

INTERMEDIATE IVs CHAMPIONS

The Intermediate Coxed IV brought home to DUBC its one Championship Trophy in 1982, when at Metropolitan Regatta Blessington on 17th July it had a fine win over Neptune and UCD to take the event.

The IV, made up of the stern IV of the VIII which had competed unsuccessfully in the Intermediate VIII Championship the previous day made no mistake about the IVs coming home comfortably against the other twelve crews entered.

In their heat Trinity qualified easily to go forward to the six boat final, and with Neptune and UCD their main opponents approached the race with a keen sense of occasion. All the crews got off to a good start with Neptune and Trinity

setting the pace to lead the field at the 500 metre mark. At that point the crew put in a sustained burst, and maintaining a solid row from there on moved steadily ahead to win by an easily verdict.



The Champion Intermediate IV Bow John Burgess, 2 Philip Browne, 3 Mark Pattison, 4 st: Alan Thomas Cox Brian Roberts. Standing — Coach Fred Clarke.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH

Bardas Atha Cliath, Dublin Corporation to the less initiated, will in future be participating directly in Islandbridge activities. Some time ago they purchased UCD's old Boat Club premises and the Dublin Municipal Rowing Centre has now been opened there to promote the sport of rowing and in particular to introduce young people in the City of Dublin to rowing through their schools, organisations and other ways.

Gerry Macken, Lady Elizabeth and Irish Lightweight Squad has been appointed to manage and co-ordinate the activities of the centre. To kick off, the centre has acquired a new training IV and a 2nd hand VIII, and through the other Islandbridge clubs has access to two Tub Pairs. Things are already underway with the premises having been given a complete face lift and schools in the Dublin area approached to participate.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Neptune Rowing Club on their 75th Anniversary this year.

To mark the occasion Neptune are staging an Anniversary Regatta at Islandbridge on 16th April. Racing will be from Boo-House bend on a specially bouyed course and winners will receive medallions designed for the occasion, depicting the original Clubhouse building with tower. It promises to be an historic day in many ways.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 9. Trial VIIIs
April 16. Neptune 75th Anniversary Regatta.
April 29. University Championships, Castlewellan.
April 30. Queens Regatta.
May 7, 8. Trinity Regatta.
June 3. Metro. Regatta.
June 10. Athlone Regatta.
June 30/July 3. Henly Royal Regatta.
July 15, 16. I.A.R.U. Championships (Athlone) Home International.
August 27/September 4. World Championships, Duisburg(including Lightweights)



At pre-Xmas Commons drinks Jim Murnane, Nick Dunlop, John Aiken and Gerry Macken take a lighter view of the training schedule.

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NEWS

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THE HENLEY FUND

Henley still remains the top event of our year, and despite the fact that competition in home waters in recent years may be as tough or tougher, there is still nothing to compare with the extended experience to be gained at Henley, both in the run up to the Regatta and then in the racing itself. There is a magic that each year lifts oarsmen to a new and higher plain. And not only in the pure art itself as can be appreciated from the accompanying photograph! Trinity still sets a high standard at all levels!

Contributions to the Henley Fund in 1982 climbed back a bit, to £1,250, and subscription numbers rose too, marginally. So good news on both counts. Once more, it was the essential ingredient making it possible for the crew to go to Henley, and meet the inevitable expenses, now about £1,800, of the total trip. Thank you everyone. Our special thanks this year must go to Cedric Sheppard, who joined the team and did great work in co-ordinating the U.K. subscriptions.

Looking ahead, the crews marvellous hosts of the past few years, the Dudeneys, have moved house, out of Henley, so a bit of re-organisation may be necessary on that front. If we have to find alternative accommodation, we will, indeed, miss that Trinity 'home from home'.

W.N.R. Millar

The Club's new President

At the A.G.M. in November last, Bill 'Curly' Millar was elected President, succeeding James Shillington who has retired at his own request.

Our congratulations and good wishes to Bill who is of course one of the real stalwarts of the Club, with links going back through his late father and uncle to the Pembroke Rowing Club. Bill's father will be remembered by Trial VIII's enthusiasts for his regular proposal of the toast 'The Pembroke' and his enunciation of the origins of our famous punch.

Those of 1935-1939 vintage will remember 'Curly's' prowess on the river, invariably at stroke, and his very active part in the Club in those years, culminating in a great year under his captaincy in 1938. The Club's winning sheet for that year shows among many other events the Senior VIIIs, Senior IVs and Senior Sculls (WNRM) Championships, and a notable 6th in the Putney Head of the River (the first year apparently that Goldie and Isis entered for that event). These successes were preceded by a procession of Irish Championship wins — the Senior VIIIs in 1936 and the Senior VIIIs and IVs in 1937, and an exciting Henley in 1936 when his crew reached the semi finals to lose out to the subsequent winners 1st and 3rd Trinity Cambridge.



Latterly Bill is probably best known as Senior Trustee of the Henley Fund, a role he took over from Maurice Horan some years ago, and one he has filled with great dedication, guiding the build up of the fund to its present strong position.

WET, WILD AND WYLIE

Reverting to original practice the Wylie Cup was last year decided on the basis of three eights events. And on April 30th DUBC travelled to Castlewellan with high expectations fresh from Gannon Cup wins at all three levels. The elements however had other ideas and April 30th proved to be one of the wildest days of the year with the course at Castlewellan churned up by a strong gusting wind.

The rowing programme on Friday resolved itself into an attempt to stage the Elite VIIIs event but abandoned when our crew, the only crew afloat and gallant to the last, sank ten strokes from the slip.

The remaining Novice and Intermediate VIIIs events took place at 7.30 a.m. on the Saturday morning with DUBC winning both. Thus the Wylie returned, if somewhat unsatisfactorily, to Dublin

DOUGLAS NAUGHTON MEMORIAL CUP

The Club was very honoured to receive recently from Dr. Philip Smyly a cup to be known as the Douglas Naughton Memorial Cup in memory of Dr. Douglas J. Naughton, who was Captain of DUBC in 1939-40 and rowed with Dr. Smyly.

Douglas Naughton qualified in medicine in 1941 and went to sea serving as medical officer in the Royal Naval Voluntary Reserve. While serving on the Cruiser H.M.S. *Curacao* the vessel was lost at sea and he and most of the ships complement were tragically drowned.

Douglas is remembered by all who knew him as an outstanding Club Member and Captain. The cup presented in his memory will be competed for annually by the Novice IVs at Trinity Regatta.

JAMES AND JANE SHILLINGTON

As James Shillington bows out of office we send our good wishes and thanks to him and Jane for their great support of the club, particularly during the last few years. As President, James has been tireless in pursuing the club's interest, and has the uncanny knack of appearing with Jane, defying all weathers, to add their encouragement to the club's endeavours at Regattas up and down the country. May they long continue to do so.

TRINITY REGATTA . . . AND MORE . . .

Anyone who attended the Regatta last year will have noticed the changes — these were visibly obvious in the shape of a marquee that wasn't there — the first time for some years, and in the increased calm that pervaded the proceedings throughout, with the disappearance of the skirmishing with 'unwanted guests' that had been a disturbing feature of the previous year.

The enclosure bar has for years been a source of trouble, and seemingly in direct proportion to the size of the marquee that housed it. On the principle of the Laager — that you contract your perimeter the better to protect it, last year's bar was accommodated in a relatively small tent and barricaded to very good effect. From the word 'go' it was a great success. Drinks could be purchased and consumed in comfort, and the Regatta Committee and many others were freed from the interminable policing.

The entries for the Regatta were as big as ever and 136 races were successfully run off over the two days. Among these were a number of ladies events, re-installed and keenly contested. Another piece of 1981 turbulence successfully removed.

The high social side of the two days lived up to its traditional best, with the Regatta Tea served as customary in the Long Room. And Mr. Jack Lynch, accompanied by his wife, presented the trophies, and spoke warmly of Rowing Associations. To cap it all the weather was fine.

So 1982 saw a good regatta. And it saw a number of small but significant changes that could be a guide line for the future.

Talking of change, it is remarkable how the composition of the Club has changed in recent years. And crews too. There was a time when the Senior crews read like a Who's Who of the best Public Schools — Eton, Radley, Shrewsbury, Oundle, Winchester — and ready-made oarsmen arrived annually to merge with the local crew and anxiously awaited pronouncements upon their fate at Trial VIII's.

But all this is changed and the crews now are very much of the home-grown variety, with previous experience, if any, coming from Portora, Coleraine A.I., Marist College, Athlone, and more recently, Kings Hospital and Terenure College. Who would have thought that the latter, renowned for their concentration on the oval ball, would, or could transfer their attentions to the oar? And so successfully. When I list David Hickey, David Sanfey, Kieran Mulcahy, Pat Broderick, Brendan McDonagh, Kevin Lynch, Raymond Blake, Trevor McNamara and Michael Sanfey, all from that stable, you'll see what I mean. Some very interesting changes indeed.

And, in all this I've hardly mentioned the Rowing. I mean *our* Rowing at the Regatta. And we did have some nice wins I am glad to say. Not at senior level where the going proved very tough for our inexperienced crew, and Neptune, Garda and U.C.D. took the main honours. But in other areas. And our lightweight IV, Novice IV and Sculler did us proud, kept the flag flying, and were able at the end of the day to collect those still lovely trophies.



◀ The Lightweight IV after their win at Trinity Regatta. Left to right Nick Mahony, Andy Sides, Simon Hamilton, Andrew Hogan. Cox Nick Winters.



◀ The Novice IV after their win at Trinity Regatta. Left to right John Finn, Michael Sanfey, John McQuillan, Eoin Campbell, Michael Collins. Cox, Michael Collins.



THE IRISH LIGHTWEIGHT IV. Left to Right: Brendan Flynn, Barry Currivan, Gerry Macken, Nick Dunlop.

BEST IRISH PERFORMANCE

1982 will be remembered as the year when a home based Irish crew gained the best overall result at a world championship. This result was achieved by the National Lightweight Coxless IV, of Barry Currivan (Neptune) and Gerry Macken, Brendan Flynn and Nick Dunlop (all ex-Trinity). This crew was the same one that managed 7th place the previous year at Munich. After an unspectacular start to the season, due mainly to crew changes and career commitments, they subsequently won gold both days at Nottingham International Regatta and also the Blue Riband at Dublin Metropolitan Regatta. They were unlucky to go out in the quarter finals of the Wyfolds at Henley to Nottingham, the eventual winners, by three feet.

LEBC NEWS

Lady Lizzie is alive and well! That was the message brought over from Dublin by David Browne to the London Lizzie dinner held by kind permission in London Rowing Club on 24th April last.

Some 34 members and guests attended the dinner. The magnificent arrangements were in the hands of Cedric Sheppard and George de Courcy Wheeler, and Henry Clarke presided over the evening addressing the assembled 'crew' in traditional fashion.

With the formalities observed further speeches and refreshments intermingled freely. Historic incidents were recalled and refurbished, and the evening finally drew to a close with a re-enactment of the 'bowl of light'.

Back in Dublin it is encouraging to note the growing numbers of DUBC men who continue rowing after they leave College. There is Derek Gordon, Kevin Lynch, Mark Pattison and Andy Sides all currently rowing for Neptune. And of course the Irish Lightweight Squad with Brendan Flynn, Gerry Macken and Nick Dunlop.

Speaking of the latter you will no doubt be aware of the LEBC Appeal sent out in February to raise £1,500 for a specially built Stampfli boat for the Lightweight Four as they build up to the world championship. The money is coming in well and we will all have a chance to see the Four in action in the Wyfolds at Henley. Subscriptions can be sent to either Raymond Blake, David Browne, or Robin Tamplin, LEBC, c/o 23 Trinity College, Dublin.

THE EQUIPMENT FUND

The Equipment Fund appeal last year brought in £510. This money has been put towards a new inflatable launch (£900) and a coxless pair £2,300. The Pembroke, our oldest carbocraft VIII has

Then came the World Championships at the end of August on the famous Rotisee course at Lucerne. Against a top class field they won their heat and qualified for the final. In the final after a slow start they drew level at 1000m, and battled for the medals with Italy, Denmark and Spain. Crossing the finishing line the order was Italy, Spain, Denmark, Ireland — with Ireland missing the bronze by just one second. Italy's winning time of 6.21 was less than 4 seconds ahead. A very fine effort indeed.

At the moment the lightweight squad has been enlarged and are in full preparation under the watchful eye of John Holland of Neptune for this year's world championships, to be held in Duisburg at the end of August.

With another years solid work behind them we will all be keeping our eyes on that event.

THE GANNON CUP Seven in a Row

From early on last season the Clubs sights were set on winning the Gannon Cup against UCD for what would be a record seventh year in succession. For their part UCD had hopes of reversing the run of previous years against a crew which they knew would be missing the nucleus of good oarsmen from the previous three years.

Conscious of the significance of the occasion, no effort was spared in the preparation for the race and David Sanfey and Robin Tamplin worked to weld a new crew, a mixture of youth and experience, and by the day of the race it seemed to be coming right.

And so it turned out. Off the start, in rough conditions, it was level pegging for a while, but then the crew settled down and gradually pulled ahead to win by 2½ lengths, and establish the new record.

"CHARLOTTE THE HARLOT" . . .

RELAX . . . You can still leave this around for the family to read:

But the above mentioned and the 'Bible' got a touch of international recognition recently when a columnist in a magazine in circulation in Johannesburg put out a plea to readers from 'Damsel in Distress' for information leading to the acquisition of the words of 'Charlotte the Harlot'. Tom Molyneux, gentleman and erudite, offered assistance through the scholarly collection of DUBC in Trinity College, Dublin. 'Damsel in Distress' was duly notified through the columns, and we await contact with interest.

been refurbished, and is now in a very good condition. Thanks are due to all those who continue to give generously to the Fund, which provides a vital source of income for the club.

1981—1982 SEASON

With the 1981 Senior VIII passing on to greater and more varied things, it was from the outset going to be a rebuilding year using any resources we could lay our hands on. The new Senior Squad was fairly strong, if lacking in experience, and consisted of various members of the previous year's Elite and Novice Squads.

Fred Clarke, Captain 1980, was Senior Coach and did a very fine job moulding raw enthusiasm and untapped ability into a crew fit to represent DUBC at the highest level. At Novice level David Bloomer was in charge of the new recruits and showing them the ropes.

Until the end of the Head season, all except the new recruits rowed as a Senior Squad and the results were encouraging. The New Ross Marathon was won for the first time ever, and the Lagan Head retained, whilst a very creditable 2nd place was gained in Enniskillen, following which a week was spent by 14 of the seniors on the Erne. All the races in the Gannon and Wylie were won convincingly and so the Club looked forward to the Regatta season with some optimism.

However the new VIII was soon to discover what it really meant to compete at Elite level and performance began to slip, ending with a quite disastrous performance by the Club at Athlone. Nevertheless the ability, if not quite the belief, was there and the Senior Crew buckled down to train for Henley.

In their first heat of the Ladies' Plate they beat Southampton University by 2¾ lengths before going under to University of London, the eventual winners, by 2 lengths. U.L. in the process lowered the Fawley record to 3.05 with Trinity three seconds behind.

Back in Ireland a very respectable Novice IV was doing the circuit and were unfortunate to gain only 3rd position in their Championship having easily won the heat.

Returning home the first VIII was struck down by illness resulting in a below-par performance in the Intermediate VIIIs Championship — a defeat made up in a big way by a very convincing win by our Intermediate IV consisting of the stern IV of the VIII.

Whilst all this action was going on, 2 members of the Club, Gerry Macken and Nick Dunlop were representing DUBC on the International Lightweight Coxless IV. Congratulations on their outstanding performance in Lucerne, the Blue Riband, and Nick Dunlop's Elite Pairs Championship. They and the Intermediate IV continued the high level of success expected from D.U.B.C.

COACHING

David Sanfey, Senior Coach writes of a New Approach for the 1982/83 Season

A small group of people have, over the past ten years, devoted a large amount of their time to coaching the crews. However, it has become increasingly difficult to find a coach willing to take responsibility for an entire year for a particular crew.

At the beginning of the 1982/83 season the coaches met and established a land training and water programme, and this is regularly reviewed.

At the moment the Committee consists of David Sanfey, Robin Tamplin, David Browne, Fred Clarke, James Murnane, David Bloomer, Mark Pattison, Raymond Blake and Alan Thomas (Captain).

As each year goes by, more and more ex-oarsmen base themselves in Dublin, which gives me great hope that this team may be expanded further.

Out and about...

KEVIN LYNCH, and the other members of the Neptune IV did some fine rowing to win the Britannia IVs at Henley last July. Kevin, stepping across from Trinity where he had rowed for the last few years, was returning to familiar colours, having begun his rowing career in Neptune, where by coincidence he had teamed up with the same stroke of the Britannia crew, Jim Cassidy in a very fast Schools IV in 1976. Interesting too, that their toughest race in the Britannia was against another Irish Crew, Lady Victoria, seeded No. 1, whom they beat by just $\frac{1}{2}$ a length.

There was a great DUBC turnout for the wedding of DAVID HICKEY and JANE JOHNSTON in Sutton on 28 August last. A marvellous occasion. The best of all possible good luck to them both. KIERAN MULCAHY, impeccably best man, had the priorities right, with the groom duly preceded by Garda outriders to the church, while inside the expectant congregation were soothed with an appropriate voluntary, including strains from the Eton Boating Song. Some members of the gathering had to be restrained from honouring the occasion in their inimitable way by a rendering of the Boat Club version!

While in the matrimonial vein, our congratulations and good wishes too, to DESMOND HILL and BARBARA (nee Dixon) who were married on February 19th last in Coleraine. Desmond has for many years been Club Treasurer and this year has relinquished the post. We now know why! We'll miss your help in that area a lot Des, but dispensation granted. The very best of good luck to you both.

Did you watch last year's boat race? I mean the other one — with Oxford winning and one Boris Rankov claiming time for achieving *five in a row*. Well that's nothing. We had *two of them* — that is KEVIN LYNCH and RAYMOND BLAKE both achieving five in a row for DUBC in the Gannon Cup last year. There was some talk at the time of founding an elite club for 'Five-in-a-rowers', but abandoned when potential membership could not be raised above three unless open to 'rank' outsiders! Uh!...

There are great reports of ROB VAN MESDAG whooping it up (or French equivalent) in Paris. Reports from "your own correspondent" in London are sadly missed while he poses as man on the spot in that other capital. He has joined a Rowing Club over there and is proving he has not lost his touch with the sculls. His aim is for Prague this year, teaming up in double sculls with a Belgian Club mate.

Women's liberation has arrived in the I.A.R.U. in the form of LORNA SIGGINS, D.U.L.B.C. Captain 1979/80 who was elected Secretary of the I.A.R.U. this year. Well done Lorna. And well done to DEIRDRE O'HARA, also D.U.L.B.C. on becoming the University's representative. Lorna is a woman of many parts writing regularly on fish and the fish market for the *Irish Skipper*, the publication of the fishing industry.

Our last Newsletter sparked off a long and interesting letter from G. Tomderry-Goat, alias Dermot Gogarty. In an account of a herculean race between Lady Lizzie and Neptune in which

Lady Lizzie narrowly won a re-row he writes:

"Bobby Steen was at bow, I think and chuckling away as ever. He sculled too but under the pseudonym of R. Nester, thinking that in his newly won professional status, his stature might be diminished if his rowing activities were made public" and further on recalling many kindnesses, he quotes some lovely lines penned by his father:

"Our friends go with us as we go
Down the long path where beauty wends.
Where we all foregather so
Why would we fear to join our friends?"

What more need one say?"

Our congratulations to DEREK GORDON on his election as President of the Knights of the Campanile. Derek, a final year medical student, gained his 4th colour in the Gannon Cup race last March.

To prove that there is 'life after rowing' a recent letter from Bill Lewis sent us a picture (which unfortunately we haven't space to include) of Derek Walton, 1965/66 vintage finishing 15th in the Burham-On-Sea Half Marathon last Autumn — out of a field of 500! And just as impressive he earlier competed in the London Marathon — finishing 189th out of a field of 16,000 — in the very good time of 2 hours 34 minutes. This marathon thing has certainly caught on. I wonder how many more ex-DUBC are into this event. And can anyone better 2 hours 34 minutes for what we presume was the regulation 26 + miles? It sounds like quite a challenge.



RELAXED AND LETTING HER RUN...

The picture above by Lane Stewart, featured as a full colour centre-spread in the American Sporting Magazine 'Sports Illustrated' early last year after our defeat by Yale. The caption read "Merrymaking Trinity of Dublin, in full regalia, must have beaten Yale in the Ladies' Challenge Plate, right? Nope, but that's Henley."

Participants, left to right:- Raymond Blake, (giving her ten), Kevin Lynch, David Browne, Peter Laub, Donogh McDonagh, Jarlath McGee... Clearly traditions are being well maintained!

CREW NEWS TO DATE

The senior squad concentrated on fours rowing in the early heads, then switched to the eight, winning the Senior pennant at the Dublin Head, and the Senior VIII and IV pennant at the Erne.

The Novice VIII is unbeaten so far, winning at the St. Michael's, New Ross Marathon, Lagan, Dublin and Erne Heads.

HENLEY 1982

'Recollections' by Philip Browne

The end of June saw the annual pilgrimage by DUBC to the Lower Thames for Henley Royal Regatta. The Dudeneys our hosts once again locked away all breakables from the hoard of inevitably clumsy oarsmen. They were, as ever, magnificent hosts and the crew to a man put on weight — especially the Cox!

On the day after arrival we headed upstream to Reading for their 800m sprint regatta. The weather was particularly atrocious and Frank Blake, ably supported by his wife Gay, acting as boat haulier did magnificent work in a sea of mud!

The opposition here were mainly American crews, and our heat was with Yale and Dunster House. We started well and after 20 strokes found ourselves, much to our surprise, in the lead. This continued till 200m from the finish when Yale finally overhauled us and won by $\frac{1}{2}$ l, Dunster House being left behind in the distance. One of the Dunster VIII confided that "Yale and Trinity were in a class of their own" and "it was a privilege to row against a real classy crew". Egos thus inflated, we returned to Henley!

Training was hectic for the next few days under Chris George and Fred Clarke. The crew responded well to the atmosphere and the rowing improved. A most pleasant break was had on the Tuesday of Henley Week when the crew were entertained by old members to a dinner in Leander organised by Cedric Sheppard and Ted O'Morochoe of London Lizzie. This was a very enjoyable affair and it was good to know there would be supporters on the banks on race day.

The first crew we raced on Thursday was ironically the same crew to a man that Trinity had beaten in the first round the year before. To our relief we repeated the exercise, beating Southampton University by $2\frac{1}{4}$ l in a time of 7.04. The next race on Friday was against University of London, the favourites. Our tactic was to go hard off the start and with this aim in mind, we got off to a blistering start and by the barrier there was only $\frac{1}{2}$ l or less between the two crews. Here U.L. put on a big effort, and drew away, and in doing so, created a new Ladies Plate record to Fawley, 3.05 with Trinity 3 secs behind. From here on they drew away and won by 2l. This U.L. crew went on to win the Ladies Plate despite a dead heat with Yale in the semi-final.

With the rowing over for us we resorted to the Stewards Enclosure to drown our sorrows with the help of some old members; not forgetting of course to support the Irish Lt. Wt. IV with 2 Trinity men and one Lizzie man on board.

Leander club had the dubious pleasure of being chosen as the venue for crew entertainment. An attempted foray into the kitchens in order to quell the appetites of some was met with stiff resistance by waitresses and cooks and we were ejected with cries of "Not Trinity again!!" The disappearance of the Leander Club flag led to slanderous statements about our culpability. Unfortunately these were false, but nevertheless we were high on the suspect list.

Saturday saw numerous old members down to watch the racing. The traditional barrel of Guinness broached in Butler's field, and consumed and appreciated by 30 or more supporters, crew and friends, was a fitting start to the Saturday evening entertainment.

With heavy hearts and heavy heads we packed our boats on the Monday to depart for home. The Dudeneys breathed their annual sigh of relief, and Henley was over for another year.