

**GOLFING UNION OF IRELAND
(Ulster Branch)**

**PIERCE PURCELL SHIELD 2012 (Qualifying Round)
To be played on Sunday 13 May 2012**

At Ballyclare	At Down Royal	At Fintona	At Greencastle
Ballyclare Ballymena Brown Trout Burnfield House Bushfoot Castlerock Galgorm Castle Gracehill Kilrea Moyola Park Portstewart Rathmore Roe Park Royal Portrush	Banbridge Downpatrick Dunmurry Edenmore Lambeg Lisburn Loughgall Portadown Rockmount Silverwood Spa Tandragee Temple	Aughnacloy Blacklion Bundoran Castle Hume Donegal Dungannon Enniskillen Fintona Killymoon Letterkenny N/Portnoo Newtownstewart Omagh Strabane	Ballybofey /S Ballyliffin Buncrana City of Derry Cruit Island Dunfanaghy Faughan Valley Foyle Greencastle Gweedore North West Ortway Portsalon Rosapenna

At Mahee Island	At Mannan Castle	At Mount Ober	At Whitehead
Ardglass Ardminnan Bangor Blackwood Bright Castle Carnalea Clandeboye Donaghadee Helen's Bay Holywood Kirkistown Castle Mahee Island Scrabo	Ashfield Cabra Castle Castleblayney Clones Cloverhill Co Armagh Co Cavan Mannan Castle Mayobridge Nuremore Rossmore Virginia Warrenpoint	Balmoral Belvoir Park Castlereagh Hills Colin Valley Crossgar Kilkeel Knock Malone Mount Ober Mourne Ormeau Royal Belfast Shandon Park	Antrim Ballycastle Cairndhu Carrickfergus City of Belfast Cliftonville Cushendall Fortwilliam Greenacres Greenisland Hilton T'Patrick Larne Massereene Whitehead

A Club who fails to appear on the day and has not given three days notice of their withdrawal to the General Secretary by Letter, E-Mail (info@gui-ulster.co.uk) or by Fax (028 9049 1615) shall incur a penalty of £100. Future entry to the Competition by the Club shall not be accepted until the penalty is paid in full.

Competition Rules: A full set of rules is available in the Tournament Conditions Book circulated to Clubs or can be viewed on-line at www.gui.ie/ulster.

Handicap Qualification: No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than 12 in the calendar year 2011. The combined lowest playing handicap for each pair during the calendar year 2011 shall not be less than 27. In order to be eligible to compete, a player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four cards in qualifying competitions. All players must be 18 years of age or over on 1 January 2012. Evidence of each player's eligibility must be produced both at the qualifying and at the match play stages, preferably using the single page GOLFNET report.

Mode of Play: Each team to consist of 10 male members and play shall be Foursomes Scratch Medal Play with the best four cards from five to count. Thirty-two teams will qualify for the match play stage – four teams from each section. The qualifying Clubs will return to their original venue, unless the home team qualifies and play in the following format 1 v 4, 2 v 3, following which an open draw will be made by the Ulster Branch who will also set the dates and venues for these matches to be played.

Ulster Final: The final to determine the winner of the Ulster Section will be played at **Dunmurry on 12 August 2012.**

National Final: The National Final to determine the winner of the Pierce Purcell Shield will be played at **Kinsale Golf Club on 19-22 September 2012.**

Practice: Teams to contact host Club beforehand. Green fees are payable. One practice round (at least) as if playing with a member. Team members to produce identification if requested.

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