

Green Tour 2017

A year in Review



Welcome to a recap of the 2017 Green Tour Season;

In another epic finish to the Green Tour the winner of the coveted Green Jacket was decided on the last hole. It was the OAP, Martin McDonnell, who won on the last green, holding off the challenge of Stephen Colman and Ciaran Morris over the last 9 holes to claim the jacket at Druid Hills.



Chairman's Cúpla Focal



Many thanks to everyone for making 2017 another great year for the Green Tour. It was the 15th anniversary of the green tour and to celebrate the anniversary we introduced new shirts with a new logo.

We included Ansley Golf club, at Settindown, into the rotation in 2017 and I wish to thank Brian McCarthy for hosting us on a great golf course.

We had multiple Green Tour division winners with Dave Canty, Stephen Colman and Ciaran Morris winning their respective divisions. Ciaran Morris also repeated his win from last year in winning the prestigious low Gross prize for the year.

We have yet to play the finals of the singles and doubles match play events and further details on these events follow below.

The final round of The Green Tour returned to the historic Druid Hills, where we witnessed another epic finish concluding on the last green and appropriately witnessed by all the Green Tour Members.

Drawing on his experience, and memories of his youth, the “long hitting” Martin McDonnell withstood the pressure from Stephen Colman and Ciaran Morris to don the Green Jacket for the first time. Having played in only three rounds Martin went about the task in his usual “straight down the middle” way. Congratulations to Martin on his victory and his win has given hope to all the “old farts” on the GT.

It is testament to the competitiveness of the Green Tour that one shot separated each of the top five in the overall standing, which made for another exciting final round.

I would like to thank Brian and Nicola McCarthy for hosting our year-end Gala night. Nowhere is the spirit of the Green Tour more evident, as we celebrate the year, with our friends, partners, wives or significant others. Thanks to everyone for their continued support of The Green Tour. In particular, I would like to give thanks to my hard working committee members - Chalky GTI White, Michael O'Driscoll, Martin McDonnell and Stephen Colman. It really is a team effort that makes the Green Tour run so smoothly.

I look forward to another exciting year of Golf on the green tour and seeing y'all in Spring 2018

Slán agus beannacht

Michael

Summary of Overall results and Flight winners :

	Golf Club of Georgia		Horseshoe Bend		Settingdown Creek		Druid Hills		Overall	
Overall	McDonnell	43	O'Sullivan	42	Colman	43	Canty	38	McDonnell	144
Bowl	Goggin	36	Morris	38	Morris	37	Lynch M	34	Morris	142
Plate	Daly	36	McCarthy	38	Finan	35	Finan	36	Canty	140
Shield	Green	38	Mulligan	35	O'Malley	36	O'Driscoll	38	Colman	143
Back 9	Reilly	19	O'Malley	19	Goggin	19	O'Flaherty	22		
Nearest the Pin	??	3rd	Reilly	2nd	Colman	7th		6th		
	??	17th	Mahony	11th	Smith	17th		13th		
Low Gross									Morris	79.8



Thanks to Stephen Colman who collates all the information and the results at each tournament. Also a big thanks to Chalky White who, through the use of a sophisticated piece of software, not only calculates the GTI but also identifies the sandbaggers ---- and you know who you are !!!!

Overall Standing in Green Jacket race:

The below is a reminder of what might have been, and for those of you in the bottom half of the table the message is clear, you either work at your game or pack in your job!!!!

GREEN TOUR 2017

PLAYERS	22 - Apr Results	20 - May Results	19 - Aug Results	Best 2/3	14 - Oct Results	14 - Oct Results	Best 4/5	Current Ranking
McDonnell	43	0	33	76	34	34	144	1 st
Colman	34	33	43	77	33	33	143	2 nd
Morris	34	38	37	75	33	33	142	3 rd
O'Driscoll	31	30	34	65	38	38	141	4 th
Canty	25	31	33	64	38	38	140	5 th
McCarthy	-	38	34	72	34	34	140	6 th
Finan	-	29	35	64	36	36	136	7 th
Mulligan	-	35	32	67	33	33	133	8 th
O'Sullivan	35	42	25	77	27	27	131	9 th
Lynch M	32	28	24	60	34	34	128	10 th
O'Malley	-	34	36	70	29	29	128	11 th
Daly	36	0	29	65	31	31	127	12 th
McGill	21	33	34	67	30	30	127	13 th
White	28	33	36	69	29	29	127	14 th
O'Flaherty	33	33	21	66	30	30	126	15 th
Valentine	34	32	15	66	30	30	126	16 th
Goggin	36	29	33	69	28	28	126	17 th
Walsh M	24	33	24	57	34	34	125	18 th
Reilly	31	30	28	61	31	31	123	19 th
Monaghan	27	32	28	60	30	30	120	20 th
Kearns	30	33	18	63	26	26	115	21 st
McGuinness	16	27	21	48	29	29	106	22 nd
Walsh D	23	29	21	52	27	27	106	23 rd
Mahony	31	24	25	56	25	25	106	24 th
Lehane	29	22	29	58	23	23	104	25 th
Smith	34	0	33	67	13	13	93	26 th
Lynch D	29	24	33	62	-	-	86	27 th
Adams	27	23	28	55	-	-	78	28 th
Green	38	0	28	66	-	-	66	29 th
Casey	-	26	36	62	-	-	62	30 th
O'Reilly	0	0	0	0	25	25	50	31 st
Boland	0	33	-	33	-	-	33	32 nd

Match Play update --- Brian Mahony



Two Man match Play update --- Martin McDonnell



The Final of the two man match play has yet to be played and the finalists are Boland/ O Driscoll Vs Goggin/ Kearns.

We had the usual contention at the draw for partners as grudges, which had laid dormant for 12 months, came to the fore and players who believed they had friends on the GT found themselves rejected , and sometimes more than once.

In the rejected Flight the defending champions of M Walsh and Casey were put to the sword by Daly/ Finan in the first round. This impressive results did not last long as Daly/ Finan were taken down by the family team of Reilly/ McGill, who in turn fell the the finalists of Goggin/ Kearns.

In the Dejected flight the team of McDonnell/ O Sullivan really fancied their chances only to be taken down by Morris/ McGuinness. Bernard was still nursing some hurt from the All Ireland and decided to take it out on the Dub. Having looked so impressive in their match against McDonnell/ O Sullivan they then faced the 2015 champions of Boland/ O Driscoll who put them to the sword as the sandwiches were being passed around.

For 2018 it has been decided to extend the two man match play from April 2018 to March 2019 and thereby give everyone the chance to get their matches played and avoid any toss ups resulting from a shorter timeline.

The Finalists in the two man match play :



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Flight Winners:

GREEN TOUR BOWL 2017

PLAYERS	22 April	20 May	19 Aug	Best 2/3	14 Oct	14 Oct	Best 4/5	Current Ranking
Morris	34	38	37	75	33	33	142	1 st
Lynch M	32	28	24	60	34	34	128	2 st
White	28	33	36	69	29	29	127	3 st
Goggin	36	29	33	69	28	28	126	4 st
Walsh M	24	33	24	57	34	34	125	5 st
Reilly	31	30	28	61	31	31	123	6 st
Mahony	31	24	25	56	25	25	106	7 st
Adams	27	23	28	55	0	0	78	8 st
Smith	34	-	33	67	13	13	34	9 st
Boland	-	33	-	33	0	0	33	10 st
O'Reilly	-	-	-	-	25	25	-	11 st



GREEN TOUR PLATE 2017

PLAYERS	22 Apr	20 May	19 Aug	Best 2/3	14 Oct	14 Oct	Best 4/5	Current Ranking
McDonnell	43	0	33	76	34	34	144	1 st
Canty	25	31	33	64	38	38	140	2 nd
McCarthy	-	38	34	72	34	34	140	3 rd
Finan	-	29	35	64	36	36	136	4 th
O'Sullivan	35	42	25	77	27	27	131	5 th
O'Flaherty	33	33	21	66	30	30	126	6 th
Monaghan	27	32	28	60	30	30	120	7 th
McGuinness	16	27	21	48	29	29	106	8 th
Lehane	29	22	29	58	23	23	104	9 th
Lynch D	29	24	33	62	0	0	86	10 th
Daly	36	-	29	65	31	31	36	11 th



Tom Daly reacts badly to finishing last in the plate !!!!!

GREEN TOUR SHIELD 2017

PLAYERS	22 Apr	20 May	19 Aug	Best 2/3	14 Oct	14 Oct	Best 4/5	Current Ranking
Colman	34	33	43	77	33	33	143	1 st
O'Driscoll	31	30	34	65	38	38	141	2 nd
Mulligan	-	35	32	67	33	33	133	3 rd
McGill	21	33	34	67	30	30	127	4 th
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Casey	-	26	36	62	0	0	62	9 th
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Low Gross Score :

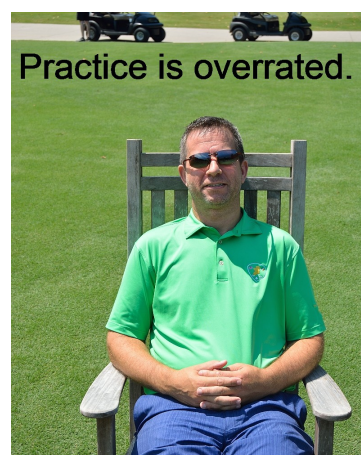
For the second year in a row Ciaran Morris won the low gross prize, congratulations Ciaran on some very consistent golf.

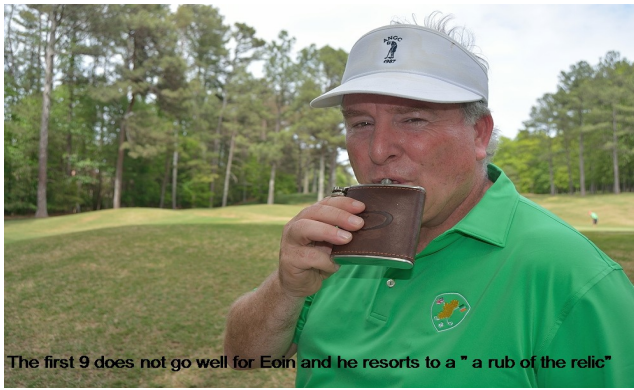
**Most improved player of 2017 :**

This award goes to Kieran McGill who reduced his Index from 16.5 to 11.6, some impressive golf Kieran. Next to Kieran was Michael Walsh who went from 9.3 to 6.3, it's amazing what happens when you have time on your hands



A pictorial Year in review





The first 9 does not go well for Eoin and he resorts to a "a rub of the relic"



Orange is the new Green



FFS Jim could you not put down the phone and listen to the man singing!!!



See that hand, steady as a rock!!!!



Suddenly there is an interest in embroidery!!!



Jimmy the grip decides he has nothing to prove!!!



The ultimate photobomber !!!!



Eoin has his own version of 18 inches.

A Reminder on our Mission and Core Values

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 St. Baldricks, Clan na Gael, the Irish consulate, Irish Chamber, etc.