## The Green Tour Review 2019

Welcome to a review of the 2019 Season of the Green tour:



In another wonderful finish to the Green Tour the winner of the coveted Green Jacket was decided in the final round at Druid Hills.

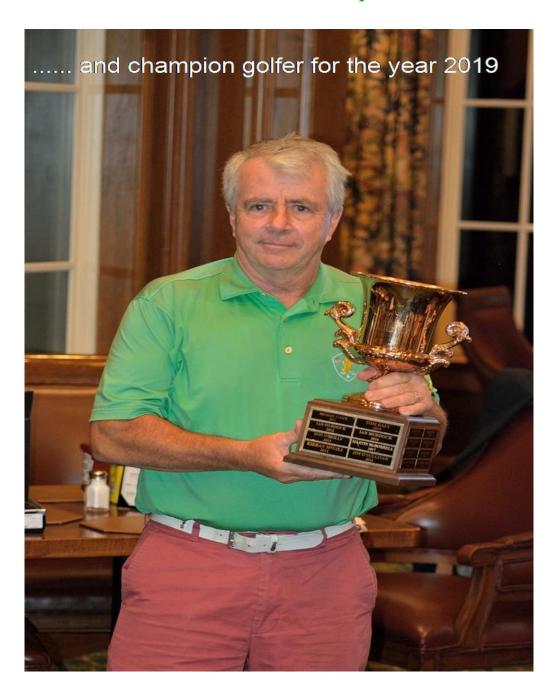
After 15 years waiting to win the jacket in 2018 Jimmy "the Grip" O'Sullivan, defended his title in 2019 and become only the second back to back champion on the Green Tour. The last time this was achieved was by Eoin Lehane back at the turn of the Century.

Although Jim won by an impressive 7 strokes the destination of the jacket was very much in play until the final few holes. With 9 holes to play Colm Reilly, Ciaran McGill and Ciaran Morris were all in the hunt however Jim, pulling on his experience from last year and like the thoroughbred he is, eased away from the field.

Danny Lynch led the field going into the final round and will have to wait another year to don the Jacket.

Encouraged by the Dubs remarkable five in a row, Jim now sees three in a row as very achievable.

# 2019 Green Tour Champion





### Chairman's Cupla focal:

Thanks to everyone for making the 17th anniversary of the Green Tour another successful year.

We had multiple Green Tour division winners with Kieran McGill, Tom Daly and Colm Reilly winning their respective divisions.

Tom Daly and Ciaran Morris won the 2 man best ball tournament.

Ciaran Morris won the prestigious low Gross prize for the year.

We are still waiting on the winners of the Singles Matchplay.

Jim O'Sullivan defied the odds and became the first back to back winner of the coveted Green Jacket since Eoin Lehane.

A special thanks to our favorite Green Tour bookie, Ciaran Morris, who works hard at taking your money and to Brian Mahony for doing an excellent job of running the singles match-play.

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, Martin McDonnell, David Walsh and Stephen Colman.

We look forward to another exciting year in 2020.

#### Michael

### Match Play write up: Brian Mahony



While the 2019 Green Tour Matchplay competition is not yet finished, for once the Tour's Chief Sandwich Officer can't be blamed for scheduling issues – he was dispatched in an earlier round by TBPNTHWAM, Stephen Colman. And, this was no ordinary match – Green Tour members will forever remember where they were the moment they read the scarcely credible account of this clash. It was so wondrous that there isn't a single word in the English language that adequately describes it; instead, we have to borrow the word "gaisce" from our ancient language, which roughly translates to a "wondrous feat". Boland played the round of his life, including a hole-in-one, and yet was undone by Colman who played out of his skin. Colman, unfortunately, suffered at the hands of the law of averages, and was beaten in the next round by Fergal Kearns. Kearns looked like he might have a long summer on the links, but Mike Adams was waiting in the tall grass and was relatively comfortable in beating Kearns to win his bracket.

Corkonian Michael O'Driscoll took on and beat two out of the three Kieran/Ciaran's, beating McGill in the first round, and then taking the scalp of Morris. With wind in his sails, a coin toss moved him into the quarter finals as bracket winner, where he came a cropper against Mike Adams.

In the top bracket, Noel Goggins played / talked / sang his way past Michael Walsh in the first round, then Tom Daly in the second, and rounded off the bracket with a great win over Colm Reilly. With these three notches on his belt, Goggins looked like a sure bet to push on for glory.

However, Chalky White had other ideas! While Brian Mahony had a comfortable first round win over David Walsh, he was at the wrong end of a brutal trouncing from Man U stalwart Chalky – it dredged up bad memories of what it felt like to be a Liverpool fan in the nineties when it seemed like everyone and their brother was a Manchester United fan... Chalky had earlier dispatched The Grip and Brian McCarthy, and thus had strong credentials heading into his semi-final match against Goggin. Wearing earplugs (I can only assume), Chalky had enough in the tank to see off Goggin to advance to the final.

Adams and Chalky have been swapping sick notes for the last several weeks, but there is light at the end of the tunnel – watch this space to hear for news of their match being scheduled such that we can declare the 2019 Green Tour Matchplay winner.

#### Brian

### Two Man Fourball competition.

The two man best ball competition held on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> proved to be a big hit with the members.

The competition was played at Druid Hills and the winners were the dynamic duo of Tom Daly and Ciaran Morris, who beat out Noel Goggin and Ciaran O Flaherty on the back 9 countback. The day proved to be great craic and was not without it's excitement when we had to send a Securicor van to bring the prize money back from North Carolina.

We plan to make this a regular event on the calendar and the committee are working on a plan to prevent the Daly/ Morris combination from ever teaming up together again.





# Congratulation to the category winners



**Bowl Winner** 

GREEN TOUR BOWL 2019									
PLAYERS	Results	Results	Results	Best 2/3	Results	Results	Best 4/5	Ranking	
Reilly	36	26	35	71	37	37	145	1st	
Goggin	28	33	33	66	37	37	140	2nd	
Morris	33	27	37	70	36	36	142	3rd	
Mahony	25	26	39	65	36	36	137	4th	
Murphy	29	0	33	62	35	35	132	5th	
McDonnell		0	32	32	33	33	98	6th	
Walsh M	19	28	32	60	32	32	124	7th	
McCarthy	28	23	33	61	24	24	109	8th	
White	22	33	26	59	24	24	107	9th	
Heffernan	20	27	34	61	0	0	81	10th	
Boland	0	0	36	36	0	0	36	11th	



Plate Winner:

GREEN TOUR PLATE 2019									
PLAYERS	Results	Results	Results	Best 2/3	Results	Results	Best 4/5	Ranking	
O'Sullivan	23	38	34	72	40	40	152	1st	
Daly	35	32	29	67	37	37	141	2nd	
Lynch D	37	30	38	75	30	30	135	3rd	
O'Reilly	27	0	31	58	34	34	126	4th	
Adams	30	25	27	57	31	31	119	5th	
Monaghan	35	25	28	63	27	27	117	6th	
O'Mahony	-	0	31	31	35	35	101	7th	
McGuinness	34	31		65	22	22	65	8th	
Casey	0	0	0	0	30	30	60	9th	
Canty	22	36		58	30	30	58	10th	
Finan	29	24		53	0	0	53	11th	



Shield Winner

### GREEN TOUR SHIELD 2019

	27 - Apr	11 - May	14 - Sep		12 - Oct	12 - Oct		Current
PLAYERS	Results	Results	Results	Best 2/3	Results	Results	Best 4/5	Ranking
McGill	27	36	37	73	35	35	143	1st
O'Driscoll	28	27	35	63	39	39	141	2nd
Valentine	32	0	31	63	38	38	139	3rd
Lehane	27	28	32	60	39	39	138	4th
Colman	27	26	32	59	30	30	119	5th
O'Malley	25	34	28	62	28	28	118	6th
O'Flaherty	23	28	35	63	27	27	117	7th
Walsh D	24	25	31	56	30	30	116	8th
Green	26	27	0	53	31	31	115	9th
Kearns	23	25	25	50	32	32	114	10th

### **Best Gross Score:**

PLAYERS	Avg Score
Morris	79.3
Goggin	80.5
Mahony	82.5
O'Sullivan	84.3
Walsh M	85.3



### Most improved player:

**Brian Boland**: 5.6 to 2.9 Index



### Overview of the table

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