



## NYC Golf Society

### Record entry for first golf outing of the year.

44 golfers took to the fairways at Killiney for the National Yacht Club's spring outing in typical March conditions, sunny, blustery with occasional showers. The weather deteriorated towards close of play and this showed on the cards.

Claire Allwright (34 points) just held off Ann Irwin (33 points) to take the ladies' title. Alan Pope raced away with the men's title with 37 points leaving playing partner Joe Buckley four points adrift. Not surprisingly these two led the others in their fourball, Bernie Buckley and Kevin Blake to the Mens team title.



*Joe Buckley accepting the team prize from Catherine Horgan*

Ann Lyons, Anne McQuaid and Hilda Byrne battled along with Claire Allwright to take the Ladies team title. Alan Pope and Ger Tennyson took the longest drive but the marker for nearest the pin was a victim of the windy conditions and was last seen heading over Killiney Hill in the general direction of Cherbourg. Claire Allwright got this one by consensus, finishing within 10 feet. At least Claire got it on the right green, a number of players were confused by this quirk of the Killiney layout and aimed for the wrong flag.

This must have been the longest golf outing in history. After yet another splendid supper in the dining room the putting competition was finally settled close to midnight. The handicap secretary emerged victorious, rumours that he went easy on the Cote du Rhone in order to steady himself are being investigated.

A gratifying aspect of the outing was the relatively fast pace of play. Most rounds were completed in just over four hours, let's get that to just under four hours in the next one. Pick up if you're out of the hole, line up your putt when the others are putting, leave your bags on the route to the next tee and once you've holed out tend the flag. And of course repair pitch marks, yours and one other nearby.

Next outing to WoodenBridge, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, don't miss it, it'll be a cracker!