



## Dingle Outing, 10th and 11th June 2009.



Ceann Sibéal

**Cathy & I travelled down on Saturday to make sure the whole affair would happen as planned, and to get the grass cut. The weather on Sun / Mon was a bit overcast, windy and showery, and the forecast did not seem to offer any great hope for the golf on Wednesday and Thursday – what a pleasant surprise was in store!**

We called in to the Skellig Hotel on Tuesday night to see if “anyone” from the National had arrived, and immediately ran into Mike Creedon, John Roberts, Roger Bannon, the Buckleys, Denis English, the Corcorans, Brian Matthews, the Horgans, Ryans, Murphys (Jim and Maureen), O’Briens, Irwins, more Murphys (Con and Cathy) to mention just a few – half the NYC was at the bar, someone said that the recession had been called off by common consensus.

A most enjoyable evening followed, at which, in Martin’s speech, the golf was referred to as “a transition between sailing and bridge”..., a lot of us are struggling with all 3...explain that!.



Marie, Joe and Terry planning to abandon bridge and take up sailing next year.

The golf competition was a 2-day event on Wed / Thurs, and was played in glorious sunshine. The course really lived up to its reputation as a beautiful location nestling under the Three Sisters and looking out at the Blaskets and Mount Brandon, and a strong test of golfing skills too. Many who are more accustomed to the lush parkland courses in Dublin took a while to get used to the slick greens, the firm fairways and the heavy rough, but generally the scoring was good and was well distributed between the men and women. However, I am writing a letter to the Captain to request that both streams on the 13th be tarmacadamed-over, and that the bunkers at 12 and 17 be filled-in as soon as possible (thank God there are no trees).

After golf (...and the Lions match) on Wed., all 20 players plus friends and partners adjourned to Dooley's house nearby for a most enjoyable barbecue, catered by Cathy and her sister Roni in the evening sunshine. Many bottles of wine evaporated in the sun, and we were entertained by some exceptional party pieces. Roger, who had accumulated 36 points, was seen heading off to bed early – the rest partied on!



Tony and Lind



Marie and Hilda talking about Joe's prospects



Stop the evaporation!



Food at last!



Anne Marie, Grainne, Peter, Muriel and Vincent



Roger explains to Terry how he did it.

On day 2, tired limbs and sore heads dictated that buggies would be in demand, and the NYC GS took on the appearance of a panzer division heading to the first tee. Scoring was also strong on the 2nd day, with the girls in particular having a good return.

After the round, all headed to the Ceann Sibéal Club bar for a pint and a toastie. Hilda had organised the Skellig for a prize-giving dinner at 7, at which we had 25 golfers and friends. The hotel had also commissioned a special Dingle Crystal trophy for the winner, thanks to Martin Crotty's excellent management of the whole D2D project. A superb meal and a bit of fun afterwards rounded off a great evening and a great event.



**Roger Bannon won the trophy with an excellent 37 points to go with his earlier 36, and has promised to return to defend it. Roni Dunn won the ladies prize. Full winners list below.**

This event was our first "away" event, and it was most appropriate that it was to Dingle, given the close links between The National Yacht Club and Dingle. Huge thanks are due to Hilda Byrne for her organisation and diplomacy, and Cathy & Roni for the catering. Thanks also to Brendan McConville (stuck studying for exams) for help with organisation.

There is a lot of interest in another "away" event next year, and I will canvass everyone to assess who would commit to this. We will definitely return to Dingle for the next D2D Race in 2011, but if there are sufficient numbers, 2010 might also be a runner.

**Winners Enclosure**

Winner, Skellig Trophy	Roger Bannon, 36 pts + 37 pts
Best Woman	Roni Dunn, 35 pts + 31 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Woman	Linda Corcoran
3 <sup>rd</sup> Woman	Anne-Marie Ryan
4 <sup>th</sup> Woman	Hilda Byrne
5 <sup>th</sup> Woman	Anne Irwin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Man	Alan Dooley
3 <sup>rd</sup> Man	Terry O'Brien
4 <sup>th</sup> Man	Pat Irwin
5 <sup>th</sup> Man	Ronnie O'Donovan
Longest Drives	Ann Irwin and Cathy Dooley (what are they feeding these girls on?)
Nearest Pin	Peter Ryan (11 yards) and Roger Bannon (2.4 furlongs)
Winning Team	Roger Bannon, Terry O'Brien, Tony Corcoran, and assisted by Ronnie O'Donovan on day 1 - (163 pts)
Runner-up Team	Linda Corcoran, Ann Irwin, Roni Dunn, Cathy Dooley - (146 pts)



Anne Marie & Hilda



"It's all balls to me!"



Cathy, Linda and Ann's team



Linda accepts 2<sup>nd</sup> prize



Hilda and Terry



Alan and Jim



Prize Table, complete with items Hilda "snaffled" from Ceann Sibéal.