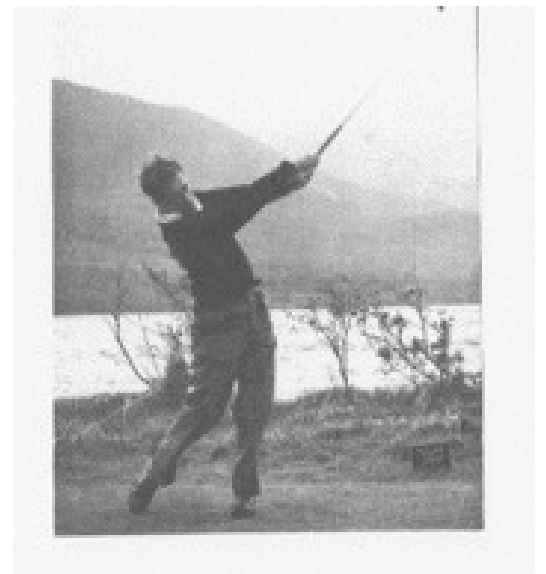






Have you made an entry in your diary for 22nd April 2014 ?? That's the date of our first golfing event of the year: the Spring Meeting at Hankley Common. The Captain and committee members hope to see you at this delightful venue.

CIBGSnews

The Irish Match & the Duggan Stern Trophy

Stuart (London) were team captains in 1988 and combined to produce the Duggan Stern trophy (below) first played for between CIB(London) G S and CIB (Ireland) G S in that year. By the time the 2015 match was over CIBI had drawn ahead in the number of victories by one but in 2016 the opportunity for London to draw level was denied due to the very sad inability of CIBI to raise a team. The reasons for this are not a matter for this note the purpose of which is simply to provide a reminder of one aspect of our history.

Over the years, the match was played at many famous courses e.g. in Ireland, Portmarnock, Killarney, Ballybunion, Lahinch and, more recently, Royal County Down, Enniscrone and Ballyliffin. In UK, Wentworth featured early on plus The Berkshire, Walton Heath, Royal St Georges, Royal Cinque Ports plus several others of equal merit and challenge. The format in more recent years was based on 36 holes of foursomes being played on consecutive

Also deserving of special mention is Jimmy Bruen (left) who has been described as the first golfing superstar of his day. His career began in 1936 by winning the British Boys as a sixteen year old. He remained an amateur and is described as being the inspiration behind an unexpected Walker Cup victory in 1938. By the age of 19 he was the undisputed No 1 golfer in Ireland and thought to have been in the top ten worldwide. He represented CIBI in 1961 and, with Dick Erlebach, was the inaugural winner of the Gifford House trophy in 1965. In more recent years his two sons have been

Many personalities have featured as captains and players and it would be futile to attempt to mention them all. However, two deserve special mention: our own Tony Bennett (directly below this panel) who is our longest serving member of the CIBGS and, until recently at least, was still playing a few holes at his home club, Walton Heath. Tony was captain of CIBGS in 1966, a year in which the Match was won by London at West Sussex and whilst he may not have

For the time being at least, the Match between the two insurance broking entities must be regarded as a suspense pending the re-emergence of a team rising from the ashes of the CIB of Ireland G S. In the Duggan Stern Trophy has been entrusted to the care of CIBGS for whom it will be the competitive centre of a newly created Captain's Tour which is to be played, this year, in the North West of England and about which have been circulated. This meeting is open to participation by our friends from across the water and, we are waiting to hear whether we are to have the pleasure of such involvement. For the many members who have been involved in this annual match, you may like to know that the two silver cigarette boxes comprising the Gifford House trophy will be introduced as prizes at one of our meetings ~ precise details to be decided ~ and the silver scalloped dishes presented in memory of Frank Nagle by his employers, are to be handed back to his family.

Quarta decima et quinta decima

at Killarney

at Ballybunion Golf Club on Sunday, 1st Oct. 1961

"and you good women
whose limbs were made in England show us here
the mettle of your pasture"

Walsh

L. SPICILLUM (Sec.)

G. G. T. RUSSELL

"We'll reach you to drink deep ere you depart"

Sender Month?

Asparagus Soup

Boiled River Flesk Salmory
Parsley Sauce
(Chablis 1959)

(Gevrey Chambertin 1957)⁴

Gaelic Coffee

And then to breakfast with what appetite
you have?"

Thanks to Donal Walsh, one of our oldest items of memorabilia is the menu for the following the 1961 match played at Killarney and Ballybunion. The signatures of the originators can be seen plus those of Jimmy Bruen and Tony Bennett. At the time subsequent to 1965 it was the tradition for the DS trophy to be circulated around the club for those present to insert a generous contribution to "Gifford House" later to be donated to Princess Alexandra Hospital Home, a charity close to the heart of Bertie Lane who lived his previous life in Wexford. Over the years this annual event has raised many

It is a matter of considerable regret to both societies that we cannot continue annual match but we can hope that, before too long, a successor society to Ireland GS will emerge to, once more, throw down the gauntlet to our society, those still playing the game will derive the same enjoyment from golf and can experience the same as those playing in the years post 1959. (If there is a match qualifications for team selection will include a love of golf, singing, story telling Guinness !!)

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