



The Artillery Club

The Artillery Club Annual Golf Outing 2020

Coordinators: Comdt Michael Flood (Retd) & Comdt Chris O'Flanagan (Retd)

Introduction

The Artillery Club's Annual Golf Outing takes place on Thursday, 20 August 2020, at Birr Golf Club Birr, Co. Offaly. Accommodation is booked at Dooleys Hotel. Dooleys Hotel is familiar to many Members, as we were accommodated in the hotel during our Field Trip in June 2018 to the AO of the 3 Fd Arty Regt (FCA), which included a very enjoyable conducted tour of Birr Castle.

Thursday's Golf Competition will be followed by dinner in the Hotel at 2000hrs approx. Both the Golf Competition and Dinner are open to Members of the Artillery Club, their Spouses, Partners and Friends.

As in previous years, some members may elect to stay two nights in Dooleys Hotel.

Birr Golf Course

Birr Golf Club founded in 1893 is situated in the heart of Ireland. The 18 Hole Golf Course has been carved out of natural woodland and eskers and provides a challenge for the amateur golfer. However, we promise that it won't be set up as too difficult on the day.

Competition – Thursday 20 August

Tees are reserved from 1100hrs to 1230hrs. Singles Stableford – Ladies & Gents competitions.

Competition for the Captain Jack Jones (RIP) Perpetual Trophy is restricted to serving and retired Gunner Officers. Prizes will include Visitors' prizes.

Those who wish to avail of Buggies (**€20 each and 10 available**) are requested make a reservation directly with Birr Golf Club quoting *Artillery Club Golf Outing*, telephone number: +353 (0)57 9120082. Please use your name when reserving your buggy.

Handicaps

Artillery Club Members and their Guests, with current official GUI and ILGU Handicaps, will play to their official current handicap on the day. Non-members of a GUI or ILGU affiliated club will be allocated a maximum handicap on the day: 18 for Men and 24 for Ladies.

COVID-19 and Social Distancing

Birr Golf Club will be observing the Golf Union of Ireland protocols on social distancing for playing golf, which are in line with Government advice.

Dooleys Hotel will also be operating the Government recommended protocols for hotels on social distancing. The Presentation of Prizes and Dinner will be held in the hotel Ballroom which will ensure prescribed social distancing.

Accommodation & Golf Fees

Rooms have been reserved in Dooleys Hotel for Club Members and Guests at the following rates:

- € 130 pps. One-night B&B, Thursday, 20 August, including golf and dinner
- € 135 pp. As above, Single Room Occupancy
- € 100 pps. One-night B&B, plus Dinner (Non-Golfers)
- € 105 pp. As above, Single Room Occupancy

- € 195 pps. Two nights B&B, Wednesday and Thursday, including dinner on Thursday, and Golf on Thursday.
- € 205 pp. As above, Single Room Occupancy
- € 165 pps. Two nights B&B including Dinner on Thursday (Non-Golfers)
- € 175 pp. As above, Single Room Occupancy

For those members not overnighiting, the Fees are:

- Golf Only: €30 pp € 35 Dinner Only:
- Golf & Dinner: €65pp.

Please note that Golf fees include €10 for the Prize Fund as in previous years.

Payment of Accommodation and Golf Fees

If you intend to stay in Dooleys Hotel, and avail of these very good rates, payment will be required **NLT Friday, 17 July** to secure your booking. This is necessary as the Artillery Club is obliged to pay the hotel a 15% deposit (non- refundable but transferable), not later than 24 July, to secure the room bookings. See attached Booking Return.

Activities for Non-Golfers – Birr Castle Demesne

Dooleys Hotel is very short walk to Birr Castle Demesne, and is open from 0900 to 1800hrs daily. The Demesne consists of 120 Acres of Parklands and Gardens, 10km of walks, The Great Telescope, Rivers and Lake, The Quest, Gift Shop and Cafe Take out. Playground and Science Galleries remain closed until further notice due to Covid19 restrictions. Tickets can be purchased in advance on line @ €9.50 pp.

Methods of Payment – Accommodation and Golf Fees

By Bank through SEPA Transfer:

The Artillery Club Bank Account
Bank of Ireland Kildare Town
IBAN: IE70 BOFI 9011 6711 3871 91
BIC CODE: BOFIIIE2D
Please cross reference your SEPA Transfer with your name for ID purposes

By Cheque (payable to the Artillery Club) and posted to: Comdt Chris O’Flanagan (Retd), 129 Celtic Park Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

All participants, including those paying by SEPA Transfer, are requested to complete and return the attached Booking Proforma to Comdt Chris O’Flanagan (Retd)



Booking Proforma: Artillery Club Annual Golf Outing 19 & 20 August 2020

Golf Competition – 20 August

Member's Name: _____

Handicap: _____

Golf and Dinner Guest Name: _____

Handicap: _____

Dinner Guest Only Name: _____

Dooleys Hotel – Please indicate Accommodation required: _____

Wednesday & Thursday 19 & 20 August

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| 2 Nights B&B, Dinner 2 nd night only, and Golf | €195pps |
| As Above Single Room Occupancy | €205pp |
| As Above Non-Golfers | €165pps |
| As Above Single Room Occupancy | €175pp |

Thursday 20 August

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| 1 Night B&B incl Dinner and Golf | €130pps |
| As Above Single Room Occupancy | €135pp |
| As Above Non-Golfers incl. Dinner | €100pps |
| As Above Single Room Occupancy | €105pp |

GOLF ONLY €30pp DINNER ONLY €35pp

GOLF AND DINNER ONLY €65

Please complete Booking Proforma and return, with appropriate payment by cheque/ or advise if availing of SEPA Transfer, NLT Friday, 17 July to Comdt Chris O'Flanagan (Retd), 129 Celtic Park Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

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