

Success for Port golfer at Irish Girls Close



Mary Mckenna (President, Irish Ladies Golf Union) presenting Meadhbh Doyle (Portarlinton) with the Pat Fletcher Trophy (Plate Final) at the 2014 Irish Girls Close Championship at Shannon Golf Club today (19/07/2014). Also in the picture is Mary Carroll (Lady Captain, Shannon Golf Club). Picture by Pat Cashman

Portarlinton GC golfer Meadhbh Doyle was toast of the club over the weekend after she claimed the Pat Fletcher trophy at the Irish Girls Close Championships.

Meadhbh had to hold her nerve to claim the win in the plate final, as she was taken to an extra hole by Caitriona Griffin from Killarney, but she eventually broke Griffin's resistance.

Another Laois golfer, Mary Doyle from The Heath, who claimed the Irish Ladies Close title earlier this year, was beaten in the final here 4&3 by Annabel Wilson from Lurgan.

The competition was played at Shannon GC, starting on July 16 last week. Meadhbh Doyle lost her opening round game to local golfer Lisa O'Shea, from Shannon GC, which saw her enter the plate final.

Rather than focus on the loss, Meadhbh regrouped and beat Rachel McDonnell from Elm Park 3&2 to qualify for the quarter-finals.

There, she had a test of character against Molly Dowling from Lucan, but she held on to win 1up.

In the last four, she had her most comfortable win of the competition, as she proved far too good for Elisa Corcoran from Grange, claiming a 6&5 success.

That set up a final appearance against Caitriona Griffin, with the Killarney golfer trying to defend her title. Meadhbh was looking good for most of the round, as she went 3up, but Griffin dug in and managed to square the game in the regulation 18.

Undaunted, Meadhbh secured the victory at the first extra hole to seal her victory after three days of intense competition.



Meadhbh Doyle lining up a birdie putt in the final

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