

Edenmore Golf Club Annual Report 2018/2019

Honorary Secretary's Report

When Captain Colin Whan took over the helm in February 2018 we expected that it would be a special year for Edenmore Golf Club, we were not to be disappointed. The ink had hardly dried on the AGM notes before Colin was already outlining his plans to make this years Golf Classic a bigger, more successful and more enjoyable event than last years. This he achieved. Once again it was a roaring success and well attended by all the members. Financially, this event brings about a very significant boost to our Club finances and should be eagerly supported each year by all our members.

Lets step back a bit and take stock of how the year unfolded.

April saw the finish of another very successful Winter League and the prize presentation took place at a dinner followed by light entertainment, provided for by the Club. It was well attended and once again proved very popular with the members.

Interclub team competitions began in early May and all our teams and their Captains approached this season with positive expectancy.

Unfortunately there was no silverware to put on display but some of our teams gave a really good account of themselves and unfortunately just fell short at the final hurdle. Further information is available in the Team reports but I feel I must mention Stuart Cameron's team of stalwarts who were beaten finalists in the Gregg Memorial Trophy.

Captain's Day was a great success, well attended and pace of play carefully monitored to ensure an enjoyable experience by everyone. The Captain decided to have an informal evening BBQ afterwards which proved very successful judging by the number of people in attendance.

President's Day also proved to be a very successful and enjoyable day with a smaller and slightly more formal evening dinner enjoyed by those who attended. I would like to thank our Sponsors for their extremely valuable contribution in making these days a success. We are deeply indebted to members such as David Donnell, Gary Latham and David McEwen to name but a few whose businesses continually give financial support graciously to support some of our major events. Their continued support is greatly appreciated by the Committee and members of Edenmore Golf Club. If any other members feel that they would like to get involved in sponsorship with the Club, even in a small way, please talk to a Committee member, all help is gratefully received.

Our Charities Day raised enough money to allow us to present three cheques to three recipients to the value of £500 each. We thank the members for their support and contributions to the Charity Fund on the day.

Captain Colin had already shown his organisational skills during his year as Vice Captain by bringing about the birth of our now well established Golf Classic and the greatly enjoyed Shotgun Start Shoot Out. Not entirely satisfied with this he was about to add another event to his calendar, an Edenmore Day Away, and this he did with his usual attention to detail by organising accommodation, tee times and food for 65+ members for not one but two rounds of golf at Knightsbrook Golf Club. It was a great idea, took a lot of effort to organise and was greatly enjoyed by all those who attended. New friends and acquaintances were made and older friendships were cemented over the two days. Maybe we could make this an annual event. Unfortunately due to timing we had to cancel our Shoot Out event this year, but hopefully, with careful planning, we could include it in 2019 seasons events.

Our Summer season drew to a close in September when we held our Finals Day on which all the Club Competition winners were finally declared. After the Finals the presentation of trophies took place but not before all present enjoyed a bite to eat courtesy of the Club. It was great to see our Juveniles receive their awards in front of a very appreciative audience and their parents. Afterwards a very sociable evening ensued. Competition entries on Saturday have shown an improvement and remained fairly stable throughout the season except for a couple of occasions when bad weather discouraged play. Thanks to an incredibly dry winter our numbers have remained higher than normal for this time of year and this will only have a positive effect on Club finances. For further information regarding Club finances see the Treasurer's Report which is available to members in the Pro shop. It will not be published on the internet.

During the season the Management has been making changes and improvements to the course. Trees have been felled, ditches have been opened up and new tee boxes have been created, all to enhance our members golfing experience at Edenmore. Our thanks go to the Management and their ground staff for all the hard work they put in to improve our course and for Josh's efforts to increase our membership on a monthly basis. For the way they present our Club to visiting Teams, the staff, the catering staff who prepare the food and the waiting staff for the ambience they create, it is a testament to their commitment to making Edenmore an even better place to enjoy.

Our thanks go to Andy Manson our Club Pro and young Thomas for all their help in taking entries, communicating information to the members and providing a service second to none. For all the help given in coaching our Juveniles and other Team members when required. Finally, on your behalf, I would like to thank the Match and Handicap team who stay behind long after the rest of us have retired to home, to close down competitions and check score cards etc. before they can go home. The work they do on our behalf is greatly appreciated although not maybe fully understood. Thank you gentlemen, Jonny and Tom, for all your efforts.

As a new season looms and a new leadership prepares to take control I urge all the members to give them your utmost support. Support the Club by entering Club run competitions, support our teams in Inter Club competitions, even as a spectator. Attend any social events that are organised and become more involved in Your Club. Help to build the social side of the Club and further enhance the experience which is Golf at Edenmore.

*Stewart Rodgers
Honorary Secretary.*

Captain's Report

Representing Edenmore Golf Club as Captain has been an honour for myself. I have received so much from golf and as I am now retired it was my opportunity to give a little back. I would like to thank the committee and members of Edenmore for allowing me that privilege for 2018.

As Club Captain there are many tasks to be undertaken, thankfully I don't have to achieve these all on my own. I take this opportunity to thank the committee for their support throughout the year. I was pleased to run the Golf Classic again this year which was a great success and a boost to club funds. My thanks to the Logan family for the use of the course and the support of all those who provided sponsorship for the day. The other big thing that stands out for me was our trip to Knightsbrook where 60 members enjoyed great golf and fellowship. 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. A special thanks to David our Honorary Treasurer, Stewart our Club Secretary and Kenny Mc Aleenon my Vice Captain for all their

support and help throughout the year. To Bill White, our President, a huge thanks for his wise words and guidance and his participation and attendance at matches throughout the season.

A key part in any club is its participation in Inter Club team events. My thanks to those who participated on those teams for your time spent on practice rounds and at matches both home and away. None of this however is possible without those who stepped forward for the role of Team Captain. Their enthusiasm for the task enables us all to enjoy the matches without all the arduous tasks of arranging fixture dates and co-ordinating catering, for that we should all be thankful. No silverware was won this year although Stuart Cameron did lead his team to the finals, finally losing to Omagh. Great effort to all concerned who played and supported Stuart .

24th June was my Captain's Day and one which I enjoyed. I was amazed as I stood on the tee box through the day at how many members I seemed to know personally or had played with over the years. The weather was just a little temperamental but did pick up through the day. James and his team had the course in top condition so there was no excuse for bad play and we even managed to get holes in one and a two at the eighteenth. A big thank you to all the committee members that supported on the day. I hope you all enjoyed the music and refreshments after your round and the BBQ later that evening was a great success enjoyed by a big turnout of members. My personal thanks to all who came out to make the night a great success. Thanks to Chef Brian and Cherry for ensuring that everyone was fed and watered during the day and to Kenny for masterminding the BBQ grilling. I would also like to thank David McEwan and Agnew Corporate, 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 Thomas who were a great help during the seasons in so many ways.

I would like to thank Lady Captain Kathy McIlroy and all Lady members for all their help and encouragement during the year. The Men's versus Ladies Trophy was, as always, a keenly fought out affair but played with good humour and banter ensuring everybody was a winner.

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

*Colin Whan.
Retiring Captain.*

President's Report 2018

It doesn't seem like a year since I was given the great honour of being elected as President of Edenmore Golf Club. The time has just flown by and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

It has been a privilege to work alongside Captain Colin Whan and his committee who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the members' interests are faithfully served at all times. I have now served on the club committee, on and off, for at least 12 years as Honorary Treasurer, Captain and now President and I can honestly say that the enthusiasm of this year's committee members is as high as any I have seen and it is a joy to be a part of it.

I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting the various teams during their endeavours this summer and even had the privilege of playing for some of them. Edenmore Golf Club is greatly respected throughout the country and the enthusiasm and sportsmanship of the team members is inspiring to all who witness it.

I would like to thank the Captain and his Committee for their support this year and in particular their assistance on my President's Day on the 18th August. It was very well attended and by all accounts those who played on the day were very impressed by the standard of the course and the refreshments afterwards. My sincere thanks to Cherry, Kenny, James and Josh for their unfailing support in all of this and a special thanks to the club Pro Andy. Without the hard work put in by them and their staff none of this would happen, many thanks to you all.

I look forward to next year with excitement and the hope that we as a Club can continue to develop and that our members will continue to enjoy good golf and great company at a great club.

*Bill White
President*

Match and Handicap Committee Report

Committee members: Tom Chapman, Bill White, Billy Moffett, Johnny McGaghey, Stephen Hylands 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, Johnny, Billy and Gary for their help in closing competitions. Thanks to Julie and Kathleen 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 Thomas for their help with placing club information in the weekly newsletter to keep everyone informed, and Deaglan and Gary 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 2019 team captains to select the strongest teams, I would appeal to all members to put themselves forward for team selection - team sheets are in the locker room now – 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 source of income for 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. Members should note that the Saturday time sheet is solely for those members playing in the Saturday Competition and you are not permitted to book a tee time if you do not intend to enter.

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. 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. If you have not entered the matchplay competitions in the past, or you have just joined the club, I would encourage you to enter; they 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 has once again proved to be very popular, with 31 teams taking part.

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

READY GOLF: This is now a rule of golf - put simply, this means that each player in a group plays their ball when they are ready. If it's not your turn be ready when it is!!

Many members seem to be reluctant to embrace this concept and are still guilty of slow play

** 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. (This is being made easier by the introduction of the new rule allowing putting with the flag still in the hole)*

** 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. (You have now only 3 minutes to search!!!!)*

** 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; 106 members had their handicaps reviewed, no members had their handicaps reduced, and 19 had their handicaps increased.

NEW RULES FOR 2019: Several new rules were introduced on 1st January. The new rule books are now available and it is the responsibility of all members to ensure that they understand and follow the new rules.

A rules seminar is being held at the club on Thursday 7th February at 7.00 pm, when GUI Rules Officials will explain the new rules. It is important that as many members attend, especial Team Captains and those wishing to play on teams representing the club. Don't penalize yourself or your team because you don't know the rules.

*Tom Chapman
Match & Handicap Sec.*

Course and Management Report

2018 what a Year!

Our 2018 year started with Storm Eleanor which blew up during our first M&H meeting of the year. It damaged a few of our green keepers' buildings, totally demolished Norman's greenhouse and blew out or else snapped quite a few mainly small trees but thankfully no major trees came down. It seemed no time until we had some more challenging weather with the "beast from the east" quickly followed by storm Emma creating some very poor weather conditions with drifting snow closing roads and the course and business being closed for several days. In many ways it had seemed like winter had started the previous July with so much wet and windy cold weather, we were still collecting 2017's leaves in Jan 2018.

Then everything changed - it started to dry up, it even started to get warmer and then hot- very hot and some days too hot to play golf.

We had a lot we wanted to get done on the course during the year. At the start of the season we brought in our old out of bounds and hazard markers and replaced them with new recycled plastic ones which I'm sure you all agree looked a lot smarter and need a lot less maintenance.

The beautiful summer weather allowed us to get started on almost five weeks of intensive work on the course bringing in Kenny Hylands with his digger to help our own staff with the work. Sometimes its good to just

note down what we did spend our time doing because we all forget so quickly or don't even notice, especially if we can manage not to inconvenience your golf too much. So here's the list and perhaps you can reflect back on some of the things or notice the improvements.

On the first hole we opened new drains to the right of the fairway to catch water running onto the course from the neighbour's farm and we removed the scraggy holly bush from the right of the fairway at the same time. Some fairway drains on the first were also repaired and upgraded. The rear tee box on the third was levelled and reseeded with new grass as part of our ongoing tee box improvement plan. On the twelfth we removed the old pine tree that had died. Coming down the thirteenth we removed a few trees whose roots were starting to block drains to the left of the big oak tree in the fairway. We cleared away the stump of the big ash tree that had broken off beside the oak tree a few years ago. On to the fourteenth, we removed the old marker tree and other high branches to the left of the hole. Hopefully, making the hole a lot more enjoyable. It's just waiting now for that huge bunker we had planned out the front for all those who lay up

Whilst we hate to remove trees, we needed to remove the tree just off the tee to the right on the fifteenth which was really starting to interfere with players who were trying to draw their drive from the back of the tee. We also removed a couple of trees on the right at the beginning of the fairway at the second line of trees. While we were there, we added some new drains that extended up into the sixteenth fairway. Coming down the sixteenth on the right-hand side of the fairway we were able to dig a very deep drain through the hill to allow some water away down into a drain we had inserted in the fifteenth fairway the year previously. Then on to our biggest challenge of the year, the seventeenth tee box. We carefully dismantled it to be able to re-use as much of it as possible. We had removed some of the large trees during the previous winter and then removed their stumps and brought in clay and hard-core fill to help elevate and realign the base of the tee box constructing three new tiers to improve the view of the green and to prevent surface water running onto it. Then we replaced the stone carpet and the sand soil mix, levelled and reseeded it. We had to remove part of the previous ladies' tee box and the mound to the right just in front of the tee which was still interfering with the view of the green. We also removed a couple of trees

on the fairway that were infringing on the new tee position and added a new fairway drain on the approach to the green.

On the eighteenth hole we removed the holly tree on the right and a few branches and small trees that had died- we also inserted new drains on the left-hand side of the fairway.

On the practice area we tidied up and removed dead trees as well as adding a few new drains.

We had some beautiful weather for all this work and were finishing this phase with Kenny Hylands on a Friday and to finish we had cleaned the drain leading into the pond at the tenth which had become clogged with aquatic weeds and then went on to clean out as much of the weed from the tenth pond at the same time. The timing could not have been better because the very next day Saturday 29th of July, over 3.5 inches of rain fell in one day. If we hadn't got the pond cleaned out, the weed would have caused a lot of problems that day.

In the Autumn, the new tee mat has been put out on the seventeenth in a temporary position. Ideally, we will position it on the previous ladies' tee box. A big thanks to Kenny McAleenon for his work on the base.

The 19th of September saw yet another named storm hit Northern Ireland with a lot of damage at Edenmore as a result. It happened at the start of the week planned for our finals day and resulted in the whole business being closed for a day in the interests of safety -which turned out to be the right decision when one of the many trees that fell was blown onto our electricity supply at the entrance bringing power lines down from the first tee to the fifth green resulting in the transformer on the pole exploding.

The dry weather sometimes accentuates the need for trees to go in search of moisture which is most easily found in piped drains. We had a rather extreme example of the effects of this, this Autumn when one of the trees to the left of the green at the thirteenth managed to completely block a 600mm concrete culvert with its fibrous roots resulting in flooding in early December, with water flowing on the fairway from the bridge behind the fourteenth tee across to the pond at the thirteenth. Our own staff were able to lay wooden boards to enable us to get heavy equipment to the culvert and also to lay more wood to enable them to excavate the culvert which was about 6 feet deep, open the culvert, let the huge head of water away and then remove the roots before reinstating everything leaving very little evidence of a difficult and yet very urgent week's work.

Our work on tee boxes has continued into early January- the sixth tee had its turf cut and removed, the surface was then cultivated and levelled, and finally new turf laid. Then on to the front white tee at the first and the white tee on the sixteenth which both had their turf cut, removed and surface levelled and then re-laid again. The spare turf from the sixth was used to repair worn areas and areas that had been stressed during the dry weather earlier in the summer. Many of these tasks and improvements will have happened without you even noticing and that is an achievement and a credit to the skill and dedication of our greenkeeping team.

There is a lot of work goes into keeping the course in good condition for our members and it is one of the most discouraging things to play on a Saturday and come across so many fresh divots not being repaired. I feel it is a fourball responsibility to make sure it's done and I would encourage members to speak up please and not turn a blind eye to course abuse.

We also took the opportunity to redecorate the main foyers and landings inside the building to try and keep everywhere looking as smart as possible.

Speaking about divots we can't say a big enough thanks to all the members who came to our divot night where we get a lot of work done at the same time as having a laugh & some craic over a bite to eat and a drink when it's all finished. It's very much appreciated.

A huge word of thanks to our Greenkeeping staff for all their hard work, so to James, Scott, Ian, Nick and Chris thanks for a really good and productive year's work.

Edenmore Management.

EDENMORE SUSAN TEAM 2018 CAPTAIN'S REPORT

What a privilege to be asked to be the Captain of the SUSA Team. Having never captained any team before I was not sure what to expect or even what was required. The Team Captain's meeting did not reassure me because the Guide on Duties and Responsibilities for Team Captain's was more like Article 50 of Brexit. But glad to say I was guided by Tom Chapman which put me at ease.

Twenty-three golfers had indicated that they would play for the SUSA Team. Our first round was at Greenore. The team was picked and off we went and played at Greenore and we finished in 8th place.

Second round was at Mourne and we finished in 3rd place which took us to 7th place overall.

Third round was at Dundalk and was one of the coldest days that we had witnessed for some considerable time and I was so glad that I had not put myself down to play and enjoyed the heat and comfort of their Club House. In fact, we finished 2nd which took us up to 3rd place overall.

Fourth round was at Ardee and again we played above expectations and finished in joint 1st place.

Fifth round was at Armagh and we slipped into 2nd place overall.

Next round, the 6th, was on home ground at Edenmore and we had high hopes but not to be – we finished in 4th position.

Seventh round was at Kilkeel and there was concern about John Stanage because he was unwell and looked as if it could have been a heart attack. I was going to take him to the nearest hospital but he insisted that that was not necessary as he had phoned his niece and she came and collected him. This helped as she was a GP. After tests during the week he was given the all-clear to continue playing. I had not intended to play but luckily had the clubs in the car so I played. We would have played with a man short if that was required. The well being of Team members must take precedence over any competition we would be involved in. We finished 8th in the league.

The last round was at Mannan Castle and we finished the season in joint 6th place.

For me the important part of the season was the friendships that were formed, not only with the Edenmore Team members but from other Clubs that took part and many invites were exchanged.

The Committee should feel proud that the Edenmore SUSA Team all were ambassadors for the Club and something I, as Team Captain, will remember.

As a 'thank you' to all who played for the Team I organised a 'fun competition' with a small "senior citizen" golfer trophy and an unique small gift was given to all at the meal which followed the competition. Feedback has indicated that another one would be required next year!

For me it was a pleasure to be the Captain of such a wonderful Team.

*Walter Ferris
2018 SUSA Team Captain*

Junior Cowdy Cup 2018.

Edenmore were drawn against Mannan Castle in the first round of this year's Junior Cowdy Cup. We played the first match at home on Sunday 20th May. After 9 holes we were up in all 4 matches, only to be pegged back in the last 2 matches over the final closing holes. The 2nd leg was played at Mannan Castle on the 3rd June and on that occasion they proved too strong for a good Edenmore team. The standard of play was extremely high with some of their players completing the first 9 holes in 1 over. A valuable lesson, we need to try and make home advantage pay. I would like to thank all the players who represented Edenmore so well and we certainly look forward to this incoming year.

David Donnell

Team Captain.

HD GREGG MEMORIAL TROPHY

Edenmore were very much to the fore in this years' Gregg Memorial Trophy. Drawn away in the first round against Ardglass, Edenmore produced a great result finishing level in games but leading by one hole. In the return leg Ardglass were no match, loosing three matches and were down in the fourth before being called in.

Unfortunately enforced changes to the team were necessary for the second round match away to Portadown. However, Edenmore came away with a very creditable two all draw, but down by just two holes. At home in the second leg, Edenmore reached the semi-finals by winning three and a half matches to a half.

Lisburn were among the favourites to do well in this year's competition, so they presented a formidable challenge. Once again Edenmore were faced with an away first leg. Both teams played outstanding golf with some heavy losses and a few equally great wins to leave the match tied at two games each, but Lisburn ahead by seven holes. However, undaunted this Edenmore team produced a superb performance at home winning all four of the matches and by a grand total of 14 holes. Cup finals can be nervy occasions and unfortunately Edenmore seemed to be more affected than their opponents, producing a dismal performance at home in the first leg against an experienced and confident Omagh team who went away with a three and a half to a half win and also up by 8 holes. The return was somewhat of a formality with Omagh easily wining the trophy for the first time. Nevertheless, Edenmore can take heart from their performances this year and hopefully will return with renewed encouragement for next year.

My thanks to all those who put their name forward for selection and in particular to those who played in the matches - Ronnie Girvan, Tom Crooks, Ian Megarry, Brian Gray, Alan Patterson, Stewart Rodgers, Bill White, Alistair Simpson, Harold Spence, Louis Ayres, Ian Hamilton, Bob Montgomery, Gerry McClory and Martin Brunty.

*Stuart Cameron
Team Captain*

COWDY SENIOR'S TROPHY

This year's Cowdy Senior's Trophy was held on the 12 September at Tandragee Golf Club. The format of the competition was singles Stableford with the best four of the six cards counting towards the team score. Twenty two clubs participated. Tom Chapman, Martin Brunty, Alistair Simpson, Gerry McClory, Walter Ferris and Stuart Cameron represented Edenmore.

Among the early starters, Edenmore were accompanied on their round by Lurgan. The weather was good and the Tandragee course in excellent condition. Our final score was a disappointing 129 which was well behind the eventual winners Lisburn with 149. Nevertheless, we were far from last and everyone enjoyed their round of golf.

My thanks to all those who put their name forward for selection and to the team members for representing Edenmore.

*Stuart Cameron
Team Captain*

Jack Craig Memorial Cup team report 2018

Unfortunately, this year's Jack Craig competition coincided with Mr Captains away trip to Knightsbridge Golf and Country Club. With the majority of the Mens club present at the Captains away trip it wasn't possible to field a team for the Jack Craig.

*Team Captain
Gary Watson*

Barton Shield report 2018

The venue for the qualifying for the 2017 Barton Shield was Rossmore Golf Club on the 17th June.

Unfortunately due to holiday and work commitments of the Edenmore Club members with the desired handicap it wasn't possible to field a team for this years qualifying.

*Team Captain
Gary Watson*

Irish Mixed 2018

The venue and date for the 2017 Irish Mixed was Lisburn Golf Club on the 20th May 2018 and the team consisted of the following pairings;

- * Adam McMinn and Louise Gaw*
- * Ronnie Girvan and Cherry Logan*
- * Stevie Andrews and Colleen Hanna*
- * Tom Crooks and Heather Patterson*
- * John Boyles and Cathy McIlroy*

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. Unfortunately, we missed the opportunity to progress to the next round by the smallest of margins.

I would like to thank each of the team for their time and effort and 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*

Mid Ulster Senior League

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 players played off their full handicap up to a maximum of 24 and must be over 60. During the season 24 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. The changes made to the scoring system last year to make the competition for places keener did not have the

desired effect so it was decided to revert to the previous system when the total points scored by the best three pairs would be the team score Unfortunately this failed to make any difference to the winning team resulting in Greenore once again 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 Kilkeel Golf Club on 3rd September; in a very close race for the minor places Mourne came 2nd and Kilkeel finishing in 3rd Lurgan finished a credible 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 Kilkeel's 2018 team decided to donate the £1000.00 to Mourne Stimulus, a charity that helps adults with learning disabilities.

*Tom Chapman
Team Captain*

Kennedy Trophy (70+) Seniors Competition

The Kennedy Trophy is a senior's 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 on the day 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 9th August.

The final round was played at Greenore Golf Club on Monday 1st October 2018. Edenmore played very steadily throughout the summer and finished strongly to take second place 2 points behind the overall winner Kilkeel. This was another 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. Kilkeel have now won the trophy for two consecutive years and they will be very hard to knock off their throne but we will give it our best shot next.

No fewer than 14 members of the club played for the team at one time or another this year and my sincere thanks goes to every one of them.

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

Lurgan Friendly

*The annual event of the Lurgan friendly where we play for The Friendship Cup is the local derby when we play Lurgan Golf Club. In 2017 we lost at Lurgan so this year at Edenmore we were out for revenge. A great days golf and the result of 3 ½ - ½ in our favour meant that we won the trophy and will try to keep it in our cabinet for a few years to come. Great craic afterwards at the presentation in the restaurant where Lurgan were highly delighted with the hospitality they had received from us and pass on their compliments to Edenmore hospitality team. Thanks to Colin Whan, Walter Ferris, Ian Megarry, **Kenny Logan**, Mark Clendenning, Stewart Rodgers, Andy Bennett who gave up their time to represent Edenmore with me.*

*Mervyn Nicholson
Team Captain*

Rossmore Cup

The 2018 Rossmore Cup draw put us up against Warrenpoint Golf Club in the first round. We played the away leg first and lost 3 ½ to ½ . A big defeat but two of the matches were lost on the eighteenth green. A great days golf and unfortunate to leave with only ½ a point. The return leg at Edenmore was so close to us going into the draw for round two winning a fantastic 3-1, and so close to getting the four points we needed. However not to be, but once again the Edenmore players were a credit to our club and we met a great bunch of lads from Warrenpoint. The cup was eventually won in 2018 by Killeen Golf Club. Thanks to the players and all who put their name forward for selection and a special thanks to Malachy Turley for his continued support.

*Mervyn Nicholson
Team Captain*

All Ireland Fourball 2018

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

To the players that played in the team I can't thank you enough for the time & effort they put in. Making time for practise rounds, matches and also the practice session 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.

I would also like to thank our outgoing club captain Colin Whan for the opportunity of being team captain. Although we narrowly lost our match, 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 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*

Pierce Purcell Shield 2018

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 Greensomes Scratch Medal.

Combined handicap no lower than 25, Individual no lower than 11 in the previous year.

Weather - a fine windy day in May. The course was in good condition with a few hard pin conditions, 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 that this is the second year in a row so very well done team. We went back to Edenmore for a good Carvery meal to celebrate a great team performance.

Aughnacloy G.C. finished 4th so we had to play them at Silverwood G.C. in the next round. A few team changes and practice rounds completed - let the battle commence. It turned out to be a very good match play event, with no 1/2 matches allowed. It became very tense, leading 4-1 with 9 holes played all looking good but no time to ease off, the guy's kept the pressure on and we got the deserved win. Well done to both teams who played in good spirit. Both teams enjoyed a good carvery meal at Edenmore whilst sharing stories.

Into the last 16 draw to play Black Lion G.C. at Rossmore G.C. The Sun was shining and the course had some tricky pin positions on the day. The team set off, close at first but Edenmore started to up their game and moved through to the back 9 up in 4 matches. Blacklion tried but were up against our strong team who gelled together and I called the last pairings in just as the lightening started overhead and we got in before the storm. Game over - well played both teams.

After the successful outcome Rossmore G.C. served up a good meal, new and old friends met, and the best was made of the day. We were now looking forward to a place in the Quarter final.

QUARTER FINAL

July 13th: Opposition - Concrowood G.C. playing at Warrenpoint G.C.

It was a hot sunny day and Concrowood got off to a strong start in all the matches, getting ahead in all but one match by the 9th. Edenmore team players made a bit of a comeback in a couple of matches to give us hope! However, 2 to 1 down, match 4 going down the 1st again, the 5th pairing were beaten on the 17th hole shaking hands. A valiant effort.

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 Colin for asking me to Captain the team. Maybe next year!

Ronnie Girvan

TEAM CAPTAIN

Committee Attendance 2018/2019 11 Possible

<i>C. Whan</i>	<i>(9)</i>
<i>D. O'Hagan</i>	<i>(9)</i>
<i>M. Nicholson</i>	<i>(7)</i>
<i>D. McEwen</i>	<i>(8)</i>
<i>T. Chapman</i>	<i>(10)</i>
<i>S. Rodgers</i>	<i>(9)</i>
<i>K. McAleenon</i>	<i>(8)</i>
<i>W. Moffatt</i>	<i>(9)</i>
<i>G. Latham</i>	<i>(7)</i>
<i>K. Beeton</i>	<i>(1)</i>
<i>J. McGahey</i>	<i>(11)</i>
<i>F. McCracken</i>	<i>(7)</i>
<i>S. Baine</i>	<i>(6)</i>
<i>S. Hylands</i>	<i>(8)</i>
<i>A. McGreevy</i>	<i>(11)</i>

President B White (10)

Winners2018

Week ending	Monday Seniors/ Bank Holiday	Wednesday Stableford/ Medal	Saturday Stableford/ Medal	
			Front Nine	Back Nine
6-Jan	Pro Shop	No Competition	Paul Gardiner	Mark Wilson
13-Jan	Ian Hamilton	David McCreedy	Will Bryans	Stephen McFall
20-Jan	Ronnie Girvan	No Competition	No Competition	
27-Jan	No Competition	No Competition	Stephen Hinds	Paul Fleming
4-Feb	Robert Montgomery	No Competition	Paul Herron	Louis Eyres
11-Feb	Ian Megarry	No Competition	Graham McIlroy	Keith Steenson
18-Feb	Stuart Cameron	No Competition	Paul Gardiner	Conor Gribbon
25-Feb	William White	Ansley Graham	Paul Magill	Damien Mullan
3-Mar	John Stanage	No Competition	No Competition	
10-Mar	No Competition	Ian Megarry	Demien Mullan	
17-Mar	Sam McConnell	No Competition	Richard Wright	
24-Mar	Pro Shop	Stephen Young	Roger Wilkinson	
31-Mar	William Grant	Barry Thompson	David Belshaw	
7-Apr	No Competition	Gareyh McTurk	Sean McKegney	
14-Apr	Barry Thompson	Brian Donaldson	James Allen	
21-Apr	Bill Henderson	Martin Wright	George McCartney	
28-Apr	Denis Quinn	Tom Hopper	Mark Chapman	
5-May	Tom Crooks	Aaron Cobb	J Whiteside/P Thompson (Greensomes)	
12-May	Pro Shop	Frank McCracken	Alistair Simpson	
19-May	Mervyn Nicholson	Steven Eyres	Derek McKinley	
26-May	Mark Clendinning	David Waterworth	Gerwyn Young	

2-Jun	Pro Shop	Stephen McNeill	Herbie Goode		
9-Jun	David Temple	Adam Beattie	Kieran Smyth		
16-Jun	Mervyn Nicholson	Jeremy Ogle	David Dunlop (Captains Day)		
23-Jun	Bill Henderson	Denis Quinn	R Gregson G Stewart K Clyton A Jordan (sram)		
30-Jun	Colum Brannigan	Paddy Agnew	Michael Chapman		
7-Jul	Sam McConnell	Ethan Hood	Robert Millar & Gerard Delargy (Betterball)		
14-Jul	John Boyles	Josh McKay	Brian Clenaghan		
21-Jul	Paul Murray	Karl Teggart	Brian Anderson		
28-Jul	Kieran Smyth	Brendan McGarr	No Competition		
4-Aug	Pro Shop	Pro Shop	Denis Burns		
11-Aug	John Stanage	William Ferris	Michael Watson		
18-Aug	Kieran Smyth	Neal McLaughlin	Josh Logan (Presidents Day)		
25-Aug	Jackie Gilliland	Joe Brush	Desmond McCarthy		
1-Sep	Pro Shop	Gareth Dobbin	Paul J Thompson		
8-Sep	Tom Crooks	David McAleenon	William Robinson		
15-Sep	Bill Henderson	Ryan Agnew	T Chapman S Cameron A Simpson J McGeaghey (team)		
22-Sep	Andrew Loney	No Competition	Bill White		
29-Sep	Pat McCann	Martin Brunty	Aaron Robinson		
6-Oct	Kieran Smyth	Joe Brush	Niall Moore		
13-Oct	Brian Gray	Stephen McNeill	No Competition		
20-Oct	William Grant	Ian Ross	James Truesdale		
27-Oct	Colum Brannigan	Denis Quinn	Neil Lamont	Edward Moulds	
3-Nov	Denis Quinn	Neil McLaughlin	Herbie Goode	Mark Wilson	
10-Nov	Ian Hamilton	No Competition	Adam McMinn	Sean McKegey	
17-Nov	John Boyles	Colin Wilson	Jonny McGahey	Patrick Downey	
24-Nov	Stuart Cameron	Stephen Young	Robert Watson	Paul Fleming	
1-Dec	Alan Patterson	No Competition	Alan Patterson	Alan Irwin	
8-Dec	Brian Gray	No Competition	Paul Murray	Brian Clenaghan	
15-Dec	Derek McKinley	Roger Erwin	No Competition		
22-Dec	Mark Clendinning	Alan Patterson	David Belshaw	Keith Hare	
29-Dec	Stewart Rodgers	Pro Shop	Harold Spence	Alistair Shiells	

