

CLUB TROPHIES



It was in 1930 that the first tractor was purchased at a cost of £150, and from then to 1940, there was constant and significant improvement in the condition of the course. Grazing was limited to sheep and the ground consequently was much more level. Grazing continued up to 1965.

Inter-Club Competitions had become quite popular after 1920, when travelling was mostly by way of bicycles. It was in 1953 that the present Clubhouse was erected by reconstruction of the old Clubhouse and on the same site and further extended in 1973.

PROMINENT

Most prominent names in the establishment and early development of the Club were Dr. J. Boyers at the turn of the century; Anthony Farrell, C.J.P. Farrell, Peter Igoe and Hedley Boyers from 1905 to 1925; Justice J. P. Kenny in the thirties, and Dr. John O'Shea in the fifties.

By the Sixties the membership of the club had increased considerably which, not surprisingly, caused serious congestion on the course, particularly at the popular playing times. And when the opportunity arose in 1969 the club purchased some adjoining land for the purpose of extending the course to eighteen holes.

The cost of the land and laying out of the new nine was met by way of contributions from the members, together with generous donations from firms and individuals who were not connected with the club, but who fully appreciated the value of the amenity which was being provided in the locality.

Over the next six years much of the development work was done by direct labour and the voluntary efforts of the members. And when the full eighteen

hole course was ready for play in 1975 all but two of the existing greens were retained. The club passed another milestone two years later when a watering system was installed.

In 1981 a major drainage scheme got under way to solve the problems on the newly acquired land, much of which was unplayable during the winter months. The scheme involved a network of gravel-filled mole-tunnel drains and happily it has proved very successful.

The club have further development plans for the course which include the planting of trees and the introduction of bunkers, work on which is already under way.

Though the clubhouse was reconstructed and enlarged in 1973, the plans for the future are to improve the facilities available to the members, and in particular the locker-rooms.

INDICATION

The club's most prominent playing members in recent years have included Lal Donlon, Frank Farrell, Noel Heslin, Dr. P.J. McGarry, Harold and Eric Turner, while the ladies section has produced Brenda Gearty and Margo Magan, both of whom have represented Connacht in recent years, also Mollie Lyons and Evelyn Arkins.

Mrs. Eileen Connolly is currently secretary of the Western District of the I.L.G.U. and non playing captain of Connacht.

The membership of the club continues to grow, and the fact that each year more visitors and society outings are being held at the club is a fair indication of the progress being made.

Also the appointment of a club professional is being considered. Paddy O'Boyle, who is now at Killiney, served as club professional during the Seventies.

THE LORD LONGFORD CUP was presented to the club in 1927 by the Earl of Longford. In 1983 it is proposed to organise an event to restore this cup to its rightful place among the club trophies.

THE MIDLAND BAR CUP was presented to the club by the Legal Professional members of the Midland Circuit in 1933. It is now played for as the principal trophy during the annual Open Week.

THE BOYERS CUP was won by John Boyers as the captain's prize in 1918. It was presented to the ladies section by his grand daughter, Mrs. Helen Turner in 1959, and has been played for each year since as the Ladies Match Play Prize.

THE QUINN INSURANCE CUP was presented in 1952. It is played for each year as a singles competition, one of the main events of the fixtures list.