



# The Fairway Times

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## Welcome to this edition of the newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of fairway times. Since the last edition we have seen the handover between Colin the outgoing captain and Maren this year's captain. I am sure we would like to thank Colin for all the hard work over the last year and look forward to what this year brings. It has started well with good turnouts for the competitions particularly for the patron Saints days.

## Latest News



Sad to hear that David McKibben will be leaving us for pastures new. Congratulations on your new role you will be missed at Minthis.

The work has started on fitting the Trackman on the driving range and it is scheduled for completion in April. Further information will be sent once installed but Trackman is an exciting way to use the driving range whether you are looking at your stats and figures to improve or if you want to have a fun round on any of the pre-loaded courses. This is a good way to both practice and get more players interested in golf.

The food and beverage cart is now in operation. Some initial teething problems with the amount of electric charge the cart uses but this will be rectified with a bespoke cart that is on order.

Members will have noticed the members folder has had a facelift, thank you Maren for creating this folder it is much improved on what we had previously.

## CGF News

The CGF have improved the website for registering your scores for EDS and handicap purposes. You can now pre-register on the website. More information to follow .

## Captain's Corner



A big thank you for the cans for kids collection. Below are highlights of an Email exchange along with a picture of Maren and Mary Beth (Manager at the Environmental centre).

"Dear Mary Beth,  
.....thank you for sharing the can bank at the EPEIC with us. Over the past month, Minthis members have collected the 1 ½ big bags of empty drinks cans that we emptied into the collection point together today, see pictures attached.

I think that's a great start. Hopefully there will be many more to come as our golf members bring their empty drinks cans to the club when they come for their usual game of golf. It's nice to know that together we can make a difference in our lovely Ezousa Valley!  
Take care and speak soon, Thanks,  
Maren"

"Hi, Maren

The environmental centre is grateful for your co-stewardship! I am sure that the can bank will fill much faster with golf team contributions. It is a great feeling to be pro-active with 'trash'. Happy Sunday and happy golfing! Mary Beth



## Course Report

Extra work was required by the team following the storm damage to some bunkers and different parts of the course. The collars on the greens are looking good and all 35 irrigation faults were repaired. A big thank you to the team for all the work they do. We look forward to the delivery of new signage which will improve the look of the course. Members are also reminded about the need to repair divots and pitchmarks. Repairing two whilst waiting for your partners to put out is a good mantra to keep the greens looking good and helping our Greenkeepers.

## Finance Report

Finance is looking good and it was noted that there was an excellent turnout for the February medal.

## Members Corner

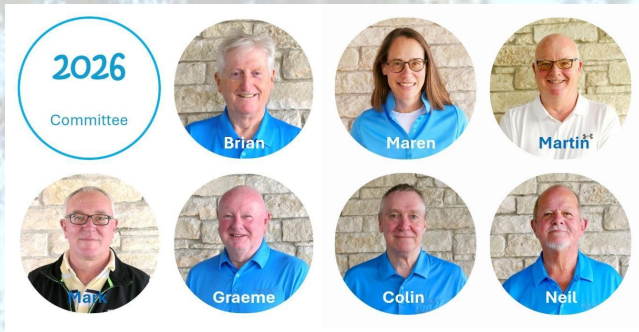
A colourful display at the St Patricks day competition. Vice Captain Brian looking good in the picture below. Congratulations to both him and Thania for best dressed on the day.

Congratulations also to Linda Jones on winning the Limerick competition. The donations raised another 148 Euros for PASYKAF.



The Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members at Minthis. Whether you are a seasoned golfer or have just embraced the game- please join us for the fun competitions, our roll ups or the monthly medal/Stableford comps.

If you are looking for a partner to play with the pro-shop has a list or contact a member of the committee.



## Upcoming Events

A lot of changes due to the weather we have been having. An updated fixture list will be published shortly.

Some agreed changes are

April the 11<sup>th</sup> MGC Pairs Rnd 1

April the 18<sup>th</sup> MGC Pairs Rnd 2

April the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the St Georges day competition sponsored by Blevin Franks.

A reminder for the Sunday roll ups, the next one will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> April

Also a reminder the Greens will be renovated at the end of May. On the 25<sup>th</sup> the Front 9 holes will be closed and on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> the back 9 will be closed.

## Rules Reminder/Playing tips

### SHORT GAME — CHIP SHOT GUIDE —

**1. Bump and Run**

- Club: 7-9 Iron
- Ball: Back in Stance
- Setup: Weight Forward
- Technique: Putting-Style Motion

**Low Trajectory**

ROLL

**2. Basic Chip**

- Club: Pitching Wedge
- Ball: Center of Stance
- Setup: Slight Forward Lean
- Technique: Steady Swing

**Medium Trajectory**

CARRY + ROLL

**3. High Lofted Chip**

- Club: Lob Wedge
- Ball: Forward in Stance
- Setup: Open Clubface
- Technique: Accelerate Through

**High Trajectory**

STOP!

HIGH

The infographic is set against a background of a golf course with a green, a sand trap, and a flag on a hole. It features three distinct chip shot trajectories: a low trajectory that rolls, a medium trajectory that carries and rolls, and a high trajectory that stops on the green.