



**To the Members of St Annes Golf Club:**

On behalf of the Members of Greystones Golf Club, we would like to extend our congratulations to St Annes Golf Club on joining the 100-year-old Club.

Like Greystones, which was founded in 1895, we note that St Annes started life as a 9-hole course and slowly grew to the point where you have 18 challenging holes.

We also note a somewhat parallel history as Greystones was founded in the Victorian era with The Right Hon Viscount Powerscourt as the Club's first President while St Annes was founded on land owned by Lady Olivia Charlotte Guinness.

We also share a parallel history in terms of clubhouses in that both Clubs suffered the loss of the original clubhouse by fire.

A further parallel is that you can lay claim to the great Paddy Skerritt while we, in turn are happy to boast of Ryder and World Cup player Jimmy Martin and the legendary Harry Bradshaw, and of course more recently Paul Dunne. Indeed, we note that in 1968 Paddy Skerritt finished in 18<sup>th</sup> place in the Open Championship at Carnoustie while Jimmy Martin finished 35<sup>th</sup> at the same tournament. We're sure the black and white TVs were being closely watched in both Bull Island and Greystones that year.

Both Clubs have come through a history that was turbulent at times, with the small matters of World Wars, economic booms and busts and of course, latterly, global pandemics in the background but both Clubs have always looked to promote the game of Golf in the best way possible.

We hope you have a fantastic year, and that your official birthday on July 1 is celebrated in style.

We look forward to the next 100 years and we finish with our Best Wishes,

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Ladies Captain  
Greystones GC

Pat O'Neill  
President  
Greystones GC

Philip Pratt  
Men's Captain  
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