



Welcome



Gentlemen – welcome to the final 2014 edition of the Green Tour Official Newsletter! First things first, a hearty congratulations to **Kieran McGill** on his come-from-behind victory in the Green Jacket race! Last year, we had the stony grey soil's Don O Reilly lead from the front but this year it could not have been more different. Kieran – representing the hopes of all high handicappers out there - may have heeded the advice of another Dub, Brendan Behan, who once said “if you accept your limitations you go beyond them”. Read on for a full recap of all competitions and a recap on our mission and focus. First a few words from our hard-working Chairman.

Chairman's Cúpla Focal



A Chairde Our eleventh season is now over and what a year! Two great champions emerged that even confounded our proliferous bookie. **Fergal Kearns**, the man from Galway in the match-play and the improbable win by **Kieran McGill** in the Green Jacket race. Well done gentlemen!

The Green Tour has different meanings to different people. This newsletter affords me the opportunity to ramble a little bit about what the Green Tour means to me personally and why I have been involved since the beginning. All of us in this modern life of ours are trying to balance work and family. Meeting like-minded spirits and staying connected is hard. The Green Tour in its basic essence is a little time-out.

It is 4 days in the year in which we get together and celebrate who we are. THESE ARE SPECIAL DAYS that must be protected. My two kids are getting married next year, Niamh and Ruari and I hope the committee will kindly select a date that does not clash with these wedding dates! If they do.....sorry kids! Seriously, it is a hallowed place where returning exiles like **Martin McDonnell** can re-connect with past friends or new arrivals such as **Michael Smith** can forge new ones, and so the cycle continues.

One of the key ingredients in the success of Green Tour is the widespread and active participation of its members. This is a hand's on society where everybody contributes. This was very evident this year when **Brian** and **Nicola McCarthy** joined a long list of hosts in opening up their home to the group for the year ending party. Now the Corner House Pub is another memory that joins the green Greet Tour archives of good times!

Looking back, little did we know, as we rambled around the links of Orchard Hills, when **Michael Walsh** had a mop of black hair and Lehané was the greatest Irish golfer on the planet,

that this organization would be thriving 11 years on, nor did we dream that an Irishman would ever win a major tournament. Gentlemen, as Rory McIlroy heads to east Georgia next April in quest of the grand slam, the future of Irish Golf shines brightly and the future of the Green Tour looks grandHappy Days ! See y'all in 2015. Is mise le meas.

The 2014 Race for the Green Jacket



Congratulations to **Kieran McGill** for deservedly winning his first green jacket in exciting circumstances on the last competitive day of the year.

Below is Kieran's recap of the final four-ball on the final day:

The "middle of the pack" threesome of **Stephen Colman**, **Kieran McGill** and **Brian Boland** set out, starting in the anonymity of the 10th tee, away from the hoopla surrounding the four leading groups on no.1 tee.

Secure in the knowledge that our scores didn't count for anything other than the scraps, we decided to enjoy the beautiful fall day. **McGill** suitably fortified with a John Daly drink to kick things off, started with a par, par, bogey and was the leader of the group with eight points after three holes.



After a brief flirtation with the thought of the chance of 44 Points bringing him back into the action, he soon got back into his comfort zone with scratches on holes 13 and 14. **Colman** who didn't have his best stuff showed all the consistency and sometimes temperament of Mario Balotelli in front of goal, with occasional laser like shots followed by those that had more in common with a Ryan Air flight – they looked good in the air but landed a long way from the ultimate destination.

Boland, from the start, showed all the class that his 5 handicap would suggest with a tap in par on the difficult 10th. However, it became evident that the recovery from his ACL surgery (he had more strapping on his left knee than an Egyptian Mummy) had left him a little rusty in the short game department. Ever the optimist though he decided that nutrition was the answer and produced his lunch cooler from the back of the cart. Through the rest of the round he produced a selection of goodies including: a toasted cheese sandwich, banana, cliff bar, multi-vitamins, anti inflammatories, bottles of hydrating fluids etc. It was a good thing that the Green Tour urine testing protocol hasn't been introduced yet. I was only disappointed that the flask of tea never came out. This veritable feast did have a tremendous calming influence on **Stephen** and me, as we felt more like we were at one of the family picnics of our childhood at Brittas Bay than the battle ground of the Green Tour Final round.

Having completed nine holes we arrived on number one tee which was now desolate of the crowds that watched the leaders tee off a couple of hours earlier. **McGill** had somehow scrambled an accumulation of 19 points with a putt from off the green on 18 and he comfortably led the threesome. **Boland** had by now decided the nutrition wasn't working so he suggested a wager on the final nine holes which we gratefully accepted in search of motivation, in the absence of any realistic hope of being in the prizes. It's amazing how \$5 can help 3 Paddy's keep their focus and sure enough things were a little less scrappy on the final nine. When we added up the scores at the end, to our great surprise, **McGill** had somehow accumulated 39 points, which we felt might have been competitive for the day prize. It never occurred to us that circumstances were such that it may even challenge for a Green Jacket!



The rest of the story will be recorded in the annals of Green Tour history – Headlines like: The greatest comeback ever! The Luck of the Irish! Blind Dog digs up a bone! Presidential performance silences the final group debate! Dublin defeats Kerry and Cork on the same day! You get the picture.

Thanks to **Stephen** and **Brian**, a great day, in great company. The stars were aligned.

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Match Play Recap of 2014



The 2014 Green Tour Matchplay tournament produced great contests and many memorable moments before the champion was ultimately crowned on a gorgeous fall (or autumn) day in Druid Hills.

In the Padraig Harrington bracket, **Fergal Kearns** got off to a fast start with a comprehensive victory over **David Walsh**. **Colm Reilly** won a very close contest over **Tom Daly**, with **Daly** showing early season signs of the promise that saw him emerge as a leading contender for the Green Jacket as the year unfolded. In the bracket final, **Reilly** gained the upper hand early on, but **Kearns** showed remarkable capacity to stay in the hunt and with a strong performance on the back nine did just enough to emerge as winner, winning the bracket in the process.

In the Darren Clarke bracket, **Noel Goggin** was heavily favored given his performances as a rookie on tour, and he started strongly with a good victory over **Irial Finan** and then followed up with another strong showing against **Chalky White**. On the other side of the draw, **Brian Mahony** saw off **Micheál Smith** in the first round and then produced his best form of the year in a clash of Druid Hills members, beating out **Kieran McGill** for the second year in a row. In the final match for the bracket, **Mahony** started slowly, but turned the match around just after the turn and seemed to be in a very strong position. However, a few lapses in standard coupled with **Goggin's** spectacularly steady play placed **Goggin** in the lead, and he made no mistake in closing the match out on the 17th green.

In the Rory McIlroy bracket perennial contenders **Ciaran Morris** and **Eoin Lehane** were odds-on to be the players to progress to the bracket final match which is exactly how the bracket played out. **Don O'Reilly** had a substantial victory over **Michael Walsh** in the first round, but was then on the receiving end of the **Lehane** buzzsaw. **Lehane** was victorious over **Ciaran O'Flaherty** in his first round match, and after seeing off **O'Reilly** he was into the bracket final. In the meantime, **Ciaran Morris** was building a nice head of steam with victories over **Bernard McGuinness** and **Paul Valentine** to set up a mouth-watering clash to decide bracket winner. **Morris**, however, had too much in his bag of tricks on the day and was comfortable in overcoming **Lehane** to make his way into the semi-finals as bracket winner.

In the Graeme McDowell bracket, **Michael O'Driscoll** showed early form in beating out previous winner **Peter Casey**, but then lost out in the battle of the Oldcastle boys to the BPNTHWAM **Stephen Colman**. On the other side of the bracket teak-tough competitor **Ian Murdock** won his

first round match over **Garret O'Malley**, but was second best to champion **Martin McDonnell** in the second round. **McDonnell** beat **Jim O'Sullivan** in the first round and then showed his competitive instincts in beating **Murdock** by the minimum margin. In the bracket final, **Colman** showed the form that entitles him to the BPNTHWAM tag by beating the champion by a comfortable margin.

The scene was now set for the semi-finals, with fellow Nor'siders **Morris** and **Colman** playing each other, and **Goggin** squaring off against **Kearns**. **Kearns** and **Goggin** played out a great contest at Bears Best, and although **Goggin** played well, **Kearns** demonstrated a sense of tactical nous and course management that had not heretofore been observed in the man from the Wesht, with the pride of Athenry winning out on a scoreline of 2&1. In the Nor'sider semifinal, decades of friendship were put to one side in a contest which ultimately saw **Morris** emerge as victor by 3&2.

The final was played out in early October between **Morris**, the 2013 best gross player of the year and **Kearns**, the hope for all high handicappers. **Kearns** stepped preparations up a notch by having a caddie on his bag – a first for a Green Tour competition?

Morris took an early advantage, and although the match had swung back to **Kearns** by the turn, the match was all square after 11. In a pivotal run of holes, **Kearns** produced his best form to run off a string of wins, and closed out the match on 15.



Another great year, with excellent matches played out in fine spirit, and a new major winner

Overall Standings in Green Jacket Race

It was a high-scoring year with some great golf played on some marvelous courses.

Congratulations to all the winners throughout the year – if you didn't make the cut this year, there's always 2015!

PLAYERS	29 - Mar Results	31- May Results	16 - Aug Results	Best 2/3	18 - Oct Results	18 - Oct Results	Best 4/5	Current Ranking
McGill	31	31	20	62	39	39	140	1st
Daly	-	35	34	69	35	35	139	2nd
Goggin	30	36	37	73	32	32	137	3rd
Murdock	32	0	36	68	34	34	136	4th
Reilly	29	32	33	65	35	35	135	5th
Smith	31	33	32	65	35	35	135	5th
Lynch M	41	28	0	69	33	33	135	5th
Morris	31	34	32	66	32	32	130	8th
O'Driscoll	-	34	34	68	31	31	130	9th
McDonnell	34	0	33	67	31	31	129	10th
Lehane	24	29	31	60	34	34	128	11th
McCarthy	-	23	33	56	35	35	126	12th
O'Sullivan	36	29	32	68	29	29	126	13th
Finan	-	26	34	60	32	32	124	14th
O'Reilly	33	33	30	66	28	28	124	15th
O'Flaherty	-	23	22	45	37	37	119	16th
Casey	-	31	34	65	27	27	119	17th
Valentine	32	0	36	68	25	25	118	18th
Mahony	33	29	27	62	27	27	116	19th
Walsh M	23	28	27	55	30	30	115	20th
Kearns	29	31	29	60	26	26	115	21st
White	35	0	28	63	25	25	113	22nd
McGuinness	-	31	30	61	22	22	105	23rd
Lynch D	29	0	32	61	22	22	105	23rd
Colman	29	22	33	62	21	21	105	25th
Walsh D	21	23	24	47	22	22	91	26th
O'Malley	21	26	26	52	15	15	88	27th
Mulligan	0	0	0	0	20	20	40	28th
McBrearity	26	-	-	26	0	-	26	29th

And here is how players ranked throughout the year – after the first round, second round, best two of three rounds, and the final best four of five rounds.

1/1	2/2	Best 2/3	Best 4/5
Lynch M	Lynch M	Goggin	McGill
O'Sullivan	O'Reilly	Lynch M	Daly
White	Goggin	Daly	Goggin
McDonnell	O'Sullivan	O'Sullivan	Murdock
O'Reilly	Morris	O'Driscoll	Lynch M
Mahony	Smith	Murdock	Smith
Murdock	Mahony	Valentine	Reilly
Valentine	McGill	McDonnell	O'Driscoll
McGill	Reilly	O'Reilly	Morris
Smith	Kearns	Morris	McDonnell
Morris	Lehane	Smith	Lehane
Goggin	Colman	Reilly	O'Sullivan
Reilly	Walsh M	Casey	McCarthy
Kearns	O'Malley	White	O'Reilly
Lynch D	Walsh D	Mahony	Finan
Colman	White	McGill	Casey
McBrearity	Daly	Colman	O'Flaherty
Lehane	McDonnell	McGuinness	Valentine
Walsh M	O'Driscoll	Lynch D	Mahony
Walsh D	Murdock	Kearns	Kearns
O'Malley	Valentine	Lehane	Walsh M
Mulligan	Casey	Finan	White
Daly	McGuinness	McCarthy	Colman
O'Driscoll	Lynch D	Walsh M	McGuinness
McCarthy	McBrearity	O'Malley	Lynch D
Finan	Finan	Walsh D	Walsh D
O'Flaherty	McCarthy	O'Flaherty	O'Malley
Casey	O'Flaherty	McBrearity	Mulligan
McGuinness	Mulligan	Mulligan	McBrearity

Event Results

First of all, a big thanks to **Stephen Colman**, who every year, impeccably collects and calculates all the combinations of results so we can seamlessly track standings, allocate prizes, and follow the money!

	Bears Best		Horseshoe Bend		GCOG		Druid Hills	
Overall	Lynch M	41	Goggin	36	Goggin	37	McGill	39
Bowl	McDonnell	34	Morris	34	Reilly	33	Reilly	35
Plate	O'Sullivan	36	Daly	35	Murdock	36	Daly	35
Shield	Valentine	32	O'Driscoll	34	Valentine	36	O'Flaherty	37
Back 9	Mahony	19	Kearns	19	Colman	18	McCarthy	19
Nearest The Pin	Lehane		McGuinness		Thompson		Never did it !	

2014 Flight Results

For the second year in a row the low gross winner also edged out in the Bowl Flight. Congratulations **Noel Goggin**.



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McDonnell	34	0	33	67	31	31	129	6th
Lehane	24	29	31	60	34	34	128	7th
O'Reilly	33	33	30	66	28	28	124	8th
Mahony	33	29	27	62	27	27	116	9th
Walsh M	23	28	27	55	30	30	115	10th

In the Plate, it was **Tom Daly** who captured the honours! Congratulations Tom!



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Casey	-	31	34	65	27	27	119	6th
White	35	0	28	63	25	25	113	7th
Lynch D	29	0	32	61	22	22	105	8th
Colman	29	22	33	62	21	21	105	8th
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In the veritable skill-fest that is the **Shield** – it was another Oldcastle CFO that was the winner this year – well done **Michael O Driscoll**!



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McBrearity	26	-	-	26	0	0	26	9th

Team Four-ball at Druid Hills Golf Club

Back in July, while the parades were in full-spring in the North, there was another parade on show at Druid Hills Golf Club as **Stephen Colman** and **Fergal Kearns** retained their title from 2013. Will 2015 be a three-peat?! Only time will tell!

Most Improved Player for 2014



Don O Reilly didn't win the Green Jacket this year but he snuck in to become this year's most improved player*. His index improved from 10.1 to 7.7. **Brian Mahony** was an incredibly close second with an improvement from 8.5 to 6.4. Congratulations to you both!

*USGA FORMULA = 2013 index +12 divided by 2014 index+12 gives improvement factor. IMPROVEMENT FACTOR: **Don O Reilly**, 1.12 **Brian Mahony**, 1.11.

Low Gross Leaderboard



The scoring was marginally higher this year than last but still great scoring. Congratulations to **Noel Goggin** who beat out **Michael Lynch** (2nd last year as well!) by 0.2 of a stroke.

Congratulations to **Noel Goggin**, **Michael Lynch**, **Colm Reilly** (third both years), **Don O Reilly**, **Brian Mahony**, **Michael Walsh** and **Eoin Lehane** for making the Top 10 this year again!

2014 Leaderboard

PLAYERS	29 - Mar Results	31- May Results	16 - Aug Results	Best 2/3	18 - Oct Results	18 - Oct Results	Best 4/5	Current Ranking	Avg
Goggin	86	80	79	159	83	83	325	1st	81.3
Lynch M	74	88	100	162	82	82	326	2nd	81.5
Reilly	87	83	83	166	81	81	328	3rd	82.0
Morris	83	82	83	165	83	83	331	4th	82.8
Smith	85	85	87	170	83	83	336	5th	84.0
O'Reilly	86	86	89	172	89	89	350	6th	87.5
Mahony	84	89	90	173	89	89	351	7th	87.8
McDonnell	86	100	87	173	89	89	351	7th	87.8
Walsh M	94	89	91	180	86	86	352	9th	88.0
Lehane	96	90	90	180	87	87	354	9th	88.5

2013 Leaderboard

GREEN TOUR 2013 - Low Gross									Avg
PLAYERS	20 - Apr Results	1- Jun Results	21 - Sep Results	Best 2/3	19 - Oct Results	19 - Oct Results	Best 4/5	Current Ranking	
Morris	78	86	82	160	80	80	320	1st	80.0
Lynch M	76		84	160	82	82	324	1st	81.0
Reilly	80	84	86	164	80	80	324	3rd	81.0
Boland	79	84	82	161	84	84	329	4th	82.3
Goggin	80		85	165	85	85	335	5th	83.8
O'Reilly	85	87	78	163	87	87	337	6th	84.3
Lehane	86	99	98	184	82	82	348	7th	87.0
Mahony		91	90	181	85	85	351	8th	87.8
Walsh M	94	79	90	169	91	91	351	9th	87.8
McDonnell	90	86	92	176	88	88	352	10th	88.0

Skins Results

The big winner in the skins by a long shot was **Michael O Driscoll**. Worthy of note, despite a long history of the poor mouth, **Michael Lynch** was able to put a few bob towards his mortgages with an uncharacteristically good showing in the skins this year. Long may it continue, God knows he needs the money.

Skins Winners	3/29/2014	5/31/2014	9/21/2014	10/19/2014	Total
Michael O'Driscoll		\$ 360	\$ 80	\$ 325	\$ 765
Danny Lynch	\$ 180		\$ 200		\$ 380
Paul Valentine			\$ 80	\$ 235	\$ 315
Michael Lynch	\$ 120			\$ 90	\$ 210
Stephen Colman		\$ 200			\$ 200
Ciaran Morris				\$ 190	\$ 190
Garret O'Malley	\$ 150				\$ 150
Ian Murdock	\$ 60		\$ 80		\$ 140
Brian McCarthy			\$ 40	\$ 100	\$ 140
Martin McDonnell	\$ 120				\$ 120
Kieran McGill				\$ 100	\$ 100
Brian Boland				\$ 100	\$ 100
Ciaran O'Flaherty				\$ 100	\$ 100
Jim O'Sullivan		\$ 80			\$ 80
Bernard McGuinness			\$ 80		\$ 80
Micheal Smith		\$ 40			\$ 40
Noel Goggin			\$ 40		\$ 40
	\$ 630	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 920	\$ 3,150

Bookie's Corner – Recap of 2014



2014 was another record year for the Green Tour book! Thank you all for participating in one of the tour's most storied traditions. Your continuing support and the related banter always inspires a chuckle.

This year's unforeseen outcome will no doubt prompt the savvy punter to look beyond the perennial Top Ten contenders for value in next year's book. Then again, it might not. On that note of abject confusion, may I wish all my enthusiastic customers and their families a very Merry Christmas and every best wish in your renewed quest for the venerable Green Jacket!

Match-play Final Recap: Morris vs. Kearns

On a glorious (but blustery!) Fall Day in early October, Ciaran Morris and Fergal Kearns played the final match of the 2014 Green Tour Championship, with Kearns emerging as victor on the 15th green.

Off the first tee, Morris hit the kind of hook that used to be his personal brand on tour, with Kearns finding trees on the right side of the fairway. Morris hit a glorious recovery to just in front of the green and a nerveless chip left him with a tap in for a fine par. Kearns was safely on the putting surface in 3 strokes, but a nervy first putt gifted Morris the hole – first blood to the former Green Jacket winner!



Kearns and his caddie (to remain nameless) discuss some approach options

On the second, Morris hit a hookier hook off the tee, and having failed to find his first ball was forced to play out his provisional. Kearns also elected to hit driver into the strong breeze, finding trees on the right for the second hole in succession. After a blizzard of swipes, we needed a calculator to confirm that the hole was halved.

A super tee shot on the 3rd was a confidence booster for Morris – with the hook conquered and converted into a shapely looking draw, and a 1-hole lead already on the scoreboard, the pressure was on Kearns to respond. A high hook into trees left was hardly the response he was

hoping for. Morris was unlucky to find his ball in a crater of sorts, and had to take a safety-first tactic to lay up short of the water in front of the green. In a scene reminiscent of Bagger Vance, Kearns spied a path through the trees and although the ball decided to take a different route than intended, a favorable rebound from one of the limbs landed Kearns on the back of the green, from where he was able to win the hole. Back to all square, and a contest on our hands!

The fourth was all highlight reel stuff for Kearns; a super drive down the right side, an outstanding approach shot to the back of the green, and a nerveless putt to tap-in range left Morris in his wake. Morris reacted with a fine par on 5 to take the match back to all square again. A solid par for Kearns on 6 gave him a 1-up lead. With a hybrid club in hand, Kearns outdrove Morris on the 7th, and after a smart layup, he got greedy on his approach and landed in the greenside trap, short sided. Another one for the highlights reel though – an aggressive swing launched the ball directly at the flag, which it hit at around mid-height, dropping to tap-in range. An omen, if one was needed, that this might be his day!

With Kearns at 2up, the eighth hole was a forgettable half. Kearns found the road off the tee on 9, and although he parred his second ball, it looked like the advantage was with Morris when he hit the green in regulation. A timid first putt was his undoing though, and it left Kearns heading to the 10th with the unexpected advantage of a 2-hole lead.

Kearns, however, went AWOL on 10 and 11, and with Morris playing fine golf, the match was all square after 11. Morris had reason to be satisfied after 11 – he crushed a drive, hit a fine second on the surface to record a routine par – and seemed to have weathered the storm. On the 12th tee, both players hit pop-up drives, which left them over 185 yards out on the short par 4. Morris hit first, and advanced to ball to the rough on the right of the green. Playing like a champion-elect, Kearns hit a magnificent 6 iron from fully 185 yards that started toward the right side of the green and drew off the hanging lie to just left of the green – very close to the water hazard, but also very close to the pin on that side of the green. A tasty bump-and-run from the hybrid club led to a conceded par, and back to a 1-hole lead for Kearns.

A fine showing on the par-3 13th restored Kearns's 2 hole advantage. Both players skirted danger down the right side on 14. Morris hit a harder draw than intended from there, and was unfortunate to find the hazard on the left. However, he was building his own highlights reel, and a towering 8-iron over trees found the putting surface, leaving him in the unlikely position of having a makeable putt for par. Kearns showed excellent course management skills though – a smart punch over the trap on the right and a layup shot to the middle of the fairway left him with an easy approach shot to the green. Morris missed his par putt to allow Kearns to extend his advantage to 3 holes.

Running out of holes, Morris got a chink of light when Kearns pushed his drive into trouble on the right on 15. More good course management from Kearns though as he punched back into the fairway and hit his approach shot safely to the back of the green. 2 putts later, another hole won, and more importantly, the match was won 4&3.

Although he hit a few errant shows in the match, Morris's undisputed golfing talents shone through several times over the course of the round, highlighted by birdies on 17 and 18 as the players played in once the match was over. Playing right at his handicap, Kearns played excellent golf in a highly entertaining match, and is the 2014 Green Tour Matchplay champion!

A Reminder on our Mission and Core Values



As a Green Tour member, we are all expected to embody the mission and values of our close-knit organization. In its essence, the Green Tour is a small gathering of Irishmen united by a love for golf and a desire to grow and cement our relationships with each other, our partners and families, and the wider Irish-Atlanta community.

As a reminder, our stated mission and core values are outlined below. The continued value and longevity of the Green Tour is reliant on each of us agreeing to and upholding a common set of values that provide the foundation of our mutual commitment and enjoyment. As a member of the Green Tour we ask you to keep this values front in center.

Our Mission

It is the mission of the Green Tour that members celebrate a common Irish heritage, build lasting bonds of friendship, and enliven the Atlanta-Irish community, through a unique golfing and social experience.

Our Values and Code of Conduct

- **Respect:** We ask that members play their part to participate in a society that is well organized, respected, and welcomed in the best golfing and social establishments in the state. This includes respecting your hosting member(s), club members, and fellow guests by strictly observing the rules of golf and etiquette when you play, arriving on time for events, keeping up a reasonable pace of play, and wearing our team colors at events.
- **Fair Competition:** We expect members to follow the golfing creed of integrity, fairness, and

propriety in everything they do on and off the course. This includes keeping your GHIN up to date and taking seriously our Green Tour rules and committee instructions, recording your scores accurately and completely, and following the rules of golf.

- **Fun:** We strongly encourage members to engage in the competitive side of the Tour but don't forget to enjoy your golf. We also expect you to participate in the social sessions after each event. As a green tour member, we want you not just to sign up for the golf but the social element as well. This includes contributing to the written and visual recording of events, the online craic and participating in the skins/bookie's book.

- **Friendship:** We ask that members use the opportunity the Green Tour presents to get to know all of our fellow members better personally and professionally. For this reason, we encourage members to reach out to other members they don't know, make new members feel welcome, and join as many of the competitions that they can.

- **Family:** We are privileged to be able to spend time away from our families to enjoy each other's company over competitive games of golf on world-class courses. For this reason, it is important to recognize the role our families play in our support and why informal gatherings and participation in the annual gala event are family-affairs.

- **Leadership through Service:** Green Tour members are encouraged to participate in activities representing members and sponsors of the Green Tour in our community. We look forward to supporting the causes of our members like the Fado Cup, St. Baldricks, Clan na Gael, the Irish consulate, Irish Chamber, etc..