

The European Team Championship 2024 for golfers with a disability was hosted at Golf club Hösel. Situated on the outskirts of Dusseldorf and with 1500 members, Hösel in Heiligenhaus is one of the largest golf clubs in the Dusseldorf area. With two 18-hole championship courses, the strategic layout of bunkering, extensive rough, and slight slopes, both courses challenge golfers with a variety of playing techniques to match their strengths. The format for the championship was three rounds. Foursomes, scotch foursomes, and fourball for the final round. Representing Team Ireland for the first time were Cian Arthurs and Brendan Swan both long standing members of SOAG.

Cian took part in the European Team Championship which consisted of eight four person teams while Brendan took part in the Nations Cup which consisted of six four person teams. The event, which was supported by EDGA, the R&A and the German Golf Federation included, Amputee, Visual Impairment, Neurological, Intellectual, and wheelchair disabilities. This was an inclusive event, and the level of ability displayed during the event was truly outstanding from golfers playing off handicaps as low as scratch, it showed that no disability was a barrier.

Both Cian and Brendan played well in their respective team's which in the sweltering conditions of thirty plus degrees was a credit to them both as trying to stay hydrated and keep your concentration was not easy. In the end Cian and his team finished a creditable fourth behind winners France while Brendan and his team finished third behind winners Italy with England in second. It was a wonderful week with new friendships formed and memories that will last a lifetime. The next event will be in 2026 and here is hoping that there will be some more SOAG members involved.



Teeing up on the first



With partner Cathy Fitzgerald



Both teams with Captain and Coaches