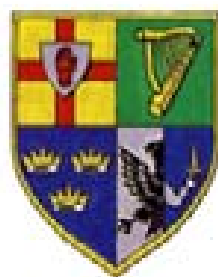
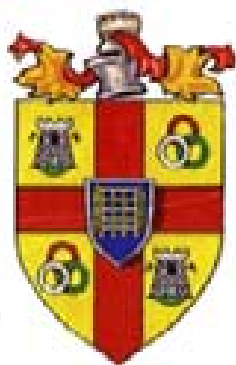


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*Reminiscing on earlier days in golf at Fortwilliam*

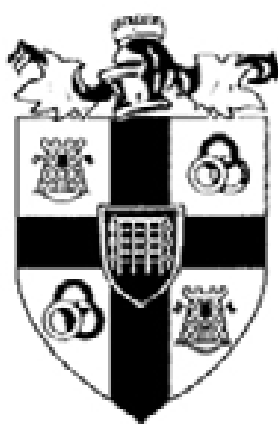


*The location of this putting green at the end of the last century was the top of Fortwilliam Park*

# Fortwilliam Golf Club

Instituted 1891  
100th Anniversary 1991

## Centenary Year 1991



*per ludum ad amicos veros*  
(through golf we develop true friendships)

In Commemoration and Celebration

- *Centenary Committee:* R. J. Campbell and C. J. Brady
- Congratulations and thanks to all members and their families who have contributed so much during the first hundred years of the club.
- Congratulations to the G.U.I. in this their Centenary Year.
- Congratulations to J.B. (Joe) Carr on attaining the Captaincy of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, Scotland.
- Congratulations to I. L. (Ian) Bamford as the President Elect of the G.U.I.
- Congratulations to P. J. (Peter) O'Hara as Chairman of the G.U.I. (Ulster Branch)

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Dr. Ian Loughridge who provided the original plan of the 1932 course, which is basically The Present Day Lay-out.

*And Those Others:*

Who contributed, sometimes unknowingly, to this compilation. In however small a manner.

## Editorial Comment

This brochure is not intended to be a history of The Fortwilliam Golf Club — that comes later — although it has been deemed fitting that some elements of the Club's history, and its place in the community, be included.

This brochure is the third to be produced by the Club in recent years. The first was in 1972 to celebrate the opening of Phase I of the present clubhouse; the second was to celebrate the opening of Phase II in 1982 - it also served to mark the demise of the old wooden clubhouse, the nucleus of which had occupied the same site since 1903.

The primary purpose of this brochure is to celebrate the Centenary Year of the Fortwilliam Golf Club, which was inaugurated on Friday, 16th October, 1891 in No. 1 Custom House Square, Belfast, I.

Its secondary purpose is to place on record:

- (a) the Club's thanks to the many prominent people who were kind enough to send the Club their congratulatory messages and good wishes for the future;
- (b) the Club's tribute to the host of members, past and present who, initially, created the Club, and to those who have since accepted and developed its proud traditions and fine facilities.
- (c) the special personal messages to you, the members, from the Officers of the Club, in this, the Club's Centenary year.

Its tertiary purpose is to present a picture of the Club's beginnings including some of the activities and achievements of the members during its first hundred years.

With the vast amount of material available selection became inevitable, so that, the examples employed can only be a cross-section of the Club's membership and their achievements. It is a matter of regret that more members could not be featured. YOU were not forgotten!

**Bob Shannon**

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AND  
BEST WISHES TO  
FORTWILLIAM G.C.*

*FROM  
THE  
DUNBAR LINK  
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# Representatives of the Membership of the Fortwilliam Golf Club 1891 and 1991

## 1891 OFFICERS

*Captain: E. Platt Higgins, Hon. Secretary: J.T. Reade*  
*Hon. Treasurer: J.H. Burke Murphy*

## COMMITTEE

*John Bell, Richard Bell, John Briston,*  
*F. Cunningham, E.O'R. Dickey, H.D. Lanton*

## 1991 OFFICERS

*President: T. Lowry Vice-President: E. Bannon*  
*Captain: G. Mulvenna Vice-Captain: D.H. Macrae*  
*Hon. Secretary: R.J. Campbell Hon. Treasurer: H. D'arcy*

## TRUSTEES

*T. Lowry, E. Bannon, J.G. Campbell*

## COUNCIL

*M. Shields, M. Purdy, D.G. Cook, K. Loy, R. Gillespie, D. Loughrey*  
*D. McGrady, B.J. Lowry, J. Kearney, T. McLoughlin, B. Henry, J. Wilson*  
*Post Captains: H. Rafferty, S.J. McMichael*

## 1991 - LADIES COMMITTEE

*Captain: Mrs. S. Lynch, Vice-Captain: Mrs. P. Callen,*  
*Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. Shannon, Hon. Treasurer: Miss V. Douglas,*  
*Hon. Handicap Secretary: Miss C.P. Glennon*

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mrs. C. McCrory, Mrs. G. Loughridge, Mrs. S. Cobby, Mrs. S. Bogue,*  
*Mrs. B. Kavanagh, Miss Liz. Thompson, Mrs. S. Kennedy,*  
*Mrs. S. McPhillips, Mrs. J. Wilson, Miss J. Campbell,*  
*Mrs. S. McCann, Mrs. E. Donnelly*  
*Past Captains: Mrs. D. Kearney, Mrs. K. Brady*

# Fortwilliam Golf Club

## Presidents:

1903-1961	The Right Honourable The Earl of Shaftesbury, K.P., K.L.V.O., H.M.L.
1963-1977	Judge B.J. Fox, C.B.E., Q.C., LL.D.
1978-1980	Edmund Y. Bryans
1981-1982	Norman F. Ewing
1983-1984	James Hurchinson
1985-1986	Robert H. Shannon
1987-1988	James G. Campbell
1989-1990	James Wilson
1991-1992	Tom Lowry

## Captains

1891	
1892	E. Platt Higgins
1893	" " "
1894	" " "
1895	" " "
1896	" " "
1897	" " "
1903	E. Platt Higgins
1904	" " "
1905	John Horner
1906	Samuel Dickson
1907	Dr. Alex Dompsey
1908	J.J. Kirkpatrick
1909	Wm Barnett
1910	" " "
1911	Jas Alexander
1912	" " "
1913	Wm Jones
1914	" " "
1915	R.S. Grainger
1916	" " "
1917	Joshua Little
1918	" " "
1919	W.J. McCaughey
1920	James McCance
1921	" " "
1922	John Taylor
1923	" " "
1924	" " "
1925	James Bennett
1926	" " "
1927	F. Bradbury
1928	" " "
1929	James Brown
1930	" " "
1931	Norman Booth
1932	" " "
1933	George McNoice
1934	" " "
1935	C.P. Haddow
1936	" " "
1937	George McCann
1938	" " "
1939	B.J. Fox R.C.

1940	B.J. Fox R.C.
1941	" " "
1942	J. McBarry
1943	" " "
1944	J.P. Greer
1945	" " "
1946	James W. Porter
1947	" " "
1948	Howard Cumming
1949	W.J. Brownlee
1950	J.H. McCaw
1951	T.G. Wallace
1952	E.Y. Bryans
1953	E.J. Pitt
1954	T. Nicholl
1955	S. Norman McCaw
1956	R.P. Potter
1957	A.J. Rodick
1958	W. Jenkins
● 1959	N.F. Ewing
1960	F.C. Anderson
1961	D. Bannon
● 1962	J.H.M. Rogers
1963	M. Burns
1964	R. Black
● 1965	R.H. Shannon
1966	J. Hutchison
● 1967	J.G. Campbell
1968	L.B. Lynch
● 1969	J. Wilson
1970	N. Graham
● 1971	E. Carroll
● 1972	J.D. Burne
1973	J.I. Hurwitz
● 1974	T. Lowry
● 1975	E. Bannon
● 1976	H.D. Meeke
● 1977	J. Graham
● 1978	Dr. Ian Loughridge
● 1979	C.J. Brady
● 1980	J.A. McDonald
● 1981	W.G. McCusker
● 1982	D.G. Cook
● 1983	J. McGuigan
● 1984	A.L. Sweeney
● 1985	P.M. Donaghy
● 1986	G.R. Bingham
● 1987	C. O'Neill
● 1988	J.G. Hill
● 1989	H.H. Rafferty
● 1990	S.J. McMichael
● 1991	Gerry Mulvenna

● Extant

## THE GENTLEMEN'S SECTION

### HON. SECRETARIES

1903	Fred P. Hughes Samuel Smyth
1904	Fred P. Hughes David Hanna
1905	David Hanna Andrew Alexander
1906	Alex Colville James Campbell
1907-10	Alex Colville
1911-12	James Campbell
1913	Reginald V. Coates
1914	W. E. Topping W. G. Watson
1915	Alex Colville (Pro.Tem.)
1916	Alex Colville
1917-19	D. Mariyn
1920	Samuel Lowson
1921	H. G. Fleet James Campbell
1922-44	James Campbell (25 years)
1945-47	T. Jenkins
1948	R. Cathcart
1949-54	T. Jenkins
1955-59	H. K. Smith
1960-67	W. J. Anderson
1967	R. H. Shannon (Pro.Tem)
1968-71	J. D. Burne
1972-76	L. B. Lynch
1978-79	G. J. O'Neill
1980-84	J. McConville
1985-91	R. J. Campbell

### HON. TREASURERS

1903-04	Adam C. Pepper
1905-06	Richard S. Grainger
1907	W.H. Chantler
1908-10	W.H. Chantler R.S. Grainger
1911-17	Richard S. Grainger
1918	Wm. Mallee
1919-21	Alfred Clifton, J.P.
1922-23	H.B. Stedman
1924-42	W.G. Watson (19 Yrs)
1943-51	E.Y. Bryans
1952-54	H.K. Smith
1955-57	J.A. McDonald
1958-59	W.J. Anderson
1960	J.J. McCormick
1961-64	J.Y. Young
1965-67	A.J. Rodick
1968-77	D. Nesbitt
1978-79	T. Barker
1980-83	J.D. Burne
1983	Joseph McAleur (Pro.Tem)
1984	Joseph McAleur (Rusg) J.D. Burne (Pro.Tem)
1985	Hugh Rafferty
1986	Hugh Rafferty
1987	H. D'arcy
1988	H. D'arcy
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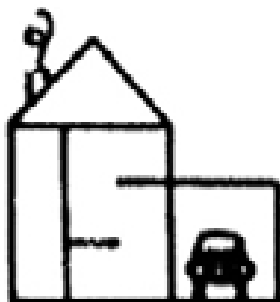
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1903-04	Alex Colville C.A. John Condy	1924-26	W.E. Topping Joseph Osborne (Jnr)
1905	John Condy James McCance	1927-30	A.H. Muir
1906	James McCance Robert Barnett	1940-41	John McCullough & Sons C.A.
1907	E.J. Elliott J. Nixon	1942	E.Y. Bryans
1908	J. Nixon T. McDowell	1943	George McNeice
1909-13	John Lawther W.C. Watson	1944	James A. Birkmyre
1914	W.J. Scott C.M. Crombie	1945-46	Wm. Keith
1915-16	Joshua Little W.C. Watson	1947	Edward C. Comerton
1917-20	W.C. Watson P. McCutcheon	1948-54	J.A. McDonald
1921	J. Condy W. H. Chantler	1955	D. Nesbitt
1922-23	W.E. Topping W.C. Watson	1956-60	T.D. Lorimer F.C.A.
		1961	Hugh Smylie & Sons
		1962-71	T.D. Lorimer F.C.A.
		1972-91	J.S. Winington (20 years)

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## MESSAGE FROM . . .

### THE LORD MAYOR

I am delighted and honoured to have this opportunity to convey Civic Greetings to Fortwilliam Golf Club on the occasion of reaching its Centenary.

Over the years, since its inception in 1891, the Fortwilliam Club has provided a source of social and sporting enjoyment for all its Members throughout the City of Belfast, and there can be few Clubs with such a beautiful location as that at Antrim Road.

Members have distinguished themselves at the sport since the Club's formation, and I would pay tribute to the many worthy Presidents, Captains and Members of Council who have given of their time and talents to help the Fortwilliam Golf Club reach its present excellent standing.

I would send my sincere and hearty congratulations and best wishes to the Club and trust that it will go from strength to strength in the years that lie ahead.

**FRED COBAIN**

*Lord Mayor*

*May 1991*



### THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HIGGINS



I am pleased to have this opportunity of congratulating the Captain, Gerry Mulvonna, and the other members of Fortwilliam Golf Club on its Centenary. Bridget and I have lived on the Antrim Road for nearly a quarter of that time, during which club membership has added much to our pleasure in living here, not least from the friendship which have resulted.

With best wishes for the future,

**Eoin Higgins**

## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### **The Captain of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews**

It is with much pleasure that I write to congratulate Fortwilliam Golf Club on the occasion of its Centenary. I have been fortunate to visit a number of clubs who have a similar cause for celebration and find a tremendous spirit amongst their members.

We are lucky to play this great game of golf which has no superior in the world of sport for the way it unites people.

My very best wishes to you at Fortwilliam Golf Club.

**D.M. MARSH**

*Captain*

*Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews*

### **The Captain of The Fortwilliam Golf Club 1991**



Fellow Members,

To be elected Captain of Fortwilliam Golf Club in any year is a signal honour. To attain high office in this, our Centenary Year, brings me additional pleasure and privilege together with a wonderful feeling of excitement and anticipation.

Thanks to the efforts of our Centenary Committee we can look forward to a delightfully busy year of Golf and Social Activities.

I trust that you will enjoy our Special Issue Magazine which gives me the opportunity of expressing my sincere hopes and wishes for the year ahead. May your every activity be enjoyable and successful. I certainly look forward to meeting as many of you as possible, and frequently too.

A tribute must be paid to the Match and Handicap and Greens Committee for the redesigning and construction of the new fifth and sixth holes. Golfing expertise at Fortwilliam will be tested and enhanced by these, which will add character to our Course.

To all our Team Managers and Team Players I wish every success and I look forward to Fortwilliam bringing home some trophies in this memorable year.

May I take this opportunity through our Centenary Magazine on your behalf, and mine, to wish supreme success and fulfillment to the Golfing Union of Ireland in this THEIR Centenary Year.

Sincerely,

**GERRY MULVENNA**



## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### The President, Tom Lowry 1991-1992



On behalf of the Members of Fortwilliam Golf Club I was pleased to extend a very warm welcome to all our friends and visitors who joined us for Open Week to celebrate our Centenary Year.

We at Fortwilliam are all very proud of our inheritance, belonging as we do to a Club which has its roots in the last century. Moreover, we are very conscious of the spirit and traditions we have inherited from our founders and from all of the members who have gone before us. We trust that those who succeed us will continue to uphold the fine traditions of our past in promoting the Royal and Ancient Game and the spirit of camaraderie associated with it.

I hope all of our members and friends have had a very successful golfing season. Above all, I hope that our visitors from other Clubs have happy memories of their visit to Fortwilliam in this our Centenary Year.

**T. LOWRY**

*President*

### The President, Jim Wilson 1989-1990

Dear Members,

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served Fortwilliam Golf Club both as Captain and recently as President.

It is most gratifying to see throughout the years the progress of Fortwilliam Golf Club. As a keen supporter of all classes of membership particularly the Junior Section, who are the future of Fortwilliam, to see this section grow from practically nil into a sportingly competitive body of young people in little over a decade is reassuring to this great club of ours. May I wish Fortwilliam Golf Club every success in the future and our members many good years of good health to enjoy the game of golf.

Sincerely,  
**JIM WILSON**



## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### The Past Captain, S. J. McMichael 1990

As outgoing Captain for the Year '90, I, in common with all our Members, eagerly look forward to our Centenary Year. The groundwork has been prepared and the scene is now set for our golfers to go out and achieve success and thus complement a wonderful year of celebration.

Irrespective of this success being achieved, it is my eternal wish that the spirit of Goodwill and Comradeship, so evident during my year just ended, may be the hallmark of Fortwilliam for the next 100 years.

**S.J. McMICHAEL**



### The President, G.U.I.



It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Fortwilliam Golf Club on achieving its Centenary. It is, perhaps, interesting to note that a mere four days separate the founding of the Club and the founding of the Golfing Union of Ireland.

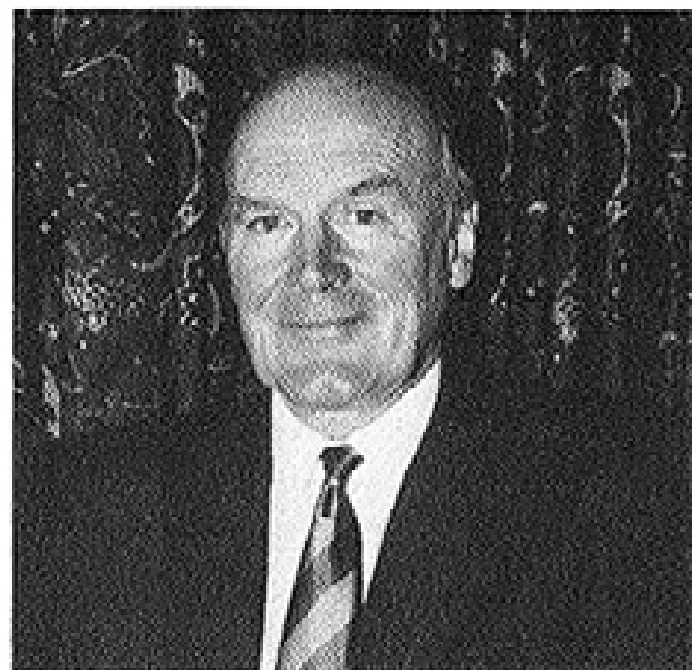
Your Members, having inherited a proud tradition fostered over the past one hundred years, will undoubtedly hand it on to future members with added lustre.

On behalf of the Golfing Union of Ireland I wish all the members, men and ladies, of Fortwilliam Golf Club a most enjoyable Centenary year and the very best for the future of the Club as it commences its second centenary.

**DESMOND REA O'KELLY**  
President  
Golfing Union of Ireland

## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### The Chairman G.U.I. (Ulster Branch)



**Ian Bamford,**  
*Chairman*  
*G.U.I. (Ulster Branch)*  
*Now President Elect, G.U.I.*

Fortwilliam Golf Club, I am informed, was founded on 16th October 1891, which was just four days after the foundation of the Golfing Union of Ireland at The Northern Counties Hotel, Portrush. As Chairman of the Ulster Branch of the G.U.I., I feel honoured to have been asked to contribute to this Centenary brochure on such an important and special occasion in the life of Fortwilliam Golf Club. Knowing the Club as I do, having played and officiated on its course, I know the occasion will be celebrated in a very meaningful and enthusiastic manner.

May I take this opportunity to wish the President, Captain, Council and Members every success in their Centenary celebrations and indeed in their Centenary year.

### The Hon. Secretary, G.U.I. (Ulster Branch)

During 43 years' valued membership I have been in a favoured position to observe the Fortwilliam story, one of continuous progressive movement. It is laudable that councils and members of each generation with foresight accepted the challenge, not least financial, in leaving a legacy of improvement for its successors.

From a slow start in the 1950's and 60's the pace accelerated from extending and improving the course and clubhouse to encompass in a replacing tees, greens and the clubhouse itself. All this culminated in the fine facilities available today for enjoying both a sporting game and dispensing the unsurpassed hospitality for which Fortwilliam is truly renowned.

Even as I write, improvements are still on-going no doubt to be chronicled at the next Centenary.

In wishing every success to Fortwilliam in the years that lie ahead I am confident that it's unique spirit will be treasured, nourished and passed on for the enjoyment of all who come in contact with this great club.

**PETER J. O'HARA**

*Hon. Secretary., G.U.I. (Ulster Branch), now Chairman G.U.I. (Ulster Branch)*



## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### **Brendan Edwards, M.B.E.**

I am honoured to be associated with Fortwilliam Golf Club on the celebration of their first 100 years.

Having played many times at Fortwilliam through the years, it has always been evident that not only is there a strong competitive attitude to the game, but also a friendly and sociable atmosphere throughout the Club.

The Club has always had its "larger than life" characters and I am sure that all this and the enthusiasm for the great game of golf will continue through the second 100 years.

**Brendan Edwards, M.B.E.**



### **R. J. Campbell, Hon. Secretary**



I am pleased and privileged to have the opportunity to address our members on the occasion of Fortwilliam Golf Club's 100th Birthday. I have been associated with the Club for longer than I care to remember, and am happy to belong to a Club with the reputation "Friendly Fortwilliam". You and I are lucky to be members of such a great Club and I am fortunate to have enjoyed representing the Club at senior level and to be your Honorary Secretary.

Considerable changes have taken place. When I first came about the "Pavilion" was the centre for various activities and I often wonder what the members of yesteryear would think of the Clubhouse to-day.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all Health, Peace and Happiness in the future.

**R.J. CAMPBELL**  
*Hon. Secretary*

## MESSAGE FROM . . .

### The Hon. Treasurer



A hundred years ago the stereotype Golf Club was a very exclusive and male dominated preserve, inhabited and controlled by gentlemen of the "Middle/Upper" social strata. They devised rules and standards for behaviour and dress, on the Course, and in the Clubhouse. Non-conformity with these standards was not tolerated.

A hundred years ago Fortwilliam Golf Club probably fell into this mould. There are still some discernable and lingering similarities of yesteryear (and some standards are worth retaining) but the Fortwilliam Golf Club of today is very different from then.

It startled me to realise that as an immigrant Scotsman I have been a member of this Club for more than one-third of its existence.

During this time-span there have been many significant changes in both the physical and membership structures of the Club. Our present membership is a microcosmic representation drawn from the area in which the Club is located. These members, Ladies and Gentlemen, meet, compete and socialise in excellent surroundings. The image of the friendly and vibrant Club persists and grows.

Members need not be reminded that these facilities have been acquired at a cost and I now turn my attention to the preparation of the First Budget of the next 100 years so that Council can decide on the level of membership Subscription for 1991/92.

Whatever the outcome members can be certain that it will represent excellent value for the honour and privilege of belonging to this Club.

**H. D'Arcy,**  
*Hon. Treasurer*

## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### **Sheila Lynch, Ladies' Captain 1991**

Congratulations Fortwilliam on your 100th birthday.

I am very honoured and proud to serve as Ladies Captain during this historic year. On behalf of the Ladies Section I would like to acknowledge the dedication shown by the Captain, Officers and Council. Their commitment has achieved the superb standards we enjoy on the course and in the clubhouse.

I also applaud and thank the Ladies' Committee and members for their excellent support in making 1991 a memorable Centenary year.

**SHEILA LYNCH**

*Ladies' Captain 1991-1992*



### **Kitty Brady, Ladies' Captain 1990**



It has been my privilege and honour to have been Lady Captain of Fortwilliam Golf Club in 1990.91. Having been a member for some 25 years I have had the pleasure of watching our membership grow and to see the completion of the new Club House. The Council, down the years, has always been dedicated to the improvement of the golf course and to ensuring that the amenities of the Club house are comfortable and pleasant for all the members.

The ladies have always taken a very active part in the Golf Club - on and off the course - and in conjunction with the gentlemen have made it one of the friendliest and most hospitable Golf Clubs in Ireland.

I would like to wish The Captain, Mr. Gerry Mulvenna, The President, Mr. Tom Lowry, The Ladies' Captain, Mrs Sheila Lynch and all the members of the Fortwilliam Golf Club, a very memorable and enjoyable Centenary Year.

**KITTY BRADY**

*Ladies' Captain 1990-1991*

## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### **Marèse Prendiville, President Irish Ladies' Golf Union**



Congratulations to Fortwilliam Golf Club, on reaching their Centenary, and may they continue to enjoy Golf as a Sport, as they progress into their Second Century.

**Marèse Prendiville**  
*President Irish Ladies Golf Union*

### **Miss Margaret Cowdy, Chairman, (Northern) I.L.G.U.**

On behalf of the Northern District Executive Committee of the Irish Ladies' Golf Union I am pleased to congratulate Fortwilliam Golf Club on reaching its Centenary this year, 1991. All credit to the foresight of the original eleven gentlemen who also had the good sense to admit lady Members from the earliest days, since when the Members have taken an active interest in the Golfing Union of Ireland and the Irish Ladies' Golf Union. We wish them well in the future.



**MISS MARGARET COWDY**  
*Chairman (Northern District) I.L.G.U.*

## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### **Muriel Shannon, Hon. Secretary (Ladies' Section)**

I am privileged to have been a member of the Fortwilliam Golf Club since 1952, and the Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' section for 25 years. (A quarter of a Century. I can scarcely believe it!) It is also my privilege to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations, and best wishes, to all the members of MY club in this its Centenary Year, and hope that each one of you may experience some of the pleasure that I have derived from my association with you all.

It is my fervent wish that the Club should continue to prosper into the second Century of its existence, and that the warmth of feeling and the aura of friendship, so characteristic of the Club, may be ever with you. Go in peace and live in friendship one with the other.

**MURIEL SHANNON**

*Hon. Secretary (Ladies' Section)*



### **Vera Douglas, Hon. Treasurer (Ladies' Section)**



I have been associated with the Club for many years, and it has been my privilege to serve the club as Honorary Treasurer for the past fifteen years, and it is my hope that I may be able to continue to do so in the future.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the members of this great club on attaining 100 years, and to be starting the second round in such great shape!

**VERA DOUGLAS**

*Hon. Treasurer  
(Ladies' Section)*



## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### **Constance Glennon, Hon. Handicap Secretary (Ladies' Section)**



My congratulations to Fortwilliam on celebrating their Centenary. I have been associated with the Club for over thirty years and during that time have been Ladies' Captain and Handicap Secretary. The one thing that I noticed when I joined Fortwilliam was the friendliness and kindness that existed amongst the Members and Associates. As Handicap Secretary I am pleased to be of assistance in running the Ladies Section.

My very best wishes to the Club for the future.

**CONSTANCE GLENNON**  
*Hon. Handicap Secretary*  
*(Ladies' Section)*

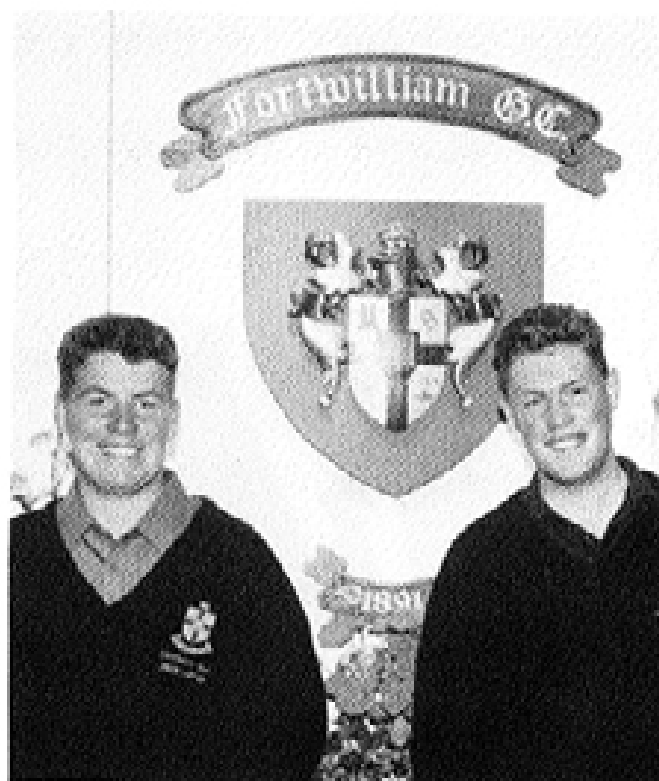
### **Martin Groundwater, Captain 1990** **Michael Gray, Captain 1991**

As we shared 1991 as Junior captains of Fortwilliam we thought we could share this message. We are each very proud to have served the Junior Members of the Club as Captains, and to have set high standards for them to chase. We are also proud of our Golfing Contribution to the Club, and are particularly proud of assisting to win the Fred Daly Trophy for only the second time in our history.

We hope the Club will go from strength to strength in the next hundred years and that we will be there helping it to more successes! Congratulations and best wishes to all.

**MARTIN GROUNDWATER**  
*Captain 1990-1991*

**MICHAEL GRAY**  
*Captain 1991-1992*



# MESSAGES FROM . . .

## Cliftonville Golf Club

Dear Honorary Secretary,

At the start of this new golfing season, we at Cliftonville are very conscious of the fact that Fortwilliam is celebrating its Centenary Year.

Can I on behalf of our Captain, President and Council, offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes to your Club on this memorable occasion.

I hope that all the events which you have planned for the coming year are successful, as I know they will be, and hope that an enjoyable year is had by all of your members.

Needless to say, my personal congratulations and best wishes are passed to all my friends at Fortwilliam.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

**J.M. HENDERSON**

*Hon. Secretary*

## E. T. Jones, Captain P.G.A.



### THE CAPTAIN AND MEMBERS

My first visit to Fortwilliam was in the mid fifties, when I played in the "News of the World" qualifying competition.

Over the years I have played in numerous competitions at Fortwilliam and have enjoyed the hospitality and comradeship of your members.

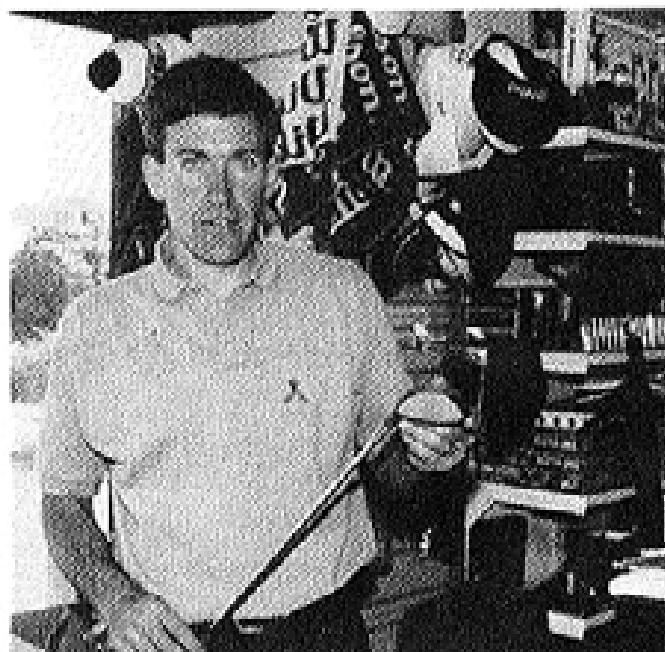
When I think of Fortwilliam I also think of your late Professional Gerry Graham one of the old school who gave so much to the Game of Golf.

As Captain of the P.G.A. it gives me great pleasure on behalf of all your professional friends to wish Fortwilliam continued prosperity and good golfing in your Centenary year.

**E.T. JONES**  
*Captain PGA*

## MESSAGES FROM . . .

### Peter Hanna, Professional



Congratulations to Fortwilliam Golf Club on reaching its Centenary.

I am in my sixth year as Professional and have thoroughly enjoyed every moment, the high point being the building of the new shop in 1990 which has permitted the stocking of a wide range of goods for the benefit of members.

I have been elected this year as Chairman of the Northern Branch of the P.G.A. and, as Fortwilliam is known among the Professional Golfers as one of the friendliest most welcoming clubs in the Country, it has indeed been an honour for me.

The great achievement of the Juniors, winning the Fred Daly Trophy, certainly

whets the appetite for the future glory at Senior Level. Certainly the boys' enthusiasm, improving skill, and love of the game guarantees success.

I am pleased to be associated with Fortwilliam and I look forward to many more happy years at the Club. I am always available to help the members in any way I can.

Good luck with the next 100 years.

**PETER HANNA**

*Professional Fortwilliam Golf Club,  
Chairman P.G.A. (Northern Ireland).*

*Wishing all at Fortwilliam G.C.  
Every Success for the next Century*

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# MESSAGES FROM THE COMMUNITY

**J. Todd, Chief Superintendent, Divisional Commander,  
R.U.C. North Queen Street**



Dear Honorary Secretary,

The year 1991 will prove to be a milestone for many individuals and organisations. One of the organisations who will especially remember 1991 is Fortwilliam Golf Club as they will celebrate their Centenary. I am sure the foundation members would be proud if they were alive to-day to see the heights which have been scaled by this famous Club. I am certain even they could not have anticipated the success enjoyed by the Club. Of course a Club consists of members and they are the ones who are entitled to bask in this success.

It is particularly noticeable in these days of division how the Club has managed to maintain an atmosphere where members of all religions, cultures and backgrounds are made welcome and are closely integrated in a spirit of true friendship through the great game of Golf.

I must pay tribute to the excellent working relationship the Club and its members has with the Royal Ulster Constabulary, particularly at Greencastle. This is something of which I am especially proud and which I know will continue in the future.

In closing may I offer the most sincere congratulations of the Division to Fortwilliam Golf Club on reaching its Centenary Year and wish them the best of good luck and good fortune for the next 100 years and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

**J. TODD**

*Chief Superintendent  
Divisional Commander*



## **N.I. CHEST, HEART AND STROKE ASSOCIATION**

On behalf of the Association we wish to convey our sincere congratulations to the President, Captain, Council and Members of Fortwilliam Golf Club on the occasion of their Centenary.

Over many years the members of Fortwilliam (ladies and gentlemen) have been most supportive to our cause, by holding competitions, and in recent years, by hosting our very successful Pro Am Tournament.

The N.I. Chest, Heart and Stroke Association is a voluntary body and it is only through the generosity of businesses and the public that we are able to carry out our work.

As you may know, Northern Ireland has the highest death rate in the world for heart disease and that is something we are trying to change. Chest, heart and stroke illnesses are responsible for two out of three deaths in Northern Ireland. Heart illness, by far the Province's biggest killer, causes 6,000 deaths each year. Help is needed to fund research, health education, rehabilitation, counselling, purchase of nebulizers for asthmatics, welfare services and holidays for patients.

We hope that it will be possible to maintain the close links which have been established between Fortwilliam Golf Club and the Association in combating chest, heart and stroke illnesses.

**ANDREW DOUGAL, Executive Director**

**TOM LAVERY, Sporting & Special Events Adviser**

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF BELFAST (FORTWILLIAM)



Dear Secretary,

On behalf of Fortwilliam Rotary Club I would ask you to convey our thanks and best wishes to Captain Gerry Mulvenna, the Council and all members.

The Club was made available to us on 31st July 1991 for a charitable golf outing and the support for this and the hospitality received was excellent and greatly appreciated.

The event raised £1,550 and has been passed to the Friends of Mertoun Park Mentally Handicapped Home.

May I also take this opportunity of wishing the Club all success in this their Centenary year.

**DAVID STEWART**

*President*

*Fortwilliam Rotary Club*



# MESSAGE FROM THE FRATERNAL

From:

1. Rosemary Presbyterian Church
2. Fortwilliam Park Presbyterian Church
3. Holy Family Parish of Churches
4. Cavehill Methodist Church
5. St. Peter's Church of Ireland

"The local churches, to which many members of Fortwilliam Golf Club belong, congratulate the Club on its Centenary.

The Club has sought to make people from different sections of our local community feel welcome and involved in leadership. This policy has brought people together when other forces in society have been driving us apart. By regularly supporting charities you have also kept the needs of disadvantaged people in mind. You might well have restricted yourselves to doing no more than running a Golf Club.

Fortwilliam Golf Club is a part of our local community and we hope that you will continue to bring people together and care for disadvantaged people, as well as providing people with a healthy, though, if the truth be told, often frustrating, form of relaxation."

## Message from The Belfast Hebrew Congregation

Dear Sir,

We have been made aware of the impending celebrations connected with your Club Centenary, and on behalf of the Jewish Community would wish to be associated with the occasion by expressing our congratulations and good wishes on achieving this milestone. I understand that you are producing a brochure and would like the following notice to appear.

Congratulations to Fortwilliam Golf Club in its Centenary Year from the Belfast Hebrew Congregation and the Jewish Golfing Society. Our sincere best wishes for the future in appreciation of past and present friendships.

**CYRIL ROSENBERG**

*Hon. Secretary*

*Belfast Hebrew Congregation.*

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# Centenary Competitions

**OPEN WEEK 3rd - 10th 1991**

**Saturday 3rd August - GENTS' STABLEFORD**

1st F. Dunlop 42pts  
2nd J. Crangle 42pts  
3rd R. Hamilton 41pts  
4th W. McDonald 41pts  
1st Gross B. Doherty (Cliftonville) 69  
2nd Gross M. Gray 71  
1st Nine D. O'Sullivan 23pts  
2nd Nine P.O. Benson 23pts

**Sunday 4th August MIXED GREENSOMES**

1st P. McPhillips & S. McCann 66% Nett  
2nd M. Moore (Cliftonville) & F. Moore (Cliftonville) 68% Nett  
3rd R. Davis (Whitehead) & P. Davis (Carrick) 69 Nett  
4th G. Glover & E. Balmer 69 Nett  
Gross: D. Bogues & S. Bogues 80 Nett  
1st Nine: D. Armstrong (Larne) & Lynn Callen (Larne) 33% Nett  
2nd Nine: D. McGrady & S. McPhillips 30% Nett

**Monday 5th August JUNIOR STROKE**

1st C. Mulholland 62 Nett  
2nd C. Gray (Malone) 63 Nett  
3rd M. McGuire 64 Nett  
4th R. Duckett 65 Nett  
Gross: B. Loy 75 Nett

**Tuesday 6th August GENTS' STABLEFORD**

1st M. Graham 42pts  
2nd T. King 40pts  
3rd M. Groundwater 39pts  
1st Gross: J. Crangle 71  
2nd Gross: A. Kirk (Malone) 72  
1st Nine: F. Hackett 22pts  
2nd Nine: D. Mitchell 24pts

**Wednesday 7th August GENTS' FOURBALL BETTER**

1st J. Fox & J. Robinson 59 Nett  
2nd J. Crangle & M. Colohan 59 Nett  
3rd K. McCrudden & P. McLean 60 Nett

**Thursday 8th August GENTS' GREENSOMES**

1st D. McGrady & D. Byrne 60 Nett  
2nd H. McCambridge & H. McLaughlin 61.8 Nett  
3rd P. McMahon & B. Horner 63 Nett

**10th August 1991 OPEN STROKE**

**Category 1.**

1st D. Mitchell 63  
2nd P. Dobbin 63  
3rd M. Sharpe 64  
4th B. O'Kane 64      5th M. Gibson 64

**Category 2.**

1st Gross M. Gray 70  
2nd Gross A. O'Neill 73

## CENTENARY WEEK

**Saturday 3rd August - Saturday 10th August 1991**

The following Ladies' competitions were held:

**Monday, 5th August - LADIES' STABLEFORD:**

**Winners:**

A Class: Teresa Hughes

B Class: Ruth Boles on better 2nd nine from Pearl Callen

**Friday 9th August OPEN STROKE**

**Winners:**

From 24 visiting Captains: M. Donaghy (Royal Co. Down)

A Class: Carol King (Royal Portrush)

B Class: Anne Rafferty (Fortwilliam)

After the Open Stroke the Club entertained 30 visiting Captains and the representative of the L.L.G.U. (Northern Executive) May Brown, to dinner. The usual speeches were made; the Centenary Cake was Ceremonially Cut; and the entire day was unanimously recorded as a great success for the Club.

## WINNERS CAPTAINS' PRIZES

1891-97	unknown at present	1957	J. Tierney	
1903	P.E. Roade (Match Play)	1958	W. Jenkins	
● 1904	Wm Barnett	1959	W.J. Bradley	
1905	W.M. Chantler	1960	NA	F.G. Anderson
1906	R. Barnett	1961	NA	P. Bannon
1907	G.E. Tughan	1962	S. Bonnar	
● 1908	A.H. Craig	1963	NA	M. Burns
● 1909	A.H. Craig	1964	NA	R. Black
1910	R. Swanston	1965	Koy Young	
● 1911	W. Barnett	1966	NA	J. Hutchison
● 1912	W. Barnett	● 1967	John Kelly	
● 1913	A.H. Craig	1968	S.A. Hanna	
1914	W. Freeman	1969	J. McGuigan	
1915	James C. McCleery	1970	N. Graham	
1916	James C. McCleery	1971	James Graham	
1917	Wm. Mallace	1972	N. McWatters	
1918	R. Barnett	1973	J.I. Hurwitz	
1919	N.A.	1974	George Witherspoon	
1920	N.A.	● 1975	John Kelly	
1921	A.P. Erskine	1976	Giaron McAlindon	
1922	James Campbell	1977	Vincent Curran	
1923	F.R. Smyth	1978	P.J. Brennan	
1924	W.A. Brown	1979	Richard McLaughlin	
1925	James D.D. Pyper	1980	Frank McMemamin	
1926	James Watson	1981	Herbie Wells	
1927	A.F. Foster	1982	Brendan J. Lowry	
1928	James D.D. Pyper	1983	J. McGuigan	
1929	Stanley Spence	1984	G. Armstrong	
1930	R. English	1985	Wm. Groer	
1931	T. Curran	1986	Derek McKillen	
1932	Donis Taylor	1987	Michael Purdy	
1933	H. McFerran	1988	E. Kelly	
1934	J. Shaw	1989	D. Kennedy	
1935	J.S. Spence	1990	Kevin Reynolds	
1936	J. McCormick	1991	Mark McAuley	
1937	E. Hegan			
1938	S. Doak			
1939	A. Graham			
1940	G. McManus			
1941	Not played			
1942	Thomas Jenkins			
● 1943	Wm. Houston			
1944	A. Graham			
● 1945	Wm. Houston			
1946	A. Lunn			
1947	E.J. Lynch			
1948	C. Owens			
1949	N.A.			
1950	J.V. Browne			
1951	T. Stewart			
1952	P. McPolin			
1953	N. McWatters			
1954	H.M.S. Catherwood			
1955	N.L. Boston			
1956	W.H.E. Ritchie			

● The year of - Wm. Houston's third success is uncertain. If anyone can supply the information please do.

● Wm Barnett, A. H. Craig, W. Houston - 3 time winners

● In recent times John Kelly has won twice of Houston and Kelly.



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*A.A. Milne*
5. 'Excessive golf dwarfs the intellect' *Sir Walter Simpson*
6. Dr. Faustus: The deal is this:  
The deed to your house — four shots off your handicap.  
Your bank balance — another four.  
The wife — scratch.
7. 'The unimaginative clot with a sound method can make a good golfer, but it takes brains to make a great one.'  
*Anon.*
8. 'An honest golfer' *Mea Culpa*
9. Jim Campbell's favourite by Bobby Jones.  
'Golf is played by striking the ball with the head of the club. The objective of the player is not to swing the club in a specified manner, nor to execute a series of complicated movements in a prescribed sequence, nor to look pretty while he is doing it, but primarily and essentially to strike the ball with the head of the club so that the ball will perform according to his wishes.'
10. Golf is a science, the study of a lifetime, in which you may exhaust yourself but never your subject. It is a contest, a duel, a melee, calling for courage, skill, strategy, and self-control. It is a test of temper, a trial of honour, a revealer of character. It affords the chance to play the man and act as gentleman. It means going into God's out-of-doors, getting close to nature, fresh air, exercise, a sweeping away of mental cobwebs, genuine recreation of tired tissues. It is a cure for care, an antidote to worry. It includes companionship with friends, social intercourse, opportunities for courtesy, kindness and generosity to an opponent. It promotes not only physical health, but moral force.  
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**David R. Forgan**

## PROS PAST AND PRESENT

- 1903:** Kidd 1st Pro. Recommended by Butchart (R.C. Down G.C.)
- Sept. 1904:** C. W. "Charlie" Pope - from England. Appointed as "Tenant" at 1s.0d. p.a.
- 1905:** First Exhibition Match. Pope v Kidd (Malone).
- 1914:** Pope wins Irish Professional Championship at Newcastle.
- Dec. 1916:** Pope resigns to go to Portstewart C.C.
- May 1919:** Pope returns to Portwilliam. Recommends the lengthening of course to the north of Gray's Lane.
- 1919:** Second Exhibition Match.  
Hamill and Staff Sergeant Keith v Pope and Harold E. Redde.
- 1920:** Third Exhibition Match.  
Pope and Hamill v McKinstry and McHugh.
- 1923:** New course laid out by Pope: first 18-hole course.
- 1925:** Pope recommends re-arrangement of course. New course laid out. 11 holes south of Gray's Lane: 9 holes to the north.
- 1928:** Fourth Exhibition Match - on new 18 hole layout.  
George Duncan and Abe Mitchell v Pope and Fairweather and McCartney.
- 1929:** Pope in charge of course. Minor alternations thereafter.
- 1936:** Pope made an Honorary Member.
- Nov. 1941:** Pope dies (Pleurisy). 36 years' service.
- May 1941:** Gerry Graham appointed.
- Dec. 1982:** Gerry Graham retires; 41 years service. Made Honorary Member.
- Feb. 1983:** Ian Smyth appointed.
- Jan. 1986:** Peter Hanna appointed and is the present Pro.

\* The late great Fred Daly was an Honorary Member of the club from 1947 until his recent death.

## ASSISTANT PROS PAST AND PRESENT

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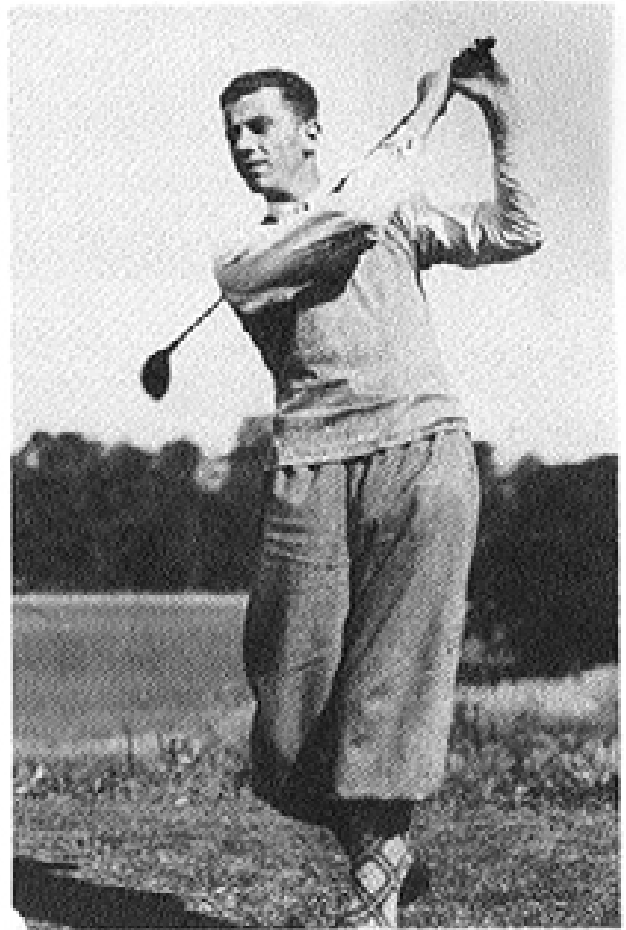
Joe McCartney  
Ted Pope  
John McCrystal  
Leslie Thompson  
C. McMurray  
H. Doyle  
J. Graham  
Kevin Loy

J. McKenna  
Kevin Rainey  
Gabriel McGrady  
Seamus McBriarty  
Michael Magee  
Joe Hunter  
Paul McCrystal  
Tony Quinn

The club has been fortunate in its professional staff over the years, and has always appreciated the quality of the service which they have rendered, both to the members of the club and to the general public, in the promotion of the game of golf.



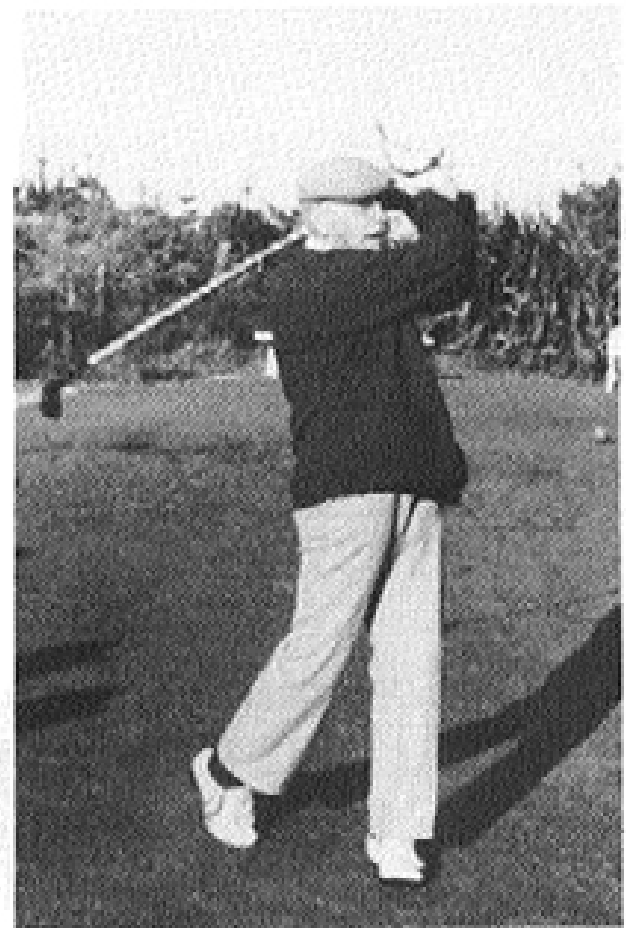
*Charlie Pope*



*Joe McCartney*



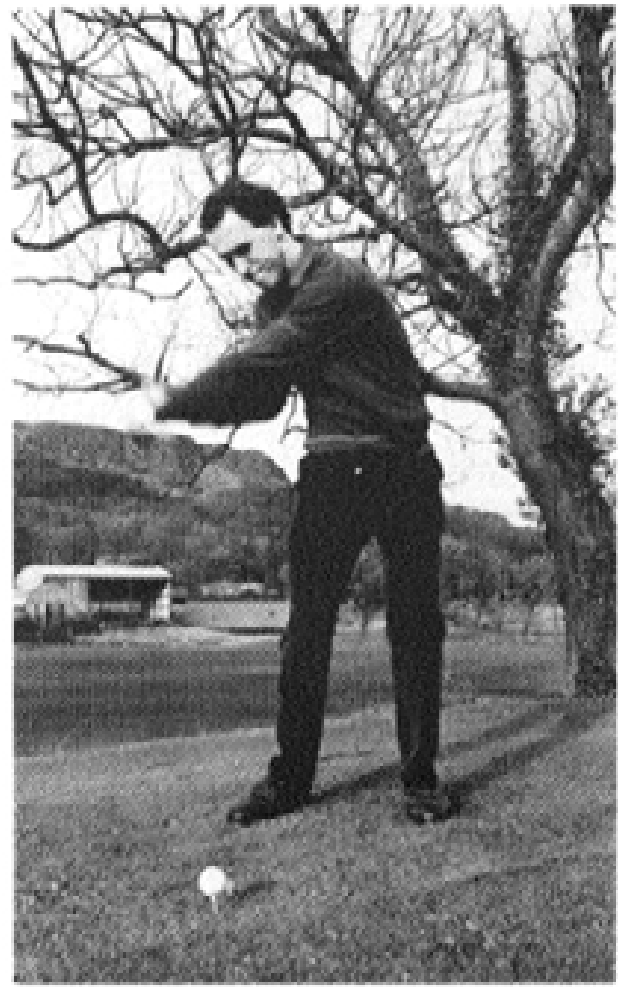
*Gurry Graham*



*Ted Pope*



Peter Hanna

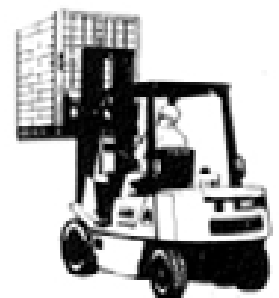


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# CADDIES

Various factors, mainly economic, have caused the reduction in the number of caddies and affected the status and character of those who remain.

Sixty years ago scarcely a golfer went without a caddie, many knowing much more about the game than their clients, and in many cases were able to play golf with great skill and know-how. The best became pros and some latterly became professional caddies and behave accordingly. The rest remained and became possessive, masterful, and dogmatic — even cynical! — when dealing with their golfers; they were 'characters' and had the license of 'court jesters'. The best caddie stories, therefore, come from a bygone age.

Two traits of the caddie character have survived; he still gets disgruntled if his advice is not taken, and he still uses the royal 'we' when describing his matches.

Two caddies stories should suffice; disgruntled? I should think so!

1. A player in hell bunker at St. Andrews when offered a sandwedge demanded a 7-iron. "Ye'll niver get oot o' there wi' that", grunted the caddie. The golfer played a beautiful recovery shot and turned to the caddie with "that" expression on his face, only to hear the gruff comment: "If ye tak' that club wi' ye when ye dee, maybe it'll get ye oot o' hell again".
2. A golfer insisted on using a 3-iron at a pitch hole against his caddie's advice to use a spoon and holed out. "What did I tell you? cried the elated golfer. "No' bad", replied the caddie, "but ye'd ha' done better wi' yer spoon."

This short article is presented as a tribute to the many caddies who have served the members of the club in the past. Some became pros and many are now worthy members of the club where they conduct themselves with dignity and continue to display their skill and know-how on the golf course. We who remember salute you!

**N.B.** Probably the most famous "caddie character" at Fortwilliam was "Coffee" Donaldson who was around the club for a long time as assistant greenkeeper and Guinness "taster".

## CADDIES' COMPETITIONS:

- 1903 Caddies Sought - Respectable Boys
- 1904 1st Caddies Competition  
Silver Cup presented as main prize
- 1960 Yearly until discontinued.



*Pope outside his hut with caddie*

# MEMBERSHIP GRAPH 1891-1991



	MEN	WOMEN	JUNIORS/JUVENILES
<b>1891-1897</b>	100	30	3
<b>1903</b>	175	100	16
<b>1911</b>	160	90	20
<b>1921</b>	232	145	15
<b>1931</b>	294	238	7
<b>1941</b>	214	64	13
<b>1951</b>	350	100	16
<b>1961</b>	420	120	50
<b>1971</b>	432	123	48
<b>1981</b>	475	153	75
<b>1991</b>	587	179	149

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# THE YOUNG AT HEART

The club owes a debt of gratitude to the long-serving members of the club. Not only are they a source of information on how things were, but they are also a source of inspiration to those who sometimes consider middle age to be the start of a downward slide. When we look at the 'Young at Heart' we are lifted to a new level of optimism for the future. We salute you!

## OVER 50 YEARS SERVICE

### ● 1933:

J. H. (Big Jack) Millar is the longest-serving male member and still hitting the wee ball. Some say he is putting as well as ever! (58 years).

### ● 1937:

Eileen Henderson-Millar is the longest serving female member and still enjoys a friendly game of golf. (54 years).

### ● 1936:

Agnes Sloane left us from time to time but, as you can see her connection with the club goes back a long way. She loves her golf and the club and 'flies' round the course, daily? Or does it only seem that way? The records indicate 53 years.

### ● 1938:

William (Billy) Houston of "The Priest, the Putter and the Prod" fame. — Alas! No longer able to play golf because of a bad knee, but he bowls almost as well as he could putt. (54 years).

### ● 1938:

H.C. (Harry) Botshi — Alas: No longer plays golf at Fortwilliam - to far to travel. (54 years).

### ● 1939:

Jack Lewin - possibly the oldest playing member of the club! Still plays eighteen holes and sometimes would break into a trot if not restrained. (51 years).

There is a whole host of members in the '40-'49 year bracket some of whose names are appended below:

### MALE

1943 S. Norman McGaw

1944 Walton Balmer

Norman Ewing

Herbie Boston

1945 Daryell Cook

Dr Ian Loughridge

1946 Mick McAleese

Peter J. O'Hara

1947 Tommy Stewart

1948 Sam H. Finlay

J.H.M. Rogers

W. G. McCusker

Barney McCloskey

1948 Joe Tierney

1949 John Kelly

- N. (Thanny) McWatters

John McWatters

William (Billy) Greer

### FEMALE MEMBERS

1943 Vera Douglas

Viney McGaw

1946 Lilly Kerrigan

Kay Kerrigan

1948 Mary Hanson

1949 Babs Nicholl

\* According to the records Miss M. McDaniel (Mrs M. McAleese) joined in 1940. Left in 1941 (War) and re-joined in 1949 - a 10 year break.

- Group photographs of some.

# COURSE RECORDS THROUGH THE YEARS

**COURSE RECORD 06**  
MR. R. A. NESBITT 23-7-40

*St. Dunstan's Cup*  
R.A. NESBITT - 23.7.40

No.	Player	Score	Par	Handicap	Net Score	Rank
1	R.A. Nesbitt	82	72	10	72	1
2		84	72	12	72	2
3		86	72	14	72	3
4		88	72	16	72	4
5		90	72	18	72	5
6		92	72	20	72	6
7		94	72	22	72	7
8		96	72	24	72	8
9		98	72	26	72	9
10		100	72	28	72	10
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12		104	72	32	72	12
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14		108	72	36	72	14
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16		112	72	40	72	16
17		114	72	42	72	17
18		116	72	44	72	18
19		118	72	46	72	19
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23		126	72	54	72	23
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25		130	72	58	72	25
26		132	72	60	72	26
27		134	72	62	72	27
28		136	72	64	72	28
29		138	72	66	72	29
30		140	72	68	72	30
31		142	72	70	72	31
32		144	72	72	72	32

D. Nesbitt

**FORTWILLIAM GOLF CLUB**  
COMMISSIONER *St. Dunstan's Cup* DATE 27/7/1966  
PLAYER *R. Nesbitt* HANDICAP 6

No.	Player	Score	Par	Handicap	Net Score	Rank
1	R. Nesbitt	82	72	10	72	1
2		84	72	12	72	2
3		86	72	14	72	3
4		88	72	16	72	4
5		90	72	18	72	5
6		92	72	20	72	6
7		94	72	22	72	7
8		96	72	24	72	8
9		98	72	26	72	9
10		100	72	28	72	10
11		102	72	30	72	11
12		104	72	32	72	12
13		106	72	34	72	13
14		108	72	36	72	14
15		110	72	38	72	15
16		112	72	40	72	16
17		114	72	42	72	17
18		116	72	44	72	18
19		118	72	46	72	19
20		120	72	48	72	20
21		122	72	50	72	21
22		124	72	52	72	22
23		126	72	54	72	23
24		128	72	56	72	24
25		130	72	58	72	25
26		132	72	60	72	26
27		134	72	62	72	27
28		136	72	64	72	28
29		138	72	66	72	29
30		140	72	68	72	30
31		142	72	70	72	31
32		144	72	72	72	32

D. Nesbitt

**COURSE RECORD**  
COMMISSIONER *Metal*  
PLAYER *G.L. Glover* DATE *April 1954*  
HANDICAP *3*

No.	Player	Score	Par	Handicap	Net Score	Rank
1	G.L. Glover	82	72	10	72	1
2		84	72	12	72	2
3		86	72	14	72	3
4		88	72	16	72	4
5		90	72	18	72	5
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30		140	72	68	72	30
31		142	72	70	72	31
32		144	72	72	72	32

G.L. Glover

**FORTWILLIAM GOLF CLUB**  
**COURSE RECORD**  
COMMISSIONER *Captain's Prize* DATE *19 June 62*  
PLAYER *A. O'NEILL* HANDICAP *SCR*

No.	Player	Score	Par	Handicap	Net Score	Rank
1	A. O'Neill	82	72	10	72	1
2		84	72	12	72	2
3		86	72	14	72	3
4		88	72	16	72	4
5		90	72	18	72	5
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A. O'Neill



**JEWISH GOLFING SOCIETY CAPTAIN'S DAY AT FORTWILLIAM 1991**



*Mike Smith, Graham Crothers, Bernard Juffa, R.H. Shannon,  
Stanley Danker, Stephen Smith, Pat O'Neill, Johnny Melvar  
Ivan Goldblatt, Peter Goldstone, Joey Lewis, Stephen Grammey, Reggie McFadden,  
Michael Black, Tony Black, Derrick Macrae, Peter Conlan,  
Raymond Maw (Captain), Abe Freeman, Phil Lantin.*

**CAPTAIN'S DAY AT FORTWILLIAM GOLF CLUB**



*Derrick Macrae (Vice Captain, Fortwilliam Golf Club), Abe Freeman,  
Stanley Danker, R.H.Shannon (Fortwilliam Golf Club), Ivan Goldblatt.*

## Past Successes



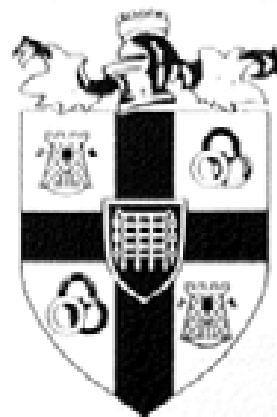
*Patricia Atkinson  
Irish Girls' Champion  
Donaghadee 1963*

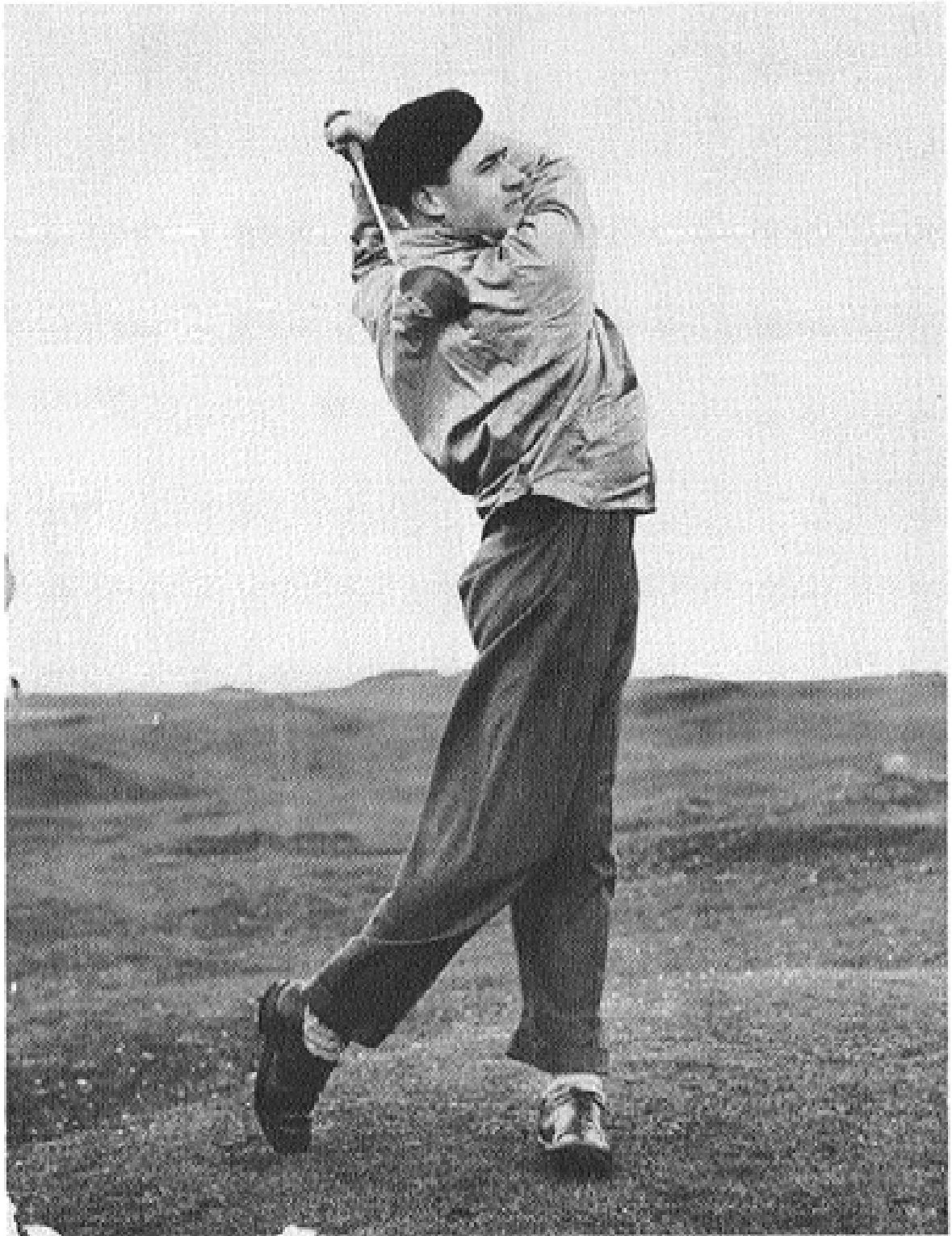


*Peter B. O'Hara,  
Connaught Boys' 1974*



*Anthony G. Block  
Ulster and Leinster  
Boys' Champion 1964*





A. Nesbitt



*Garry Mulvanna (Captain), Ian Bamford (Chairman Ulster Branch GCU) and Tom Lowry, President.*



*Ladies' Post Captains*



*Mrs R. Mulvanna, Mrs S. Lynch, Ladies' Captain, G. Mulvanna (Captain), Ian Bamford, Mrs T. Lowry, Tom Lowry (President).*



*Post Captains*



*Mrs M. Cowdy, Chairman N. District HGU, Mrs S. Lynch, Mrs E. Watson, Hon. Secretary, HGU (Ulster Branch)*

# Centenary Week



# Centenary Week



*The Ladies'  
celebrate  
Fortwilliam's  
Centenary*





# DRESSING UP FOR THE CENTENARY







*Kevin Loy, Assistant Professional*



*Fred Daly Trophy - Winning Team*



*Junior Trophy Winners*



*Andy Adair - Irish Boys International*



*Snooker Committee: Marshall Sharpe, Derek McKillen, Ivan Moore, Alec McAtackney, Brendan Lowry and Jack Hill.*

*Christmas Carol Service  
from past years*





8th Green



4th Green



The Young At Heart



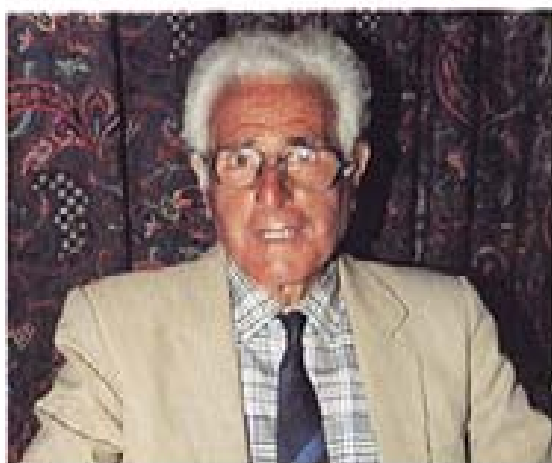
The High Men relax



Norman McGaw, Jack Miller and Billy Houston



Danny Casey, Derek McCree,  
Bob Shannon & Michael Curran



John McWatters



Christy, himself.



*Gerry McGann, Bar Manager*



*Micky Maguire with the Captain Gerry Muirvenna*



*Shena Orr*



*Tony Corr, Irene Moore, June McKeown, Joanna McVicker*



*Joe Gilmore and Pat O'Neill*



*Anne Marie Lynch and Louise Bywater*



*Greenkeeping Staff*

# The Staff

The members of staff play a vital role in the life of the Golf Club. A good staff leads to a gratified management and membership, this in turn leads to a HAPPY CLUB. Tribute is hereby paid to those members of staff, who, down through the years, have contributed to the well-being of the Fortwilliam members. The Club's appreciation of their contribution is tangibly demonstrated each year by entertaining them with a party in the Clubhouse.



Molly Early, Stewardess 17 years

## PAST CHAMPIONS



R.K.M. Hollin  
West of Ireland Champion - Easter 1967  
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100th in County Wick

Major N B Carroll  
British Army Champion  
Royal St George  
1961 - 74-75  
1962 - 72-74

## Potted History I Clubhouse Chronology

- April 1903:** Clubhouse completed £335 + £42.10 for plumbing
- December 1923:** Clubhouse extended £980 + £30 for electric lighting (27 pts)
- Saturday 21st June 1924:** Official Opening of Clubhouse by T.E. McConnell M.P.
- January 1936:** Liquor licence agreed (78 - 49)  
Alterations for Bar £155
- April 1953:** Clubhouse extended £850 : Committee Room, Men's Toilets moved, store at rear and an extra entrance to Men's Locker Room.
- September 1957:** Clubhouse extended £1500 including an additional bedroom in Steward's Quarters.
- April 1960:** Clubhouse refurbished and re furnished £400
- January 1964:** Pro's Shop rebuilt after a fire £600
- May 1965:** Steward's Quarters extended £1200
- June 1971:** Phase I of new building agreed approx. £80,000
- 19th August 1972:** Phase I opened by Tom Montgomery, Esq., (Shandon Park Golf Club) President G.U.I. also the President of Fortwilliam Judge B. J. Fox, Q.C., Captain J.D. Burne and Lady Captain Mrs. T. Lowry
- April 1979:** Phase II Extension agreed £135,000 + £8,000 for increases and variations
- 1982:** Old Clubhouse demolished
- 21st August 1982:** Phase II opened by The Lord Mayor, Councillor Tom Patton £230,000
- 1983:** Furniture for Men's Bar and Mixed Lounge £7,300
- 1990:** New Pro's Shop and Caddy-Car Room £52,000
- 1991:** Refurbishment and Reconstruction of Men's Bar and Mixed Lounge £100,000 (approx.) Men's Locker Room £15,000

### POTTED HISTORY II

#### COURSE CHRONOLOGY

- November 1891:** Course laid out between Fortwilliam Park, Parkmount and Lowwood
- 1897:** Ground taken over for building development
- AGM Saturday 10th January 1903:** Course plan approved on ground between Downview and Gray's Lane. Butchart (Pro' at Royal Co. Down G.C.) to lay-out
- February 1903:** Miss McDermott's 7 acres to be added without her permission (Agent's Instructions) - Where present 1st & 18th holes are: Butchart to alter lay-out accordingly
- April 1903:** Practice Ground for Members and Pro' approved where it is to-day.
- May 1903:** "Links" ready for play
- May 1903:** Horse, Boots for horse, and new horse-mower purchased.
- December 1903:** Miss McDermott's 7 acres officially acquired
- June 1904:** Miss McDermott's 'Thatched House' pulled down - Stables retained - now Greenkeepers sheds.

- July 1904:** Butchart replaces temporary Pro'-Kidd
- September 1904:** G.W. "Charlie' Pope appointed Pro'
- 1917:** War Time Cultivation (Mandatory): Flax, Hay and Oats
- 1919:** Pope recommends lengthening of course
- April 1923:** Agreement reached with the Gray Estate
- 1923:** Course extended to 18 holes
- 26th April 1923:** "Links" ready for play
- Saturday** Official opening by James Henderson, B.L. (Combined with opening of extended Clubhouse). Plan of 18-hole course (By courtesy of Walter MacAuley redrawn by Daryell Cook)
- 21st June 1924:**
- June 1925:** Tractor replaces horse.
- November 1925:** New course lay-out by Pope accepted
- AGM 26th** Sunday Golf Agreed
- January 1926:**
- April 1932:** New course finalized - Much as it is at present Plan of 1932 course (By courtesy of Dr. Ian Loughridge: Re-drawn by Daryell Cook) Aerial view.
- November 1941:** Searchlight Unit stationed on 2nd Fairway - Forward Tee necessary
- E.G.M. July 1962:** State of Course: Watering System approved £1,000
- 1964:** Corporation to purchase ground north of Gray's Lane
- 1965:** Stream across 1st and 18th Fairways piped and covered 11 year lease at £2,000 per annum
- 1979:** Dams Drained
- \* 1986:** Renewed Tree - Planting
- 1987:** New First Tee opened
- 1990:** Two new holes 5th & 6th Opened for play on ground reclaimed from dams. Approx. cost £25,000)
- 1991:** (a) New 10th Tee  
(b) New Putting Green £3,000  
(c) New Practice Putting Green and Bunker £3,000  
(d) Centenary Garden  
(e) Landscaping £6,000  
(f) New 12th Tee £2,500
- \* Tree planting to continue from 2,000 to 8,000 - assisted by grants  
Plan of present course drawn by Daryell Cook.

Always something to eat . . .



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Good atmosphere • traditional folk music

Prop. Paddy Brennan.

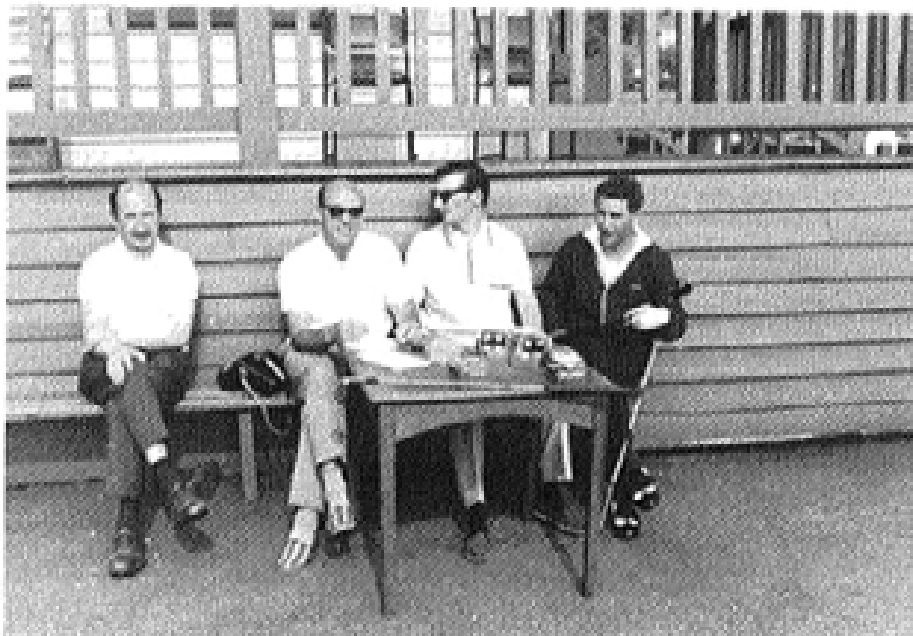
*Congratulations to  
Fortwilliam Golf Club  
from the  
**BAR OF THE YEAR  
1991***

## The Dams

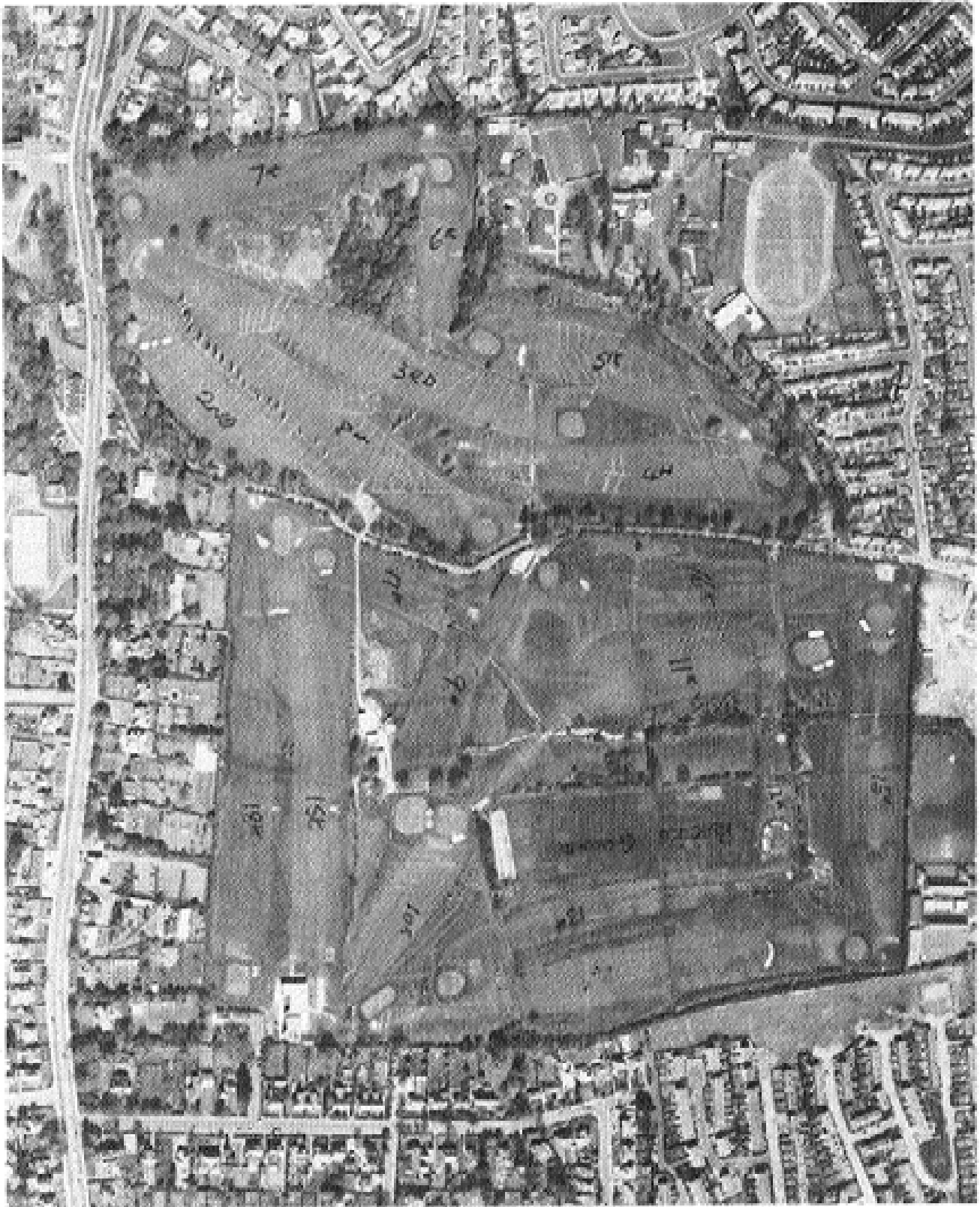
The dam area to the left of the 15th and 16th Fairways in the old layout (at present the 6th and 7th fairways), received many golf balls over the years. Many a card was wrecked by these hazards.



## FROM THE PAST

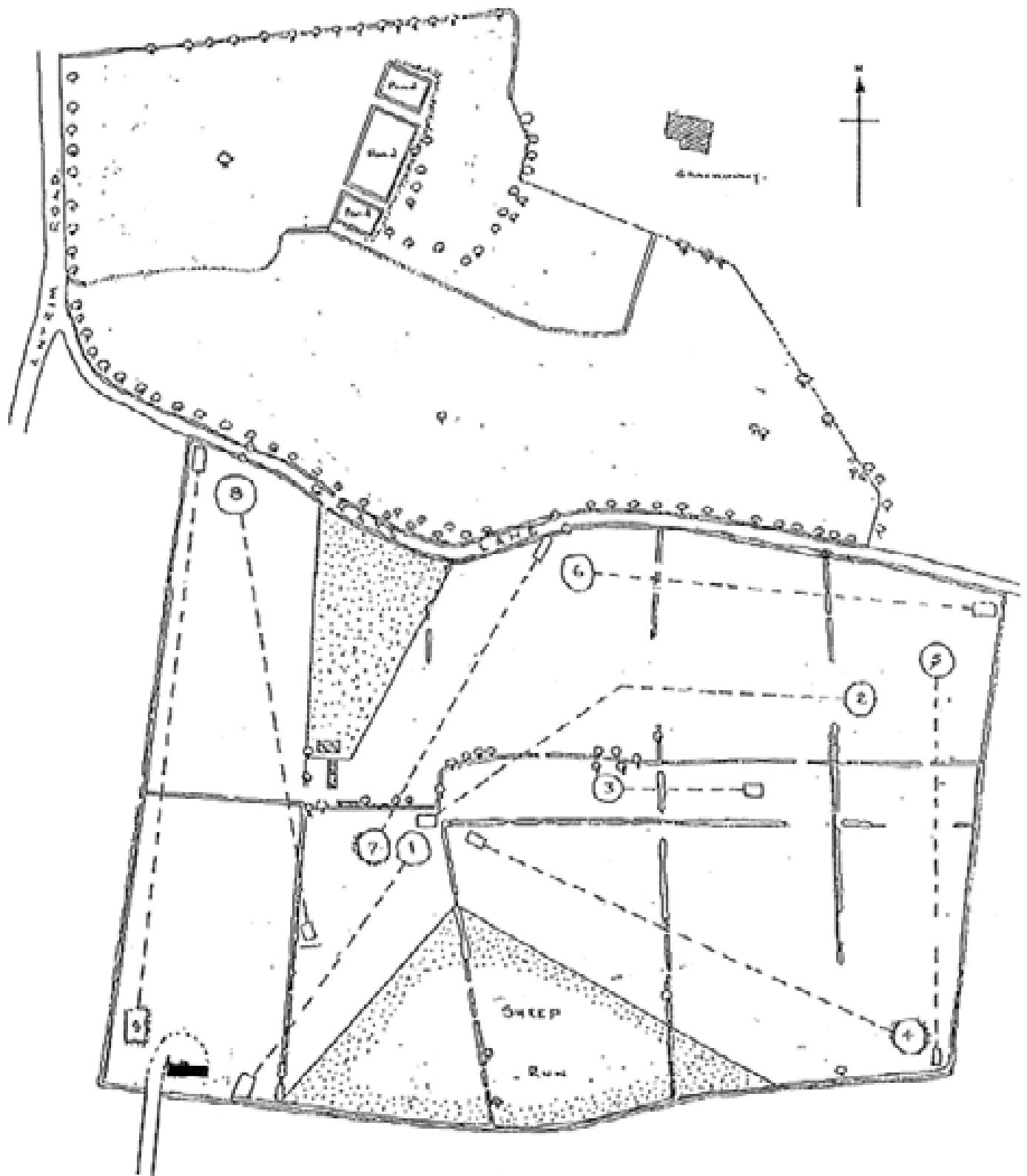


*Organisers at one of the Jewish Golf Society days.*



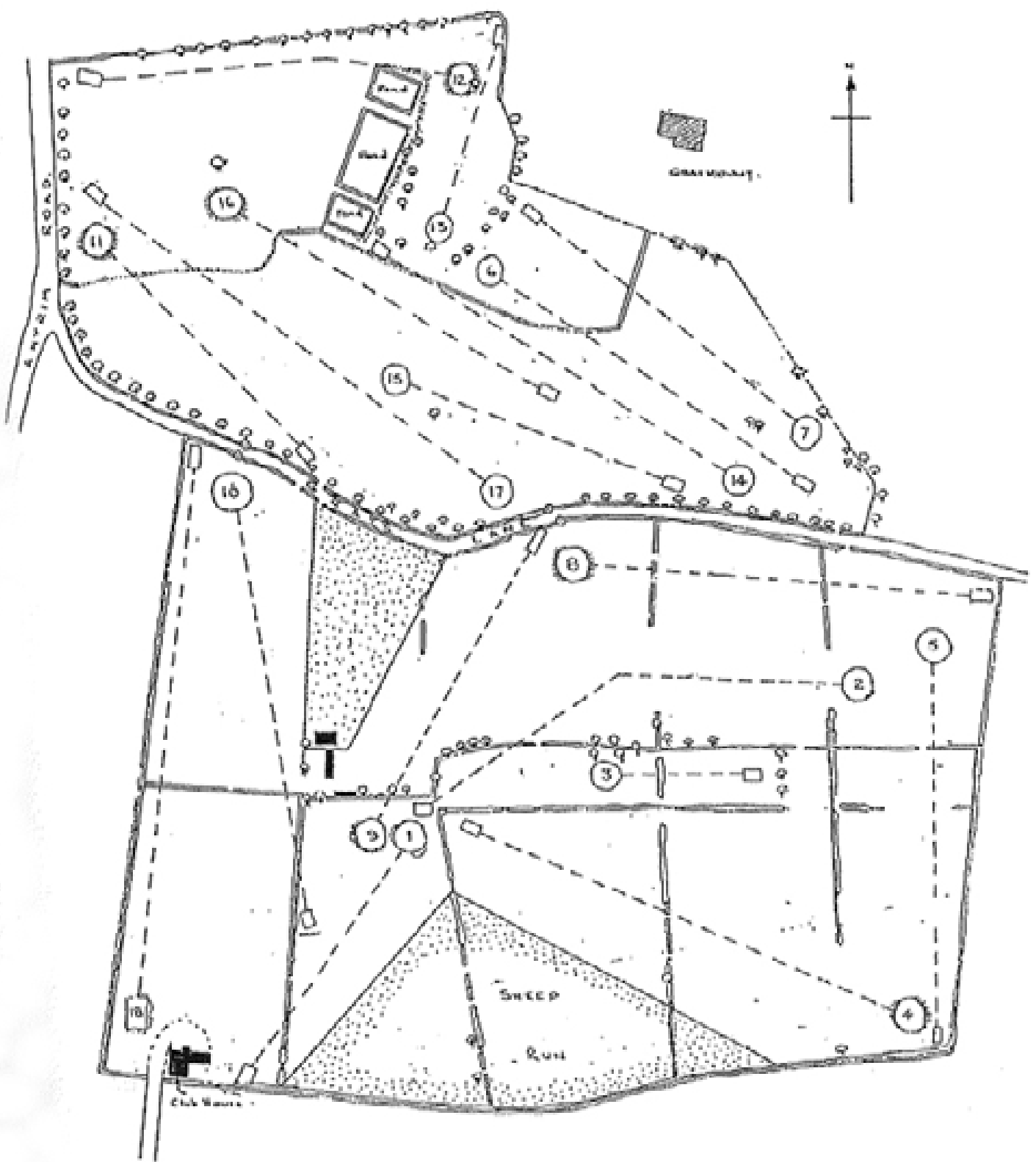
*Course Layout circa 1980*





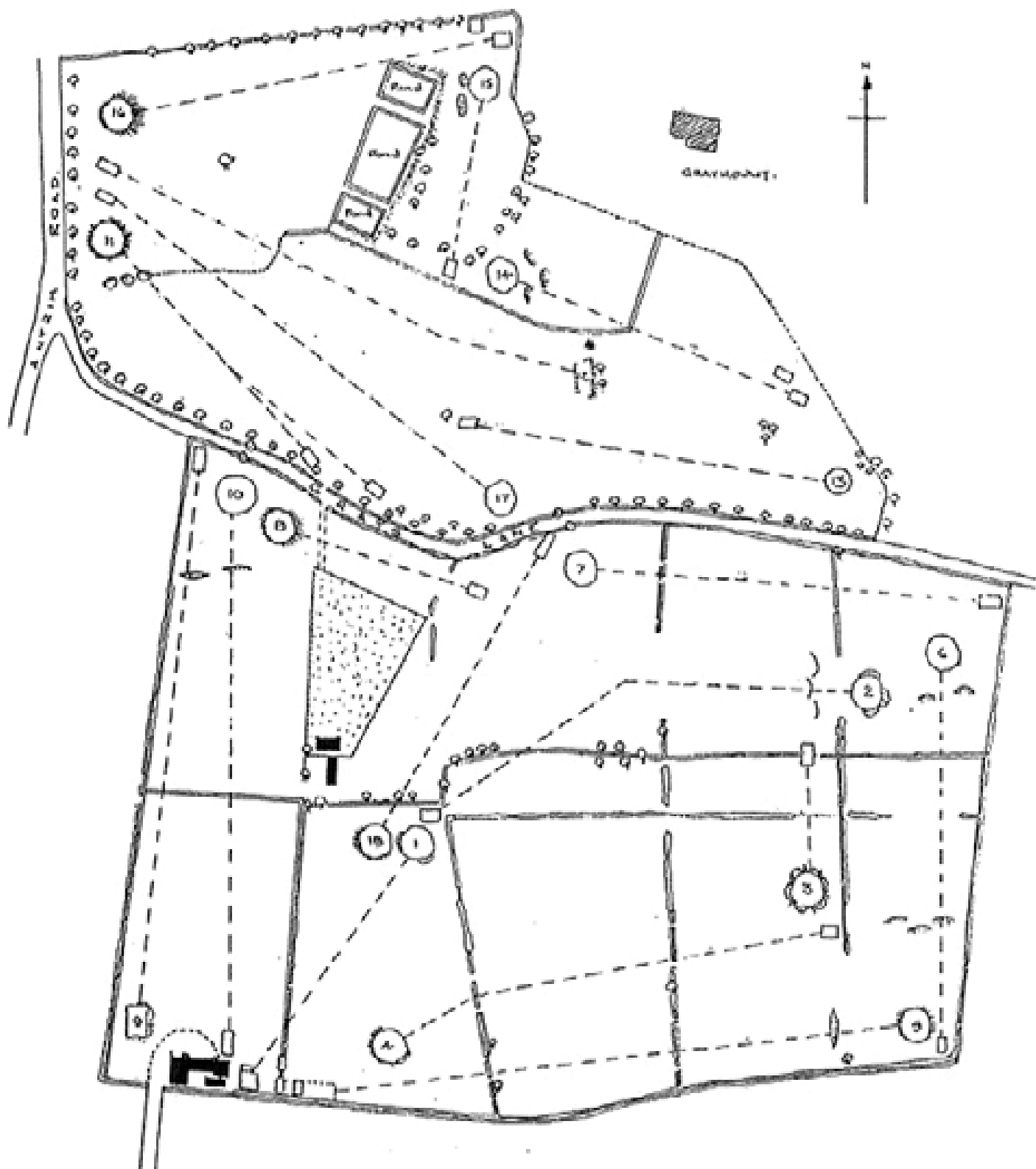
**FORTWILLIAM GOLF CLUB  
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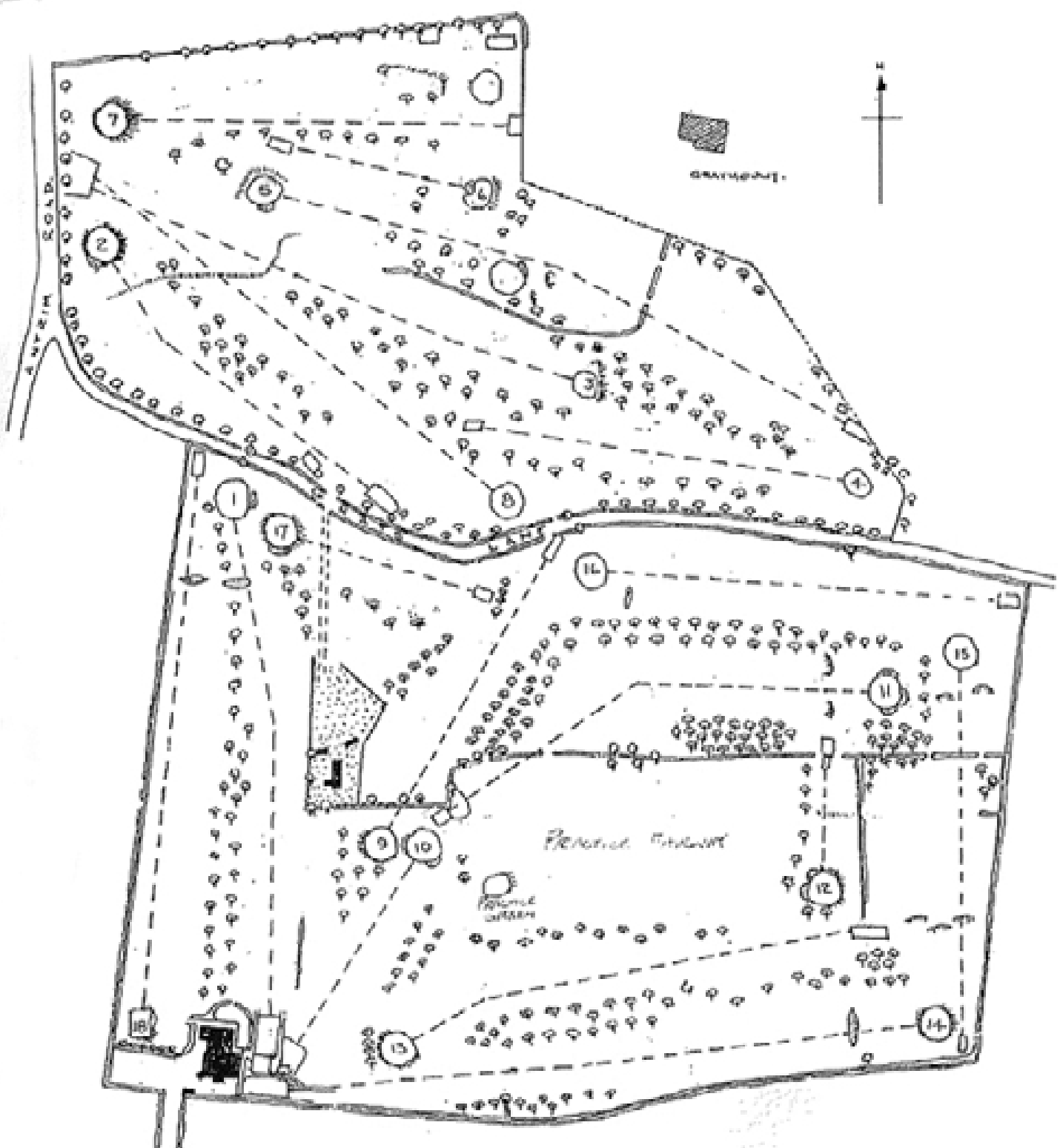
**FORTWILLIAM GOLF CLUB**  
1924

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**FORTWILLIAM GOLF CLUB**  
1932

Scale: 1" = 100' 50' 25'



**FORTWILLIAM GOLF CLUB**  
**1991**

Scale: 1" = 40' 0"

## HISTORICAL REFERENCES



**Reade** - **JAMES THOMAS READE**, Ardara, Antrim Road, Belfast; son of the late Thomas Reade, M.D.; born at Donegall Square West, Belfast; educated at Belfast Royal Academical Institution. Yarn and flax merchant, and insurance manager; Senior Partner in the firm of J.T. Reade and Son, Belfast; has been District Manager for the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd., since its formation in 1881; since 1896 his position being shared by his eldest son as partner; Director of the Great Northern Railway Company, Ireland; of the County Donegal Railways (Joint Committee); and York Street Flax Spinning Company, Ltd., Belfast; Local Director of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Ltd.; Governor of the Forster Green Hospital for Disease of the Chest, and of the Belfast Royal Academy; a member of many Committees of charitable institutions and societies.

Married, September 22nd, 1870, Annie Yates, youngest

daughter of the late Rev. John Porter, Lismore Windsor Avenue, Belfast. Clubs : Sackville Street, Dublin; Ulster, Belfast.

Hon. Secretary of Fortwilliam Golf Club 1891-1897

## PARKMOUNT AND SIR ROBERT ANDERSON

**Anderson.** - **SIR ROBERT ANDERSON**, J.P., Parkmount, Belfast; and Mullaghmore, Co. Monaghan; son of the late James Anderson, of Corbofin, Co. Monaghan; born in 1837; educated at Ballybay, Co. Monaghan. Chairman of Anderson and McAuley, Ltd., Belfast; Arnott and Company, Ltd.; Vulcanite, Ltd.; City Estates, Ltd.; Millfort Weaving and Finishing Company, Ltd.; William Ross and Company, Ltd., spinners; Baltic Firewood Company, Ltd.; Chairman of the Electrical and Tramways Committee of the City of Belfast; Justice of the Peace and Alderman for the City of Belfast; Justice of the Peace for Co. Antrim; High Sheriff of Belfast, 1902; Lord Mayor, 1908-09; President of the Young Men's Christian Association; member of the Naturalist Field Club, and North-East Agricultural Association of Ireland; Presbyterian; and a Conservative-Unionist. Married, in 1889, Wilhelmina, daughter of the late Rev. Andrew Long, of Co. Derry.



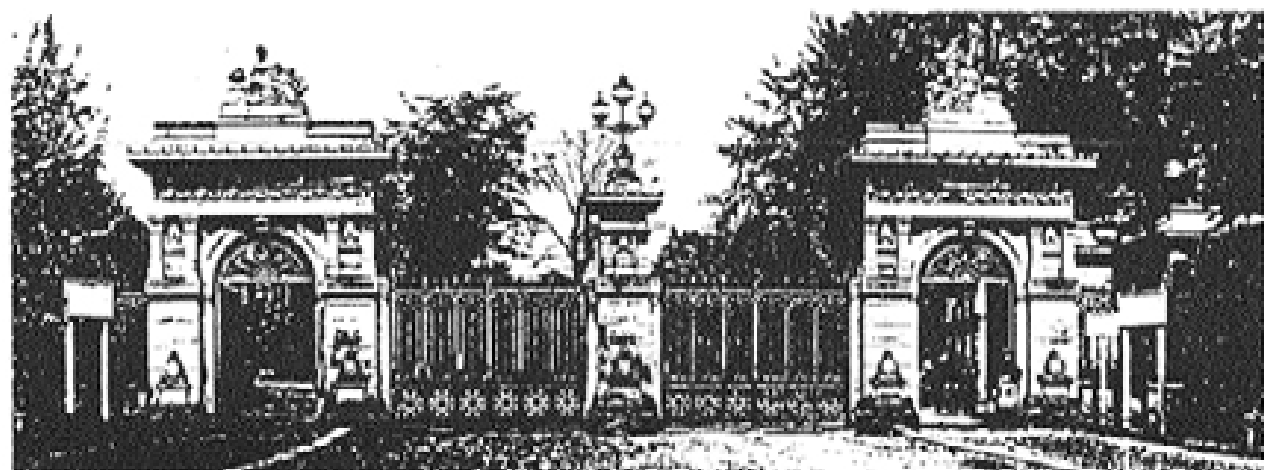
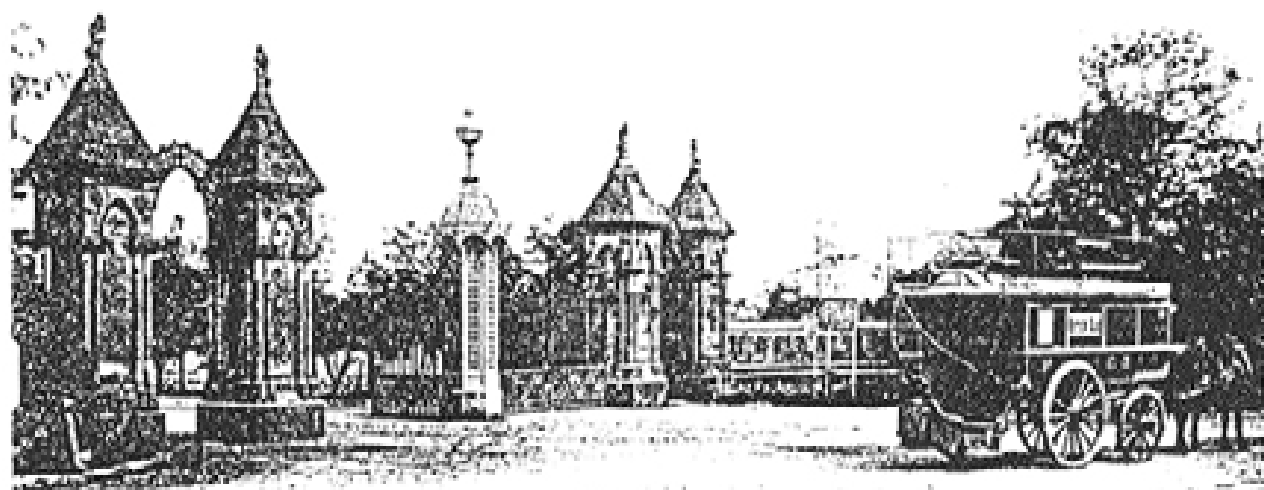
*Parkmount, Belfast Seat of Sir Robert Anderson, J.P.*

# FORTWILLIAM PARK GATES

## ENTRANCE GATES TO FORTWILLIAM PARK

Fortwilliam Park was probably Belfast's most exclusive suburban park at the turn of the century. The park, which ran from the Antrim Road to the Shore Road, contained large detached residences with substantial gardens. Fine gates stood at each end. Both these views were probably taken c. 1890.

The gateways were designed by William Barre (1830-67), a year or two before his early death! They neatly represent two main historical styles then competing for popularity. Above, at Antrim Road, the stone piers are modified gothic canopies with pointed arches and other mediaeval decorations. By contrast, at the Shore Road the style is classical, and pedestrian access is by miniature Roman triumphal arches. Both central piers have now gone.



## GRAYMOUNT AND THE GRAYS

### GRAY late of Graymount.

**Harold William Stannus Gray**, formerly of Graymount, Co. Antrim, J.P., High Sheriff 1895, born 1867, married 11 January 1894, his cousin Rowena Elizabeth Dorothea, daughter of Thomas Robert Stannus, of Maghraleave, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, J.P. (*see Stannus of Carlingford*), and has issue.

Terence James Stannus, born 14 September 1895.

**Lineage** - George Gray, of Graymount, Co Antrim, was father of William Gray, of Graymount, married Mary Ann, daughter of James Harden, of Harrybrooke, D.L. Co. Armagh, and was succeeded by his son, George Gray, of Graymount, Co. Antrim, J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff in 1859, late Major Antrim Militia Artillery, born 1816; married 8 February 1866, Elizabeth Emily Sophia, daughter of Very Rev. James Stannus, Dean of Ross (*see Stannus of Carlingford*) and had issue.

1. Harold William Stannus, now of Graymount.
1. Millicent Georgine Mabel
2. Beatrice Caroline Geraldine.

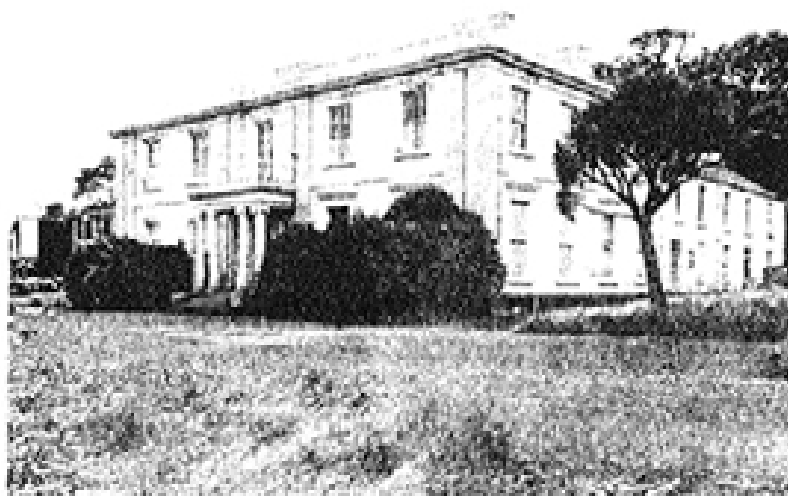
He died 14 March, 1879.

**Seats** - Gog Magog Hills, Cambridgeshire, and Glenada House, Newcastle, Co. Down.

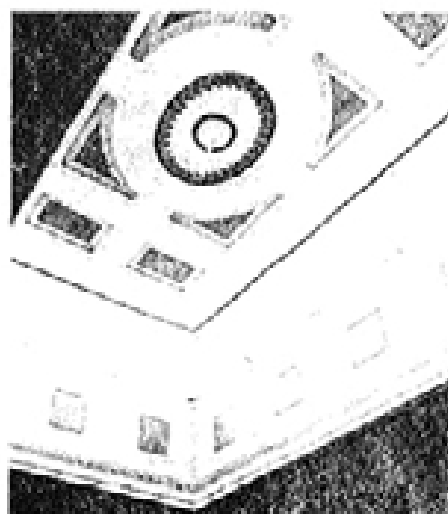
### GRAYMOUNT (latterly a school), Gray's Lane.

**Thomas Jackson, c.1835.**

A very fine Regency house built on a slope overlooking Belfast Lough for William Gray, a linen merchant. A typical Jackson house of the period, finished in stucco with coupled pilasters across the front and a central Ionic tetrastyle portico. Very fine Neo-classical detailing to interior with bold panelled ceilings and good marble fireplaces. An Ionic Hall screen leads to an impressive double return stair with a big spacious lantern soaring above.



*Graymount*



*Graymount: the lantern*

# THE FORTWILLIAM 'LEGEND'

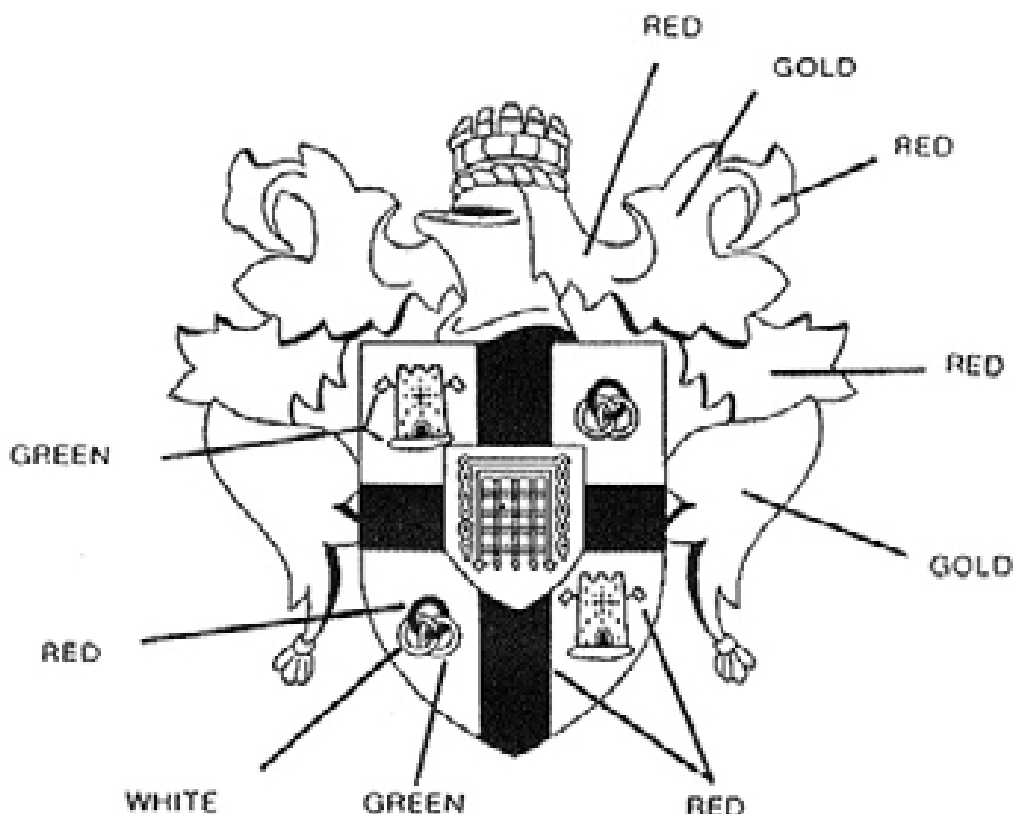
It has been said that myth and legend are 'wishful, wistful history' perpetrated by childhood memories and inextricably associated with the pattern of attitudes and sentiments which each person develops during his socialisation within his particular culture. So deeply rooted are these 'tales of history' in every human race, that they successfully mask the 'facts' of related happenings, and, in many cases, resist all the efforts of even the most modern, scientific research to establish the underlying 'truths' of bygone events which would tend to explode the myth. It has also been said that truth is often stranger than fiction (myth in this case); from what follows you must judge for yourselves the relevance of the two sayings to the Fortwilliam Myths or Legends.

The research into the 'Fortwilliam' affair was set off during one of those highly 'intellectual' discussions that often took place in the wee bar in the old clubhouse, and which whiled away many a winter's evening. The myth in this case concerned the origin of the name 'Fortwilliam'. Some had it that it had been brought across from Scotland at the time of the Scottish migration to Ulster. Others maintained that it was 'yer man', whilst on his way from Carrick who stopped to water his charger at a spring at the foot of what is now Fortwilliam Park, and thus gave the name to the district. And so on.

Some traditional respect was given to the 'King Billy' myth, but the answers offered to the pertinent question: but what about the 'Fort' in Fortwilliam, revealed the extent of the wishful, wistful element of this particular myth, and the depth of understandable sentimental attachment to it, but not a lot of logic and even less of historical 'fact': the emergent 'truth' herein, hopefully, will dispel all of the myths surrounding the origin of the name 'Fortwilliam' as well as underlining the truth of the saying that fact is indeed stranger than fiction, and, again hopefully, in this case at least much more interesting.

## JUST WILLIAM

The 1st Earl of Ulster was one William De Burgh (Burke), a Norman whose wife was Elizabeth, sister to William The Conqueror, and it was from William De Burgh's coat of arms that the shield, the Earl's helm, torse or wreath and the red and gold colours were derived.





## THE FORT

The Fort - a safe haven - is heraldically depicted: (a) by the castellated crest sitting on an Earl's torse or wreath of red and gold and (b) by the portcullis centrally placed on the shield. The background colour of royal blue guarded by the 'golden' portcullis together confirm the Club's association; gold on royal blue being the official colours of F.G.C.

In each of the two quarters i.e. Lower Dexter and Upper Sinister, are depicted the Olympic rings which symbolise a linking together of people, in friendly rivalry, through sport. In this case golf between the three communities which have been within the Club from its inception to the present day. These coloured rings represent: (a) the indigenous Irish-Green! the ones from 'over the water' - the British connection - Red! and the Jewish connection - White! In the case of the Jewish connection it is interesting to note that the Jewish Synagogue is sited on part of the ground which was originally an old Irish Fort and which subsequently became the 'Fort' William in question.

## WHY FORTWILLIAM?

In the early part of the 14th Century the Clondeboye Domain covered most of Down and Antrim. With Carrick as the main port, and the Clondeboye see centred in the Ards, much travel took place. The routes in both directions were: along the Shore Road when it was passable; and along the Antrim Highway via the Old Irish Highway (O'Neill Road) and Skegoneill Avenue.

At this time the area which is now North Belfast was plagued by bands of 'pillaging ruffians' who raided farmhouses, sacked villages, attacked, robbed and killed travellers along these routes. A younger son of the then earl made it his life's work to destroy these roaming bands and to restore peace and freedom of movement to the whole area.

To achieve this he constructed a fort (the Fort) on the site which presently houses Dunlambert Sec. School, the Jewish Synagogue and general housing. The Southern rampart of this construction can readily be seen from the upper end of Skegoneill Avenue looking northwards.

To bestride the main Antrim Highway he constructed a second fort, on the rising ground of the North Circular Road, on which now stands Eakinhead Church Hall (opposite to Rosemary Presbyterian Church): It was the siting of the first-named Fort, coupled with the name of the young William, which gave the name Fortwilliam to the district. So that, when the first club was formed and the course laid out across the road from the old fort, the members naturally adopted the name 'Fortwilliam'.

The young William didn't live to see the completion of his life's work, for, at 'the tender age of 25', he was 'most foully murdered, and his escort', on the Shore Road near its intersection with Fortwilliam Park, on 'a Sunday morning in the year 1333, whilst travelling to a religious festival' in Carrickfergus.

The Fortwilliam Legend (Coat of Arms) which hangs in the Clubhouse was hand-carved out of a solid piece of Irish Bog Oak by one, Jimmy Brown, Artist and Craftsman, and was presented to the Club by myself in 1969. Jimmy Brown is presently continuing his link with Fortwilliam by producing for us a larger version of the Club Coat-of-Arms, which is to be displayed on the North-West wall of the Phase II extension, thus forging a tangible link with an historic claim which reaches back to a mythical/legendary past of nearly 1000 years' duration. This larger version is now in situ and was presented to the Club by me.

I would like to think that what you have read would dispel the myths of the past about 'Fortwilliam', but I rather think they will persist, for some, for the reasons suggested above, and in this case, that 'fact' may not have been shown to be stranger than fiction, but only more interesting? Over to you!

BOB SHANNON  
amended 20th August, 1991

Note: Antrim Road Construction 1829

## About Fortwilliam Golf Club

During the last quarter of the nineteenth century there occurred an "Eruption of Golf" throughout Britain and Ireland - the game spread from its home in Scotland like a green dawn over the lands by the sea in England, Wales and Ireland, and over parks, hill country, even to the humble grazing land on the slopes of Ben Madigan in Belfast.

### OUR BEGINNINGS

There is a school of theology which believes that, between the first sentence of Genesis ("In the Beginning ...") and the second ("And the earth was without form ...") there passed aeons of time: there were TWO beginnings as it were. Although the Fortwilliam Golf Club appears in all official Golfing Records as having been "Founded in 1903" - and to some extent we ourselves regard this as an authentic date - conception actually took place many years before! Eleven gentlemen of the Antrim Road area met in No. 1, Custom House Square on Friday, 16th October, 1891; Mr. J.T. Reade occupied the chair and the first resolution was "That a Golf Club to be named "The Fortwilliam Golf Club" be and hereby is now formed.

### The field of play

The Golf Course then occupied land between Fortwilliam Park and Parkmount and play was "carried on" (a quote from a Minute Book) there for five months (November to March!) annually; the reason for this rather unusual golfing "season" was that the owner of the land required it for "grazing and/or hay" during the spring and summer of each year!

Is this the ground where cattle stood,  
In summer Sun 'neath silver skies?  
Is this the ground where golfers strode,  
Thro' winter's wrack to muddy lies?

ANON

Nevertheless, the opening of the Club in November 1891 was reported in "The Northern Whig" in a column some fifteen inches long. The report opened as follows: "Golf has actually made its way into Belfast. True, it has not yet crossed our municipal boundary, but is quite close." There follows a description of the course, and it will be perhaps, for those who know the area well, a pleasant fire side exercise to imagine just where the holes were in fact laid out: this is the card of the very first course, which "Started in the grounds of Barnageecha, the mansion of Mr. John McFerran, and then stretched towards the shore, extending at the same time in the direction of Carnmoney".



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| 1. Barnageesha . . . . . 93 yds                    | 5. Parkmount . . . . . 188 yds   |
| 2. Lisbreen . . . . . 75 yds                       | 6. Lowwood . . . . . 279 yds     |
| 3. The Road . . . . . 70 yds<br>(? Lansdowne Road) | 7. The Cottage . . . . . 279 yds |
| 4. Cavehill . . . . . 268 yds                      | 8. Fortwilliam . . . . . 381 yds |
|  | 9. The Pond . . . . . 378 yds    |

Unfortunately we have no map of this lay-out, but we know that the lengths of the various holes did not remain constant from season to season - there is a report to the infant Golfing Union of Ireland that "Our course will be practically the same as last year!" Again, in the very elegant competition programme for 1892 there is a note that "The Links are liable to be altered by the landlord during the month of March, and to such alterations no exception can be taken!" When one realises that the Captain's Prize (in 1892 a "Handsome case containing Brass Inkstand Candlestick, Pen Rack, Paper Knife and Seal") was played for in March each year - the season's end - one appreciates how many favourites must have fallen by the wayside because the course had been altered before they had had a training spin over it!

### Ladies at play

From the start there was a Ladies' Branch of the Club; although Ladies were not allowed to play on Saturdays after 1 p.m., they were generally unrestricted in their use of the course - in the last month of each season there was an important mixed foursome competition referred to rather charmingly in reports as a "Mixed Doubles"!

### The end of the beginning

The embryo Golf Club flourished until 1897. In that year the growing City - ever clawing at the land - had sprawled out and around Parkmount and Lowwood, so that on 26th May 1897 it was reported to the members that "Your Committee are of the opinion that owing to the way the links are being cut up for building ground, a new Green will have to be secured or the Club carries on under different conditions". So it all began. Six years were to pass before that "new green" was secured, and when it was secured the Club was really to put down roots - for it was here, on our own well-loved site, that the true birth of the Club took place.

### The re-birth of the Club

The residents of the "Antrim Road District" were circulated, and an advertisement published, as a result of which a "Numerous and representative attendance" ensued at the first General Meeting of the Club on 10th January, 1903. It would be true to say that the 1891 venture represented very much the "Big House" type of Club, but right from the start in 1903 there was a broad-based structure of membership which has very happily survived to the present day. Things moved quickly - by February 1903 "Mr Butchart - the Professional at Royal County Down - had attended for one day and constructed the course!" The building of the first Clubhouse (i.e., the middle portion of the old Clubhouse still in use) was put in train in March of the same year at a cost of £378. By May of this first hectic year Mr Bucharth was called into service once more to re-design the course. This was because some of the ground (all of which was the now celebrated 58 acres on the south side of Gray's Lane), had been used for grazing cattle by a Miss MacDermot, who had "Obstinately declined to leave her portion" when requested to do so by the Landlord. This "Portion" was very roughly the area of our present 9th and 10th fairways, and it was only after much trouble that the Club obtained the use of that area. The field below Miss MacDermott's ground was used for "Practising and Professional Coaching" - just about what we do today! The Report of the Council for 1903 refers to the course having been put into reasonably good order, and to the erection of "A comfortable and commodious Clubhouse!" The story of the Club from then on through the twentieth century is one which truly reflects the times through which it has survived - ably led throughout the years by Captains alike courteous and generous - some of the developments, worthy perhaps of contemplation, follow.

## THE GREEN THROUGH THE CENTURY

In the early days the "State of the course" was a constant topic at Council Meetings and in 1904 the Green Committee was instructed to employ "One or two more horses and rollers for the purpose of getting the ground rolled more quickly!" The idea of rolling golf courses - and in particular putting greens - is today universally disapproved of, and yet the practice persisted from the beginning until quite late in the Club's history - presumably it was also the practice elsewhere.

Successive Green Committees seem always to have been battling against odds - drainage, daisies, and all the usual agricultural course problems persist throughout the records of their activities. But the most persistent problem was SLOPE! Cries of anguish arose from time to time because, when putting at the second and the seventh holes, members saw their golf-balls roll completely off the putting green! For many years greens were banked-up (always, according to the elementary budgets of the time at "very little expense") and it is difficult to imagine today what labour and thought must have been needed to produce the mature sward and reasonable putting greens we enjoy today.

Solomon said "There is nothing new under the sun", and certainly when one contemplates hazards as they were, are, and may be in the future, this is true. A bunker to a young person today would probably represent a sand-hazard of the type we know so well, but there were no such hazards on the Fortwilliam course until the nineteen-twenties - apart from our streams, all hazards were grass bunkers. In the twenties much pride was evoked when 25 sand bunkers were installed on the course, but it is modern thinking to eliminate sand bunkers and create grass ones! The wheel has turned.

### The "Pimples"

One of the very keen and best known Green Conveners of the Club was Professor P. Bradbury, who conceived the idea of building raised banks in the rough. "Pour encouragez les autres!" The young men of those days - now mature members of the Club - rather irreverently referred to these as "Bradbury's Pimples!" Professor Bradbury's main claim to a place in our annals lies in his flax-growing ventures during the Great War - he conceived, nurtured and brought to a happy conclusion the growing of flax on the course as part of a war effort, and to the considerable benefit of the Club's finances. "The Flax Field" - down what is now our fifth fairway - became part of the geography of the course, and is still remembered by many.



### **The old horse**

Where the present Greenkeeper's Sheds are, used to be stabling for the horses which were used about the Golf Course. Early accounts refer to "Purchase of Boots for the Horse" and other equine matters. From being, perhaps, a most cherished possession, the horse became of less and less importance to the Club - tractors arrived, and there is a sad resolution on record "That the old horse be done away with".

So it is that the friendly faces of man's oldest friends disappeared for ever more the golfing scene, to be replaced by the snarling diesels of tractors.

### **Breaking new ground**

The original "Green" was of nine holes only, but in 1919 the possibility of extending the course was first considered - eyes were turned to the North across Gray's Lane, and approaches were made to Sir Harold Gray in the hope of securing the land.

In 1923 agreement was reached and the first 18-hole course was established, with nine holes on each side of Gray's Lane. The 'new' nine to the north was found to be too cramped and the holes unsuitable for play, so C.W. (Charlie) Pope, redesigned the course, with eleven holes on the south side and seven holes on the north side. This is substantially the course that we know today; eighteen holes in a setting of great beauty, ageing with dignity and improving with age.

### **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

It is natural to think about social life in relation to a "Place" and that "Place" in the world of Golf is the Clubhouse rather than the golf course. The "Comfortable and Commodious" Clubhouse of 1903 was a wooden structure designed essentially as an ancillary to playing the game and for little else. It was in the care of a "Care-taker and Greenkeeper", whose wife was "The Housekeeper". The Clubhouse was added to at various times, but until quite late in the Club's history it would be true to say that furnishings and fittings were purely utilitarian, and it was essentially a "Man's world". Ladies, until the late 1950's or early 1960's, were confined (except on special occasions) to their own quarters; indeed as far back as 1922 efforts had been made by members to "Get the women into a hut of their own!" The effort totally to segregate the fair sex, started so early on, failed, and during the past 10 or 15 years more and more integration has taken place - a feature which has caused considerable improvement in the furnishing standards of the Club, so that in 1972 the most impossible has been made out of the old building.

For the first three decades of the Club's life Sunday Golf was not permitted and many a battle on this score took place in the Councils of the Club; similarly the cause of providing "Refreshment" is an excuse for drunken orgies!" Although the orgies never materialised with the "Refreshment", it is a fact that the growth of the Club as a socially pleasant place must be associated with the wider vision shown when Sunday Golf and a well-disciplined bar-service were in due course permitted by the membership. Nevertheless, the views of the "Opposition" to these developments were those held most sincerely by a majority of people at that time, and of a generation to which so much is owed by members of the present-day Fortwilliam.

In 1966/67, moves were made towards improving the amenities of the Club, and these moves, developed during the intervening years, have led to this time of beginning yet another phase in the life of Fortwilliam. The new Clubhouse, started this year, 1972, will initially be linked with the old one; at a future date the latter will disappear, and with it much of the atmosphere engendered by the events herein described; but the tradition of the Club, now in its 81st year, will no doubt continue.

*Reprinted from the 1972 brochure in the interest of those patrons, sponsors, advertisers, Club members and others who weren't involved with the Club in 1972, at the same time to act as a vehicle of continuity to carry the tradition of the Club into the Phase II development in 1982.*

**CLUBHOUSE  
EXTENSION  
OPENING  
1972**



*Johnny Byrne at the opening of the Clubhouse extension*



*Judge Fox addresses the gathering*



*Tom Montgomery (G.U.I.) performs the Opening Ceremony*

## **An Extension of Tradition**

A decade has passed and the old Clubhouse has indeed "disappeared". In its place however has risen this new building to which the spirit and symbols of the Club's tradition will be brought, and, one hopes, cherished by the present and future members of the Club.

Scot-MacLynn saw their brief like this: "To provide the most effective cost solution, whilst preserving compatibility with standards expected from a Golf Club of Fortwilliam's standing, we recommended a load-bearing brick-built structure in to colours of clay brick."

"The scale of the extension was reduced in human terms by the simple and economic device of using narrow vertical windows, some running virtually the full height of the building".

"To further reduce costs great use was made of self-coloured and finished materials, and by exposing the surfaces".

"It is anticipated that a later date when the economic climate is more favourable, additional finishes can be applied which will further enhance the quality of the building".

## **Costs**

**Old Clubhouse 1903 - £387.00 - Phase II 1982 - £200,000 +**

## **Accommodation**

The accommodation provided includes the following:

### **Ground Floor**

1. Two Administration Offices.
2. Men's Locker-Room with full toilet facilities.
3. Two Committee/Resources rooms.
4. Outside at Rear:- Enclosed Oil-Fired Central Heating Boiler System and Refuse Area.
5. Rear Entrance Door.

### **First Floor**

1. Extended Mixed-Lounge with Decorative Screen.
2. Carpeted Dining-Room enclosing a maple Dance Floor with Decorative Screen.
3. Kitchen with ancilliary work-room and store.
4. Staff-Room
5. Ladies' Toilets.
6. Gents' Toilets.
7. Cloakroom.

### **The Second Floor - A Panoramic Suite**

1. Council Chamber.
2. Large General Purposes Room.
3. Service Bar.
4. Scenic Windows with Patio Doors leading to a large Terrace with views over the Golf Course, Belfast Lough and the surrounding Hills.

### **Access**

1. The Three Floors are connected by stairs within a staircase block at the south side of the building.
2. The ground floor from the existing Clubhouse.
3. The first floor from the existing Clubhouse.

# **How Golf came to Fortwilliam**

## **'As it was in the Beginning. Is now . . .'**

### **PARKLAND TO (PAR)LAND**

It may be of interest to trace how Golf arrived at Fortwilliam, and to examine some of the Sociological and Demographic changes which determined the composition of the membership of the 1891 Golf Club and of the present one.

### **Oldpark, Deerpark and Newpark**

In the 17th century the Earl of Donegall enclosed the Parklands of Oldpark, Deerpark and Newpark, the last-named lying between Cavehill and the Lough; the area which concerns us. Eventually sections of the Newpark were leased to the "Gentry", who erected fine parks and built great houses such as Fortwilliam, Parkmount, Mount Vernon and Graymount.

As late as 1880 beyond the Milewater River and outside the pre-1896 City Boundary, the landscape of this area was still one of a very large estates and there Fortwilliam Park was recognised as being the most exclusive suburban park in the Belfast area; but change was imminent.

### **BELFAST IN THE 1890's**

In 1891 Belfast was the largest city in Ireland with a population of 223,500 which rose by 36% to 349,180 in 1901; a rise in growth that no other city of comparable size in Britain could match.

Three elements enabled this expansion to take place: the first was the provision by developers (building societies, estate agents, builders and land and investment companies) of cheap but well-built housing, well in advance of demand, some houses lay empty for up to two years before occupation; the second was the emergence of the shipbuilding and engineering industries, whose labour forces earned three times as much as the linen industry mill hands, which enabled these skilled workers to afford the rents of the new "parlour" houses awaiting occupation; the third was the expansion of the city tramway system, which, in North Belfast reached as far as Fortwilliam Park.

There was now a continuous built-up area of low-rental housing stretching from the Bog Meadows at Donegal Road in the West, to the Woodstock and Beersbridge Roads in the East, and from the Skegoniel District on York Road in the North to the Essex Street area in the South.

### **MIGRATION FROM THE CITY CENTRE**

With the growth of industry and commerce the centre of Belfast was being taken over by business interests. Faced with the solid barrier of low-rental housing, the well-to-do, the professional and middle-classes sought residences outside the city boundary. To the north the richer bought or leased ground in the parks of Fortwilliam, Dunlambert, Parkmount and Mount Vernon and built large houses in spacious grounds, while the professional and middle-classes rented or bought villas (some in terraces) along the Antrim Road as far as Belfast Castle, as well as along the link-roads leading to the Shore Road.

Among these people were Scots already imbued with the spirit of Golf, and they, together with the officer class from the city garrisons and the navy, in all probability diverted the "Golf Stream" to the 'shores' of Fortwilliam where it met a 'well' of local interest in the game of Golf.

The membership of the first Fortwilliam Golf Club was almost certainly drawn from these strata of society.

As the boom continued, the city boundary to the North had moved outwards and more commodious dwellings filled the space, this brought an economically varied population closer to the Fortwilliam area, so that, when the advertisement appeared in the local papers calling a meeting of persons interested in the formation of a golf club "a numerous and representative attendance ensued". Thus the membership in 1903 was drawn from a much broader section of the population than in 1891.



To-day the catchment area has widened to include Dunmurry in the South, to Ardoyne in the West and Glengormley, Greenisland, Jordanstown, Whiteabbey and Greencastle, with no regard given to class distinction. It is to the credit of the initiators of the first and second golf clubs that women formed a goodly percentage of the total membership and that this policy has continued to the present day.

Golf is about people, people who share its triumphs and disasters, and it has a unifying power that is unique. 'Per ardua ad astra' is a fine inspiring motto, but not appropriate for golfers, who prefer to have their feet firmly on terra firma, with eyes looking down rather than up. For them 'Per ludum ad amicos veros' (through golf we develop true friendships) should possibly be a universal motto.

## The Young At Heart



*Jack Lawin tucks into a slice of his 87th birthday cake in the company of Jim Kerr and Jim Wilson.*



# CAVEHILL AND ITS STORY

## GREENCASTLE BRIDAL ROAD

In the early days before 1820, when the Antrim Road was made, the public path started at Greencastle, where that old structure long stood on what was an ancient rath which the path cut through. Its ruins were removed about fifty years ago by a jerry-builder for adjacent foundations, with no good result. It has been held by a Captain Ellis in Chichester's time. From thence the path took the steep ascent up the hill suitable for light cars and carts and pannier horses - a regular bridle road, but especially suitable for pedestrians. This was the path taken by Wolfe Tone, Samuel Neilson, James Hope, Henry Joy McCracken, and others on the occasion of their well-recorded picnic to the well and MacArt's Fort. The portion now known as Gray's Lane crossed the present Antrim Road to ascend the hill, leaving a triangle of ground considered of little value, on which the Brennans built a cottage. This road had been in use beyond memory; about the plantations it branched west and north. James Grimshaw rode his horse to the west over the hill to his bleach greens at Glenavy, and to buy linen there, when he was a young man, being born in 1770, and it was a common way for travellers from the new Deerpark and Oldpark. Horses and donkeys with creels brought turf from the back of the hill, not far from the old rath and chapel of Ballyvaston, down by MacArt's Fort to Greencastle - they must have been more than sure-footed. The path to the north over the Bradians took up the cliffs, where a town post now stands looking down on Drumna-call and the ancient crannog in Hazelwood. This was a favourite nearcut to John Russell's house at Collinward, he who had a library, to Wallace's Bleach Mill at the same place, and to the Hightown over the lands of Biggerstown at the little roadside schoolhouse, or on down the Aghnatallagh River to Hydepark. When Valentine Whittla bought out Macaulay's eighty-eight acre holding in 1831 and fenced in Ben Eden, he wisely and considerately left a stile in his fence, and so avoided the storm that fell on the stubborn Joseph Magill. Ten years later Whittla acquired Little's holding and removed the old house. There is a gravestone in Carnmoney Churchyard to Robert Little of Cove Hill, dated 1793.

Quite a number of farms along the face of the hill were later acquired for larger residences by Belfast merchants.

## FARM, NOW GOLF COURSE

The last of these farmer tenants were the MacDermotts, who had their fine old thatched house, that anyone might live in, as James Gray did in the centre of the golf grounds. Only a few trees and sheds remain, but no more. "The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea," knickerbockers have taken the place of cows, and caddies of calves, and there is more short grass than butter and cream. There was also considerable quarrying and carting of limestone from the Wolf's Glen Quarry and the Fox Hole Quarry. Calvert, of Whitehouse, quarried these for many years at three pence per ton, shipping it at Greencastle, where there was quite a commodious little harbour, giving a landing place for coal at the same time. There were also several limkilns for local requirements, where John Bell burned lime. A fine new suburban villa

is at present being built on the site of one of them. The Bryces, William and John, had holdings on the hill, and George White held some land, but the best of Greencastle townland was held by John Orr from 1775, when his first cabin was built where one, Wallace had been before him. Orr held Greencastle townland from MacArt's Fort to the cockle beds of Belfast Lough, a very picturesque spot with glorious views of water and mountain, but unplanted and wind-swept, and save for odd patches and pockets just as poor clay limestoney soil as could be found anywhere.

Some comfort grew up around the Orr steading. Cattle were taken on the land for grazing, and they tilled where they could. This John Orr died in 1784 and was buried in old Rashee. A tombstone still marks his grave, where a rowan tree long waved its coral berries. Thirty years later there was only one Orr, an orphan girl, who gathered primroses and bluebells in the Wolfs' Glen, and sat on the wild thyme at the Foxhole Quarry, or strayed along the Bradians listening to the chattering jackdaws and the hoarse croak of the raven high up on Benowa, for she had heard the story told that there was the cave "wherein is all the treasure of Clannaboy." Many have sought it since but it still remains in secrecy. The orphan girl had seen the shepherd and his dog taking their flock from the Wolfs' Glen up past the Eagle rock and away to Slewnagerach (Sheepheads) behind the hill. As she went to fetch water from the Volunteer's Well, for it had favourite qualities, she was seen, admired, and loved by young Andrew Nash, then a Navy lieutenant from Cork quartered in Belfast on contraband duty.

## ANDREW NASH, THE LOVER

He, with his brother officers often wandered and disported themselves on the mountain, but Andrew, out of many to choose from, was soon the chosen and accepted lover of the Flower of Cave Hill. This was in 1817 and the girl's father had been dead fifteen years and her mother nearly as long. Nash nestled down in the snug Orr homestead, abandoning his public duties for a natural, quiet life on the slopes between Cave Hill and the sea. He added to and raised the old home of the Orrs, and there was soon a large family to fill every room in it. The House built by the Nashs still stands above the Cave Hill Post Office and is the nearest habitation to Park Lodge the residence of Sir Robert Baird. Nash was not of a productive nature but rather given to sport and a richer way of living than was then usual in increasing households with diminishing resources, and so his tether soon became tightened and his liberty threatened, giving often only one safe day in the week (Sunday) for him to walk abroad and view the scenery of surpassing beauty that surrounded him on every side, or count his diminishing flocks and herds, or chase destructive and wayward youths, who ever infested the hill Sunday and Saturday. He fished and fowled in every stream, bog or hillside, antlers fell to his gun in the Deerpark, and he downed many a brock hurrying to his lair. An old friend of the writer's youth, Pat Mucanespin, was familiar with all these stories and many more, for in his youth he had driven the heavy coach with the martlets painted on its

shining panels, and there was abundance of crack in the servants' quarters and a close alliance between Greencastle by the sea and that of the upper road as the denizens by the cockle beds called the Antrim Road. This is not yet extinct, but particularly noisy and prevalent when the season for the May Queens come around.



*Andrew Nash, of Cavobill*

The Nashs were not of the faith of the Orrs; a little chapel was erected in 1831 on their lands near Greencastle village on a site that had doubtless been selected on account of its vicinity to, if not actually occupied by, one of the ancient six chapelries of Shankill, near to the prehistoric rath on which the castle had been built. A little graveyard soon filled up around it, and here lie most of the Nashs, not that any credit was given to them for the erection of St Mary's Star of the Sea.

The accession of a rising young Belfast merchant like Joseph Magill into the Nash family circle, and the erection of an imposing residence on the Nash property was indeed an acquisition not to be scoffed at. This being brought to pass, Magill at once set about erecting his green towered mansion on the lands of his father-in-law, just seventy years ago, for he had made some money in the linen trade and dreamed of further acquisition, though the big linen boom had not then arrived as it did a decade later. He gave up his humbler house at Marino where he christened his stately new residence, Martlet Tower - a martlet is a bird like a swallow, not strong in the legs, and it appears on the Magill coat-of-arms which was carved over his lordly porch - hence the name Martlet Tower. If the abortive legs were defective the same cannot be said of the wings which are especially efficient so with Joseph Magill, the builder of the mansion and high green roofed tower which still stand and ornament the demesne of Belfast Castle Joseph Magill may have soared high, but his fundamentals were defective when he set about destroying the public rights and enjoyments of the Cave Hill. Of course his action was most unpopular and brought him into much odium and bad feeling.

## MAKING OF ANTRIM ROAD

The advent of Joseph Magill into the Nash family brought new blood and energy into the situation - the making of the Antrim Road brought about many possibilities - the Grays, who had succeeded the Howes, were flourishing in the bleach green, and had built a fine mansion on the site of Greencastle House where the Howes and then the Grimshaws had resided. Howes' landsteward always took the hill on his business visits to Glenavy, he had his men together. After Magill's coming building sites were laid off, but never fully developed, and lands let or sold, which considerably eased the Nash necessities. Withal their title was older and firmer than many of the adjacent places. Where I write (Ardrigh) is held as part of the Greencastle estate under the Nashs. Joseph Magill, when he got his mansion built and finished resented the intrusion of the commonality near his demesne lands and had, naturally the support of his father-in-law, Andrew Nash. So one Easter Monday found the Old Sheep's Path, or public right of way to the Volunteers' Well barred, bolted, and blocked; tar and terror reigned supreme. Of course, there was much cursing and jeering and smashing down of fences, but Joseph Magill stoutly maintained that no one in future should ever again walk with a free step up the right of way, with or without horse or car, that the Volunteers' Well, which had slacked the thirst of thousands, should be denied to all and sundry except the cooling draught passed through his hands and that it should be under his sole control, and there is in Ireland no more serious social offence than to deny a drink of water to anyone. The well had grown into a sort of institution. It had been used a thousand years before the gaily dressed Belfast Grenadiers of 1782 resorted to it. M'Cracken had drunk at it and sheltered in the bracken nearby when out on his keeping. The flow from it was pure, ample, and continuous, cold, clear, and chalky as it is to this day; so it was sheer greed and covetousness that made Magill wish to grab it all, though he was forced to respect Gray's bleaching rights to the water, which still flows through Graymount. Samuel Mucklewrath had built a wee house for Patrick M'Hale beside the well, where he and his wife Biddy M'Hale resided. They were sports, both of them. Patrick at times worked for Nash; at other times he was on the hill snaring rabbits or cutting scobes, or it may be helping Patsy Brannigan in the hollow where the Ardrigh stream rises to make a drop of the crater, which Patsy was very handy at doing. M'Hale kept open house at the well in more ways than one on all festive occasions. Water was freely boiled, peas and beans were cooked, and a bottle kept. This latter was a lucrative occupation, for the keeping of a bottle is not meant to be taken literally. It was in continual service, and was much added to by wife Biddy on such days as Easter Monday, when she ran a branch establishment in the first cave. There was opposition from the occupants of the tent ground; still Biddy hold her own, with the local support of Patsy Brannigan's private still.

## EASTER MONDAY REFRESHMENTS

Robert Little and his son John were not above doing a bit of business in their more commodious house and yards which stood not far from the well, with the horse-pond at the gable, for they had limokilns, horses and carts. They held under the Orrs and were there before the Nashs and long before Whitla or Magill. They stabled the horses of visitors and sold refreshments and hard-boiled eggs on Easter Monday when the crowd came. All these public rights, civic and social advantages, were to be taken away and utterly confiscated at the behest of one man, Joseph Magill. That he was self-willed and stubborn his every action proves. His architect, Robert Young, the most amiable and conscientious of men, advised him to leave the path, but he was turned down. The Mayor of Belfast and some well meaning citizens waited upon him with similar advice. Then he referred to his lawyer, Samuel Bruce, and so he planted his gate lodge right across the path at the Antrim Road and erected stout walls on either side. He dug up and made every effort to erase the very tracks of the road; he raised fences, threw up embankments and spent a small fortune on tar and other spoil-clothes ingredients. He defied public opinion, told those who wrote to him to bring their suit and he would defend it.

Now in those days, just as the present, there was a public spirit in Belfast, and it was largely voiced by a very worthy man, Charles Duffin, who became the secretary and treasurer for the Right of Way Association which with its forty-four members, set out to preserve the rights of the public to Cave Hill, and succeeded. Duffin, the father of the late Adam and Charles Duffin, our much-esteemed citizens, came to Belfast in 1820, residing there and at Whitehouse, coming from Broughshane to assist the county surveyor. He was engaged in the construction of the Antrim Road then being laid down. To him fell the heavy work of the trial, assisting the able and skilful firm of Belfast lawyers, J. R. and T. Garrett in collecting evidence and he did his work well, interviewing the aged, the blind, the deaf, and the halt. One old witness, George Russell, of Ballyaghagan (where the new circular road encircles the old stronghold of Listollard) and heard what suited him and only answered what helped him. Nash himself had a story about pasting up trespass notices twenty years before that he had got printed by Jack Lawless at "The Irishman", but this was at the Wolf's Glen in his own preserves some distance from the scene of all the trouble. The witnesses were well gathered and well-sorted and it may be well-drilled. The best of them, James Grimshaw and Valentine Whitla, really won the suit and carried the jury, of which Edward Harris Clarke was foreman, with them. The Garretts had planned the trial adroitly - it was no private venture, but a criminal trial, a Crown suit for the deliberate obstruction of the King's highway.

### THE FIVE-DAY TRIAL

The jury in forty minutes decided that Magill was wrong, damnably wrong, and never was right. There were wild scenes on Cave Hill that long sultry summer evening when the verdict became known. All Greencastle turned out, and any old resident knows what that means, for they were over a noisy and a motley crowd. The big result,

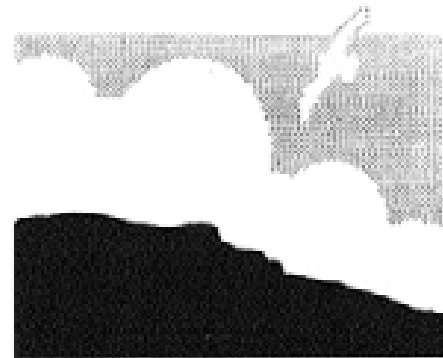
however, was the establishing of the right of free access to the Hill then and for all time to come, now largely increased and expanded by the public acquisition of Bellevue and more particularly Hazelwood.

The Nashs are all gone and their homestead is now an appendage of the Castle. They were chivvied out of some of their land and some they parted with to advantage. They just resided on the Cave Hill about ninety years, two long generations of them. The Magill regime was a short one - about twenty years it lasted. The roof of the tower was only greening, the martlets were not over-familiar with the eaves the massive mahogany furniture was neither scuffed nor worn, the heavy red curtains had never faded when the crash came and Magill was a bankrupt. There was a scattering sale and the Magill lands and gardens were taken into the Castle estate and Martlet Tower turned into tenements for gardeners and workmen.

The flow from the Volunteer Well is as voluminous as ever, falling its four hundred feet unheedingly, supplying many wants interfering with no one's rights, singing its song as it goes on its hurried journey to the sea passing on its way the Chapel yard where so many of the Nashs are laid.



### Under Napoleon's Nose



Look up from the streets of the City,  
Look high beyond Tower and Mast,  
What hand of what Titan Sculptor  
Smote the Crags on the Mountain Vast?  
Made when the world was fashioned,  
Meant with the world to last,  
The glorious face of the sleeper  
That slumbers above Belfast.

*'Mountain Shapes' By Alice Milligan*



# Belfast Castle and The Earl

## BELFAST CASTLE ESTATE

On 5th November 1603 James I, by Letters Patent, granted Belfast Castle and other lands in Ulster to Sir Arthur Chichester. Sir Arthur died in 1624 and his son who succeeded him was created Earl of Donegall in 1647. The Title and Estates passed through several generations of Donegalls, their home being the first Belfast Castle, a tall 16th century fortified manor house standing in what now is known as Castle Place. This castle was destroyed by fire in the year 1708.

Subsequently the Earls of Donegall (the title was changed to Marquis in 1791), once the sole proprietors of Belfast, lived mainly in England as spendthrift absentee landlords and had no seat on their Irish Estates. Their extravagance culminated in the sale of these estates through the Incumbered Estates Court, after the 2nd Marquis had died in 1844 leaving debts of over £400,000.

His son and successor, the 3rd Marquis, was then living in Ormeau House. Upon remarrying in 1862 he became determined to build a new home within his deer park on Cave Hill. The Donegall fortune had dwindled so drastically that the Marquis was unable to underwrite the costs of the building work, and the project was rescued by his rich son-in-law, Lord Ashley son of the eminent philanthropist the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury. Lord Ashley guaranteed the amount, which was optimistically estimated by the Donegall trustees at £11,000. Work commenced in 1867 but by the time the castle was completed in 1870 the cost had far exceeded the estimate.

The Donegall coat of arms can be seen above the front door and on the north wall, the motto being 'Invitum Sequitur Honor'. On the death of the 3rd Marquis in 1884 the estates passed to the Shaftesbury family through his daughter Harriet, Lady Ashley and her husband who subsequently became the 8th Earl of Shaftesbury. The names of the two families are perpetuated in Chichester Street, Chichester Park, Arthur (Chichester) Street, Donegall Park Avenue, Donegall Square, Donegall Place, Donegall Road, Shaftesbury Square and the Shaftesbury Inn. The latter was no doubt frequented by the masons and other artisans after their daily labours in building the castle.

Sir Charles Lanyon has been given credit for the design of Belfast Castle but much of this work was actually executed by his skilled junior partner W.H. Lynn. The building is of Scottish Baronial style, with a massive six storey tower, crow-stepped gables and council turrets, possibly inspired by the reconstruction of Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire in 1853.

Lynn was not responsible, however, for the most surprising exterior feature of the castle - an Italianaïre, baroque serpentine stairway on the garden front which connects the reception rooms with the garden-terrace below. This was added in 1894 by the 9th Earl of Shaftesbury to indulge a whim of his mother, the Dowager Countess.

The 9th Earl - One-time Mayor of the City, presented the Castle to the Corporation of Belfast in 1934. It is now used for functions.

## THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY K.G.V.O., J.P., D.L.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, is the eldest son of the 8th Earl, and succeeded to the title



in 1886. His mother, who died in 1898, was the Lady Harriet Augusta Anne Seymourina Chichester, only daughter of the 3rd Marquess of Donogall, M.P. His Lordship was born on August 31st, 1869, and educated at Eton College, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He is Chamberlain to H.R.H. the Princess of Wales; H.M. Lieutenant for the City of Belfast; Deputy Lieutenant for Co. Antrim; Justice of the Peace for Dorset; a Commissioner of the Congested Districts Board, Ireland; Lieutenant-Colonel and Hon. Colonel Commanding North of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry, and Captain of the Reserve of Officers. He was A.D.C. to Lord Brassey, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Victoria, 1896-98; member of the London School Board, 1901; and Lord Mayor of Belfast, 1907; and was formerly Captain 10th Hussars. His Lordship married, July 15th, 1899, the Lady Constance Sibell Grosvenor, eldest daughter of the late Earl Grosvenor, a granddaughter of the 1st Duke of Westminster, and Lady of the Bedchamber to H.R.H. Princess of Wales (her Ladyship holds letter of precedence as the daughter of a Duke), and has issue a son, Anthony, his heir, born October 4th, 1900; Mary Sibell, born October 3rd, 1902; and Dorothea Louise, born April 29th, 1907. His clubs are the Carlton, the Marlborough, the Turf and Fortwilliam Golf Club; and his residences, Belfast Castle, St. Giles' House, St. Giles' House, Salsbury; and 38, Bryanston Square, W.

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# 'THE PRIEST, THE PUTTER AND THE PROD!'

## *The End of an Era*

The late Father Brady was Parish Priest for the Little Flower on the Somerton Road, and William Houston from Ballymena was a true Blue, a Linfield man as long as I can mind. (*What a mixture*). These two gentlemen played their golf together in the forties and early fifties, with precision, dedication, and with a high regard for the etiquette of the game, and, yes, off a very respectable handicap, the Father off three, Houstey off five.

I personally knew Father Brady as a member of Fortwilliam Golf Club, but I never had the pleasure of playing a round of golf with him. If the late Jimmy Young was alive today, and knew this story, as I know it, he would have put together a wonderful monologue, and I have no doubt the title would have been 'The Priest, the Putter and the Prod'.

I have to quote two of our late members of the Club, and I have no doubt I will be forgiven for doing so. The late Harold McCaw says of Houstey and the Father, "When they were together, the atmosphere that they generated was one of warmth, friendliness, comradeship and affection, and this was always apparent wherever they went." The late Sandy Greer tells the story: "In the mid-forties a party of sixteen were going to Portrush. They arranged to meet at Fortwilliam - 9.00 am. It was a wet morning, I arrived late, and passed a remark on the weather. Father Brady put his arm on my shoulder and said: "When Billy Houston is around the sun is always shining", such was the affection of the Father. On another occasion, the outing again Portrush, they arranged to meet at Gray's Lane on the Shore Road, the time arranged was 8.30 am, 9.00 am and still one of the party had not arrived, not Sandy this time, but Father Brady. Suddenly the clip-clop of horse's hooves were heard, and there, coming down Gray's Lane, was an Irish jaunting car, with Father Brady sitting side-saddle, just himself and Pat the Jarvey." Houstey tells the story himself: "When they arrived alongside the boys, the cheer that went up could have been heard at Windsor Park. One of the boys remarked, "Father at 8 o'clock Mass was there not enough in the collection plate to allow you to get a taxi?" It turned out Pat was one of his flock at Mass, seeing the Father had a problem, asked what was the matter, when the Father explained, Pat immediately said: "Jump up, I will have you there in no time", " and so the stories went on. Two nice people doing so much for everyone who knew them, just by being nice to one another.

They played Inter-Club Golf at the highest level for the Club, and if Houstey's match finished early, his first remarks to the first person he met was, "How is the Father doing?" and likewise the Father.

But Billy had one fault, he had an envious eye for Father Brady's Putter, not a covetous person, Oh, no! but he was known to have said on a few occasions when the Father was not around, "I would not mind having Brady's Putter". Then one Saturday morning Father Brady called Billy into the Locker Room and said: "Billy I have bought myself a new centre-shaft putter, and I would like you to have my old one." Now Billy has told me this story on a few occasions and each time he tells it with a little emotion. He said he was speechless, it was like Father Brady giving him his right arm. "It did not matter what I said or how much I objected" he said, "Billy I want you to have this Putter," and so the Brady Putter, became Houstey's Putter (but did it?)

The Father left us to go where the grass is greener, but Houstey continued to walk the Fairways of Fortwilliam winning everything in front of him, winning (3) Captains Prizes and the majority of the trophies played for up to the late seventies. It was now the Brady Putter in his hand and if anyone admired the Putter, Houstey would always say, "that is the late Father Brady's Putter". But I always felt that the Father had his hand on the Putter each time Houstey reached for it. I have seen Houstey strike putts on different occasions and they were always going to be too big, then all of a sudden the ball would kick back into

line, hit the back of the hole and drop in. I have seen putts that he struck, that were never going to be up, and just as it was dying at the hole it took off again, and dropped in. On one occasion I said to Houstey, "If Father Brady is in heaven, how is it when you pull that Putter out of the bag I feel the Father is using it with you". Houstey's reply was, "You have got your 'If's' in the wrong place. If there is such a place as heaven, Father Brady is there."

Playing in the District Cup at Fortwilliam, Harold McCaw was pulling Houstey's caddy car. It got around that Houstey's match was needed to put them through to the next round. Billy was Dormie two playing the seventeenth which is now our eighth hole. His opponent was home in two, twenty feet from the stick. Houstey was short in two. Harold pulled out his trusty nine-iron and said, "Knock that into the six feet, and the Father will do the rest", and so he did.

But alas Houstey from tee to green nowadays has played too many shots, and when he reaches the green his ball is in his pocket, so he has no further use for the Putter. He now lives in Whitehead where he plays the Bentra Course at least once a week.

The Brady Putter however was not left in the wilderness. Billy brought it home to Fortwilliam and gave it as a personal gift to our President, Big Jim Campbell, who I know is not short of a putter or two. However, Houstey and I both know that he will find the right place for the Father Brady Putter.

To past and present and of course the Three P's — the Priest, the Putter and the Prod.

Thanks for the memory and God Bless.

*Grateful thanks to William Macauley (Sar) for supplying this article.*

**N.B.** The Putter is now a club trophy for the Senior Scratch 18-Hole Matchplay Championship and stands proudly in a fine trophy case made by 'young' John McLaughlin (no mean putter himself) and was presented to the club by the said "Big Jim Campbell", a well-known connoisseur of universal putters.

**Billy Houston**



*Jim Campbell with Billy Houston*



*Fr. Brady*



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<b>The Ben Madigan Cup:</b> Isobel Bannon	Presented by R.S. Grainger (A Past Captain) in 1914.
<b>The Victory Cup:</b> Siobhan Bogues	Purchased for the Club by Subscriptions from both Male and Female Members in 1920.
<b>The Jubilee Trophy:</b> Francis O'Brien	Presented by Jim Mitchell, husband of Chris. Mitchell then Ladies' Hon. Secretary, in 1953 to celebrate the 50th year of the Ladies' Section from 1903.
<b>The Thomas Nicholl Cup:</b> Maire Henry	Presented by Tommy Nicholl, Captain and Trustee of the Club in 1953.
<b>The Summer Salver:</b> Siobhan Bogues	Presented by the husband of Mary Hamilton after her death in 1959.
<b>The Chris Mitchell Cup:</b>	Presented by her husband Jim after her death in 1968.
<b>The Doreen Atkinson Salver</b> Deidre Magill	Presented by Doreen in 1977.
<b>The Maeve McConnell Rose Bowl:</b> Siobhan Bogues	Presented by the Ladies' Section on her death in a road accident 1978.
<b>The Maureen Skinner Cup:</b> Rosemary Mulvenna	Presented by her family after her death in 1986 First played for in 1989.
<b>The Kathleen Bannon Barney Kavanagh</b>	Presented by Kathleen Bannon after her year as Captain (1982) in 1983
<b>The Golfer of the Year</b> Siobhan Bogues	Presented by Maire Henry after her year as Captain (1987) in 1988
<b>President's Prize - Joan Gillen</b> <b>Gents' Prize - Siobhan Bogues</b> <b>Ladies' Prize - Deidre Kearney</b>	

## I.L.G.U. COMPETITIONS 1991

There were no successes but:

The Senior Team reached the Semi-Finals of the Senior Cup at Banbridge and the Mixed Foursomes Team qualified at Whitehead.



*Mixed Foursomes - Ladies*



*Senior Team*

There were also qualifiers in the following:

**"Australian Spoons"** at Ballyclare - Siobhan Bogues and Maura McCann

**"Nellie Garrett"** at Knock - Kitty Brady and Elizabeth Balmer

### SPONSORED COMPETITIONS

The Club were represented in the following by:

**"Dunhill"** at Portrush - Sharon Wilson

**"Stewart's"** at Tandragee - Rita Clarke, Maura McCann and Rosemary Mulvenna

**"Rover"** at Portrush - Siobhan Bogues and Kitty Brady

\* Siobhan won at Portrush and played in the International Finals at La Manga in October.

### LESLEY CALLEN'S C.V.

1. Junior Ulster Girls' Team 1984 and 1985.
2. Irish International Team 1985. Reserve '84.
3. All Ireland Senior Cup semi-final Waterville '85.
4. Winner of the All Ireland May Fitzgibbon, Greystones '85.
5. Semi-final of the Girls' Irish Close Championship 1985.
6. Runner-up in the All Ireland final of the Bank of Ireland Schools' Championship '85.
7. Training panel for the Ulster Senior team 1986-87-89-90-91.
8. Represented County Antrim 1986-87-89-90-91.
9. Irish Ladies' Training Squad 1987-89-90-91.
10. Selected for the Ulster Ladies' Inter-Provincial team 1987, 89-90-91.
11. **1989** - Irish Ladies' Championship Quarter Final.
12. Picked to represent Ireland in the Welsh Ladies' Stroke Play, finished 5th.
13. **1990** - beaten in the final of the Irish Ladies' Close Championship.
14. Reserve for the Irish International team.
15. Picked for the Ulster panel and Irish training squad.
16. Represented Ireland in the Helen Home Trophy in Royal Troon.
17. **1991** - Beaten in the final of the Leinster championship.
18. Beaten in the final of Ulster Championship.
19. Third qualifying for the Irish Championship.
20. Picked for the Irish European team.
21. Third in Leinster Stroke Play.
22. Beaten in the final of the Belvoir Mixed Foursomes.
23. Won the North West Scratch Cup (Portstewart).
24. Won the Zara Bolton Scratch Cup and cut to (+2).
25. Runner-up in the Irish Ladies' Foursomes playing with Clare O'Gorman.
26. Picked for the Ulster Inter-Provincial team.
27. Best card at Lisburn (with the Pros) 66 gross, 6 under.

Injured for all of 1988 and part of 1989.



## I.L.G.U. (Northern District) Shield Winners

Senior Team	'B' Team	'C' Team		'D' Team
1973	1923	1925	1963 1975	1959
1974	1925 1927 1982	1929 1930 1956 1962	1981 1984	1969 1971 1975 1987

### TEAMS 1991

Senior	'B'	'C'	'D'
Lesley Callan	Monica Morgan	Joan Wilson	Peg McCusker
Clare O'Gorman	Patricia Gillespie	Muriel Shannon	Pearl Callen
Siobhan Bogues	Janice McConnell	Liz. Thompson	Joan Purdy
Paula Rooney	Eileen Donnelly	Kathleen Bannon	Rosemary Mulvenna
Sheila Cobby	Rita Clarke	Elizabeth Balmer	Clare Corr
Judith Brunt	Ann Rafferty	Kathleen McLaughlin	
Team Captain	Kathleen McCormick	Team Captain	Team Captain
Patricia Gillespie	Gretta Loughridge (Team Captain)	Sheila Kennedy	Deidre Kearney

### HIGH ACHIEVERS LADIES

- 1930** Mrs. D.E.B. Soulby - Lancashire Champion (Hon. Member 1929)  
Dorothy Purce - Finalist in Ulster Scratch Cup
- 1958** Francis Stewart - Finalist in Ulster Scratch Cup
- 1973** Paula Rooney - Ulster Ladies' Champion
- 1985** Siobhan McCann/Bogues - North West Cup at Royal Portrush

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***SPIRIT MERCHANTS***



*Maeve S. McConnell*  
*Ulster Girls' Champion*  
*Portliffiam ~ ~ 1965*  
*Balmoral ~ ~ 1966*  
*Shandon ~ ~ 1967*  
*Irish Girls' Champion*  
*Dunlaughtaire ~ 1966*  
*Royal Portrush ~ 1967*

# JUNIOR SECTION — 1991

Instituted 1982



Captain 1991: Michael Gray : Captain 1990: Martin Groundwater

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

K. Loy George Glover; Brian Clarke

## PAST CAPTAINS:

John McCambridge, Mark Donaghy, Paul McLaughlin, Gary O'Hara,  
Tyrone Hill, Gary Moore, Michael Toirney, Brian Loughridge.

## JUNIOR MEMBERS 1991 with Handicaps

Fred Ashe	50	Jeff Fleming	45	Stephen Meenan	25	Roderick O'Flaherty	13
Jeffrey Anderson		Lawrence Goldblatt		Pintan Marquess	38	Mark Pinkerton	13
John P. Byrne		Andrew Gillespie	22	James Murray	33	Mark Patton	
Connor Bradley	30	Andrew Groundwater	6	Joseph Monaghan	28	Paul A. Quinn	40
Aron Bell		David Gilliland	22	John D. Moore	20	Stephen C. Quinn	30
Stephen Bell	40	Colin Graham	9	G. Mullholland	15	Keith Rooney	40
Conor Bradley	25	Daryn Greene	15	Paul Maguire	20	Neil Rooney	16
Richard A. Bell		Daniel Hughes	6	Peter McKillen	30	Conor Rooney	15
Stephen Bartley	22	Mark Higgins	50	Gerard McLaughlin	32	John Rainey	40
Peter Branaghan	25	Damien Holly	13	S. McFarland	22	David Rush	15
Conal Bennett		Stephen Hood	13/24	Mark McAllister	40	Alan J. Sharp	22
Stephen Benson	13	Robert Hawthorne	15	Paul McQuillan	26	Richard Sweeney	15
Warren Booth	16	Jonathan Hawthorne	20	Andrew McCusker	16	Conor Shields	
Richard Bartley	26	M. Hessian	22	Gavin McKearney	20	Christopher Slane	24
Michael Bradley	25	Peter Hughes	25	Brian McCann	(11.6)	S. Skelton	15
Christopher Corr	48	Gareth Higgins	15	John McIlroy	13	Alan Skelton	27
Barry Carr	12	Stephen Harding	24	Matthew Maguire	13	Gareth Turnbull	30
Christopher Cowden	20	Paul Harding		Paul McLarnon	18	Kevin Toner	16
James G. Calderwood		Martin Jones		Richard McKillen	33	Gavin Thompson	15
Robert A. Calderwood		Eamon Kelly	35	Paul McQuillan	16	Paul Teague	32
Michael Condron	16	Neil Kerr	13	James McDonald	17	Conor Toal	40
Charles Crawford		Lindsay Kerr	21	Barry McLarnon	19	A. Thompkinson	18
Andrew Considine	16	Alan Kane	45	Niall McKearney	13	John Vincent	
Christopher Cochrane	22	Colin Loy	23	Colm McLean	50	Maurice Walsh	
Mark Cochrane	40	P. Lavery	25	David John McQuillan	30	Conor Woods	20
Conor Curran		Conor Loy	35	Danny McLaughlin		Nicholas J. Ward	13
Conal Duffy	13	Philip Lovatt	20	David McNeill	16	Craig Walker	30
D. Castells	40	Sean Lavery	16	Ross McMahon	42	Mark Wilson	16
Roger Downey	20	Ciaran Lavery		Declan McGlone	40		
Richard Duckett	(8-0)	Conor Lavery		C. McCartan	28	<b>GIRLS</b>	
Paul Davidson	50	Michael Loy	9	N. McCotter	30	Claire Maguire	16
Peter Demick	30	Ronan Mitchell	28	P. McCartan	34	Caira McGuigan	30
John Fitzpatrick	50	Brendan Loy	6	Gareth P. Nellis	36	Catherine McGuigan	36
Alexander	40	Damien Marquess	50	David Nolan	8	Jacqueline Balmer	
John Fitzpatrick	40	Michael Moore	18	Johathan O'Hare	18		



## **Trophy Winners 1991:**

**Dickson Cup - Ronan Mitchell**

**Maitland Hill Trophy - Paul McLarnon**

**Hurwitz Cup - Gerard Mulholland**

**J.G. Campbell Foursomes - Conal Duffy and Alan Skelton**

**Norrie Sharpe Trophy - Paul Brannigan**

**Charlie O'Neill Trophy - Craig Walker**

**Winkup Cup - Michael Loy**

**Golfer of the Year - Richard Ducatt**

**Fred Daly Trophy - Winners for the second time**



*Fred Daly Trophy - Winning Team*

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**STERLING ACHIEVEMENTS**  
**JUNIOR GIRLS**

<b>1963 - Patricia Atkinson:</b>	Irish Girls' Champion at Donaghadee
<b>1963 - Maeve McConnell:</b>	(Ulster Girls' Champion at Fortwilliam (The Philomena Garvey Cup at Baltray (12 years of age)
<b>1964 -</b>	The Philomena Garvey Cup at Baltray
<b>1965 -</b>	(The Philomena Garvey Cup at Baltray (Junior Ireland
<b>1966 -</b>	(Ulster Girls' Champion at Balmoral (Irish Girls' Champion at Dunlacoughaire
<b>1967 -</b>	(Ulster Girls' Champion at Shandon (Irish Girls' Champion at Royal Portrush
<b>1980 - Patricia Graham</b>	Represented Junior Ulster
<b>1981 - Catriona Hinds</b>	Selected for Ulster Girls' Selected for Irish Girls' Fortwilliam Course Record Holder - Card not available
<b>1981 - Catriona Hinds:</b>	Smurfit Ulster Winners
<b>Patricia Graham:</b>	Runners-up in All Ireland Finals at Carlow
<b>Anne McKenna</b>	
<b>1982 - Claire O'Gorman:</b>	All Ireland Winners of Waterford Cream and at Baltray
<b>and Anne McKenna</b>	
<b>1989 - Fiona Campbell:</b>	Represented Ulster in the Rover International Finals at La Manga (Spain)

**JUNIOR BOYS**

<b>1964 - A.G. "Tony" Black:</b>	Ulster and Leinster Boys' Champion
<b>1974 - Peter B. O'Hara:</b>	Connaught Boys' Champion
<b>1970 -</b>	Fred Daly Finalists
<b>1971 -</b>	Fred Daly Trophy Winners
<b>1991 -</b>	Fred Daly Trophy Winners

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# NOSTALGIA



*A group of Fortwilliam members pictured in the early part of this century.*



## **Captain's Day - 1947:**

*Back Row: Miss Patsy Toggart, Miss E. Fowler, Lilian Coleman, Joan Boston, Norah Owens.*

*Middle Row: Maureen Skinner, —, Lily McAdam, Minnie McKeown, Kay Lunn, Louis Doegan, Mrs Doreen Blythe, Mrs Robinson.*

*Front Row: Maureen Morahan, Mrs Kelson, Queenie Mitchell, Vinny McCaw, Violent Glick, Minnie Wilson, Isobel Gordon, —, Mrs Connolly.*



**From The Past:**

*Ladies' Captain Day dinner in the old hut which was situated in the present car park behind the 10th green.*



**Captain's Day, June 1955: Captain: Mrs E. Black**



**Captain's Day 1965:**

*L to R: Michael Tierney, Bob Shannon, Andy Bradley and professional Gerry Graham.*



*During World War 1 1914 -18, the course was used to grow flax..*



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ET PATRIA



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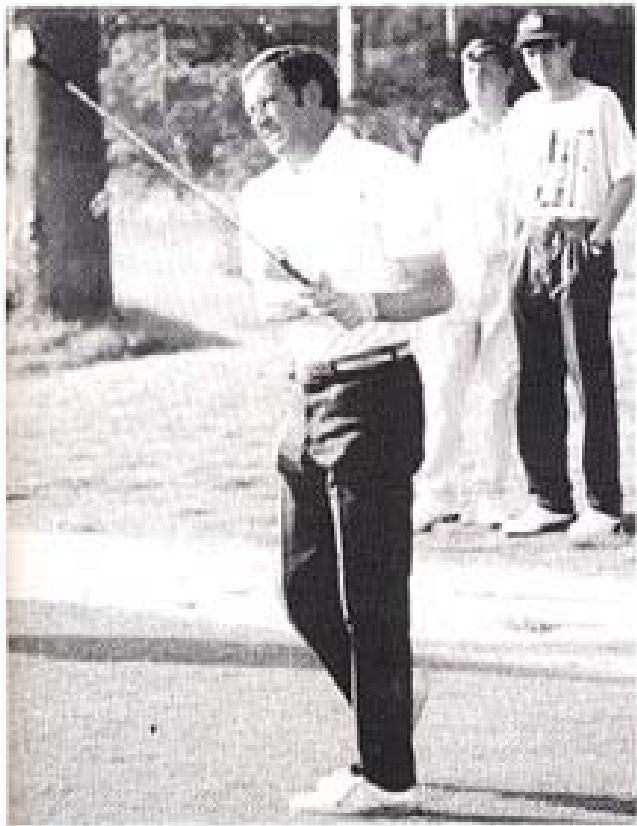


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# Roll of Honour For William Golf Club.

Barrett, A.L. Moulton.....	Gregg, A.L. ....	Pringle, James A. ....
Bowl, J.K. ....	Kitchpatrick, Kenneth.....	Ryder, W. H. ....
Calvey, Charles.....	Knox, J. ....	Robinson, James F. ....
Carson, W.J. ....	Lepper, Edward.....	Shalveyoury, The Earl.....
Clark, Douglas.....	Lepper, C.W. ....	Smith, Noel S. ....
Craig, Hugh M. ....	Moore, Cecil, .....	Todd, A.F. ....
Cunningham, R.L.C. ....	Morrow, John, .....	Toggart, John.....
Cunningham, F.A. ....	McCammond, W. ....	Treves, Hill.....
Dempsey, A.J. ....	McComb, S.W. ....	Tuke, W.H. ....
Doby, J.H. ....	McCardy, W. ....	Walker, Clara.....
Ekins, F.W. ....	McVea, V. ....	Wills, Col. ....
Elliott, Ivan. B. ....	Nixon, W. ....	Young, James R. ....
	Pinkerston, Eric, .....	

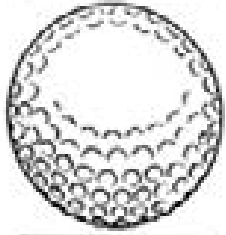
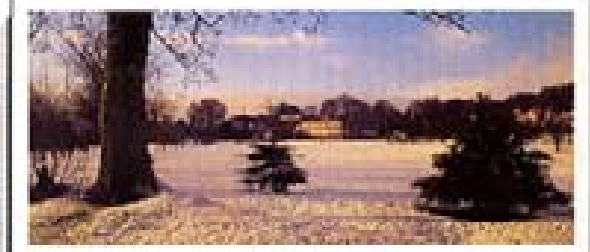
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## THE WAY AHEAD

Final photographs depict two stalwarts of Fortwilliam Senior Golf over the past two decades — Andy O'Neill and George Glover and those young guffers who are likely to follow them in representing Fortwilliam at Senior level.

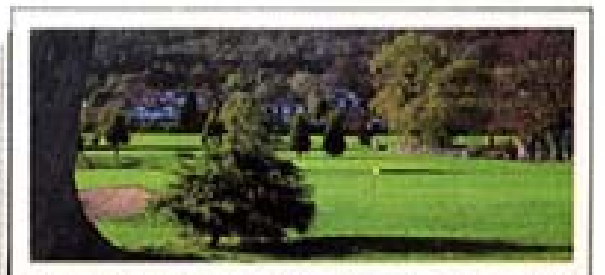




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