



2013 Green Tour Review



Welcome



Gentlemen – welcome to the final 2013 edition of the Green Tour Official Newsletter! First things first, a warm and welcome Monaghan congratulations to **Don O'Reilly** for another stellar round in our final event to claim his second Green Jacket after an 8 year gap! The stony grey soil may have thieved the laugh from his love, but no-one was close to stealing the green jacket from him this year! More on that and lot more later. So, I suggest you put the left-over cold turkey and cranberry sauce aside for a moment and read on. In this edition, we have some end of year recaps, as well as our regular updates including another personal interview with the last (but not least!) of our new members, **Noel Goggin**.

Chairman's Cúpla Focal



A Chairde; As another Green Tour season comes to a close, I'd like to muse back to see what was special about the year that has past and what will register in the memory bank of time. To me, up there with Tom Watson nearly winning the 2009 British open at the age of 59, was Michael Lynch coming off a horrific elbow injury and shocking the GT world by shooting 40 points to win our inaugural event at St Ives. And then, our piper himself, the affable Don O'Reilly comes out of nowhere and laps the field by shooting a career round of 43 points at Golf Club of GA to take a commanding lead of the championship

But of all these great feats on the golf course, there is none to compare with the craic and build up to each event, orchestrated by the maestro himself, the housewife's favorite, bookie, **Ciaran Morris**. Ciaran not only delighted us with his capricious wit but raised a substantial amount of cash that has been applied to good effect in subsidizing our Green Tour program. Last but not least, we remember the FADO Cup, where a spirited Green Tour Team, captained by our humble Kerryman, **Tom Daly** took on those Kilted Bushmen rascals.

Although we came up a "grain of rice short", who could forget that flowery motivational speech by Paidi O'Se as we meandered around the roads of north GA in the Fur Bus, drinking Bloody Mary's, singing Danny Boy and watching "**Chalky's**" skill as a pole-dancer .

Gentlemen Rory McIlroy may forget 2013, but a lot of Greet Tour members will look back, smile, and remember "Happy Days". See ya'll in 2014. Is mise le meas

2013 Competitions Summary



Congratulations to **Don O'Reilly** for his great play all year and deservedly winning his second green jacket. Don was always in the hunt after each tournament with impressive rounds of 37, 35, 43, and 36. A worthy Champion if there ever was one.

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

The Hon **Michael Lynch** was off to a fast start on the front nine playing his own game. Michael moved from fairway to green like a deer hunter stalking his prey, quietly going about his business and to great effect. Michael birdied the ninth hole for a grand total of 21 points at the turn. Michael continued to push ahead on the back nine only faltering slightly on a couple of holes. Competing with Michael can be tough as Michael is never far from the middle of any fairway or to the edge of any green. Michael had a total of 35 well earned points as he crossed the finish line in this very competitive final round of the GT, Michael not in the habit of taking prisoners and was very gracious when his round finally came to a close!

Noel Goggin played a steady game all day, recorded 13 points at the turn and finished with 17 on the back nine. Noel was somewhat distracted by taking 'suggestive' video footage of his playing partner CM in 'various positions' off the beaten track. On the 16th hole Noel, also attempting to find an errand ball blasted over the green by another playing partner DOR, headed into the bushes at the back of the green to look for O'Reilly golf ball and in the process disturbed a swarm of bees who were minding their own business.

The bee's were now suddenly focused on Noel was not moving like he had just been shot out of a cannon. DOR was on hand as Noel exited the bush and by using his nine iron beat the bees off Noel's body. Despite the bruising experienced from O'Reilly's nine Iron and the stinging from the little pests Noel was very fortunate not to have ended up in hospital for medical attention or worse. There may be an EpiPen in Noel's future or a restraining order for O'Reilly after the beating he took. Noel finished the back nine not showing any negative signs after his ambush on the 16th hole !

Ciaran Morris stung by the recent performance of DOR at the GCofGA was determined to chase this particular hare all over DH. Ciaran had a strong first nine keeping pace with his rivals. As seen on Noel's video, Ciaran did find the creek on the 8th hole par 3 but this did not deter him as he went on to birdie the 9th hole for a total of 18 stellar points at the turn.

Ciaran continued to push ahead on the back nine as he watched DOR falter slightly, successfully keeping the pressure on his adversaries. Ciaran was unfortunate to miss several birdie opportunities and verbally mentioned his displeasure on more than one occasion. I am not at liberty to repeat but safe to say a mother of sorts was mentioned as were other 'Crab Suas' and possibly 'Diul Mo Balta.....' Ciaran gained his composure thereafter and continued in his pursuit to the finish line shooting another very respectable 18 points on the back nine.

O'Reilly played out of his skin and as **Paul Valentine** mentioned, appeared to be 'walking on water' for the first nine. Don was fortunate to make birdie on the 7th hole, which helped with his front 9 total of 24 points (37 shots / one over par) a personal best for Don on any course! Don's focus started to wander a little but was feeling very comfortable moving around the golf course. Don started to falter on the back nine not scoring on three holes as he made his way home to the clubhouse. As it turned out Don's career round from the GCofGA and by keeping pace with this rivals on the final day helped him to reach the finish line to capture the 2013 Green Jacket.

A big thank you to the Green Tour committee and the Druids Hill members who managed our Green Tour Final on the Day. From the entrance to DH, the welcome we experience with the staff was superb. I felt like I was coming home for the day, what a great day / evening was had by all!

Best wishes, Don

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 2014!

GREEN TOUR 2013

PLAYERS	20 - Apr Results	1- Jun Results	21 - Sep Results	Best 2/3	19 - Oct Results	19 - Oct Results	Best 4/5	Current Ranking
O'Reilly	37	35	43	80	36	36	152	1st
Valentine	39	26	27	66	39	39	144	2nd
Morris	39	31	32	71	36	36	143	3rd
Lynch M	40	0	32	72	35	35	142	4th
Colman	36	27	32	68	36	36	140	5th
Reilly	35	31	29	66	36	36	138	6th
O'Driscoll	25	30	28	58	39	39	136	7th
Goggin	38	0	31	69	31	31	131	8th
Lynch D	27	29	33	62	34	34	130	9th
Mahony		30	30	60	34	34	128	10th
McDonnell	30	33	31	64	32	32	128	10th
O'Sullivan	33	31	24	64	31	31	126	12th
O'Flaherty	22	33	26	59	33	33	125	13th
Boland	35	29	31	66	29	29	124	14th
Lehane	30	18	21	51	36	36	123	15th
White	24	25	28	53	34	34	121	16th
Kearns	28	29	15	57	31	31	119	17th
Daly	19	26	29	55	29	29	113	18th
McCarthy	30	28	29	59	26	26	113	18th
McGill	27	22	29	56	28	28	112	20th
McBrearity		31	26	57	27	27	111	21st
Walsh M	22	37	24	61	24	24	109	22nd
Casey	24	20	25	49	27	27	103	23rd
O'Malley	22	0	22	44	28	28	100	24th
Murdock	36	26	35	71	-	-	97	25th
Walsh D		20	27	47	20	20	87	26th
Finan	27	26	31	58	-	-	84	27th
Mulligan	26	34	-	60	-	-	60	28th
O'Keeffe	32	27	-	59	-	-	59	29th
Conroy	0	0	0	0	21	21	42	30th

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!

	St Ives		Eagles Landing		GCOG		Druid Hill		Overall	
Overall	Lynch M	40	Walsh M	37	O'Reilly	43	O'Driscoll	39	O'Reilly	152
Bowl	Morris	39	McDonnell	33	Lynch M *	32	Morris *	36	Morris	143
Plate	O'Reilly	37	O'Reilly	35	Colman	32	Colman	36	Colman	140
Shield	Valentine	39	McBrearity	31	Lynch D	33	Valentine	39	Valentine	144
Back 9	Reilly	23	Mulligan *	19	Murdock **	19	Kearns	20		
Low Gross									Morris	80
			* Mulligan won on best back 3		* Lynch M beats Morris on Back 9 ** Murdock had 35 overall, but Back 9 payout is better		* Morris beats Reilly on Back 9		O'Reilly won overall so plate goes to next place	


Skins Results

It was another exciting year for the skins competition with 80% of members getting a piece of the action. As you would expect, **Don O Reilly** picked up his fair share along his victorious way but the two runners up **Jim O Sullivan** and **Fergal Kearns** had to wait to share their solitary skin on the final hole of the tournament! But what a skin it was!!!

Skins Winners	4/20/2013	6/1/2013	9/21/2013	10/19/2013	Total	
Don O'Reilly	\$ 160		\$ 100	\$ 270	\$ 530	Missed Out
Fergal Kearns				\$ 300	\$ 300	Valentine
Jim O'Sullivan				\$ 300	\$ 300	Casey
Kieran McGill	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 60		\$ 220	O'Malley
Ciaran Morris		\$ 120	\$ 100		\$ 220	Walsh D
Michael O'Driscoll		\$ 120		\$ 90	\$ 210	O'Keeffe
Tom Daly				\$ 180	\$ 180	Conroy
Ian Murdock	\$ 120	\$ 40	\$ 15		\$ 175	
Noel Goggin	\$ 160				\$ 160	
Brian Boland		\$ 120	\$ 30		\$ 150	
Martin McDonnell	\$ 120				\$ 120	
Michael McBrearity		\$ 40	\$ 80		\$ 120	
Brian McCarthy			\$ 105		\$ 105	
Paul White		\$ 80	\$ 10		\$ 90	
Colm Reilly				\$ 90	\$ 90	
Eoin Lehane			\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 75	
Irial Finan			\$ 60		\$ 60	
Danny Lynch			\$ 60		\$ 60	
Paul Mulligan		\$ 40			\$ 40	
Michael Lynch			\$ 40		\$ 40	
Michael Walsh			\$ 40		\$ 40	
Ciaran O'Flaherty			\$ 30		\$ 30	
Stephen Colman			\$ 15		\$ 15	
Brian Mahony			\$ 10		\$ 10	

Low Gross Leaderboard

GREEN TOUR 2013 - Low Gross								
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Morris	78	86	82	160	80	80	320	1st
Lynch M	76		84	160	82	82	324	1st
Reilly	80	84	86	164	80	80	324	3rd
Boland	79	84	82	161	84	84	329	4th
Goggin	80		85	165	85	85	335	5th
O'Reilly	85	87	78	163	87	87	337	6th
Lehane	86	99	98	184	82	82	348	7th
Mahony		91	90	181	85	85	351	8th
Walsh M	94	79	90	169	91	91	351	9th
McDonnell	90	86	92	176	88	88	352	10th



Avg
80.0
81.0
81.0
82.3
83.8
84.3
87.0
87.8
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2013 Flight Results

In the Bowl flight it was **Ciaran Morris** who reigned supreme and picked up his second prize of the night to go with his low gross accolade.



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In the Plate, it was **Stephen Colman** who captured the honours!



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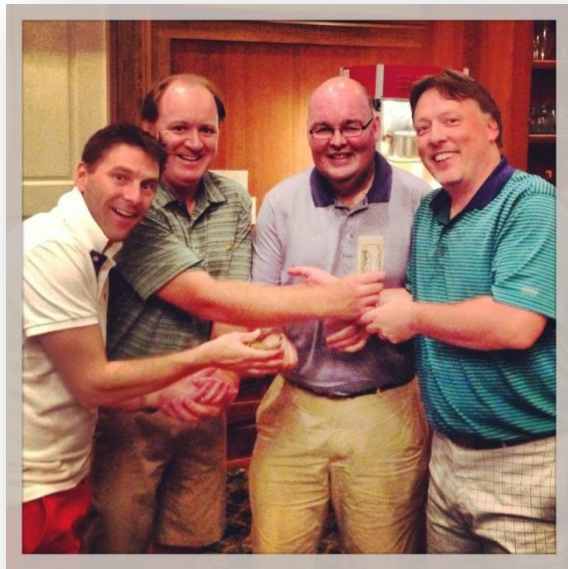
In the veritable skill-fest that is the **Shield** – **Paul Valentine** led from start to finish!



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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: A parade dripping in golfing talent. Thanks to **Ciaran Morris**, **Kieran McGill**, and **Stephen Colman** (as always) for organizing and running the book/scoring. The weather on the day turned out to be as unpredictable as the scoring but that didn't dull the spirits of the group.



In the end, it was a really tight finish with Colman and Kearns piping Valentine/O Flaherty after a count-back of the back nine.

<- **Photo:** The runners up graciously (albeit reluctantly) present the winnings to the victors! Left to Right, **Stephen Colman**, **Ciaran O Flaherty**, **Paul Valentine**, **Fergal Kearns**

New Member Highlight – Interview with Noel Goggin

Noel is from Wickla and reared on a diet of fresh whole from the bulk tank of St Patrick's Missionary Society farm in Kiltegan. While Wickla is not known for their sports accomplishments, Noel was an avid GAA man, playing hurling and football at both club and county levels. He studied engineering in Dublin City University and worked in Dublin for an American software company who headquartered their European operations in Dun Laoighaire.

Noel met his current wife Niamh (pictured above on left) in college, who hails Sutton Park, the same hood that Mr. Coleman and Morris kicked hubcaps off passing cars. In 1994 they both moved to Los Angeles in 1994 for the "sure we will give is a year", where GAA was traded in for competitive 2v2 beach volleyball. After 5 fun years in LA, Noel moved to Denver for the next 12 years and became avid skiers, clocking up 30 ski days a year and became a coach at Winter Park for paraplegic skiers, which has been incredible inspiring where he coach a number of Olympic gold medal holders.



On left is a photo of Niamh and Noel with Alata Nicols the first woman to win gold medals in both winter and summer Olympics in skiing and basketball respectively for the US. Alana was runner up to Lindsay Vonn for the ESPY female athlete of the year in the US. Noel and family moved to Atlanta to ease the burden of work travel 2.5 years ago.

He spend the first half of his career in telecom and second in retail, founded three startups, two of which were successful, and currently runs the retail business for a company called Epicor, where he gets to spend time with good looking people (like himself!) from companies like Michael Kors, Tory Burch, Nike and others, which is nice for a dairy farmer from Wickla.



Noel and Niamh have 3 kids, Oisin, Aoife and Eoin who are Americans for sure but do have a European flavor. Noel's dad Paddy is an avid golfer and even more competitive player if euros are in play and here is a photo of Paddy played in Colorado after recovering from stage 4 cancer.

Noel is glad to be part of the Green Tour and be in a collection of other lost misunderstood souls in Atlanta.

Match Play Recap of 2013



Martin McDonnell is the Green Tour Matchplay champion of 2013! He won the title in great style with a scintillating performance in the final match of the competition. There was little hint of champion potential in McDonnell's early season form; he won each of his bracket matches by the slimmest of margins, snatching victory from the jaws of defeat in the match that saw him emerge as winner of the Darren Clarke bracket (also known as the Druid Hills bracket).



Martin ever humble in his acceptance speech

In overcoming **Ciaran Morris**, **Ciaran O'Flaherty** and **Brian Mahony** in underwhelming fashion, the Green Tour retread entered the semifinals under the radar. In the semifinals, he faced **Ian Murdock**, the 2012 Green Tour Green Jacket champion. As winner of the Padraig Harrington bracket, Murdock overcame two hotly fancied contenders in **Michael Lynch** and **Brian Boland**, and looked to be a shoo-in to have smooth passage into the final.



A sporting congratulations

McDonnell however continued with the same grit that he had demonstrated in earlier rounds and overcame Murdock by 2&1 – a healthy margin by his standards.

On the other side of the draw, **Don O'Reilly** showed flashes of promise that hinted at his Major potential in comfortably overcoming Chalky White. However, in a stunning upset, O'Reilly was dispatched in devastating fashion by **David Walsh**, with Walsh winning out the Graeme McDowell bracket by an incredible score of 9&8. This unprecedented mauling no doubt gave O'Reilly the motivation he needed to gird his loins for an assault on the other Green Tour major of the year; and having plumbed the depths of despair in his match against Walsh, there was no way O'Reilly was going to let the year pass without redeeming himself!

In the Rory McIlroy bracket, rookie **Noel Goggin** was an early favorite to emerge, and so it proved as Goggin beat **Eoin Lehane** in the deciding match, with Lehane no doubt mentally exhausted from the exertions of overcoming matchplay stalwart **Peter Casey** after two attempts in the first round. In the semi-final match, Goggin had too much in the tank for Walsh, winning on a margin of 4&2.



Runner-up Noel Goggin receives his weighty check

From early doors in the final match at Bears Best, it was clear that McDonnell had built up an impressive head of steam over the summer, jumping into a 2-hole lead after 9 with a majestic gross 39. A mistake on 14 gave Goggin some hope, but a sandy par save on 15 cracked Goggin's resistance, allowing McDonnell to close out the match on 16. With a season-best gross score of 79, McDonnell truly saved his best form for the final match, and is the deserving 2013 Green Tour Matchplay champion. Bravo Martin!

Bookie's Corner – Recap of 2013



When looking for concrete [no pun intended for the CRH lads] indicators of the economic turnaround underway, most people watch out for employment numbers, housing starts, consumer spending and trends in corporate earnings. There's nothing wrong with this time tested, if predictable approach. One could argue, however, that the health of the Green Tour's book is emerging as the unsung hero for assessing and predicting consumer confidence and behavior. Soon it will be widely recognized as the uber barometer of economic tail winds or head winds, dwarfing more longstanding indicators that have been exposed as telling only part of the story.

And what a chapter this season was in the storied history of the Green Tour's book. Over \$6,000 was raised from the GT's ravenous punters this year, blowing away last year's record which your humble bookie had deemed to be an unassailable target. Shows what I know! As I tried to rationalize my miscalculation, I came to the conclusion that two factors propelled this year's book to its lofty heights:

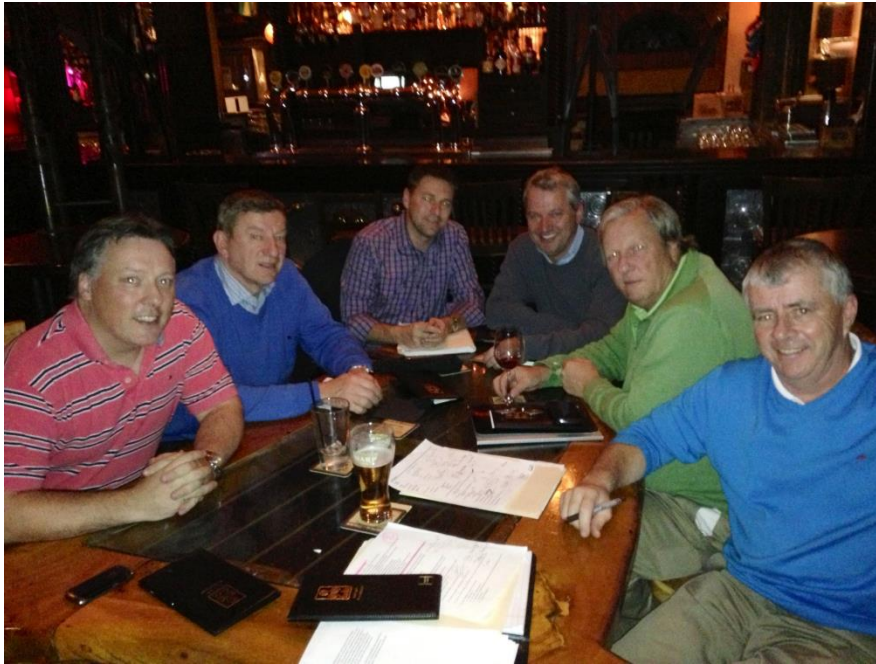
1. The regular GT punter feels a lot more confident about the overall economy and emboldened by a greater sense of security and well being
2. The value encrusted odds on offer tempted even the most conservative or ordinarily penny pinching punter out of fiscal hibernation

Confidence mixed with unbeatable value proved to be the twin sparks that ignited the powder keg of reckless behavior witnessed by the bookie throughout the year. On a less serious note, thank you all for your custom for a custom like yours I can't have every day!

Thanks also for your hard work and commitment - whereas I devised the stupendously generous odds, maintained the records and advertised the book in a mindlessly silly way, it was all of you who so bravely put your hands in your pockets for a split second to support what has become one of the great Green Tour traditions.

Next year, let's breach the \$7K barrier ! - never again will I underestimate the willingness of Irishmen to part with their cash when 'perceived' value is packaged and delivered in the right way :)

Committee AGM



The Committee (including **Ciaran Morris**, not pictured) held our Annual General Meeting the week of Thanksgiving, over corned beef and cabbage and a beverage at the venerable Fado. It was a packed agenda where the 2013 year was reviewed and plans made for 2014 and beyond. Topics on the agenda included:

- Recap of 2013 year by the numbers and individual chair reports
- Treasurer report
- New Member selection
- Rain Delay contingency plans
- Courses and Dates for 2014
- Potential sponsorship opportunities
- Other inter-society possibilities
- Our Core Mission and Values
- Changes to Handicap Rules and Competitions (no more closest to the pin in 2014! ☹)
- Website and social media strategy

Look out for updates in the New Year about what is going to be new and exciting for the coming year!

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.

One of those values is “Leadership through Service” and with that to support the communities we touch. With that value in mind, the committee is proposing to select a worthy charity to support in 2014, with input from its members. Based on our books for 2013, it looks like we will have about \$1000 to donate. Look out for more details about how that money will be allocated in 2014.



And, **Tom Daly** would also like to thank you all for your generous contribution of \$400 to the Todd Corbeil fund. You may recall that Todd was the golf pro at GCOG that recently passed away suddenly.



Lastly, involvement is not just monetary, but also participatory, and it was great to see, for example, the great turn out from Green Tour members (even our token Englishman!) at the Clan nan Gael fundraiser during the summer. We even had the winning team! The committee is discussing other opportunities for intra-society collaborations in 2014.

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..

Champions Party





New Arrivals



With the ebb and flow of work and life our membership pool will often change from year to year. In 2013, we were delighted to add to the fold new members **Noel Goggin, Martin McDonnell, Brian Boland, and David Walsh**. Each, in their own way, on and off the course, added to the experience that is the Green Tour. It was great to have you guys – and great to have you back this year.

As you all know, our goal is not to become the largest golf society in Atlanta. Remaining at the thirty member mark or thereabouts helps to keep the tour manageable, affords us ongoing access to Atlanta's best golf courses and, most importantly, enables us to protect and strengthen the tour's social dimension and intimacy.

On the rare occasions that membership slots do become available, we strive to bring in those who are avid golfers and will actively participate in the social side of the tour. On that basis we are delighted to welcome **Bernard McGuinness** and **Micheal Smith** will become members of the Green Tour effective January 1, 2014. We are also very sorry to see **Tom Conroy** and **David O Keefe** move on this year and wish Tom all the best in his retirement!

Most of you have met Bernard and Micheal in recent weeks. In the event that you haven't, Bernard hails from Ballina and together with his wife Una and two children, recently moved to Atlanta where Bernard is continuing his career with The Coca-Cola Company. Micheal, his wife Claire and two children just moved from Singapore to Atlanta where he has the noble task of representing IDA Ireland. We're looking forward to welcoming Bernard and Micheal to the first event of the season in April next year.



Fadó Cup 2013

It was a hard fought battle at Bears Best but we came up short this year. As many of you know from following the live tracking on the Green Tour app it was a very exciting close finish during the singles matches. We came out of the blocks with a great start and lead the scramble matches 4 up and continued this through the four-ball matches. We entered the singles matches still commanding a nice lead but in fairness to the Kilted Bushmen, we were not able to finish the job. One of the stars of the Kilted Bushmen team was **Mr. Valentine** and his great play for the opposition was the major difference on the day.

A great debt of gratitude goes out to our Captain, **Tom Daly**, and the vice captains, **Michael O Driscoll** and **Stephen Colman**. While losing is not something a Kerryman is used to, the team did us all proud in how they entered the game and the sportsmanship they displayed. The Kilted Busmen have now leveled the series at three-a-piece.

Round Four: Druid Hills Golf Club











After Game Drinks Druid Hills Golf Club



















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A group of men are gathered in a bar or lounge. In the center, a man in a blue and white striped polo shirt holds a pool cue. To his left, a man in a pink shirt holds a drink. Further left, a man in a green shirt stands with his hands in his pockets. On the far left, a man in a grey shirt sits on a bar stool. On the far right, a man in a light-colored button-down shirt stands with his hands on his hips. In the background, a television mounted on the wall displays a sports broadcast. A wooden plaque with names is visible on the right wall.



