

**Message from
James McAllister Captain 2007**

As our 50th Anniversary year draws to a close, it has been a pleasure and indeed a massive honour for me to be chosen to be your Club Captain on such a momentous year in the history of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club.

To think 50 years ago a few dedicated local men with vision and courage got together and formed a golf club, which has developed over the years into this wonderful golf sporting facility we have today. As a club we owe a great debt to these people not only for this facility but also for the high esteem with which it is held throughout Ulster and beyond.

I hope that all our members have had an enjoyable year both on the course and in our lovely clubhouse. As Captain I have tried to facilitate the needs of all the members and especially our juniors, as they are the ones who will carry on the club's good name and traditions for at least the next 50 years.

I am confident that all who take on positions of responsibility in the future will ensure that our club will go from strength to strength and that the needs of our members will always be the priority when decisions are being made.

I wish all our members without exception continued enjoyment and success in the future. Kindest regards and may God bless you all.

**Message from
Dr. Eileen Boyce, Lady Captain 2007**

It was an honour to be chosen by the Past Captains and a privilege to serve as Lady Captain on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary.

This year was also unique in that Siobhan Brady the Lady Captain of 1982 (25th Anniversary) and Mary Collum our first Lady Captain of 1957 are still members of our club. It was also a special year for the ladies because this year we all became full members. I wish our club continued success in the future and hopefully will give as much pleasure and enjoyment to many more as it has given to me and all our members.



Message from Phil Roddy, President 2007

I had the pleasure of being Captain of the club in 1982 and which was the Silver Jubilee year.

Mr. Pat Ruddy in Golfers Companion magazine described the club as possibly the proudest golf club in Ireland during that year.

Enda McMenamin achieved international and interprovincial honours and gained his tournament player's card at the PGA school at La Manga, Spain. Maura O'Donnell captained the British and Irish ladies team against the U.S.A. at Denver, Colorado, on the 50th Anniversary of the Curtis Cup.

The Senior team became the first Donegal side to reach the Ulster quarter final of the Irish Senior Cup and the Jimmy Bruen team was narrowly beaten by Warrenpoint in the Ulster final.

The Silver Jubilee was celebrated on New Year's Day in an unique and nostalgic occasion when all former captains (except for two ladies) attended to commemorate the setting up of the club on that day twenty-five years earlier.

Mr. Fred Perry, President of the Golfing Union of Ireland performed the official opening of the second nine holes on the 4th July though it had been in play for sometime previously. With him were Mr. Billy Ferguson, President of the Ulster Branch, Mr. Alfie Collis, Secretary of the Ulster Branch and Mr. Brendan Edwards, Irish team captain. Prior to the opening the President hoisted the Golfing Union of Ireland and the Ulster branch flags to accompany the already in place National Flag and the clubs own standard. After an enjoyable round of golf, the visitors were entertained to refreshments and evening meal in the clubhouse organised by Lady Captain, Miss Siobhan Brady and her Committee.

I presented the flag to the club which was flown for the first time at the official opening of the second nine holes. I am proud to say that I bought and wore the first club blazer which is now presented to all Captains and Presidents.

I wish the club every success in the future and every member should appreciate they are part of the club and should do everything possible to support it.

Phil Roddy



FIRST COUNCIL 1957, 1958 & 1959

Back Row Matt McMenamin, Tom Shanahan, George Kee, Paddy Murphy, Joe McMenamin, Eunan McMullin, Paddy Carr, Joe Collum
 Front Row Paddy Brennan, Paddy Gallagher, Willie Raitt, John Joe Kennedy, James McClay, Ivan Kee, Liam McMenamin



FIRST LADIES COMMITTEE

Back Row Sue Kee, Betty Kee, Amy Kee, Brid Brennan.
 Front Row Lily Kinder, Leta Kee, Mary Collum, Moya Coyle.



SHORT HISTORY OF BALLYBOFEY & STRANORLAR GOLF.

Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club was founded on a shoe string budget of £1,000.00 in 1957 and this year celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

The Club has its origins back in 1956, when a few local golfing enthusiasts who played on neighbouring courses, felt the Finn Valley should have its own club. John Joe Kennedy, Paddy Murphy and Ivan Kee called a meeting of interested parties for New Years Day, 1957. The club was born when 26 people attended at the Butt Hall and agreed to form a new Golf Club.

An inaugural general meeting was held on 22nd January, 1957. The 1st President was Willie Raitt (General Merchant) who served as President for the following 10 years. John Joe Kennedy (Contractor) was the 1st Captain serving for 3 years. Paddy Brennan (Teacher) and Ivan Kee (Auctioneer) were joint secretaries and the Treasurer was Paddy Gallagher the manager of the local branch of the Hibernian Bank. The following Officers and Council were elected and stayed in power for 3 years.

President:	W.H. Raitt
Vice President:	J. McClay
Chairman/Captain	J.J. Kennedy
Treasurer:	P. Gallagher
Joint Secretaries:	P.J. Brennan Ivan Kee
Competition Secretary:	LO. McMenamin

Council:

P.J. Murphy	M. McMenamin	E. McMullin
P. Carr	J. Collum	J. McMenamin
J. McDermott	P. McGonagle	T. Shanahan

Course Committee:

P. McGonagle	P.J. Brennan	Ivan Kee
P. Carr	J. O'Hara	E. McDevitt
J. McDermott		

Funding of £500.00 was raised through bonds to be repaid on a specified date, a further £500.00 was given in the form of an interest free loan by Harry Kee of Kee's Hotel. From that time until the nineties the club has raised all monies required to bring the course and clubhouse up to modern standards without any assistance from outside sources.

In 1957, 32 acres of land was made available by Eunan McMullin and Larry Coyle for a nine hole course at a nominal rent. The club was given an option to buy the land later at a fixed price of £1,500.00.

The Club Council called in Ted Pope, professional at the City of Derry Club, and in consultation with the local Committee the first 9-hole layout was agreed. Around 30 volunteers spent their spare time in that first year helping to clear the site. It is of interest to note that the stones cleared off the site were purchased by the Donegal County Council at the end of the first year for £68. Among those who provided voluntary work together with many of the members were Joe McMenamin (tractors), Ted O'Kane (tractors) Willie and John Roulston (local farmers) Tom Pat Kinder, Ted McGarrigle, Alexander McClay, Leonard Kilpatrick, Ernest Fairman, James Morrow, Joe Russell and J.J. Reid.

The course was opened for play in June, 1958 with the first trophy being presented by local jeweller Billy Carroll. In the absence of a clubhouse he made the presentation from the back of a tractor. The first Captain's Day was run as a foursomes in August, 1958, when 26 pairs played, 17 of which were mixed. The winners were brother and sister Paddy Carr and Maeve McMenamin. That same year saw the first hole in one achieved by Andy Lambe at the second hole.

The next step was the purchase for £65.00 of the old wooden and corrugated iron clubhouse of the Strabane Club at Carricklee. George McNulty, the local builder (with the help of teenage nephews Dessie and Eamon Foy who have since become members of the club), took great pride in dismantling and re-erecting the Clubhouse in Stranorlar and it served the club well in those formative years. Tom Shanahan, now in Cahir, bar convenor and business advisor to the Council proved to be the driving force in organising and raising finance in the early years and was mainly responsible for the successful development of the club. Bazaars and dances in the Butt Hall were organised and promoted by him which raised the essential finances to keep the club afloat. He organised a very successful concert in the



Butt Hall - Adam Faith who was then “Top of the Pops” created great excitement among the Donegal teenagers. It is interesting to remember that all members of the original Council, with others, had each to put a sheep on the land to make profit from the production of lambs. John Joe Kennedy, the Captain having watched the sheep being delivered (with the ram prominent in its actions) stated at the Council meeting the following March when there was no sign of any lambs – “I knew that ram was nothing but a showoff” However, his fears were dispelled when a fine flock of lambs emerged later.

When the bar licence was granted, the clubhouse became a popular venue for bridge, whist and other social functions. The clubhouse was the place to be on Sunday mornings after services where the conversation was lively and many a local story was told. Singsongs were regular occurrences and generally started at anytime of day or night. Who will forget Dr. John O’Brien’s rendition of the “Buggy Buggy Boo” Joe Coughlan’s “Some Enchanted Evening” Percy Kee’s “Six miles to Brockagh from Ballybofey” and many other notable contributions too numerous to mention.

In 1960 the option to purchase the land was taken up. In 1964 the club set up a Friday night bingo session in the Butt Hall to raise funds and this continued for about twenty years. The money raised allowed the club to purchase more land and to gradually replace the original corrugated iron clubhouse. A lot is owed to the members who gave up Friday nights throughout the years to organise and steward the bingo sessions. Among them were Harry McNulty (organiser) Seamus McNamee, Michael Timoney, Tom Shanahan, Matt McMenamin, Paddy Carr, Kieran Cunnane, Jimmy McGlinchey, Tony Gallinagh, Michael O’Flanagan, Jack Willoughby, Drew Brogan, Charlie Moore, Ted McGarrigle, Percy Kee Norman O’Haire, Jos McMenamin and Dan Reid.

All the hard work in the sixties came to fruition when the course was extended and the clubhouse reconstructed. The land, where the present 9th hole and 1st tee is located, was bought from Larry Coyle and this was followed by the erection of a new bar and locker rooms on part of the site of the original club house. In 1976 a further 26 acres was purchased from Larry Coyle, 10 acres from the Health Board behind St. Joseph’s hospital and a further 5 acres from Ernest Fairman. Following consultation with Eddie Hackett (course advisor) it was agreed to extend the course to 18 holes. A layout was agreed and a committee formed with Patsy McGonagle in charge of the work to be carried out. The new 9 holes was eventually played in

1978 and was officially opened in June, 1982 by Fred Perry, President of the G.U.I. with Phil Roddy as club captain. Since then improvements continue to be made to the course with the employment of experienced workers and the purchase of essential machinery. The club owes a great deal to the various Green Convenors over the years, starting with George Kee, Sean Young, Matt McMenamin, Charlie Moore, Turlough McDyer, George McNeill, Conor McMenamin, Michael Carr, Martin Dillon and Paul Trayers and to greenkeepers George Leeper, Seamus McNulty and Leo McGlinchey whose employment has spanned the entire 50 years. The course is now one of the best parkland courses in the country.

The club continued to grow and in 1994 it was decided by the members at an EGM to build a new clubhouse on the site of the original giving more space and a first floor view over parts of the course. This work was carried out by the local Architects, Paddy Carr and son Tony with building contractors Seamus Quinn Construction. The overall cost of this project was in excess of £600,000.00 Bord Failte giving a grant of £90,000.00.

In 1996, the captain Mr. Pete Byrne welcomed the President of the G.U.I. Mr. Eamonn Curran, to perform the opening ceremony of the new clubhouse which has been much appreciated by the members since. That year also saw the famine graveyard -- which is within the curtilage of the course -- having its boundary walls rebuilt, proper gates installed and generally tidied up. A plaque was erected to commemorate the victims under the supervision of the Captain and his Greens Convenor, Michael Carr.

The Donegal Inter Club League was founded in 1961. Fr. A. McElwee, Glenties and Matt McMenamin with Joe Collum both founder members of the club were instrumental in organising the competition which has proved to be a great success ever since. The club won the competition 7 times in the early years and again in 1992 and 1999. The Donegal County Competitions increased to 5 over the years and the club has won all of them at some stage. The Competitions are:

- Donegal Inter Club League - 9 times winners
- Donegal Scratch Club - Winners 1993, '94 '95 '96 & 2006
- Donegal Minor League - Winners 1991 & 2000
- Donegal Seniors Club League - Winners 2005 & 2006
- Donegal Youths Competition - Finalists in 2007



It was the late 70's before the club started to play in Ulster competitions and many successes were achieved since then.

In 1980 the club won the Ulster section of the Pierce Purcell Shield under the captaincy of J.W. McNulty. Unfortunately due to food poisoning at Lahinch they were knocked out of the All Ireland semi-final when everyone felt the young Team was capable of winning the title. The Pierce Purcell team won the Ulster Title again in 1995 under the captaincy of Allister Henderson and went on to the All Ireland Finals in Portstewart where having beaten Kanturk in the semi-finals they lost the final to the St. Anne's team from Dublin.

In 1993 and 1994 the club won the Ulster section of The Mixed Foursomes and although beaten in the All Ireland semi-final in 1993 in Galway, they went on to win the All Ireland title in 1994 at Masserene beating Waterford and Co. Sligo in the semi-final and final. Unfortunately the early tradition and popularity of the mixed foursomes has all but been lost in the club.

The 1994 Team Panel was Terry Farrell (Captain), Enda McMEnamin, Ann Duffy, John McCaughan, Sheila Rooney, Sean Ewing, Mary O'Flanagan, Conor McMEnamin, Ann McGranaghan, Michael Carr, Eileen Boyce, Paddy Cleary, Kathleen McGowan, Seamus Patton and Meave McNulty.

Another big success was achieved by the Club in the Ulster Cup Competition. In 1995 the club was narrowly beaten by Masserene in the semi-final. In a tough competition in 1996 the club claimed the Ulster Cup Title when Paddy Cleary won the last five holes in the final match. The victory was celebrated in the club with a special function hosted by Pete Byrne, the Club Captain.

The team panel was Phil Roddy (Captain) John McCaughan, James McAllister, Charlie Lapsley, Eddie Gallagher, Paddy Cleary, Alex Harkin, Martin Dillon, Paddy Carr, Michael Hynes, Drew Duncan, James Rodgers.

The Youth Team won the Donaghadee Youth Tournament in 2001 and the team with Paul Trayers as club captain was Thomas Grindel, James McNulty, Derek McNeill, Mark Hynes and Joseph McMEnamin.

The Club has been close to success in various other Ulster competitions.

Mixed Foursomes	Ulster Winners in 1993 and 1994 All Ireland Winners in 1994 Ulster Finalists on three further occasions
Pierce Purcell	Ulster Winners in 1980 and 1985 All Ireland semi-finalists in 1980 and finalists in 1995
Jimmy Bruen	Ulster Semi-finalists on several occasions
Junior Cup	Often qualified but beaten in Match Playstages.
Senior Cup	Often qualified but beaten in Match Playstages.
Barton Shield	Ulster semi-finalists in 1988
Jimmy Carroll Trophy	All Ireland Winners 2006
Joe Carr Trophy	Ulster Finalists 2007
Fred Dally Trophy (Juniors)	Ulster Finalists 2007

Many local members of the club have come to prominence - the greatest successes have been achieved by Enda McMenamín, Daragh McGowan and Joanne O’Haire.

Enda is well known nationally and has brought honour to the Club by his selection as an Interprovincial player for Ulster on many occasions and as an Irish International in 1981 and 1982. He qualified for a professional tournament players card but returned to amateur ranks after one year. Many felt that he didn’t give himself enough time to get established and his successes over the years since would indicate this. He was runner up on two occasions in the West of Ireland Championship, once in the Irish Close Championship and has won many Scratch Cups. He still plays to a scratch/+1 handicap.

Daragh McGowan has also achieved international honours. She played for her country in 2002 and is still an Interprovincial player for Connaught. Her continuing talent is demonstrated by winning the Captain’s Prizes in ’06 and ’07 and now plays off a handicap of 3.

Joanne O’Haire also achieved interprovincial honours with Ulster.

The ladies branch has always been very active in the Club and in the early years provided the catering for all the big days which was essential when the Club was small. The ladies branch has developed a formidable reputation in representing the



Club in various team events and have had many successes including:

Maura O'Donnell Trophy:	Winners in '94, '95, '95, '99, '04, '05, & '06
North West League:	Winners in '87, '88 & '03
Donegal Shield:	Winners in '87 & '91
Ulster 'C' Team:	Winners in '89 & '93
Ulster Bank 4-Ball:	Ulster Winners in '97 (All Ireland semi- finals)
Ulster Inter Team:	Winners in '02
Menolly Teams:	Ulster Winners in '05 & '06 (All Ireland semi-finals)
Huzzar Foursomes	Ulster Winners in '88

Over the years there have been many fine score cards and it is of interest to note that the record for the nine hole course was set in 1977 by Joe McMenamin, Snr. when he returned a 64 in the Captain's Prize which also included a hole in one. The 18 hole record of 63 was set by Enda McMenamin which unfortunately is not properly recorded.

The first recorded ladies course record was achieved by Wendy Patterson with a fine 71 but it has been bettered over the years by Joanne O'Haire and then Darragh McGowan who set a record 66 in the Captain's prize Competition of 2006. Mrs. Maura O'Donnell (sister of Eunan McMullin) on whose family land part of the course is set was a member in the early years. She went on to achieve International status as well as becoming Captain of the British and Irish Curtis Cup Team against the U.S.A. which was a great honour in the fiftieth anniversary of the competition.

It is significant to note that the Club has never had any restrictions on playing times for ladies although associate membership was the norm at the time. Full membership was made available when agreement was reached between the G.U.I. and I.L.G.U.

The youth development programme has mushroomed in recent years and great credit is due to Anna Dillon, Michael O'Flanagan, Anne McAllister, Pat McCaughan, Paddy Cleary, Iggy Larkin, John McGettigan and others for the fine crop of young players who are now representing the Club in the Fred Daly and other competitions.

Another of the clubs achievements is in its Youth development programme which has produced 2 qualified professional golfers in Eamon O'Flanagan and Joanne O'Haire and we wish them every success in the future.

The stewards over the years have played an important role in the social development of the club. In the initial years there were temporary people with Ms. M. Martin being the first. In 1964 Mrs. Dympna Duncan took over the job and for the next 20 years gave great service to the club. She became lady captain in 1984. Barney and Kathleen Duffy succeeded her in the mid eighties and were very popular and congenial hosts for members and visitors until they retired in 1997. They certainly raised the profile of the Club over this period. Since then various people were appointed and served the club well including Thomas & Ruth McNamee, Sean & Dolores Devenny, Ronan Dillon, Mary McHugh and Padraig Burke.

Over the years many stories are told about happenings at the Club and the list of characters is endless. Original member Tom Pat Kinder at the removal stones, Ambrose Friel for his comments at the bar and objections to non paid-up members, Michael Timoney for his exaggerated stories, Rosie Hannigan for her comments from the hedge (none of you can do it like Enda) Charlie Moore for his green sweaters, Ted O’Kane for his knowledge of all that was going on in the club.

Five of the founder members are still with us.

Paddy Murphy, past Captain and President, who was one of the signatories of the original letter and has played many important roles in the development of the club.

Joe McMenamin, past Captain and President, who put so much effort into the Club and achieved many successes in Club and Inter County competitions. Although in his late thirties when he took up golf, he achieved a handicap of 4 for many years.

Tom Shanahan, past Captain, who left Ballybofey in 1966 but never lost touch with the Club and had such a huge input in the early years

Paddy Carr, past Captain and President, who still plays golf regularly and has filled most of the official positions in the Club over his 40 years of service on the Council.

Eunan McMullin, past Captain and President, who with Larry Coyle made land available to the Club in 1957 for which the members should be forever indebted.

The club has been rewarded with dedicated Captains each leaving their own mark



on the club in their year of office. It was a great occasion at the 25th Anniversary that all the Captains and most of the lady captains were alive and were gathered together by Tony Gallinagh, Phil Roddy, Ailish Gallinagh and Siobhan Brady for historic photographs. Unfortunately this is not possible for the 50th Anniversary but we hope many will be able to turn up for the celebration. Currently a collection of photographs of events down the years is being assembled by Drew Brogan. The members wish the present captains James McAllister and Eileen Boyce well in their year of office and congratulate them on their contribution to the club.

And so to the next fifty years, the omens are good as people continue to enjoy the wonderful game of golf. The club should feel proud of its development to-date and that its future looks secure in the talent being shown by children of its established members. Evidence of this is apparent in the successful Fred Daly team of 2007 which has 3 members of the Reilly family on its panel and in the Donegal Youths Team which reached the final of the competition.

The panel for the Fred Daly Team under the Captaincy of John McCaughan, Jr. was James Curry, Bryan Reilly, Gareth Reynolds, Mark Reilly, Gavin Reilly, Martin O'Reilly, Matthew McGowan, Alan Catterson, Johnny Dunleavy.

The panel for the Youths under 16 Team under the management of Ann McAllister was Gareth Reynolds (Captain), Gavin Reilly, Shea Hannigan, Matthew McGowan, Seamus Begley, Bari Duncan, Rory Dunleavy, Martin O'Reilly.

This augurs well for the future of the club.....Long may it continue.

Compiled by Paddy Carr
10th Dec 2007

Compiling this "short history of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club" for me has been a labour of love with a chance to go down memory lane and recall great times. Golf is a wonderful game and I am honoured to have been involved with the club these past 50 years since its inception. To all club members past and present as the song goes "Thanks for the Memories"

Paddy Carr



Golf Course Layout 1957



Golf Course Layout 2007



Letter of proposal to start golf course

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to hear that you are interested in the idea of starting a golf course on the site of the old Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club. We would be pleased to provide you with the following information:

The site is situated on the Ballybofey Estate, which is a beautiful area with a lot of trees and a good view of the sea. The site is also well served by the Ballybofey Road, which is a main road in the area.

The site is also well served by the Ballybofey Water, which is a natural feature of the area. The water is clean and clear, and is a good source of water for the golf course.

The site is also well served by the Ballybofey Golf Club, which is a well established club with a long history. The club has a good reputation and a large membership.

We would be pleased to provide you with a more detailed proposal if you are interested. Please contact us at the Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club, Ballybofey, Co. Wick.

Yours faithfully,
 The Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club

1st Year's Accounts

Practical No. 1: Preparation of Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement

Journal Entries for the month of January 2022

Particulars	Dr	Cr
Bank	1000	
To Balance b/d		1000
Debitors	200	
To Balance b/d		200
Capital		1000
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Profit and Loss		100
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Expenses	100	
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1st AGM (Minutes & Report)

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BALLYBOFEY & STRANORLAR GOLF CLUB
2007 AGM Minutes

Stranorlar,
Co. Wick, 1957

1. 1st AGM

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1st AGM (Minutes & Report)

The meeting was held on the 15th of January 2024 at 7.00pm in the hall at the school. The meeting was chaired by the Chair of Governors, Mrs. [Name].

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Chair of Governors reported on the progress of the school since the last meeting. She highlighted the achievements of the school and the challenges it has faced. She also reported on the work of the governing body and the progress of the school's strategic plan.

The Chair of Governors then presented the annual report for the year 2023/24. The report detailed the school's performance in a range of areas, including academic achievement, personal development, and financial management. It also outlined the school's vision for the future and the actions it will take to achieve its goals.

The report was read aloud and discussed by the governors. The following table shows the school's performance in a range of areas:

Area	2023/24	2022/23
Academic Achievement	85%	82%
Personal Development	78%	75%
Financial Management	92%	90%

The report was then discussed in detail by the governors. They agreed to support the school's vision and to work together to achieve its goals. They also agreed to monitor the school's progress and to report back to the community at the next AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm. The Chair of Governors thanked the governors for their contribution to the meeting and for their support of the school.



Original Document - First Captain's Day

The following is a copy of the original document for the First Captain's Day. It is a letter from the First Captain to the members of the club, dated 1957. The letter discusses the club's activities and the importance of the First Captain's Day. It is a historical document that provides insight into the club's early years.

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BALLYBOFEY & STRANORLAR GOLF CLUB 1957 – 2007

YEAR	PRESIDENT	CAPTAIN	LADY CAPTAIN	CAPTAIN'S PRIZE	LADY CAPTAIN'S PRIZE
1957	W.H. Raitt	J.J. Kennedy	M. Collum	No Play	No Play
1958	W.H. Raitt	J.J. Kennedy	M. Collum	P. Carr/M. McMenamin	No Play
1959	W.H. Raitt	J.J. Kennedy	M. Collum	P. McGonagle	M. McMenamin
1960	W.H. Raitt	I. Kee	L. Kee	J. McMenamin	T. McMenamin
1961	W.H. Raitt	P. Murphy	M. Murphy	I. Kee	M. O'Donnell
1962	W.H. Raitt	E. McMullin	L. Kinder	P. Carr	
1963	W.H. Raitt	T. Shanahan	V. McElwaine	T. McGarrigle	M. Rainey
1964	W.H. Raitt	M. McMenamin	M. McMenamin		
1965	W.H. Raitt	Dr. F. kee	S. Kee	J. McMenamin	
1966	W.H. Raitt	P. Carr	B. Carr	P. McGonagle	M. Rutherford
1967	W.H. Raitt	P.J. Gallagher	M. Rutherford	B. Duncan	
1968	W.H. Raitt	H. McNulty	M. Coyle	T. McGarrigle	
1969	W.H. Raitt	P.H. Kee	F. Logue	P. Carr	B. Carr
1970	J.J. Kennedy	J.A. Collum	L. McGonagle		I. McEntee
1971	E.T. McMullin	J. McMenamin	T. McMenamin	M. McMenamin	S. McGonagle
1972	E.T. McMullin	I. Roulston	M. Keegan		
1973	E.T. McMullin	L. McMenamin	M. O'Brien	P. Carr	
1974	I.G. Kee	P. McGonagle	A. Kee	R. Laughlin	L. Kee
1975	I.G. Kee	P.J. Brennan	B. Brennan		W. Patterson
1976	I.G. kee	K. Cunnane	L. Houston	S. McNamee	B. McGlinchey
1977	W. Carroll	D. Brogan	M. McMullin	P. Trayers	N. McGee
1978	J.A. Collum	J. McGlinchey	B. McGlinchey	E. McMenamin	M. McMenamin
1979	J.A. Collum	P. Cleary	Dr. M. Mulrine	D. Duncan	J. O'Haire
1980	J.A. Collum	R. Laughlin	M. Laughlin	M. Carr	K. Quinn
1981	M. McMenamin	T. Gallinagh	A. Gallinagh	K. Doherty	L. Armstrong
1982	M. McMenamin	P. Roddy	S. Brady	G. McNeill	S. McGonagle
1983	M. McMenamin	S. McNamee	S. McGonagle		M. McGonagle.
1984	P. McGonagle	F. McNulty	D. Duncan	S. Patton	A. Gilligan
1985	P. McGonagle	J.W. McNulty	M. McNulty	J. McAllister	E. Boyce
1986	P. McGonagle	E.J. Gallagher	L. Gallagher	S. Ewing	M. Larkin
1987	J. McMenamin	J. Patterson	W. Patterson	T. Gallinagh	K. McGowan
1988	J. McMenamin	A. Harkin	M. Harkin	P. Roddy	M. McNulty
1989	P.H. Kee	J. McGettigan	J. O'Haire	B. McDermott	M. McCrossan
1990	P.H. Kee	M. O'Flanagan	I. Cleary	I. Stewart	E. Boyce
1991	L. Coyle	J. McMenamin	K. Byrne	I. Stewart	M. Meenan
1992	Dr. F. Kee	S. O'Donnell	P. Cunnane	P. Carr	E. McKean
1993	P. J. Murphy	C. Moore	My. Brogan	V. Devenney	S. Rooney
1994	P.J. Murphy	P. McMullin	N. Harris	B. Dunleavy	A. McGranaghan
1995	J. McGlinchey	D.F. Collum	M. Hynes	F. Wilson	C. Spears
1996	P. Carr	P. Byrne	O. Byrne	E. McHugh	A. McGranaghan
1997	P. Carr	M. O'Boyle	Mg. Brogan	K. Doherty	A. McAllister
1998	K. Cunnane	B. McDermott	K. Quinn	F. Coyne	Kay Byrne
1999	K. Cunnane	B. O'Donnell	J. McDermott	P. Mullin	I. Cleary
2000	T. O'Kane	P. Watters	M.P. O'Flanagan	A. Doherty	A. McAllister
2001	D. Brogan	P. Trayers	D. Duncan	M. Carr	G. Barron
2002	D. Brogan	J. Reid	A. McGranaghan	J. McAllister	A. O'Meara
2003	E. Gallagher	J. Blee	B. Blee	M. Ferry	M.P. O'Flanagan
2004	P. Cleary	P.J. McGowan	A. Clancy	R. Eaton	M. McCrossan
2005	S. Byrne	M. Carr	M. Larkin	A. Witherow	M. Foy
2006	A. Harkin	E. McMenamin	A. O'Meara	E. McHugh	D. McGowan
2007	P. Roddy	J. McAllister	E. Boyce	P. Canning	D. McGowan



PADDY CLEARY – 1979

In my year as Captain of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club, maroon was chosen as the official club colour.

DECLAN COLLUM – 1995

The Pierce Purcell Team reached the All Ireland final. The Senior League team won the Donegal title. The mixed Team reached the Ulster final. Work was started on the new clubhouse with Mrs. M.Hynes, Lady Captain and myself turning the first sod. The work to repair the famine graveyard was started (150th Anniversary). The clubs new constitution to allow equal rights was passed.

PETE BYRNE – 1996

With my wife Olive, the Lady Captain and founder member Paddy Carr, Club President, I had the great honour of being club Captain in this historic and eventful year for the club. The building of the new clubhouse meant that we commenced our year in the old clubhouse and completed it in the new one. Construction work had already begun on the new building and was a privilege and great honour to welcome the distinguished Mr. Eamonn Curran, the G.U.I. President to officially open the new clubhouse on the 29th June, 1996.

In September came the crowning glory when Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club won the Blue Riband of Ulster golf. The Ulster Cup Team won a dramatic final against Ballyclare Golf Club to fulfil a burning ambition for Team Captain Phil Roddy and his players. Hosting the celebration dinner with representatives from clubs all over Ulster and many GUI dignitaries was a fitting climax to a memorable year.

MICHAEL O'BOYLE – 1997

My captaincy was a year of consolidation. The new clubhouse had been launched in 1996 and during my term in 1997, I introduced some new competitions and the Sunday evening six o'clock presentations. This brought more members into the bar to make greater use of the new facilities. The club shop managed by Michael Hynes and Paul Trayers also opened and continues to provide excellent services to visitors and members.

PAUL TRAYERS - 2001

One of the particular highlights of my year as captain was being present at Donaghadee Golf Club to watch the Ballybofey & Stranorlar Youth Team of James McNulty, Derek McNeill, Mark Hynes, JCG McMenamin and captained by Thomas Grindle, winning the Donaghadee Youth Tournament for the first time in its 20 year history.

JOHN REID - 2002

I was delighted to be involved in the seventh hole along the lake which is now a feature hole on the course.

MICHAEL CARR – 2005

2005 was a memorable year that will be remembered for the great performances of club teams. The Jimmy Bruen Team reached the Ulster Final and the Senior Team won the Donegal title. The Ladies Menolly Homes Team won the Ulster title and Brian McElhinney, British Amateur Champion and Walker Cup Player, visited the Club with his trophy and there were many evenings of music, craic and sing songs in the clubhouse.



Original Clubhouse 1958



Present day Clubhouse 2007



ULSTER CUP WINNERS 1996

Back Row Eddie Gallagher, Alex Harkin, James Rodgers, Michael Hynes,
Paddy Cleary, Drew Duncan, James McAllister

Front Row Charlie Lapsley, John McCaughan, Paddy Carr, Pete Byrne, Phil Roddy
(Team Captain) Martin Dillon.



DUNHILL IRISH MIXED FOURSOMES – WINNERS 1994

Back Row Enda McMenamin, Sean Ewing, Meave McNulty, Seamus Patton, Conor
McMenamin, Terence McKinnley, John McCaughan, G.U.I. Official.

Middle Row Terry Farrell, Ann McGranaghan, Mary O’Flanagan, Ann Duffy, Kathleen
McGowan, Margaret Hynes, Eileen Boyce, Sheila Rooney.

Front Row Michael Carr, G.U.I. Officials, Noelle Harris



25th ANNIVERSARY OF CAPTAINS

Back Row

Ivan Roulston, Patsy McGonagle, Joe McMenamin,
Paddy Cleary, Liam McMenamin, Drew Brogan, Kieran
Cunnane, Roy Laughlin, Paddy Carr, Paddy Brennan,
Percy Kee, Fred Kee, Jimmy McGlinchey.

Front Row

Tom Shanahan, Harry McNulty, Paddy Murphy,
Matt McMenamin, Tony Gallinagh, John Joe Kennedy,
Phil Roddy, Paddy Gallagher, Joe Collum, Eunan
McMullin, Ivan Kee.



All but two of the ladies captains down the years.

LADIES CAPTAINS AT 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Back Row Maura Keegan, Teresa McMenamin, Francis Logue, Amy Kee, Bridgeen McGlinchey, Brid Brennan, Mary Laughlin, Lena McGonagle, Maureen O'Brien, Mona Mulrine, Maeve McMenamin, Mary McMullin, Liz Houston.

Front Row Moya Coyle, Betty Carr, Leta Kee, Siobhan Brady, Mary Collum, Ailish Gallinagh, Marie Murphy, Sue Kee, Madeline Rutherford.



50th ANNIVERSARY – LADY CAPTAINS

Dr. Eileen Boyce, 50th Anniversary Lady Captain, Mary Collum, 1st Lady Captain, Siobhan Brady, 25th Anniversary Lady Captain.



2007

Philip Roddy President, James McAllister Captain, Eileen Boyce Lady Captain.



Opening of New Clubhouse 1996

Paddy Carr, Harold Richardson, Olive Byrne Lady Captain, Eamonn Curran
Pres. G.U.I, Peter Byrne Captain, Bobby Beu G.U.I.



Cutting of ribbon.



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Green fees Convenor	Brian McDermot
Competition Convenor	Joe Henderson
House Convenor	Aidan Doherty
Entertainment Convenor	Eddie McHugh
Past Captain	Enda McMenamin

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Declan Collum & Lawrence Devenney

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Handicaps Convenor	Michael O'Boyle
Juniors Convenor	Ann McAllister
PRO	Bernard Foy

Ladies Committee

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Lady Vice Captain	Pat McCaughan
Secretary	Kathleen Byrne
Treasurer	Brid Devenney
Comp Sec	Deirdre Duncan
Handicap Sec	Ann Glancy
Past Captain	Anne O'Meara

Mary Brogan, Ann Gilligan, Mary P. O'Flanagan,
Ann McGranaghan, Judy McDermot.