



## SAI Golf Society Newsletter July 2022

I hope you and your families have come through the pandemic safely. I am pleased that the easing of restrictions allows us to plan a normal schedule of golfing activities this year. A quick update on the three SAI golf events for 2022.

### Captain's Day 2022

Captain's Day will be held in Grange Golf Club, Taylor's Lane, Rathfarnham ([see google maps](#)) on Thursday, 1 September 2022. Tee times will be early to mid-afternoon. The winners will be announced at a prizegiving dinner immediately after the golf.

We are not immune to the effects of inflation and we have had to increase the entry fee this year to €90 which covers golf, the evening dinner and fantastic prizes.

We would very much like to encourage newcomers and therefore have a special newcomers' prize for the top contestant who doesn't win one of the regular prizes. Not to discourage the loyal golfers from previous years either! Captain's Day is a great opportunity to meet other members of the profession so I hope many of you will take the plunge and join us in Grange. Members of the Society may also invite guests.

Please book your place [here](#) as soon as possible and in any event by 23 August as we need to finalise numbers with the club.

### Piers Segrave-Daly Matchplay

Of the 31 entrants, there are now four remaining in the competition – Lin Zheng, Paraic Shortall, Dermot O'Hara and John O'Connell. The semi-finals are scheduled to be played by the first week in August and the final by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August.

I hope that all of the entrants have enjoyed their matches. We have had some superb weather which certainly helps.

### Society vs Faculty Match

The Society has played the Scottish Faculty for the Quaich trophy for 20 years now (a 'quaich' is a traditional Scottish two-handed drinking cup). The Quaich has been won by the Society in each year from 2013 onwards with Kevin Begley successfully captaining the Society when we played against the Faculty in Carton House in April 2022.

We will be assembling a team to fly to Scotland in October to defend the Quaich. The likely date is 11 October 2022 and the leading players in the matchplay and Captain's Day competitions will be invited to play for their country (another reason to enter Captain's Day!).

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Grange for Captain's Day.

Kind regards.

John O'Connell, SAI Golf Society Captain 2022