

Newsletter

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As we come towards the end of our golfing year 2008, I suppose it would be true to say that we have had better years. The weather was a major factor, with the month of August being almost completely wiped out for golf.

By the time the year ends, we will have had seven outings. This year the number of members attending each outing was somewhat lower than in previous years. Our membership has also fallen off.

Regarding our membership, since the beginning we have had about 30/40 members who simply paid their annual subscription and rarely, if ever, showed up to play in any outing. It seems to me that they wanted to be part of our Association and were quite happy just to get the Newsletter. Now, with the advent of our website, the newsletter is available to them free on-line, so they no longer need to send me the sub.!

I think the best way to get new members is by “word of mouth” and this is where you can get involved. If each member introduced just one new member, we would double our membership overnight. Some members have already played their part. I am hoping to have a new membership drive in 2009. However the cost of advertising etc is prohibitive.

Regarding the attendance at outings, members may have more important calls on their cash. I am conscious of the fact that the cost of golf, travel, food and drink is also on the increase and may be putting a strain on the finances. Maybe seven outings each year is too many. If members have any comments or suggestions, I would be glad to hear from them.

With money in mind, it's that time of year again when I am looking for some of it.

The annual sub remains unchanged at €25 and I would be obliged for a cheque at your convenience. Needless to say, members who intend playing in Dundrum or in Portarlinton, can pay me there.

Remember to get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions to make about anything at all.