

MAIN SHEET

Newsletter of the National Yacht Club

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RISE TO A CHALLENGE

The Club has survived 2009 and is in a very strong position to deal with anything that 2010 can throw at it. The Club has remained very active after the summer sailing season. Large numbers of juniors continue to train and race throughout the winter with the Junior Winter Training series. The Junior Organiser, Cathy MacAleavey and the recently formed Junior Committee have become extremely active and are developing this section of the Club. Some of the older sailing members are active in the DBSC Turkey Series. Most of this activity takes place on Sunday mornings when there is a huge buzz around the Club.

Sundays are also the days when Desmond Cambell leads the Hill Walkers off on some adventure to return back to the Club after to debrief and unwind.

New faces, including my own, have recently appeared in the Snooker Room. The "Monday Pool Nights" that have been run by Tony Corcoran since the start of November have proved to be very popular and successful. This initiative by Dick Wharton and the Snooker Committee is just one measure that has strengthened the activity and interest in Snooker in the Club this winter. They are also holding the "Father & Son" competition again early in the New Year. The Preston Ball, McWilliams and Elgin Trophy competitions promise to be high points of a great snooker year. Please note that all competition fees and the price of the Preston

Ball Auction Dinner are invoiced by the Club Office Staff.

Monday nights are also the night when the "Yachtmasters" led by Jim Gorman, "Boat Sparks" led by Paul Cunningham and the Rope Knot Makers" led by our Head Boatman Wayne Anthony are all active in the Club.

Wednesday nights buzz the sound of wine glasses clinking at the very popular Wine Suppers run by the Rear Commodore, Larry Power and of twenty tables of members whispering the Bar Quiz answers to questions fired at them by Pat Whelan.

Thursday nights hum to the mutterings of the Bridge players at Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced levels, all led by Ida Kiernan. Many of the Bridge players also play on Monday mornings in the Club. Thursday

nights are also Speaker Supper nights.

Friday and Saturday night have also been busy with Club dinners and Class prize-giving dinners in the Dining Room while Family parties take place downstairs in the JB Room. Friday lunchtime in the bar has become very popular with regular groups of members meeting. Sunday lunches in the Club continue to be the main Family event of the week.

The golfers have been active throughout the year and held their final outing to Elm Park recently followed by the prize-giving dinner back in the National Yacht Club. I understand from Alan Dooley and his Golf Society Committee that a full schedule of outings has already been planned for the New Year.

This amount of activity does not happen on its own. There is a huge amount of organisation required by a large number of members, only some of whom I mentioned above.

There is also the Club staff led by our Manager, Padraic Conneely. The efficiency, courtesy, enthusiasm and good humour shown by all the staff coupled by the high quality of catering produced by the Head Chef, Cormac Healy, enhance the activity and enjoyment in the Club and are the envy of most other Yacht Clubs.

The efficiency, friendliness and quality of service given in the Boathouse, led by our Sailing



Manager, Olivier Prouveur and Head Boatman Wayne Anthony, adds to the enjoyment of those members who take to the water. As members, we have one opportunity in the year to show our appreciation to the staff for their efforts with the "Christmas Tree Fund" for the House staff and the "Noah's Ark Fund" for the Boathouse staff. I would encourage members to use this occasion to donate and put their names on the two lists. The lists are located over the fireplace in the bar.

The switch over to the new website marks the end of the involvement of our Webmaster, Brendan Chawke, who is retiring from this position at the end of December. With the development of Content Management Systems, CMS, the new website will now be managed by the club staff. I cannot thank Brendan enough for his service to the Club over the years and his hugely successful website has been the central focus of the Club's activity over that period.

The Club is being represented at the highest international levels by one of our young Cadet members, Annalise Murphy. Her win this year in the Laser Europa Cup, her 8th place in Female Laser Radial Worlds and her win in the Under 21 World Championship have put her well on the way to qualify to represent Ireland in the next Olympic games. While some funding is available to her from



Flying Fifteens competing in the Cantrell & Crowley NYC Frostbite Series

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After a short break for Christmas, spring coaching got under way again. Ollie Green, the top RYA intermediate Coach came from the UK to coach the NYC Optimist Squad. Ben Lynch coached our Topper sailors and Annalise Murphy took our Lasers.



National Junior Susie O'Neill racing her Topper in the Dun Laoghaire September Junior series

By the time you all get this we will be tucked up in front of a roaring fire! Our Junior Racing Team has been on the go since September. We had a fantastic Dun Laoghaire Harbour Co. September Series with over 130 boats entered. Our National sailors did us proud with Eimear McIvor winning the DBSC Laser 4.7 Trophy and Ben Shanahan taking the cup in the Laser Radial. Overall in the Optimist, Connor Kneafsey was 5th, Daniel Raymond 8th and Oskar Cahill 14th. In both the Laser Radial and 4.7 fleet, National sailors took the top three places. Next was the Optimist End of Season, which was run out of the club, and again all our sailors had great success, especially Daniel Raymond, Conor Kneafsey, Conor Totterdel & Evie Byrne.

The Laser and topper fleet have gone from strength to strength and we now have a fleet of 16 Toppers on the NYC Squad with Emma Cooney and Sian Kneafsey on the Irish National Squad. Congratulations must go to Susie O'Neil who won the September series having only moved into the Topper Class this year and Mary O'Gorman with a strong 4th overall in the same event.



Claudine and Dean

Alongside this winter's training, we set up a Sunday racing series open to any junior sailors on the waterfront with a free entry fee. This was introduced to give sailors more clubs racing alongside their usual winter coaching. We have been a bit unfortunate with the weather, as quite a few of the weekends have had to be cancelled, but the weekend we have had, have been super.

Our Transition Year Students will be heading off to Sailcoach on the island of Les Embiez near Toulon in France for 10 days of intensive Laser coaching in the Spring and in preparation, they have been training hard and also fundraising to be able to go abroad to improve their skills.

We now have a well-earned break as next year sees many of our sailors who are on the Laser Leinster Squad trying to qualify for the ISAF Youth Worlds, which are in Istanbul July 2010. The qualifiers for this will be the ISA Youth Nationals, which will be held over Easter in Schull and the Mitsubishi Youth Championship, which will be held over the May Bank Holiday. These trials are also qualifiers for Laser, 420, Topper and Optimist squads, so good luck to all our sailors.



National Junior Committee members Ruth Shanahan and Helen Cooney tagging sailors down the slip

In mid May, the National is sending an Optimist Team to the annual Trofeo Marco Rizzotti Team Racing event in Venice. They will be training hard over the next few months.

This year, the National has become involved in trying to get a disabled sailing programme going and we started by having a very successful day on the water for the children from St Joseph's school for the blind. We hope to run a programme in the summer on Saturday mornings and then a week long course concurrently with our own junior course for children with disabilities. Feel free to contact me through the office if you want to get involved or know someone who would like to.



John Roberts with Justine Burke and young helpers aboard 'Quite Correct'

On November 7 we had 14 kids ranging in age from 7 to 15 who came to the National to try out sailing. John Roberts kindly brought them out in *Quite Correct*, Justin Burke, Claudine Murphy and Sonya Boyce were all there to help as well as staff from St Josephs School. I was a fantastic day and is the start of the National Yacht Club involvement with disability. Currently the Club 1720 is entered in the Turkey Shoot, we have Duncan Byrne who is disabled and is helping the 1720 in the Turkey Shoot under the supervision of Justin Burke. Hal Blakeley has given a berth in the marina for us to use to promote sailing for disability. We are very grateful for their support.

In 2010, our Spring Training begins on Sunday, February 28 and finishes the Sunday before Easter. The summer junior training programme will again consist of 5 x 2 week courses run consecutively from June 7 through to the August 13. Most of the courses were oversubscribed this year, so please book early next year.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and good sailing in 2010.



Members, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the many delights provided by your Club. The National Yacht Club is, indeed, an ideal venue for all occasions. We do hope that you enjoy the events at the Club and all comments, good and bad, are welcome. Please send them to me at manager@nyc.ie. Your support is greatly appreciated by all the staff and we are looking forward to helping you enjoy your Club in 2010.

Saturday, January 7 – Fish Dinner

Peter Caviston & Head Chef Cormac Healy will combine to create a wonderful Seafood Menu. *Book early to avoid disappointment.* €45pp

Thursday, January 21 – Sailing Adventures for All

The Jubilee Sailing Trust will present a talk on how to sail a tall ship helping people of all ages and abilities have the sailing experience of their lives. *Supper 8.30pm, Presentation & Talk 9.30pm* €20pp

Friday, January 22 – Supper & Talk

Supper and talk with photographers, Eric Luke and Michael Chester. 20 years staff photographer with the Irish Press Group, 17 years staff photographer with the Irish Times, winner of the PPAI Photographer of the Year and various other awards, Eric teams up with freelance Photographer Michael Chester, Vice President of the PPAI, whose work takes him as far as the Middle East. Michael works for a number of daily newspapers. This will be a sell-out event. Please book early. *Supper 8.30pm, Presentation 9.30pm* €20pp

Saturday, January 23 – Game Dinner

Snipe, Woodcock, Pheasant, Teal, Venison are some of the Game that our Head Chef will feature on the menu for this really special evening. The Game Dinner is one of the highlights of the new year programme and Cormac will be joined by Peter Caviston and some surprise guests. €40pp

Saturday, February 13 – Pre St Valentines Day Dinner

Live music, superb cuisine, chocolates and roses for the Ladies and a Champagne reception – *need we say more?* €40pp

Wednesday, March 17 – St Patrick's Day

One of the most popular lunchtime events on the calendar. All the trimmings of St Patrick's Day with wonderful traditional Irish music. *A really great Family Day Children's Menu is available.* €27pp

Saturday 20 March – A Taste of Ireland Dinner

After the rugby match why not book a table for this special evening. Head Chef, Cormac Healy will take you on a gastronomique trip around Ireland featuring products sourced from Roaring Water Bay to Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan. *Some well known personalities from the Catering world will be in attendance on the evening.* €45pp

Friday 26 March – Boat Factor

NATIONALS GOT TALENT – A first for the National, we invite skippers to enter their crews to sing/dance/mime for their supper. *Numbers are limited so book a table early. Judges are well-known personalities. Sailing Supper served at 8.30pm followed by 'The Show – The Crew Performances'. Prizes sponsored by Viking Marine.* €20pp

Old Favourites

Wine Suppers – On alternate Wednesday evenings we host the very popular Wine Suppers. *We taste wines from around the world, match wines with their local foods & host a brief discussion on the wines with wine experts.* Price, including tasting wines: €30pp

Bar Table Quiz – On the other alternate Wednesday evenings we host the Bar Table Quiz, generously sponsored by Frewen and Aylward, the local well known Gents' Outfitters. *Pat Whelan sets the questions and is ably helped on the night by Joe and Sara Fallon. We are at the half way point now with just a few points between the top teams so the Brains of the Bay trophy is up for grabs.*

Ladies Day Luncheons

Sandra More has a top class line up for the Ladies Day Luncheons on the second Tuesday of each month. €20pp

- In January, **Thomas Sapalska** invites us into the world of handmade amber jewellery.
- In February, **Robert Mitchell** of *Mitchell's and Son*, Glashule, will conduct a tasting of sparkling wines.
- **Jacquie Marsh**, of *The Butlers Pantry*, joins us in March and she will have loads of tips and ideas for Easter time and, as always, will have lots of gifts, tips and recipes for lucky diners to take home. If anyone has any particular questions for Jacquie, send them to her at jacquie@thebutlerspantry.ie and she will prepare answers and bring them on the day.
- **Cathy Hoffman** will be our guest speaker in April. Cathy is the well known TV Presenter and International Lifestyle Journalist. Along with her husband, she has been a member of the Club for many years. Cathy will give us a great insight into television journalism and presentation.
- Head Chef, **Cormac Healy** will address the Ladies in May. Cormac has been the National Yacht Club Head Chef for fifteen years and will offer handy tips on all types of cooking. Attending ladies will learn the recipe for his Chicken Liver Pate, the most popular starter at the National.

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the Sports Council and the ISA, these funds do not fully cover the travel expenses incurred by her to maintain her position in the Class and obtain the professional training necessary to compete at that level. The National Yacht Club is proud of her achievements and will support her by donations from the Club's Sailing Development Fund.

Fund raising events will be arranged early next year to provide further much needed support to Annalise. Although times are tough, I ask members to support her and be generous at these fund raising events.

Santa came early to the National Yacht Club this year! At a dinner in November Ailbhe Maguire presented the exquisite collection of eight model yachts made by her late husband and former Commodore of the National Yacht Club, Willie Maguire, to the Club. The collection has taken pride of place outside the JB Room and has

already attracted interest from the media and members of other clubs. I know this collection will remain as a focal point within the club. I thank Ailbhe and her family for giving the club this fantastic and unique Christmas gift.

I finish by wishing all the members and staff of the National Yacht Club a very happy Christmas knowing that as an active Club, we can rise together to any challenge presented in 2010.

Peter Ryan, Commodore



Contrary to many expectations, sailing at the National has had its best year ever with good winds and record participation in racing, cruising and junior (and adult) training!

Our programme of events started off in early May the highly successful Mitsubishi Youth championships jointly run with the RStGYC as the first of a series of youth events leading up to the 2012 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships which will be run from both Clubs. Next we had the Skellig Hotel Dun Laoghaire - Dingle race and without any doubt, it was the best yet with the biggest ever entry and the fastest times - in fact with a cracking N E'ly behind them, the whole fleet finished inside the winning time of some previous races!

Just a month later, we had the hugely successful, four-day Dun laoghaire Regatta, jointly run with the other waterfront clubs but with National members fully involved in both the organisation and participation. In between, the club made full use of its ISA J80 fleet allocation with a superb corporate days racing and the club's family challenge day. Our junior regatta in July had its usual huge entry of 150+ young sailors and that was followed by another 150+ laser sailors for the Leinster championships. The delayed summer weather (and light winds) finally arrived in September for the flying fifteen Nationals.

Event wise, we wrapped up the season with the Optimist end of seasons and a very well mermaid and ff class frostbite. Over 12 National boats cruised to Brittany, many crewed by cadet members, and several more National racing cruisers regularly raced in the very successful ISORA (Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association) races, a series managed by the National under Commodore Peter Ryan. This series will be expanded in 2010 to meet the demand for this type of racing.

2010 will also see our the National regatta being run on a new date on the last Saturday in May and the Mitsubishi Junior championships expanded to a three-day event and host to both the ISAF youth world team and optimist class world and

European team trials. Sincere thanks to all members for supporting and participating in our sailing programme as competitors and volunteers - you are all helping keep the National at the forefront of sailing in this country and hopefully getting great personal pleasure out of our sport too.

Finally, congratulations to the many National sailors who have represented the Club with distinction both in home waters and throughout the World. As usual, we will honour those who have achieved great success at the National's annual Sailing Awards dinner in March and we are now inviting nominations for these fine racing and cruising awards from our members.

Con Murphy, Hon Sailing Secretary

NYC FROSTBITE SERIES

For the fifth year in succession Cantrell & Crowley, Architects have agreed to sponsor the NYC annual Frostbite Series. The organisers are extremely grateful, particularly given the difficult economic times we are all experiencing.

The event was greatly enhanced this year by the inclusion of the SB3s who joined the usual fleet of Mermaids and Flying Fifteens for the first two Sundays in October giving them a total of four races with no discard.

The event extended to mid November with a total of 38 entries. This is a record fleet size for this event and it is hoped to improve on this for 2010. Once again Ian Mathews provided the on the water race management ably assisted by Ida Kiernan (former NYC Commodore), Colm Murray and Catherine Byrne, among others. Thanks also to the NYC boathouse staff, DBSC patrol crew, Penta (Jim Deegan) for prizes and all who contributed to making this event a hugely successful extension to the summer season.

Carol Cronin, Event Organiser

ISORA

The race schedule for 2010 has been extended from seven races to ten. The three additional races are day races. One on the Irish side from Dun Laoghaire is on a Sunday to allow those boats normally entered in Dublin Bay to compete in ISORA. The other two day races are at Pwllheli. It is hoped that these day races will encourage boats that have taken part in ISORA to enter.

The schedule is also weighted towards providing three of the four qualifying 75+ mile races for the Round Ireland. These long races together with the two shorter day races will provide experience

If the bank has thrashed your savings, repossessed your home and foreclosed on your business and you cannot sell your luxury yacht, there's always Bruce's Yard, in Faro, where living on board is allowed.



and practice for the Round Ireland. One of the races from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire is a feeder race for the ICRA Championships being run by the Royal St. George Yacht Club in May. It is hoped that with this varied race schedule ISORA will continue to grow in 2010. All queries to the NYC Sailing Manager at sailing@nyc.ie or on the NYC Website or the ISORA website www.isora.org

Race Program 2010

April 24	Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead (75 miles)
May 8	Arklow Day Race - Start 10
May 15	Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire (75 miles)
June 5	Pwllheli to Wicklow - (75 miles)
June 13	Sunday Day Race from Dun Laoghaire - Start 10
July 23	Night Race to Nt. India - Start 20
July 17	Day Race from Pwllheli - Start TBA
August 21	Day Race to Dun Laoghaire to M2 - Start 10
August 21	Day Race from Pwllheli - Start TBA
September 11	Pwllheli to Howth

Peter Ryan, Chairman ISORA

WILLIAM MAGUIRE COLLECTION

Better than any half model, painting or photograph, these eight models, now on permanent display in the National Yacht Club, show us all the wooden racing one design classes of Dublin Bay.



They are presented as a unit, all to the same scale, the product of many years of work by former Commodore of the National Yacht Club, the late William A. (Willie) Maguire. Starting with the Dublin Bay 24s Footer, he went on to build models of each of the other classic classes. No commercial kit models these, Willie had to carry out detailed research from a variety of sources, including plans from the original designers and builders.

The collection celebrates also the importance of the very concept of one design racing, a principle now universally adopted, helped by modern production techniques. But it all started in Dublin Bay, with the World's first One Design Class, the Water Wags of 1887, still one of our best supported dinghy fleets, and one which spread around the world. Other classes remained local, such as the 21 Footers, which were designed for the Bay in 1903. Willie would have known the 21s, the Mermaids, the 17s, the Glens (also very active today), and the Water Wags, but for completeness sake, he even researched and resurrected the long forgotten Colleen Class of 1897, which had disappeared from the bay almost a century ago. This class was designed by the Dún Laoghaire yacht builder James E Doyle, and it spread to Argentina

in 1899, thus becoming the World's First International Keelboat One Design. Such innovations followed many other pioneering efforts of the 19th century sailors of Dublin Bay in standardising key aspects of the sport of yacht racing, features that we now take for granted. Thus we can claim for Dublin Bay the grand title of the "Cradle of Yacht Racing".



SB3 Frostbiting

This collection celebrates over a century of one design racing, and thanks to Willie's painstaking detailing, present-day sailors can get a partial understanding of how yachts were sailed, without winches, synthetic sails and rigging, and all the comforts of the modern era. The grouping of designs spanning 60 years also allows us to see the evolution of yacht design, with the 24 Footers of 1939 replacing the 25 Footers of 1898, each the leading cruiser racer class of its time. Truly a unique display of the continuity of Ireland's yachting heritage.

The National Yacht Club is privileged and honoured that Willie's family has allowed this superb and historic collection to be donated to his Club. Willie's wife, Ailbhe Maguire, presented the collection to the present Commodore of the National Yacht Club, Peter Ryan, at a dinner in the Club on November 14.

Hal Sisk, November 2009



National Junior Conor Totterdell racing his Optimist in the Dun Laoghaire September Series



As I have mentioned before its great to see so much activity at the weekends by the sailing fraternity. But with so many different groups using the hard and slipway of course it is going to be congested. It may help the flow of traffic if boats are rigged as much as possible before being moved to the launching area and the launching trolleys are replaced in their parking places after launching and not left restricting movements on and around the slip.

The washing of boats at the top of the slip after sailing should be postponed or abandoned if it is obvious that a lot of boats are coming ashore at the same time and of course common sense and patience will go a long way to ensure a good start to the days sail.

The striping off of the old buildings on the Carisle Pier is now complete and part of the remaining work is the placing of bollards around the edge of the pier and the reconstruction of the original train terminal building before allowing additional car parking that is certainly needed in the harbour area. If only the cost could be reduced?

How much better the eastern side of the harbour looks now both from the road and the East Pier and helps to highlight the National Yacht Club.

The radio controlled Lasers have rejoined the sailors using the club hard over the weekends and can be seen on Sunday afternoons sailing from the breakwater or weather and wind direction being favourable from the Dolphin on the east pier. The clearing of the Carisle Pier has greatly improved the sailing conditions in this aspect of the use of the club facilities; it also adds an additional interest for the people walking the pier.

On behalf of all the boathouse staff and Olivier our Sailing Manager, may I wish you all, peace and happiness for Christmas and the New Year.



The recession is officially over. The Commodore has won his turkey for Christmas and you could also win one, or a bottle of wine or two, at the pool nights on Monday 7 and December 14. Tony Corcoran is in the Chair and the pool nights have been well supported and great fun.

The McWilliams and Elgan Trophy competitions are now in the third round which must be played before Christmas, including the quarter finals, so book your spot. The Final will be played on Friday, January 15, the night of the Preston Ball Auction Dinner. Do come along and support the auction - guests are always welcome. The draw for the Preston Ball will take place on January 7, so make sure your subscription is paid on time.

The Doubles Competition is underway and the first round must be played by the end of the year. Last year we had the inaugural of the Father & Son Competition and we expect this year to see a lot more entries. Please enter your names for this and the Billiard Competition on the entry sheets on the Notice Board. This season we hope to replace the cushions on the table as they are badly affecting Roger Bannon's game and possibly the rest of us also. Now that we have more Inter-Club games to play next February, we have to appear "club like".

Thank you all for your support during the year and to my committee for the endless unpaid hard work (que).

Happy Christmas to All, Dick Wharton



Frank Casidy Winner, Preston Ball, 2007



Iam happy to report that the Bridge Section in the NYC is in a very healthy state. It is great to see new members joining our regular Thursday evenings.

There are three bridge classes running at the moment in the Club, Monday afternoons we have our advanced group 12/14 members, we are learning new tricks and having great fun. Monday evening we have our beginners group of 7/8.

On Thursday evening we have the Refreshers group 16/18. These started as beginners in September 2008, and I am delighted to report that they are back in great numbers for another year and playing extremely well. The Bill & Eva Nolan Memorial Trophy was competed for on Thursday, December 3, this is a pairs competition and was won by Jackie Flynn and Ida Kiernan, first

runners up Cathy Dooley and Ronnie Dunn, second runners up Ella and Gerry Kennedy. Congratulations to all for taking part in the competition.

Diary dates

Thursday, January 7 First bridge night of 2010 – 7.30pm; Supper in dining room – 9.00pm; **Thursday, February 25** Franz Rothschild Memorial Trophy – Individual competition; **Thursday, March 25** Gladys Dobson Memorial Trophy Team of 4 competition; **Thursday, April 22** Last Bridge evening & Prize-giving, Bridge 7.30pm, followed by supper. Courses will recommence as follows: *Beginners*: Monday, January 11, 8 pm; *Refreshers*: Thursday, January 7, 7.30 pm; *Advanced*: Monday, January 25, 2.00 pm.

I would like to thank all the staff of the National Yacht Club for looking after all the different group of bridge players, everything is ready for each group when they arrive, nothing is every a problem. We are so lucky to have such an excellent group of people at the NYC.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas with health and happiness in 2010.



Elm Park Golf Club stepped in to save the day as Charlesland fell victim to the atrocious weather. With an appalling forecast for the Friday of the outing there was a doubt if the event would take place at all. Anyway, the event was shortened to 13 holes in case of rain, but with an 18-hole option. Despite the gloomy outlook 30 golfers showed up in Dublin 4, including Seamus O'Morain who arrived via Charlesland.

As it turned out the rain stayed away and some hardy souls even managed to get 18 holes in. Elm Park was in remarkably good condition, especially the greens, although some holes were out of play. Liam Nicholl dragged his team to first prize, with the Flying Fifteen's maintaining their good run of form in second place. The Murphy's, Jim and Maureen with Kevin Blake and Alan Pope were third. Individual honours went to Liam Nicholl, for 13 holes and Roger Bannon for the 18. Anne Irwin, Linda Corcoran and Roni Dunne shared the ladies prizes. Roger Bannon, despite playing with a handicap that fell by 7 shots over the year won golfer of the year, a remarkable performance. The usual supper and high jinks followed in the National. The committee commissioned a survey and data from this will help them plan next year's festivities.

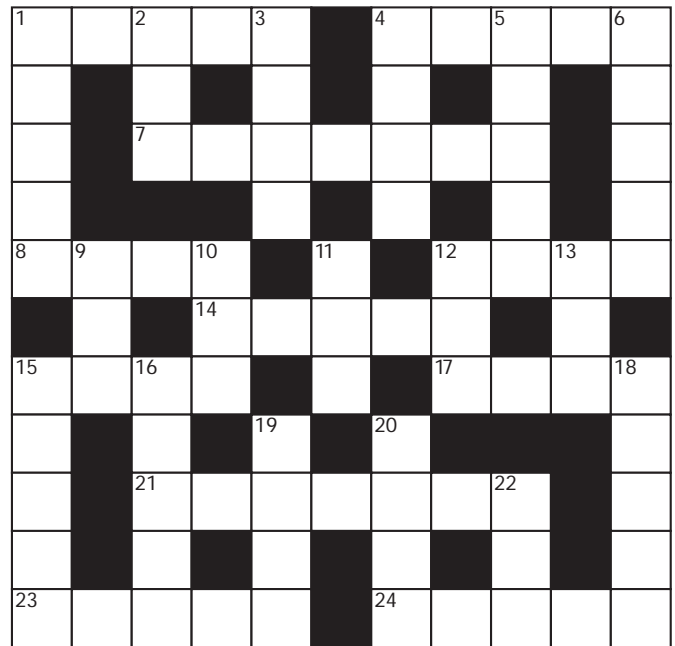
Based on a show of hands, strong support for an "away" event in 2010 is apparent. Your committee is already looking into a number of options, and is considering Portugal (5 days of sunny golf?), Wales (3-day weekend to tie-in with an ISORA event?), Rosslare (+ Hotel for 2/3-day weekend, including Woodenbridge). We'll see what comes out of the research!

The programme for 2010 is not yet finalized, but will be by Christmas. The first event of the year will be to Rush Golf Club, a 9-hole true links course. I played this many years ago, and it is a treasure. This small event will be restricted to the first 20, and will be formally announced (cost, format, etc...) in mid January via the usual email.



Roger Bannon, winner of the NYC Golfer of the Year

A simple little puzzle to test your patience during the off-the-water evenings. Entries to reach the Navigator before sundown, April 1. The prize will be dinner for two at the Club with a bottle of house wine for the first correct entry opened.



Across

- 1 Any port in one (5)
- 2 Chinese bear (5)
- 7 Give up hope (7)
- 8 IJKMNO sounds like Christmas carol (4)
- 12 Hello at sea (4)
- 14 Not seldom (5)
- 15 Dispatched (4)
- 17 Points (4)
- 21 Signal fires (7)
- 23 Consumed (5)
- 24 Dirty old steamer (5)
- 10 Auctioners unit (3)
- 11 Native American (3)
- 12 Conjunction (3)
- 13 Not in (3)
- 15 Motive power on board (5)
- 16 Well born (5)
- 18 Did she do this to conquer (5)
- 19 Silly (4)
- 20 Left and red (4)
- 22 Health resort (3)

Down

- 1 The nautical back (5)
- 2 Not new (3)
- 3 Principle spar (4)
- 4 Small dinghy for the baby (4)
- 5 360 degrees (5)
- 6 Mixture of metals (5)
- 9 Source of metal (3)

The winner of Navigator No. 46 was Brendan MacConville. Well done Brendan. Answers to Navigator 45:



THE IRISH CLUB, TUDOR STREET, LONDON

The National Yacht Club and The Irish Club in Tudor St. in London have entered into a temporary reciprocal arrangement to benefit the membership of both clubs. The Irish Club is situated in the heart of the City and close to the capital's transport network.

Located within a stone's throw of Blackfriars Millennium Pier, the Irish Club now boasts a members' bar, an intimate restaurant and a

members' lounge – an ideal base for NYC members visiting London. Five stunning private events spaces are available for hire to NYC members. These are ideal for meetings, events and private dinners. NYC members wishing to avail of the special accommodation arrangement with adjacent hotels should contact Deirdre at reception 02074275801 or reception@irishclub.co.uk. NYC members are encouraged to visit the Irish Club website at www.irishclub.co.uk.

Social Calendar

Booking required for ALL Dining Room services. All Dining room booking with the Catering Team on 2801198/2805725

JANUARY 2010

Fri	1	Clubhouse open 12 noon – 8pm Bar Facilities only
Sat	2	Club Dinner
Sun	3	Family Lunch
Wed	6	Bar Table Quiz – Round 7
Thu	7	Bridge Supper
Sat	9	Fish Dinner with Head Chef Cormac Healy & Peter Caviston – see highlights
Sun	10	Family Lunch
Mon	11	Yachtmaster Offshore Course – Recommences 7.30pm
Tue	12	Ladies Day Lunch – Topic Handmade Amber Jewellery. Speaker Thomas Sapalska; 1pm; €20pp Yachtmaster Coastal Course – Recommences 7.30pm.
Wed	13	Wine Supper
Thu	14	Bridge
Fri	15	Preston Ball Snooker Auction Dinner – Black Tie
Sat	16	Club Dinner
Sun	17	Family Lunch
Wed	20	Bar Table Quiz – Round 8
Thu	21	Jubilee Sailing Trust Talk & Supper Supper 8.30pm Talk & Presentation 9.30pm €20pp. Bridge
Fri	22	Eric Luke/Michael Chester. A presentation by two of Ireland's top photographers. Early booking advisable as this evening will be a sell out. See highlights. Supper 8.30pm; Talk & Presentation 9.30pm €20pp
Sat	23	Game Dinner – See highlights
Sun	24	Family Lunch
Wed	27	Wine Supper
Thu	28	Bridge
Fri	29	Inner Wheel President's Dinner
Sat	30	Club Dinner
Sun	31	Family Lunch

FEBRUARY

Wed	3	Bar Table Quiz – Round 9
Thu	4	Bridge
Fri	5	Rotary President's Dinner
Sat	6	Rugby International – Ireland v Italy; Kick off 2.30pm; Brunch served in Members Bar before match; Big screen in Members Bar & JB Room. Club Dinner
Sun	7	Family Lunch
Tue	8	Ladies Day Lunch – wine tasting with Robert Mitchell
Wed	10	Wine Supper
Thu	11	Bridge
Fri	12	Mermaids Dinner
Sat	13	Rugby International – France v Ireland; Kick off 5.30pm; Big screen in Members Bar. Pre Valentines Dinner – with live music. Roses & chocolates for the Ladies; Super Dinner Menu to include Champagne reception. €40pp
Sun	14	Family Lunch
Wed	17	Bar Table Quiz – Round 10
Thu	18	Bridge
Fri	19	SB3 Class Dinner
Sat	20	Club Dinner
Sun	21	Family Lunch
Wed	24	Wine Supper
Thu	25	Bridge

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Sat	27	Rugby International – England v Ireland; Kick off 4p.m.; Big Screen in Members Bar & JB Room Club Dinner
Sun	28	Family Lunch

MARCH

Wed	3	Bar Table Quiz – Round 11
Thu	4	Bridge
Sat	6	Club Dinner
Sun	7	Family Lunch
Tue	9	Ladies Day Lunch – Speaker: Jacqui Marsh, The Butler's Pantry
Wed	10	Wine Supper
Thu	11	Bridge
Sat	13	Rugby International – Ireland v Wales; Kick off 2.30 pm; Bar Brunch served before match. Big Screen in Members Bar & JB Room.
Sun	14	Family Lunch
Wed	17	St Patrick's Day Family Lunch – Traditional Music, Green Beer, Free Shamrock. A day for all the family. Lunch served from 1pm. Children's Menu available. Early booking advisable. €27
Sat	20	Rugby International – Ireland v Scotland; Kick off 5pm; Big screen in Members Bar & JB Room. A taste of Ireland Dinner 8pm – Enjoy a superb dinner with the finest of Irish products created by our Head Chef, Cormac Healy. €45
Sun	21	Family Lunch
Wed	24	Bar Table Quiz – Round 12
Thu	25	Bridge
Fri	26	Boat Factor – The National has talent. Skippers and Crew join in a great fun evening. Supper 8.30pm followed by "top class entertainment" See highlights. €20
Sat	27	Club Dinner
Sun	28	Family Lunch

APRIL

Fri	2	Good Friday – Clubhouse closed
Sat	3	Easter Saturday Dinner
Sun	4	Easter Sunday Family Lunch
Mon	5	Clubhouse open 12 noon-8pm – Bar facilities only
Wed	7	Bar Table Quiz – Final, in Dining Room
Thu	8	Bridge
Sat	10	Lift-in
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Sun	11	Family Lunch
Tue	13	Ladies Day Lunch – Speaker: Cathy Hoffman, TV Presenter, International Lifestyle Journalist, IFTA Nominee 2008, TV Personality of the Year.
Wed	14	Inter Club Quiz
Sat	17	Club Dinner
Sun	18	Family Lunch
Fri	23	Preston Ball Snooker Final Dinner – Black Tie
Sat	24	Start of season Dinner
Sun	25	Family Lunch
Tue	27	First DBSC Tuesday Race
Thu	29	First DBSC Thursday Race Sailing Suppers