

# **Secretary's Report 2012**

## **Introduction**

I would like to thank our Captain Brendan Smyth, President Jack McCMoore, the Honorary Treasurer, Turlough Brady, Vice-Captain John Flack, and all the Council members for their services to the Club throughout 2010.

I would also like to thank those members who are not on Council but who have served on the different Committees that helped to run Club business. I would like to extend my gratitude to other people who are not on Council or Committees but help out from time to time.

## **Course**

This has been a very difficult year for the course due to the inclement weather the course had to be closed numerous times. The greens have been very good despite the wet conditions throughout this and I would like to thank our Greens Convenor, Patrick Brannigan and his committee for their efforts in maintaining the course.

## **Competitions**

Paddy Burns has been excellent in the role of Competition Convenor. In what has been a difficult year with the weather he has managed to ensure that all the fixtures were played.

Many members do not fully appreciate the time the Competitions Convenor has to spend in organising and running competitions. It is one of the most labour intensive voluntary jobs in the Club and I would like to thank him for his hard work

## **Sponsorship**

John Flack's sponsorship Convenor has worked tirelessly attracting sponsors and the Sponsors Day this year proved to be another success.

I would like to thank John for his work on the sponsorship front this year.

## **Teams**

Paddy Duffy in his role as Convenor of Teams was responsible for advising team captains on such issues as tactics, expense limits and procedures, rules for each competition. I would like to thank Paddy Duffy for undertaking the role of Convenor of Teams. I would also like to thank the Team Captains for their efforts in selecting players and organising teams. This year we have the Senior Cowdy reaching the final again only to lose by a slender margin at Banbridge.

## **Web**

Cormac Knott continued as Web Convenor for the year. It would be impossible to replace him and we are indebted to him.

## **PRO**

Richard Stewart was busy during the year in his PRO role. He took the bulk of the photographs of prize winners and sponsors during the year for publication in the local press and prepared articles for the newspapers. I would like to thank him for his service to the Club.

## **Bar**

Colm Quinn took on the role of bar convenor this year and has organised the improvements in the appearance. I would like to thank him for his work.

## **House**

Our House Convenor Eric Hamilton has worked tirelessly ensuring that the day to day problems in the Clubhouse are dealt with.

## **Catering**

It is unfortunate that our caterers are leaving us, but unfortunately they have not found it possible to make a living with so few of our members using the facilities. I would also like to thank Cate, Austin and all the staff in the Nineteenth for their excellent food over the year and wish them well in the future.

## **Professional**

Alan, assisted by Tony in the Professional's shop continued to provide a first class service to members during the year. I would like to thank them for their services during the year

## **Child Protection**

Dessie McLaughlin has been the Clubs designated Child Protection Officer and I would like to thank him for his work.

## **Staff**

I would like to thank Iain McCarragher and the green staff. Martin and the entire bar staff. Ian Courtney for a lot of the unseen work he does, and of course Lynne in the office. They have all worked hard to ensure the club runs smoothly throughout the year.

## **Conclusion**

As all of us know the recession has made it very difficult for clubs to survive so our Captain Brendan with the agreement of council commissioned Moore & Grimley accountants to do a management accounts review. This report was received at a special council meeting in August. This report highlighted a number of areas where saving could be made and suggested changes we would need to make as we were heading for a projected overdraft position at the end of the financial year of approx. £105,000. Council had a template drawn up as suggested and are currently working with it. Given that the end of our financial year is the end of September its impact would be found in the next financial year as there was only a month and a half left of the current one.

I would like to thank our Captain Brendan for his support during the year. Brendan has worked hard for the club in what has been a very difficult year.

I would also like to thank the membership for their support during my year as Honorary Secretary.

May I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Damien Murray  
5<sup>th</sup>. December 2012