a very hard watch after my rounds seeing other players get close to my score.

Having ended up in a 4-way playoff and starting off poorly, I was able to draw from the experience of losing a playoff earlier in the year and this really helped me to get back on track. Making that putt on the last was a great feeling of accomplishment and finally getting over the line"

Ben Kelliher -

### National Senior Strokeplay Champion

"2004 has gone by extremely fast. It feels like yesterday we started off the season as we always do at St. Pat's scratch cup, yet

of a new season again.

here we are now on the brink Looking back, it was a very given the fact I played as little give practice the commitment garner some form playing in - the three championships I especially with the strong much pressure on myself to which I feel aided by the good This year it really felt like a the National rankings. This possibly could even though it this without the support and supporter who came out at Hopefully in turn, we are few years' time.



successful year for me and probably one that I am most proud of as I did. My priorities have shifted in the past two years, and I don't I used to be able to. However, saying that I was very fortunate to the Leinster Matchplay, National Strokeplay and Kildare Strokeplay won this year. I had little or no expectations coming into them fields entered. I think this was a positive thing as I didn't put as perform well and I was able to play with a very relaxed attitude, performances.

great achievement, winning the four of those and once again topping was the cherry on the cake as I gave as much commitment as I was a lot less than years gone by. I wouldn't have been able to do encouragement of my husband Declan and I now have another little the latter end of the year to finish off the season supporting me. passing on our love for our great game to Daniel so he can play in a

There were a few other highlights this year - it was great to have the season extended into November with the Interprovincial challenge and World Tour Irish Masters. It was an honor to add the Leinster jersey to the County and National jerseys I've already worn. It feels like a nice complete set now. It was a fantastic match played in great spirit, and we were delighted with the win which was also for a great cause. It was brilliant to finish the year with those two wins and hopefully bring that winning momentum into 2025.

-Chrissie Sheedy -

### National Intermediate Strokeplay Champion

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"2024 was a great year for Cloghogue ladies with great wins across the board, this was due mainly to the new ladies who joined a couple of years ago, they have the rest of us travelling over Ireland and the world, (Florida, next Easter) for a game of pitch and putt. But the highlight of the year was when Ashlene Mckevitt and I won our All-Ireland titles, and



Karen McVerry got a runner-up medal, it was a great day for the club with plenty of celebrations after.

The new blood in the club has put Cloghogue back on the map, and beware, we have a few more in training, we'll be unleashing them on you all next season."

Valerie Rogers-

# National Junior Strokeplay Champion



The 2024 season was very successful for Cloghogue Pitch and Putt Club. The ladies' section went from strength to strength with new (and more established) members travelling far and wide to play. This culminated in a very rewarding weekend in Stackallen, where Valerie Rogers and I won the Intermediate and Junior All Ireland titles.

A massive thank you must be said to all 'The Road Runners', the craic, camaraderie and the competition was fierce all year. We are looking forward to building on this in 2025.

-Ashlene McKevitt –



# Seniors National Senior Strokeplay Champion

"Looking back on 2024 I enjoyed my pitch and putt, playing in numerous scratch cups and on some fantastic courses.

Winning our 36-hole club stroke play with a score of 96 was a good achievement but the highlight of '24 for me was winning the National Gents over 55s Senior Grade Stroke play on St Stephen's course which was in an immaculate condition on the day. Well done to the St Stephen's committee. The added cherry on the cake to this was becoming the first Cork player to win this grade.

I would like to thank my club, Raffeen Creek for all their support and the hard work members put in throughout the year which allows us all to enjoy this great game of ours, pitch and putt."



-Richard Jordan -

# **Seniors National Intermediate Strokeplay Champion**

*"Winning the National senior Strokeplay Intermediate was a big highlight* 

for me. This was my 2<sup>nd</sup> National win in the same competition except they were 12 years apart. I was very privileged to have been with the world cup team when they won in October in El Vendrell. When the Irish team lifted

the cup and dedicated it to my son Shane, it was the proudest moment for me, better than winning the All-Ireland. The esteem they held for him will

live in my memory forever.

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It has been my privilege to have looked after the 2 U16s teams for the past

2 years. I am very proud of our juveniles, and it give me great pleasure knowing that these fine young players are the future of our game." Weeshie Murphy -







Seniors National Strokeplay Junior Champion

"I would like to share the following. There have been many great things that have happened in my life, The birth of my son. Meeting the love of my life and winning the All-Ireland is up there with them. I also would like to thank my brother Glen for all his advice and encouragement."



# Seniors National Strokeplay Junior B Champion

"I started playing pitch and putt during the Covid 19 lockdown, and it quickly became something I loved. I was introduced to the sport by my friend Derek who already played. I loved how the game combined skill, strategy, and precision, and it wasn't long before I joined my local club. Since then, I've worked hard on my game and won the presidents prize last year and this year I won the chairperson's prize in my local club and then went on to winning the Junior All-Ireland.

I believe that consistency, hard work has been key to my success. Pitch and putt is all about precision. staying calm, even when the stakes are high, which is crucial when playing in big competitions like the Junior All-Ireland."

"Preparation is everything. Leading up to the tournament, I made sure to practice regularly, focusing on all areas of my game, especially my putting. I handle pressure by staying focused on the process rather than the outcome. I remind myself that I've put in the work and that I have the skills to perform. My immediate goal is to continue developing my skills and pushing myself to perform at a higher level.

"I believe the future of pitch and putt in Ireland is very bright. The sport has a strong tradition and a dedicated community.

"My advice to new players would be to enjoy the game and focus on the fundamentals. Don't worry too much about scores at the start—just work on improving your technique and learning the ins and outs of the game. Practice regularly, but also make sure to enjoy the process. And most importantly, stay patient and persistent success in pitch and putt doesn't happen overnight, but with dedication, it's achievable

"I really enjoy the camaraderie and sportsmanship within the pitch and putt community. The sport has a unique, friendly atmosphere where everyone, from beginners to seniors supports each other. I've made great friends through the sport, and I love how everyone is always willing to share tips and advice to help each other to improve. John Long

Winning the Junior All-Ireland was a huge achievement for me. It represented all the hard work and practice I've made to improve my game. It also meant a lot to my family and my local club, who have supported me throughout my journey. -John Long-

St. Anne's have won the National Scratch Inter-Club tournament for the third time, and this makes it four National Scratch and National Nett/Inter/Junior wins for the Cork club

*Tullamore became the second course (after St. Bridget's) to host the National Inter-Club final twice.* 

*St. Anne's became the first team to win the National Scratch Inter-Club tournament twice at the same course, having previously triumphed at Tullamore ten years ago.* 



Pitch and Putt Ireland website stats

# Seniors National Strokeplay Senior Champion



Portmarnock hosted the Leinster Strokeplay it was a beautiful day no wind sun shining but best of all was meeting up with all the ladies from Leinster for the beginning of the season 24. Before anyone hit a ball there was great gathering of brilliant talented players from all over Leinster taking group photos. I played steadily because the course was playing tough you really did have to focus. Green and course in brilliant condition. I put two rounds of 51/ 55 to win by 3 shots. Personally, I'd had a brilliant day meeting the girls again and having a bit of fun. Winning made the day extra special.

Next the over 55s in St Stephen's weather a mixed bag but look had it not too much rain. I played a lovely two ball with Mary Murray always encouraging me. The course was in great condition. But you know St Stephen's always a challenge. Delighted to win back-to-back over 55 National Strokeplay looking forward to playing in Tipperary next year to defend the title. Overall, I think the ladies' game in 24 was very encouraging for the coming season 25. hopefully we will get more entries in the ladies' competitions outside the clubs.

- Ger Ward -

- Paula Nolan

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Seniors National Strokeplay Intermediate Champion

"2024 was a good year for me. While I enjoyed a lot of success in local competitions i.e. scratch cups, I got immense enjoyment in winning the cork mixed with young Callum O Donovan. Being part of a good Cork Senior team who won the Munster title but unfortunately had no luck in Nationals.

Looking back on 2024 my greatest achievement was winning the National over 55 in St Stephens.

I've had memorable trips around the country with my friends, who are affectionately known as the GOLDEN girls aka The Clappers club

Patsy, Vera and Nuala. Hopefully 2025 will be as enjoyable"



# Seniors National Strokeplay Junior Champion

"I would have to say that the highlights of my year were winning the over 55's Junior Championship in St Stephen's club in July. I was so delighted to win this as I have been playing over 37 years and it was my first All-Ireland win.

Added to this 6 days later in Ardnacrusha pitch and Putt I had the good fortune to win the Munster Junior Strokeplay which was just great ,2 wins in 1 week. I was thrilled.

I can't thank my husband John enough for his support of my game, he travels everywhere with me and to the many club supporters who encourage and support me"

- Lorraine Creed –

Eileen McCarthy and Darren Goodall National Scotch Foursomes Mixed Champions

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"I must say the two highlights of the year were winning the Intercounty in Tralee with the girls and winning the National mixed in Lakeside with Darren Goodall. I wasn't expecting to win a National as I'm only back playing pitch and putt with about 2 years. I hadn't picked up a club in 20 years before that. It's fantastic going around the country meeting new people and having the crack and banter also."

> Eileen McCarthy-(Darren Goodall)









#### **National Scotch Non-Mixed Champions**

"Not every day you win a national title so will always be a special day for me but extra special winning it with my brother Brian. Lakeside is my home course so I guess you could say we had a little advantage knowing the course so well but added pressure came with that, luckily for us that pressure drove us on to perform and gladly it came good on the day for us."

> -Mark Cahill-(Brian Cahill)



#### Harry Concannon Gowran

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"After the Leinster Matchplay in Ryston, I was feeling good about my game and was confident going into the Leinster Strokeplay. The first highlight of my year was winning the Leinster U13's Strokeplay, where I shot my best round ever in competition. I was 1 over after 18 and knew I had to shoot under in the next round to have a shot at winning. In the next round everything was flowing, the ball was dropping, and I managed to shoot 6 under which secured 1<sup>st</sup> place in the under 13 sections.

After winning the Leinsters I knew I had a brilliant chance at winning the all-Ireland in Hillview. I went out and shot -3 in each round which put me in first place in the U13 category and put the team in a great place going into the scotch doubles. In the Leinsters we underperformed in the doubles which left us third, but we switched up the pairings so now I was with Eoghan Morrissey who won the Leinster and all Ireland Matchplay shield. The team played well and came in second place behind Kerry. I was in the playoff for the U16 trophy in Hillview but went out on the ninth hole, however I won the U13 trophy which I was thrilled about as this was my goal at the start of the year.

Making the Interprovincial challenge team was another highlight for me. I was very happy to be on the team along with my club mate Jack. Jack and I were paired together in the doubles, against 2 very good players from Kerry. The match went down to final hole where a 7-foot putt from the edge to make birdie gave us a point to halve the match. This was streamed live and a great highlight for me. I couldn't buy a birdie in the singles! In the end Leinster won which was fantastic

Heading into the All-Ireland Matchplay I was feeling ok about my game, it was being held at St Bridgets which is a tough course. Unfortunately, I got knocked out, but it was great to see both my friends and club mates make the finals. Well done to Eoghan on his win

I really couldn't have done all this without the 3 lads from Gowran - Eoghan, Jack and Aiden, all the practice rounds together really paid off for all of us. Lara McShane (Jacks mam) was also a massive help, driving us all over the country to practice and helping us along the way. Thanks to Kevin Knox for arranging the teams and practice and for his support.

My goals for the coming year are to make the world cup team and win the Leinsters and All-Ireland "

Harry Concannon -



# National Senior Strokeplay Champion

"Each year I set out a list of what I want to achieve, this includes scratch cups, Matchplay, Strokeplay, everything I want to work towards for that season ahead. Each year the list is pretty much the same, although this year was a year of firsts for me, my first National Strokeplay win, I believed, would top the list this year. I never dreamed of making the Irish team to represent Ireland at the World Cup let alone winning with a clean sheet. A fantastic experience that will not be matched, my first but I will certainly be adding it to my list of hopes in future years.

My 2024 Season kicked off with the Limerick County Board scratch cup in April and from there I built on my years success culminating in the win at Glenville. This was the highlight of my year by far as it is something I'd waited a long time for. I had left it behind me on more than a few occasions but was determined this was to be my year, having taken the lead early in the morning session of 36 holes I left the course and told myself I wouldn't leave it behind me again. I went out in the afternoon and extended

my lead from 4 shots to 7 shots with 10 holes to go, I became complacent in my position and Jason O'Regan started to close the gap with a run of birdies taking the difference to just 2 shots coming to the final few holes of the round. Thankfully I was able to steady myself and come away victorious. The win was especially sweet having shared the course with my father who had played in the Inter grade on the Saturday.

-Kieran Earles-

# National Strokeplay Intermediate Champion

"I would like to say it was a great year all round. I was playing ok most of the year. I reached the last 8 of Dublin match play. I qualified for all major stroke play events and the inter county team which I managed as well. I couldn't believe I played so well in Glenville. Winning the top major of the year still hasn't really sunk in yet

I would like to thank Lucan pitch and putt for all the support they gave on the day too. Huge thanks to Anthony (Skinner) Malone for the advice on the day and leading up to the day of the final. To Damien Creevey too



on his support. The course on that day was in great shape, the committee of Glenville pitch putt should give themselves a pat on the back for how they presented the course on both days. Hopefully now I can compete with the big guns and add to my achievement, thanks very much for this opportunity." – Tom McMorrow -



#### **U16 Girls National Matchplay Champion**

"From my home course of Tipperary Hills, I've been playing pitch and putt since I was five years old. I have been competing for four years now, and since then, I have been able to experience some terrific matches, play with amazing people, and improve mentally and

physically as both a

Looking back last National Strokeplay But thankfully, I was were great better things to and a more diligent more trophies.

Ahead of the 2024 later compete this insight into how it



person and a player.

year, I came just short on many occasions. I claimed bronze in the for the second consecutive year and silver in the Munster Matchplay. able to strike gold in the Munster Strokeplay Championship. These achievements, but as a player, I always wanted to reach for bigger and improve my game. So, this year, I came in with new goals, a new club, practice routine to improve my game. I wanted to earn my name on

season, my dad and I practised at some of the courses where I would year. I think this is a great way to get a feel for the course and gain plays. When the big day arrived for the many competitions, I was very

fortunate to achieve my goals. I became the National Matchplay Champion, National Strokeplay Runner-Up, Munster Matchplay Champion, and Munster Strokeplay Runner-Up, all while I was 13 years old. These achievements have helped me develop and sharpen my game considerably and I've gained knowledge from other players while growing my confidence at the same time.

If you had told me a few years ago that I would have achieved this much as a player, I would have thought you were joking. I will forever be grateful to everyone who has supported me and will continue to do so throughout my time as a player, including everyone at my club, Tipp Hills, the community of Tipperary Town, and my family, especially my dad, who coaches me through everything and always travels to competitions with me. Personally, I am looking forward to next year and hope to expand my achievements and grow as a player."

-Sarah Ryan -



#### National Strokeplay Junior Champion

Callum O'Donovan from Collins brought another national title home to the club with a great final round of four under par leaving the rest of the field in his wake. The 2020 Cork Strokeplay champion is the second member of the Collins club (and the first for 51 years) to win the National Junior Strokeplay championship. Callum's seven stroke winning margin is the highest since Derek Delaney triumphed by seven at Ryston five years ago.

Callum, also partnered Paula Nolan to win the Cork Mixed earlier in the year.

Pitch and Putt Ireland website





U16 Boys National Plate Winner Eoghan Morrissey of Gowran became the first winner of the All-Ireland Juvenile Matchplay Championship Plate to represent Gowran.

"The highlight of my year was winning the national Matchplay competition in St. Bridget's. I played against some tough opponents and was delighted with the win. A big thanks to everyone at Gowran and my teammates Jack, Aidan and Harry. Next year I want to continue to

Eoghan Morrissey -

improve my play and take part in as many competitions as possible."



#### Thomas Dorney: Junior B National Strokeplay Champion

"I joined the Tramore club 2 years ago and loved playing since I've started. The highlight of my year was the junior B competition in RGSC in Dublin in August which I won. Funny story behind it though, I didn't know how the scoring system worked so I left. I was halfway back to Waterford when my friend realised, I had won. In the excitement we took the wrong road back, missing the turn off for M9 and ended up crossing over the mountain to get back to Waterford.

I learned a lesson on the dress code that day too. I was wearing pink shorts which weren't suitable, and I had no spare pair, my friends shorts were 2 small for me! I ended up getting a pair of oil skins/ rain pants from a man in RGSC to wear, it was all I could get at the time, add to that it was nearly 25 degrees that day!!!! So, I won the Junior B championship in sweltering heat in rain pants. They must have been lucky ones.

Thanks to the man who gave them to me, I don't recall his name but thanks. What a day. I missed the prize presentation of course; a friend collected it the following day. It was a good day and lovely course. Would like to thank everyone involved and the ppl who had the course in great shape. Huge thanks to all the members in my local club for the laughs and the games and your help over the last few years. I hope to play a lot more going forward. It's a great game!"

-Thomas Dorney, Tramore -





The National Inter County in Bagenalstown was a sweet win for the Kildare ladies. We looked dead and buried with nine holes to go, and we somehow pulled it out of the bag to beat Dublin by a few shots. It was my 12<sup>th</sup> National Inter County Gold medal, and it was nice to win it in Bagenalstown due to the fact my late Dad designed the course at its founding. Also, it was nice to win alongside Marian and Tara, who I've won all my 12 inter county medals with.

(Chrissie Sheedy describing the Kildare Ladies Intercounty win in Bagenalstown0

Cork Gents move on to a milestone 25 Inter-County wins, consolidating their position atop on the all-time Roll of Honour. Ray Murphy now has 18 National Inter-County wins, John Walsh 17 and John Cahill 13. Bryan Delaney earned his eighth

gold medal, Frank Dineen his sixth and Eoin Walsh a second. *Pitch and Putt Ireland website* 





Tipperary Win the Eamonn Birchall Cup in Bagenalstown

The Premier County join Wexford as Eamonn Birchall Trophy winners that have also previously claimed the Anchor Cup.



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National Intercounty Challenge Intermediate Champions

The 2024 National Intermediate Inter-County Challenge between the Leinster and Munster winners in both grades took place in Riverdale in September. The Kildare team of Cathal O' Toole, Oliver Lambe, Martin Power, Anthony Higgins, Kevin Lambe and Eoin Comiskey overcame the might of Kerry to win the Intermediate Challenge. *Pitch and Putt Ireland website* 

#### **National Intercounty Challenge Junior Champions**

kerry met the challenge of the Leinster Junior Champions Westmeath to win the Challenge in Riverdale.

Pitch and Putt Ireland website





#### **U16 All-Ireland schools Champions**

St. Brendan's College, Killarney become the first school to win three All Ireland Schools'

Pitch and Putt tournaments in a row. St Brendans College continued domination of the National Secondary Schools scene with a team of Ben Kelliher (Capt.), Brian McCarthy and Nathan Cronin giving them an eight-shot victory over their provincial winning counterparts in Leinster, Castlepollard Community College of Westmeath. *Pitch and Putt Ireland webs* 

#### **National U16 Intercounty Champions**

Kerry moves on to nine Tommy Murphy Cup wins, which leaves the Kingdom tied in second place alongside Dublin on the all-time Roll of Honour.

With a score of 304, which is the lowest winning aggregate in the history of the National Juvenile Inter-County championship the team of Ben Kelliher, Brian McCarthy, Sean Stack and Aodhan O' Halloran Kerry completed a Juvenile Inter-County five in a row, equaling the Cork 1996-2000 sides.

Pitch and Putt Ireland website

