



## **Document 2**

For AGM 8 December 2024

### **Document 2: Executive Summary -Annual report of Management Council of The Island Golf Club 2024**

*The following is an executive summary of the Annual report of Council. I trust this may prove helpful to some members who wish to read a summary only.*

#### **Finance**

2024 was another very strong financial Year for the Club. Green Fee income exceeded €2 Million for the first time. The Club generated a surplus of circa €1 Million, has cash reserves of €2.5 Million and loan balances of €780K. Visitor bookings for 2025 are excellent with over 5000 rounds already booked.

#### **Membership**

The playing membership of the Club now stands at 948- an increase of 54 over 2023.

We welcomed 15 new Overseas members, and the Category is now capped at 50. The Club will host its inaugural member guest event for Overseas members in September 2025.

Demand for membership continues to be strong.

The Club has received 26 applications for Ordinary membership for 2025 and interviews are currently being held.

#### **The Links**

The introduction of new grass pathways and other improvements in the Winter of 2023/24 have been very well received. The links has been presented in excellent condition by Links superintendent, Keith Murray and his team. We continue to invest in our course equipment fleet- several new all electric machines were purchased in 2024 to assist in meeting our sustainability targets.

#### **Practice facilities + Winter Program**

An enhanced Winter programme is underway.... new Tees are being constructed on four holes, areas of the fairways on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> will be raised to prevent pooling during wet periods and to improve turf quality. Construction of the new short game area/ chipping green will begin shortly after Christmas.

## **Visitors and Rankings**

The Club welcomed just over 7000 visitors this Year including major champions Justin Thomas, Jordan Speith and 7-time major champion and hall of fame golfer, Karie Webb.

The Island has also risen again in the various course rankings and although these are somewhat subjective it nonetheless indicates we continue an upward curve.

We look forward to hosting the Irish Qualifier for The Open Championship in 2025 and beyond.

## **High performance programme**

Council agreed to fund a high-performance programme aimed at driving success in our inter-club teams and helping individual success. There has been a significant level of player engagement with this programme which Council hope will lead to Team and individual success

## **Clubhouse decoration project**

Council hope members appreciate the new look to parts of the Clubhouse interior with further improvements planned. With the invaluable assistance of the archives committee, the historical photograph project is now complete. Our Walker cup stars attended an enjoyable function in the Clubhouse in June where the respective Walker Cup team photos were unveiled.

## **Clubhouse development plans**

The Clubhouse development Committee have been tasked by Council to establish plans for a significant refurbishment of the Clubhouse. Although progress has been made, more time is required to realise final plans before presenting them for members consideration/ approval.

## **The Club Lodge**

Refurbishment of the lodge was completed in late Summer to a very high standard. Feedback from initial guests in Autumn was excellent and bookings received for 2025 indicate a moderate level of demand exists as we begin a targeted marketing campaign with our Tour Operators and visitors for 2025.

## **Maintenance facility and trackman**

A planning application was recently submitted to Fingal County Council for improvements to the maintenance facility, installation of a trackman golf simulator and an indoor golf buggy storage area.

## **Communications**

There were several high-quality printed newsletters issued during the Year. Efforts were also made to minimise the number of email communications.

### **Charitable donations and social responsibilities**

The Club Captain's charity day raised funds for the Alzheimer's society this Year. Member run events contributed to other charities including breast cancer and the Raheny hospice. The Club also made donations to local charities in the Donabate/Portane area.

For more detailed analysis of Club activities in 2024 please see the Annual Report of Council.

Kind Regards,

John Grant

Honorary Secretary

The Island Golf Club