

# **Edenmore Golf Club Annual Report 2017/2018**

## **Honorary Secretary's Report**

*Wow, what a year! We approached this season with a feeling of slight trepidation in the knowledge that another wet year like the one just passed, could leave the Club in severe financial difficulties. Our Treasurer, being frugal in nature, made plans and took steps to ensure that this would not happen, even if we did experience a year similar to last. The best was yet to come!*

*Our newly elected Captain, Deaglan, taking over the helm, quickly displayed his determination to steer the ship into calmer waters.*

*Preparations began immediately to carry out the mandate he had set himself in his inaugural speech at the AGM and he set about manifesting Colin Whan's brilliant idea of a Golf Classic, into a reality.*

*Sub Committees were formed and each given a target to achieve and, largely led by Colin, the pieces began to fall into place to present the members of our Club with a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a great Club event. And enjoy it they did. They came out in numbers to support the event and as a result, the coffers of the Club began to swell again and a smile was slowly returning to the face of our Treasurer. Such was the success of that day that plans to do something similar this season are already being discussed. The funds generated were very welcome and put to good use. Several Team Captains afforded themselves and their team members the opportunity to use our golf Pro Andy, and his coaching using Trackman, prior to their competition matches and very positive reports came back regarding this practice.*

*Even before the Golf Classic we had the end of our newly revamped Winter League. A format which seemed to be enjoyed by all those who entered. We finished off that competition with a prize distribution dinner and light entertainment once again favourably supported by many who had participated and others, like me, who hadn't. But all were welcome i'm sure.*

*So we had a good end to the Winter League and a very successful Golf Classic, but big Colin wasn't satisfied with that, he was already thinking and we were soon to find out what.*

*He announced that he was planning a Shoot Out to take place on a Friday afternoon and finish in the Clubhouse with a bite to eat and some live music. Once again this was enjoyed by a very good number of members. These events don't just happen by accident. A lot of planning and preparation goes into making them a success by a lot of "faceless"*

people, ie. Committee members and the Management of Edenmore Golf and Country Club, and it is to these people we owe a debt of gratitude for all the efforts and sacrifices they make to make our Club an enjoyable place to be and an enjoyable place to belong. Without the generosity of the Management giving up the Course for our use on these special days, then they would just not happen.

Our Charities Day was reasonably well supported and we were able to present a total of £1500 between three local Charities with a cheque each for £500. This had to be supplemented from Club funds so gentlemen, lets see if we can do a little better this season.

Both our Captain's Day and our President's Day were lucky enough to enjoy good weather and both proved to be well supported. All those who participated had a very enjoyable days sport, competition and craic. In Inter Club competitions we did not fare particularly well in that no silverware was brought back to adorn the Club. We did however manage to give a good account of ourselves in several competitions only to falter in the final stages. Our great thanks go to all the Team Captains who give freely of their time and the efforts they go to to achieve success for Edenmore. Thank you Captains for submitting Team reports which are available for members to read on this Annual Report. However, our Club Pro Andy and member Wayne Sloan did manage to win the Regional and then the All Ireland section of the Lombard Trophy which qualified them for the finals in Portugal, a sterling effort for our first time of entering the competition.

This year we are not only saying farewell to our Captain Deaglan but also to our President Mervyn. Mervyn has served the Club admirably on the Committee for many years as a Committee member, Honorary Secretary, Captain and also as President. We thank him for all he has done for the Club, the liaisons he has formed and nurtured with other Clubs and for being such a great ambassador of the Club throughout his many years of service. His knowledge and expertise are invaluable and hopefully he will serve on the Committee once again in the future.

Farewell to Club Captain Deaglan who declared his mandate at the AGM in February last year and, in my opinion, carried it through and achieved all that he said he would during his tenure. He brought to the table youthfulness, and with it energy, determination and organisational skills, and to quote a line from his inaugural speech, "surrounded himself with good people", ie. the Committee which helped him achieve his goals. I want to finish by thanking a few other people. I would like to pass on our thanks to the Management who work so diligently behind the scenes to make things work for the Club. To Josh who continues to recruit new members and ensure that our membership continues to increase whilst

*many other Clubs are experiencing the opposite. To the Green Staff for all their efforts in presenting the Course as well as they do given weather conditions and constraints imposed upon them. To fellow Committee members for their hard work during the year and to Andy and Matt, who incidentally has fitted in seamlessly to the organisation, for all that they do on behalf of the Club. To all our Sponsors whose support is so vital and so greatly appreciated by the Club and we hope you are encouraged enough to remain with us in years to come. Last but certainly not least, the Match and Handicap team ably led by Tom Chapman, who spend an inordinate amount of time ensuring that all competitions run smoothly and results are recorded accurately on your behalf and for your enjoyment.*

*We are not approaching this season with trepidation but more with expectancy. I am looking forward to working with our new Captain and all the trials and tribulations that that will bring(not too many I hope).*

*Gentlemen, lets enjoy a great season 2018/2019 and continue to support the Club competitions as often as you can and any other social events that may be organised from time to time. Build the social side of the club and further enhance the experience which Golf at Edenmore.*

*Stewart Rodgers  
Honorary Secretary.*

### **Captain's Report**

*It has been a huge honour to be the Captain of Edenmore Golf Club. I would like to thank the committee and members of Edenmore for allowing me that privilege for 2017.*

*I would like to thank the committee for their support during the year. It was a very productive year. A special thanks to Tom our Match and Handicap secretary and his team for their tireless work in ensuring the smooth running of our competitions and their focus on helping me drive the Ready Golf Campaign. A special thanks to David our Honorary Treasurer, Stewart our Club Secretary and Colin my Vice Captain of all their support and help throughout the year. To Mervyn our President a huge thanks for the support and words of wisdom received.*

*A key part in any club is dependent on the willingness of its members to commit their time and efforts to Inter Club team events. This has been amply demonstrated by those who stepped forward for the role of 'Team Captain' this year. Their enthusiasm for the task and the skill they displayed in encouraging their teams has been an inspiration to me and all who met them and for that I am truly thankful. Unfortunately we didn't manage to win any silverware but we did qualify for the knock out phases of some major competitions for the first time in many years.*

*24th June was my Captain's Day. It is a day that I will cherish for a long time. The weather was just perfect and James and his team had the course in top condition. It was definitely an education watching 200 plus attempts at taking on the corner! Hopefully you all enjoyed the strong coffee courtesy of Johnson Brothers...I didn't realise how many latte drinkers we had at the club. A big thank you to all the committee members that supported on the day and a special thanks to Mr McGahey for his star performance in the video. I hope you all enjoyed the pulled pork sandwich, music and refreshments after your round...Thanks to Chef Brian and Cherry for ensuring that everyone was fed and watered. I would also like to thank David McEwan and Agnew Corporate, Aodh Hannon and Hannon Transport, David Lyttle and Emerald Energy for their sponsorship on the day.*

*To Kenny and Josh thank you for all your help during the year. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scene to make sure we all enjoy our golf. Please pass on my thanks to the wider team for their efforts.*

*A special thanks to Andrew and Matt, who were a great help during the year. Andy, we came so close in the Pro-Captain's event at Seapoint and that missed eagle putt on the last green will haunt me for a long time.*

*I would like to thank Lady Captain Anne Nicholson and all Lady members for all their help and encouragement during the year. It was definitely a highlight of mine to be able to retain the Men's versus Ladies Trophy.*

*Finally I wish the incoming Captain and Vice-captain an enjoyable and successful year.*

*Deaglan O'Hagan.  
Retiring Captain.*

## **Match and Handicap Committee Report Tom Chapman**

*Committee members: Tom Chapman, Craig McVeigh, Bill White, Billy Moffett, Jonny McGaghey and Gary Latham, ex-officio members The Captain, Vice Captain and Hon Secretary.*

*I would like to start my report by thanking all the members of the committee for their support throughout the year, especially Bill, Jonny, Billy and Gary for their help in closing competitions. Thanks to Julie at reception for updating the fixture list and posting the results on the Edenmore web site. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Andy and Matt for their help with placing club information in the weekly newsletter to keep everyone informed, and Deaglan for putting information onto the club Twitter page.*

*INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS: Unfortunately none of our teams have any silverware to show for their efforts although some teams progressed to the latter stages of their competitions. Nevertheless, thank you to all those who represented the club for giving of their time and effort, and I hope that the coming year will be more successful.*

*To enable the 2018 team captains to select the strongest teams, I would appeal to all members to put themselves forward for team selection - team sheets will be in the locker room in February – but before doing so please read carefully the qualification criteria for each competition. If you are unsure whether you qualify or not, please ask myself or one of the other match and handicap committee members.*

### **CLUB COMPETITIONS:**

*Weekly competitions: These competitions are the main stay of the club and continue to be well supported. 18 hole Sunday and 9 Hole Friday qualifying competitions run by the Pro Shop have become more popular since they were introduced to facilitate those who are unable to play in the normal club competitions.*

*Matchplay competitions: These continue to be well supported and enjoyed by all those who take part, and I would like to congratulate all the prize winners. This year's Finals Day was held on Friday 8th September when as many as possible of the finals were played, thankfully the weather conditions were much better than last year.*

*The evening was rounded off with a light meal followed by the presentation of prizes for Presidents Day and the Matchplay events. Once again this proved to be one of the highlights of the club year and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of members who attended both the main event and the musical entertainment in the bar afterwards.*

*If you have not entered the matchplay competitions in the past, or you have just joined the club, these competitions are open to all club members and carry on throughout the season. Entries close on the first Saturday in April.*

*Winter League:*

*The new format of team competition introduced last year proved to be very popular and with a few minor tweaks has attracted an increased entry of 40 teams.*

*PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Congratulations to Clive Knox whose consistent play throughout the season made him a worthy winner of the award.*

*READY GOLF: This is a new initiative introduced this year by the GUI in an effort to speed up play. Simply put this means that each player in a group plays their ball when they are ready.*

*· Walk quickly to between shots. ( You can talk about your good shots at the 19th hole)*

*· If you reach your ball and are ready to play, providing it is safe to do so, THEN GO AHEAD AND PLAY even if you are not the furthest away.*

*· At the green, place your clubs, trolley or buggy at the side of the green towards the next tee box BEFORE PUTTING.*

*· If the player who is furthest away is not ready to putt the others should play first.*

*· Mark your card at the next tee, the first player should mark their card after they have played.*

*· Let the shortest hitters go first.*

*· Lost ball; hit your shot BEFORE helping to look.*

*· If you are holding up the group behind LET THEM THROUGH.*

*These simple measures can save up to 30minutes per round*

*ANNUAL REVIEW OF HANDICAPS: This was carried out in November; 77 members had their handicaps reviewed, 1 member had his handicap reduced, and 8 had their handicaps increased.*

*CHANGES TO HANDICAP CATEGORIES: From 1st January 2018 there will be new handicap categories 5 and 6 for men and women, with handicaps of 29 - 36 and 37 - 54.*

*Finally, special thanks must go to our sponsors who have contributed so generously to many of the events held throughout the year. I would also like to thank Andy, Matt and Josh for their help in the administration of our competitions during the year.*

***Honorary Treasure's Report 2017 David McEwen***

*Once again I would like to start by recording my very sincere thanks to the Club Pro Andrew Manson and the staff in the Club Pro Shop for all the help they have given to me over the past year. Without their willingness to collect all of the club competition entry fees each week my job would be impossible. Special thanks are also given to Kenny Logan and the management team at Edenmore Country Club for their work in ensuring that new members are recruited into the Golf Club. Without these new members the club would be deprived of the fresh talent it needs to continue to succeed in all of its activities.*

*This year the overall income for the club increased by 16%. There were two significant factors for this, namely an increase in members playing due to much improved weather. Secondly the Edenmore Classic also raised additional funds. As you know the collection of club competition entry fees is our main source of income. Captain's Day and President's day were celebrated this year in style with an excellent turnout on both days as usual.*

*The cash income from sponsorship is up compared to previous years. We would again like to thank our Captain and Presidents Day sponsors. Our sincere thanks also goes to Mr G McKluskey for his continued sponsorship of the McKluskey Cup Competition. We would also like to thank TBC and David Donnell for their kind sponsorship of this year's Winter League. As always the securing of sponsorship for club competitions should not be restricted to a selected few and any member who has contacts with potential sponsors is encouraged to seek out support for the club.*

*Our overall expenditure increased by 12% which was principally due to increased competition fee prices and additional expenditure on Captains Day.*

*Our club teams' progress in all competitions this year was similar to previous years and as a result our expenditure on Interclub activities remained stationary.*

*The Juvenile Section of the Club had another very successful year and we also helped them out financially by covering the cost of Coaching from our club professional. I am sure that you would agree that this extra expense was money well spent and it is the committee's intention to continue this support if necessary in future years.*

*In conclusion the overall "Net Worth" of the club has increased by £5.5K. It is not now, or ever being, our intention to make a profit each year but I can assure you that the Committee will always be frugal with the funds. The steps*

*taken to address the situation apparent in 2016 have now started to pay dividend. I am happy to say that I feel that our financial position remains sound and I do not foresee any need to increase the competition entry fees for another year.*

## ***Presidents Report***

*It is with great sadness that I write my last report as President of Edenmore Golf Club, a position I have held for a fantastic three years all thoroughly enjoyed.*

*As I reflect on my many years serving on the Committee, I am greatly honoured to have been appointed Captain, Honorary Secretary and President, a prestigious Office which I very much enjoyed. Throughout all these roles I endeavoured to fulfil to the best of my ability. Another big honour for me and my family was my wife Anne holding Office alongside me as Lady Captain during my last year as President.*

*I take with me very fond memories and friendships accumulated whilst representing the club at various functions and attending inter club matches.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee and Officers with whom I had the privilege of serving, for their support and friendship. I also received tremendous support and friendship from Kenny, Cherry, Josh and family. And a final note of thanks to another great guy at Edenmore, the club professional, Andy.*

*September 2017 saw the passing of past President Mr Norman Logan after a long illness. Norman worked for years in the pro shop and is greatly missed by all at Edenmore.*

*Finally, to my successor, I would like to offer my congratulations and hope that he enjoys the position of President as much as I have.*

*Mervyn Nicholson  
Retiring President.*

## ***Management report***

*It's hard to believe that it's AGM time again, after the lovely winter we had last year we have certainly had a very much wetter autumn and winter this year. When I think about the difficulties the wet season has caused I am so mindful of the many farmers who didn't get their crops harvested and lost their year's work.*

*Despite the poor weather, our Greenkeepers have worked very hard in demoralising weather conditions to keep the course playable and we have lost very few days so far this winter. I am sure you will join with me in thanking James and his team for their hard work. I never want to wish my life away, but it is always an encouragement to have the shortest day behind us and watch our days get longer and the grass and plants respond.*

*We have started some new work on the seventeenth tee box and by the late spring early summer you should be able to see some noticeable improvements in both the condition and playability of the hole. If the weather improves, hopefully we will get some other course work we had hoped to do, completed as well. The drains we inserted last winter have benefited the course this year.*

*Club Captains Deaglan and Anne have both done a sterling job during their Captains' year and will be handing over to the incoming Captains Colin Whan and Cathy McIlroy to let them get the 2018 season officially underway. Although many of you wouldn't realise just how much work has already been done with team captains appointed and already looking for players and watching the scores coming in. I am sure you will join with us and wish them a happy and successful year in office.*

*Let's not forget 2017, huge thanks are due to Deaglan and Anne for all their good work, they have both put a lot of time and effort into the club during their year and of course all those who helped them, their committees and other office bearers who made things run so smoothly. Thanks to everyone.*

*The men's club had a new winter league last winter which focused on giving everyone as much opportunity to play as possible, with both weekly scores and then a matchplay knockout final for the top teams. Most importantly this finished with a winter league meal and prize giving which well over 100 members attended and thoroughly enjoyed getting together and were entertained by Stephen Ferris at the close of the evening. The whole event was kindly sponsored by David Donnell and his company TBC Conversions which was very much appreciated.*

*The success of this event led on to us holding another social event in the form of our club fundraising day which Colin Whan and a team of committee and other conscripts put a great day together that proved both enjoyable and successful, thanks to all members for their participation and sponsorship in the event. We would ask for your continued support this year.*

*Its been great to see a lot of previous members returning to the game throughout this year and we hope you and others taking up membership with us all feel welcome at Edenmore. To all members who have introduced friends we appreciate your efforts and support.*

*We are always keen to have friends and family introduced and if you have someone in mind just mention it to Josh or Andrew and they will work something out to suit individual requirements.*

*Andrew and Matt have been working hard in the shop and value your support and are always willing to help sort out those little niggles in your game. I would encourage you to make use of our trackman facility, Andrew has spent a lot of time in the Trackman Golf Studio/Simulator through the last year and will be able to show you how you can improve your game.*

*Hopefully he will be coaching teams this springtime again ahead of the interclub matches.*

*I am sure you will join with me in wishing Josh Logan well in his new appointment as our General Manager. As well as overseas experience, Josh has ten years' experience at Edenmore ranging from course maintenance, to Country Club management with fitness and personal training qualifications. He has played golf at Edenmore all his playing life, joining as a juvenile and this season managed to set a new course record of a Gross 65 in the June Medal competition. He also has been instrumental in the development of Edenmore's new Curious Fox Restaurant which has proved very popular with members and guests alike.*

*I hope our team have looked after you all through this past year. It is a huge privilege for me to work alongside them and I thank them all for their work. As a team, we wish you all good health this incoming year to enjoy your golf and great weather to play it in. Thanks again everyone, we need and value your support very much and just like every other year, we can't do it without you.*

*Josh, James, Andy, Cherry & Kenny  
Edenmore*

### **Cowdy Seniors Trophy**

*This years' competition was held at Lurgan G. C. on the 21st September. It was played under Stableford rules with the best 4 of the 6 cards counting. Twenty five clubs attended. Edenmore were represented at this event by Alistair Simpson, Bill Henderson, Derek McKinley, Martin Brunty, Stewart*

*Rodgers and John Truesdale. They were accompanied in their early morning start by Portadown G. C.*

*Conditions under foot were extremely soft which greatly added to the difficulty of the course. Edenmore got off to a poor start when one of the players had to retire early after sustaining a serious head injury as a result of being hit by a stray golf ball. In addition, several of the other players struggled to get the better of the course and the team was disappointed to finish well down the leaderboard. Ah well there is always next year.*

*CHS Cameron  
Team Captain*

### ***Balmoral Ulster Seniors Cup***

*Edenmore slumped to a heavy defeat in their first round, first leg, of the above match play singles competition at Dunmurry loosing all seven matches and by a total of 20 holes. Conditions were good and at the halfway mark it was a fairly even contest with Edenmore holding their own. However, a strong Dunmurry team showed their superiority and in the end were just too good. In the return leg and with home advantage Edenmore were determined to provide stiffer opposition and at least salvage some pride. However, Dunmurry quickly gained the half match to go through to the next round. Our congratulations go to a very good Dunmurry side who eventually went on to beat Knock G. C. in the final.*

*My thanks to the following players who represented our club over the two legs:- Alan Patterson Gerry McClory, Martin Brunty, Bill Henderson, Brian Gray, Stewart Rodgers, Alistair Simpson and Clyde Anderson*

*CHS Cameron  
Team Captain*

### ***Mid Ulster Senior League Tom Chapman***

*The Mid Ulster Senior League is a competition played by 10 teams from Mourne, Greenore, Lurgan, Armagh, Edenmore, Lisburn, Silverwood, Warrenpoint, Kilkeel and Dungannon Golf Clubs; each team has 8 members.*

*This year the handicap was brought into line with CONGU, each player receiving 9/10 handicap; players must have a maximum handicap of 24 and must be over 60. During the season 14 players represented Edenmore. Throughout the season each club hosts the event. Teams compete in the fourball format; with the 3 best scores added together counting as the team score, the accumulated scores from all 10 competitions determining the winning team. However this year the scoring system was changed in an effort to make the competition for places keener, with each team receiving points after each match, 10 points for the winning team down to 1 point for the 10th team.*

*Unfortunately this failed to make any difference to the winning team resulting in Greenore comfortably achieving victory for the fourth year in a row.*

*Competition between the other teams for the minor places was very keen. The final round of this year's competition was held at Co Armagh Golf Club on 4th September; in a very close race for the minor places Mourne came 2nd and Lurgan finishing in 3rd Warrenpoint finished a creditable 4th, Edenmore finished 7th.*

*I would like to thank all those who so willingly gave me their support by giving of their time, travelling to the different venues and paying competition fees, to represent Edenmore.*

*At the end of each season any surplus funds are donated to local charities nominated by the team hosting the final event. The players of Co Armagh's 2017 team decided to donate the £1000.00 to, The Northern Ireland Air Ambulance.*

**Report:                   Pierce Purcell Shield 2017**

*101 Teams at 8 venues around Ulster.                   Qualifying round this year was at Silverwood Golf Club.*

*Mode of Play: 4 best cards from 5 pairs playing Foursomes Scratch Medal.*

*Combined handicap no lower than 27, Individual no lower than 12 in the previous year.*

*Weather - a fine windy day in May. The course was in good condition with a few hard pin positions, the same for everyone. I would like to thank the team players for making the effort to get down for a practice round before the event and trying their best on the day.*

*Fortunately our team made the top score on the day which allowed us to qualify and proceed to the next round. I have to mention Philip Tinsley and David Belshaw for the lowest score by any pair on the day. We went back to Edenmore for a good Carvery meal to celebrate a great team performance.*

*Silverwood finished 4th so we had to play them at Banbridge G.Club in the next round. A few team changes and practice rounds completed - let the battle commence. It turned out to be a very close match play event, with no 1/2 matches allowed. It became very tense, leading 2-1 with the 4th match going up the 1st hole again and not looking good! The last match playing the 18th. We got the win, well played both teams who played in good spirit. Both teams enjoyed a nice Carvery meal at Banbridge whilst sharing stories.*

*Into the last 16 draw to play Moyola G.Club at Loughgall.*

*The Sun was shining and the course had some tricky pin positions on the day. The team set off, holding their own at first but, as the matches moved through to the back 9, we were down in 3 and level in 2. Club Capt Deaglan arrived with much appreciated Ice Lollies - it didn't work! We tried but were up against a strong team who gelled together and I called the last pairings in. Game over, well played both teams.*

*However, The Famous Grouse served up a good meal, new and old friends were met and, although unsuccessful, the best was made of the day.*

*A special thanks to all players who put a lot of effort in to take us this far and also, opposition team captains, who took care of the teams on the day.*

*Thanks also to Club Captain Deaglan for asking me to captain the team.*

*Ronnie Girvan*

*Team Captain*

### ***All Ireland Fourball 2017***

*I would like to start by thanking all members who took the time to put their names forward for consideration this year.*

*My team this year included Sean Magill, Chris Loney, Harold Spence, Paul Magill, Domonic Downey, Bill Wilkinson, Andy Bennett, Geoff Burrows, Dave McEwen, Paul Herron, Kenny Beeton, Gary Latham & John Childs.*

*I can't thank them enough for the time & effort they put in. Making time for practise rounds, matches and also the practice sessions with our club pro Andy Manson who's coaching lessons certainly helped with team bonding and a relaxed way for the team to meet ahead of the matches.*

*This was my first year as a Team Captain and I would like to thank our outgoing club Captain, Deaglan O'Hagan, for the opportunity. Although we lost narrowly by a ½ point in the third round, I do feel this team had the potential to go a lot further and hopefully the experience will stand them in good stead this year.*

*I'd also like to say a big thanks to everyone who helped along the way with advice, encouragement and who also took the time to come out and support the team.*

*Finally, I hope the players enjoyed the experience enough to put their names forward again this year and to those that haven't played on a team before, keep an eye on the team sheets appearing in the locker room in the coming weeks.*

*Johnny McGahey  
Team Captain*

### **Junior Cup**

*The Junior Cup Qualifying event this year for Edenmore was held at Banbridge Golf club, it was here that Ten teams battled it out for the top four qualifying positions. The team was made up of Keith Steenson, Aaron Robinson, Dale McIntyre, Iain Ross and Jonathan Lonsdale. They returned a 320 for four of their best cards. Unfortunatley this wasn't enough to qualify on the day but the boys put on a good show.*

*Josh Logan  
Team Captain*

## **Kennedy Trophy (70+) Seniors Competition**

*For those members who are wondering what the Kennedy Trophy is, it is a seniors league for golfers who are in their 70th year or older. There are 10 clubs playing in this league from both north and south of the border and each team consists of 4 pairs. A round is played at each club every year and the scoring is in the format of 4 ball better ball with the top 3 cards counting to the team score. The round at Edenmore Golf Club was played on Thursday 10th August.*

*The final round was played at Greenore Golf Club on Friday 6th October 2017 and following a very strong finish to the season Edenmore came from behind to finish second, 2 points behind the overall winner Kilkeel and 1 point ahead of third placed Ardee. This was an excellent result for us and every credit must be given to those members who gave of their time and talent to represent the club in this very popular competition.*

*No fewer than 15 members of the club played for the team at one time or another this year. My sincere thanks to them all and hopefully next year we can go one better and bring home the trophy.*

*The team members were, in alphabetical order, Clyde Anderson, Stuart Cameron, Tom Chapman, Bobby Cosgrove, Brian Gray, John Hart, Bill Henderson, Jim Henning, Derek McKinley, Trevor McNeill, Alistair Simpson, John Stanage, David Temple, Barry Thompson and myself, the Team Captain, Bill White.*

*Unfortunately nothing much to report for the Jimmy Bruen team 2017. There was a great response for team members, which although was great to see, unfortunately meant a few members were disappointed at not being selected. The team was selected from the volunteers, based on their current and past handicap performance, and also consulting the past team captain and the M&H secretary. The qualifying matches were played at County Armagh Golf Club on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, and although we were very close, did not qualify for the main event.*

*Gary Latham  
Team Captain*

## **Rossmore Cup**

*The draw this year for the Rossmore Cup paired us with St Patrick's Golf Club from Downpatrick. The team were very upbeat and looking forward to the challenge and after a couple of lessons from Andy we swept past St Pats*

*over the 2 legs. The next round matched us up with Portadown Golf Club who unfortunately over the 2 legs proved too strong for us. Thanks to the guys who played for us over the 2 matches and special thanks to Mr Malachy Turley, who nearing 90, attended the 4 legs and added to the fact that he drives to each venue himself.*

*Mervyn Nicholson  
Team Captain*

*The Lurgan friendly this year was played at Lurgan Golf Club and as usual we were warmly welcomed by Joe McClelland the Lurgan Team Captain. Tea/ coffee and scones served and pairings matched off to the 1st tee. A long and hard days golf swinging both ways finally all going Lurgan way and we lost 2 ½ - 1 ½ . Once again thanks to those who participated and a special mention to Malachy Turley who once again attended to support us and was guest of honour at the dinner after the game. Also thanks to the hospitality team at Lurgan for the superb meal that was enjoyed by all. We look forward to entertaining Lurgan next year when hopefully we will regain the Friendship Cup.*

*Mervyn Nicholson  
Team Captain*

#### *Juvenile Report 2017 -*

*The juvenile section entered three GUI competitions in 2017, Fred Daly Competition, Ronan Rafferty and Craigavon Shield. First competition was Fred Daly where Edenmore played Galgorm in the first round. Edenmore failed to progress through the round, but a notable performance came from Karl Teggart beating the current West U14 title holder convincingly. Fred Daly plate then kicks in for clubs beaten in the first round of the main Fred Daly competition, Edenmore drew against Warrenpoint we unfortunately were beaten in this and that was the Fred Daly competition over for 2017. In the Ronan Rafferty competition, Edenmore again drew Warrenpoint but had to give a bye as a few of our players pulled out late the night before leaving insufficient time to fill the places. Craigavon shield ran through the school holidays, and was a round robin format, Edenmore being grouped with Lurgan, Moyola and Tandragee. We averaged one match per week, with both home and away legs. This competition gave an excellent opportunity for younger players to represent*

*the club, a great experience for all players involved, Edenmore failed to qualify from the group, but were still present at the finals day at Lisburn, with some of the players coming runner up in the individual prizes.*

*For 2017, a Juvenile singles matchplay was re introduced to the club as the McGreevy Singles Championship with the trophy / competition being sponsored by Studio55. Dates overran, and the finals got completed just after the Halloween / Autumn period. Chris Patterson was the inaugural winner of the competition. It was well supported in the first year and will continue to develop in further years.*

*Throughout the summer holidays a Stableford competition was held each week on a Thursday, with the exception of the July holidays and one Thursday in August. Numbers increased as the summer progressed with new members taking part and juvenile handicaps being reduced as good scores were recorded.*

*An Adult & Juvenile Stableford Competition was held over 9 holes in Greensomes format one Friday late in the summer just before starting back to school. A small group attended, mainly father and son combinations, Adam & Caleb McGreevy won this with 22points.*

*The Adult Vs Juveniles Competition was held on a Sunday in September, in a Fourball Betterball format over 9 holes. The match was a very close affair with the overall result coming down to the final putt on the last hole, the adults won this match after managing to hole a 12 foot putt across the slope on the 9th, dinner followed and both adults and juveniles thanked Declan for organising the event and looked forward to next season.*

*Coaching developing well every Saturday, many players having shown notable improvement since 2016, another major important factor in this process is building the bond and friendship between players, and it is this element that is really flourishing now, and it's great to see players now out playing on the course having organised this between themselves, independantly from club input.*

*In 2017 a club website was created for the Juniors, edenmorejuniors.co.uk. This has continued to grow with all fixtures, opens and juvenile news being posted up here. This has allowed for a central location for communications with the juniors and eliminates the need for direct contact on many topics and issues which, in turn, means no one will be missed out on the communications. This site has been sponsored by Studio55.ie so no*

*expenses are incurred by the club in the upkeep and maintenance of this resource.*

*Throughout the year we ran many club competitions. Over the summer months a Stableford competition was held almost every week and as the summer progressed, more numbers attended each week. It was decided to start providing trophies to the juveniles rather than credit prizes. All results of these competitions were recorded on edenmorejuniors.co.uk. During the Halloween and Christmas holidays 9 hole Stableford competitions were also run and prizes were also given out for these competitions at the Christmas meeting. At the Christmas 9 hole Stableford, Christmas dinner was held afterwards and trophies were presented to winning players of the Stableford competitions that were held throughout the year. Our Vice Captain, Mr Colin Whan, presented the prizes along with Josh Logan.*

*Juveniles also attended the Presidents prize giving evening, and players that represented the club on Craigavon Shield teams, and Fred Daly teams were presented with an engraved small trophy to mark the occasion. Lewis Davidson was also presented with the player of the year award. This event was well attended and welcomed by both parents and juniors for the inclusiveness in the club.*

*That brings to an end the summary of the 2017 season for the Juveniles. As Convenor I believe the club is sitting in a position to grow and develop a solid junior squad for future years. It has been a learning curve in this first year in the position, and I would like to thank the Mens Committee for their help and support, the match and handicap team for bearing with me and training me in the use of the computer system, Mr Captain and Vice Captain for their continued support. Kenny for advise on developing players especially at national level. Josh, Kenny and Cherry for all the support in the Club with the Juveniles, including the hospitality shown, it's greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed by parents. Finally, to Andy and Matt in the pro shop, with all the help and advise throughout the year and the lessons each week. We have a good platform to build on for 2018 and I look forward to the 2018 season.*

*Adam McGreevy  
Juvenile Convenor.*

**HD Gregg Memorial Trophy**

*Edenmore were drawn against Mourne G. C. in the first round of this Four ball Betterball knock out competition. The first leg was played at Mourne when, in a very close hard fought encounter, Edenmore seniors were unfortunate to loose all four matches by a single hole.*

*In the return leg despite a determined effort by the home players and being ahead in two matches, Mourne got the half match they needed to go through to the next round. Our congratulations to the Mourne on their solid team performance.*

*My thanks to all those members who put their name forward for selection and to Alan Patterson, Ronnie Girvan, Martin Brunty, Bill White, Tom Chapman, Alistair Simpson, Barry Thompson, Stewart Rodgers and Bill Henderson for representing Edenmore over both legs.*

*Stuart Cameron  
Team Captain*

### ***Ulster Cup 2017***

*This years team consisted of Alan Patterson, Ian Hutchinson, Philp Henderson, Richard Swain, Hugh McKay, Adam McGreevey, Gary Watson and Gerwyn Young. This was selected after the necessary practice round at Rockmount, were a few other known individuals benefitted from the free outing. As team captain an assurance was given to all participants who took time to participate in the practice opportunity that the best five scores and two Captains Choices would be selected. The returning scores indicated that the team had not yet peaked, April was obviously too early in the season. On the day, performances showed a marked improvement with a couple of results going our way. Better results were achieved at home but we had a little too much to do against a strong Rockmount outfit.*

*My thanks as Team Captain to all who stepped up and give their time and efforts, and to those who have not played on a team before, watch out for the team sheets in the locker room in April and put your name down.*

*Colin Whan  
Team Captain*

## **Jack Craig Memorial Cup team report 2017**

*The venue and date for the 2017 Jack Craig Memorial Cup was Armagh Golf Club on Sunday the 20th August and the team consisted of the following pairings;*

- John Boyles and Heather Patterson*
- Gary Watson and Debbie McMaster*
- Ronnie Girvan and Diane Hunter*
- Colin Whan and Cathy McIlroy*
- Adam McGreevy and Louise Gaw*

*The winners of the 2017 Jack Craig Memorial Cup were the host club, Armagh GC and our congratulations go to them.*

*I would like to thank each of the team for their time and effort on the day and a special mention to those who assisted me with the team selection and the supply of the goody bags.*

*Team Captain  
Gary Watson*

## **Barton Shield report 2017**

*The venue for the qualifying for the 2017 Barton Shield was Kilkeel Golf Club on the 18th June.*

*Team pairings consisted of Josh Logan paired with Wesley Linsey and the second pairing was David McAleenon paired with Karl Taggart.*

*Edenmore was drawn to play Royal County Down in the morning and I'm pleased to confirm the team where victorious over Royal County Down and progressed to play Tandragee GC after lunch. Unfortunately, the team fielded by Tandragee Golf Club proved to be too strong on the day and the 2017 Barton Shield campaign was finished on the same day it started.*

*I would like to thank all those who put their name forward to play on the team, thank the team for playing and for taking the time to visit Kilkeel GC for a practice round prior to the matches.*

*Team Captain  
Gary Watson*

## **Irish Mixed 2017**

*The venue and date for the 2017 Irish Mixed was Omagh Golf Club on the 21st May 2017 and the team consisted of the following pairings;*

- Adam McMinn and Louise Gaw*
- Ronnie Girvan and Cherry Logan*
- Stevie Andrews and Debbie McMaster*
- John Boyles and Heather Patterson*
- Colin Whan and Colleen Hanna*

*The format of the competition is stroke play and total of best four cards, in the event of a tie the 5th card is included. The top four clubs progress on to the knockout stage and I'm pleased to report this year that the talented team selected, qualified.*

*Round one.*

*Edenmore played Omagh GC at Dungannon GC with only one change to the team. In the absence of Ronnie Girvan Michael Watson was paired with Cherry Logan to great effect with a 4&3 win. A strong performance from the team secured a very solid victory for Edenmore and progression to round two.*

*Round two*

*Masserenne GC hosted round two and this round saw Edenmore play a very organised mixed team from Castlerock GC who fielded at least one scratch player and few low single handicappers. The Edenmore team consisted of the team that made the qualifying at Omagh GC. Unfortunately, the Castlerock team proved too strong on the evening and Castlerock GC was the team to progress to round three.*

*I would like to thank each of the team members for their time and effort and congratulate all for progressing as far as we did. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all who assisted me with the team selection and the supply of the goody bags.*

*Team Captain  
Gary Watson*

Week ending	Monday Seniors/Bank Holiday	Wednesday Stableford/Medal	Saturday Stableford/ Medal	
			Front Nine	Back Nine
07-Jan	Michael Rutledge	Michael Rutledge	Trevor McNeill	David Belshaw
14-Jan	Ian Megarry	David Woods	No Competition	
21-Jan	Derek McKinley	Stephen McNeill	Harold Spence	Brendan Jamison
28-Jan	Ian Barron	Dennis Burns	Paul Cassin	Paul Herron
04-Feb	Bill White	John Hinds	Gerwyn Young	Stephen Hinds
11-Feb	Colin Whan	Martin Brunty	Bill Wilkinson	John Stange
18-Feb	Alan Patterson	Derek Jowett	Stephen Robb	John Hinds
25-Feb	David Butterfield	Jackie Gilliland	Paul Fleming	David McNeill
04-Mar	Gerry McClory	Paul Herron	Edward Moulds	
11-Mar	Tom Hopper	Alan Patterson	Geoffrey Simpson	
18-Mar	Harold Spence	John Hart	Leslie Woods	
25-Mar	Barry Thompson	Richard Patterson	Paul Fleming	
01-Apr	Bill Henderson	Chris Fleming	Dale McIntyre	
08-Apr	Barry Thompson	Michael Watson	Wayne Sloan	
15-Apr	Tom Chapman	Stephen McFall	Marc Stevenson	
22-Apr	Pro Shop	Stephen Young	Glen Herdman	
29-Apr	Sean McElhatten	Paul Herron	Steven Eyres	
06-May	Pro Shop	Alan Boomer	Alan Weir	
13-May	Andy Bennett	Josh McKay	S Baxter / M Clendinning (Greensomes)	
20-May	No Competition	Adam Beattie	Barry McCarthy	
27-May	John Truesdale	Derek Jowett	Harold Spence	
03-Jun	Pro Shop	Michael Watson	Gary Watson	
10-Jun	Mervyn Nicholson	William Nesbitt	Josh Logan (Course record)	
17-Jun	Derek McKinley	William Nesbitt	D Finlayson D O'Hagan P Bradley G McIlroy (scramble)	
24-Jun	Michael Cahoon	Glen Herdman	Bill Henderson (Captains Day)	
01-Jul	Mark Clendenning	David McNeill	Keith Clayton	
08-Jul	John Boyles	Richard Greer	K Clendinning / R Craig (Fourball betterball)	
15-Jul	Jackie Gilland	Pro Shop	Neill McMullan	
22-Jul	Neil Dillon (V)	Simon George	Sean McCabe	
29-Jul	Pro Shop	Pro Shop	John Childs	
05-Aug	Jackie Gilland	Brian Donaldson	Adam McMinn	
12-Aug	Gerry McClory	Sean McElhatten	Sam McConnell	
19-Aug	John Boyles	Ansley Graham	Kerry Clendinning	
26-Aug	No Competition	Mark Clendinning	Stephen Jackson (Presidents Day)	
02-Sep	Pro Shop	Glen Herdman	Andrew Penny	
09-Sep	Mark Clendenning	Kevin Devlin (v)	Deaglan O'Hagan	
16-Sep	Bill Henderson	Steven Eyres	D Finlayson D O'Hagan P Bradley J Scott (Team)	
23-Sep	Aubrey Davidson	No Competition	William Nesbitt	
30-Sep	No Competition	Steven Eyres	Frank McCracken	
07-Oct	William Grant	Denis Burns	James Stephens	
14-Oct	Ian Megarry	Steven Eyres	Leslie Woods	
21-Oct	No Competition	Martin Brunty	Stephen Hinds	
28-Oct	Martin Brunty	Stephen Young	Michael Currie	Gerry McClory
04-Nov	Michael Cahoon	James Scott	Matt Trimble	Barry Steenson
11-Nov	Martin Brunty	Bill Henderson	Roger Moody	Brian Robinson
18-Nov	Bill Henderson	Simon George	Brian Anderson	Paul Herron
25-Nov	Brian Gray	No Competition	Keith Gregson	Paul Murray
02-Dec	Jackie Gilland	Bill Henderson	Rob McDowell	Stephen Baine
09-Dec	Louis Eyres	No Competition	No Competition	
16-Dec	No Competition	No Competition	James Allen	William Grant
23-Dec	William Grant	Barry Thompson	David Dunlop	Scott Best
30-Dec	Pro Shop	No Competition	No Competition	

**Committee Attendance 2017/2018      11 Possible**

*D. O'Hagan      (10)*  
*M. Nicholson      (6)*  
*D. McEwen      (10)*  
*T. Chapman      (11)*  
*S. Rodgers      (9)*  
*W. Moffatt      (9)*  
*G. Latham      (8)*  
*K. Beeton      (9)*  
*K. McAleenon      (8)*  
*J. McGahey      (8)*  
*F. McCracken      (5)*  
*C. Whan      (10)*  
*A. McGreevy      (10)*  
*B. Steenson      (8)*  
*B. Cosgrove      (5)*  
*C. McVeigh      (9)*  
*G. McClory      (5)*