

DUBC NEWS



Winners of the Novice IV + pot: (from left) L. Cameron, M. C. Harris, R. Crowley (cox), J. Semple & F. McCaffrey



Lizzie Reborn!

Ali Floyd

2010 has been a hotbed of activity and energy in the world of Lady Elizabeth Boat Club. A revitalisation of the splendid alumni association has seen a 200 % increase in contributors to DUBC and Lizzie's membership now stands near to the 150 mark. A full committee of management headed up by Donagh McDonagh as Captain and a good response so far from across the generations means that this new Lizzie is firmly here to stay. LEBC is a fantastic way for past members to stay in touch with friends and their club and any future success for DUBC on the water is contingent on our support. So please, if you haven't filled out your forms, do so and give the undergraduates of today the same support we all enjoyed in DUBC.

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Novice Glory at Champs

James Semple

The 2009 novice season ended in fine form with the reclaiming of the novice 4+ pot for the first time in 23 years.

The crew crossed the line 1½ lengths ahead of nearest competition NUIG.

The journey of the 4 began in April 2009 at Trinity Regatta. After a mere two days practice, it was race time. On reflection, going from an VIII to a IV was as big a shock to the system as sitting petrified in the seat of a single for the first time. So much more can go wrong, the balance can shift, a bad stroke can be unforgiving. And yet, from the start, we developed such a fondness for the boat.

Whereas one can almost get

lost in an 8, the smaller boat is somewhat more intimate. The craft is more responsive, the acceleration faster and the connection with the water more palpable. At the same time, you are very much aware that this is still a crew boat. Every stroke remains as much for those around you as it is for yourself. The intention remains to hurt the other crews on the water and be relentless. Trinity Regatta saw a long day's racing, and as we crossed the line for the seventh time on April 18th, in a painfully narrow victory over Garda BC, it dawned on us that we had discovered something magic.

By early June, having remained undefeated, we were doing early morning paddles in the four in Islandbridge, occasional midday excursions in singles as we attempted to

acquaint ourselves with new skills, and hard work in the 8 in Blessington in the evenings. Being termed 'novice' in something we felt we were doing full time was becoming tiresome.

We suffered the usual controversies: late crew changes as solid strokesider Mooney was replaced with wonderboy McCaffery, riggers disappearing from trailers, stroke rigging, bow rigging, stroke rigging again, and a long heated argument which finally saw us granted permission to use the club's Empacher four (a boat whose utter brilliance has earned it the name, Godpacher).

On 11 July, we sat at the start line for the heats as the rain came down in sheets. The start was shaky to say the least,

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Rowing Update

National Champs rounded off the 2009 season, and everybody went their separate ways for the summer break. Returning in September, the squad was eager to take advantage of the remaining summer heat. A week at the National Rowing Centre in Cork proved the ideal start to a year of rowing which has seen a lot of progress and some success on the water, despite a few setbacks.

Repeating the recruitment success of Freshers' week 2008 was a challenge, but the large numbers of new oarsmen who came out to Islandbridge for the annual Freshers' open Saturday proved that our efforts had paid off. Further proof can be seen out on the Liffey today, where Mike Ryder and Sean Tunney can be seen putting the two Maiden eights through their paces. The senior squad was strengthened by the arrival of two talented Juniors: Patrick Jacques (winner of the Pineapple Cup) and Luke Acheson, both from Methody College.

While the fresh recruits got to grips with the basics, returning club members *(continued page 6)*

DUBC Fun-draising and such

This year, the club has organized several successful fundraising efforts in order to cope with the stresses and strains that are placed on the modern rowing club. Boats must be repaired, oars must be bought and coffers must be filled if we are to progress in our endeavours.

The first of these was a seasonal carol singing jaunt to Grafton St. The finest voices in the club assembled in rooms and ate warm mince pies in anticipation. Once 'Good King Wencelas' was suitably rehearsed, and the altos had found their niche, the DUBC singers took to the streets and sang into the night until it was decided that we had delighted the public enough for one evening.

It was then decided that a charity Ergathon be run with the Cancer Society, the Boat Club doing the leg work in exchange for some of the collected monies.

Apart from some exceptional persuasion by Maeve Crockett when asked some awkward license related questions by an Garda Síochána, the day went off with great success.

Between these and other smaller fundraisers, the club has raised just over €2000, helping to deal with the day to day running of the club.



Christmas Commons 2009. Charlie Landale: "I've got better legs than Crowley and Crockett"



Loco looks on impassively at Gannon training in February



Carol singing gets under way in December



Coxes Maeve Crockett and Rebecca Crowley with Bill Jacques at Trial Eights

The future of DUBC

Desmond Hill

Success breeds success. Success generates goodwill and should improve our attendances at Irish regattas, HRR and DUBC/LEBC functions. Furthermore, it should loosen purse strings. Regrettably though, in our case it has often merely generated complacency. We are members, old members, friends and supporters of the finest Boat Club in Ireland, occupying the finest boathouse in Ireland and with a record of success stretching back through the decades that is unequalled by any other boat club in Ireland.

Having assumed the role of President last October, many meetings and conversations with those who work at the Club's coal face, so to speak, lead one to the inexorable conclusion that we are not doing terribly well at present. Certainly we won the Int. VIII's Championship in 2006, followed by the 'Big Pot' and Int. IV's Championship in 2008 and the Novice IV's Championship in 2009. However, in recent years at Henley, after reaching the final of the Temple Cup in 1994 and 1995, we have only progressed to the quarter finals in 1999, 2006 and 2007. We remain capable of producing good wins but only on an intermittent and cyclical basis.

Queen's University, who in losing the Senior Pot last year by only half a second, narrowly missed achieving a clean sweep of all three Men's VIII's events at the Irish Championships. They have now come storming



on to the British rowing scene to join the premier league of university rowing in these islands, after winning Senior VIII's and Inter VIII's at BUCS University Rowing Championships. We congratulate them and wish them well for Henley, where they must rank as serious contenders for their first Henley win.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. There are amongst us those who are much better able than your President to analyse and determine what needs to be done to bring DUBC up into this elite group and stay there. We have an excellent well of knowledge and experience on which to draw. We have our own Henley medallists and those who have rowed at World Championship and Olympic level, Chris George and James Lindsay-Fynn. We have many who attended top English rowing schools and have seen first hand how they coach and train their boys. We have our own home-grown talent in Robert Northridge and Bill

Jacques, who have successfully run Portora and Belfast 'Inst' Boat Clubs for many years. We can draw on the wisdom of Tom Sullivan and Robin Tamplin, who have coached Ladies' Plate and Women's Henley winning crews. We have access to Martin McIlroy who coached the Sydney Gold Medal winning GB VIII.

More than anything, we need to get you all back in the boat, figuratively speaking. We need you to take more of an interest and become more closely involved. We need you to browse the Rowing Ireland and ARA websites, subscribe to Rowing and Regatta magazine, attend coaching courses, pass the Umpires' examinations, encourage youngsters, who are 'sporting giants' to come to Trinity, keep in touch with other Old Members, come to Trinity Regatta and HRR and so forth.

To that end the Admiral, Ali Floyd, ably assisted by former Captains Tim Coote, James Lindsay-Fynn, Nick Dunlop, and Ladies' Plate winner Ted O'Morchoe, has lived up to his title and done an admirable job in spearheading the re-launch of Lady Elizabeth Boat Club in support of DUBC.

Much of it, of course, is

about money. Resources as ever are a major issue. To those who think a subscription of €25/£25 per annum is perfectly reasonable, think again. A boat club is an expensive organisation to run. In our case, there is a trinity of costs. Firstly, College expends about €35K on maintaining the boathouse and grounds and paying the boatman. Secondly, DUCAC allocate us a grant of about €30K to run the Boat Club, pay for travel and entry fees and replace equipment. Much as it is appreciated, it is never enough. Thirdly, until now, Old Members and friends have been contributing about €10K, which clearly has not been enough, adequate to cover our needs. Much as the substantial individual donations received are greatly appreciated, a large number contributing a relatively modest amount will achieve even more. I understand that contributions this year have risen to €30K and many are annual standing orders.

Albeit politely, we intend to alter the ethos of donations and financial support for the Club by adopting the system long used with such success at American universities, especially those in the Ivy League, where there is an expectation and not just a craven hope of philanthropy from graduates. If you do not like being asked and do not wish to partake, just say so but do remember that it is also tough for the guy doing the asking. If we have the resources, there will, as they say, be no holding us.

To John Aiken, Captain in 1982, we give our thanks as he completes two terms as Chairman of the Long Term Committee. After a hiatus some years ago, he has done much to restore the excellent relations we now enjoy with College. His likely successor is Dublin businessman, John Mohan, Captain

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in 1996. We wish him well in his endeavours.

Peter Croke finishes out his year as Captain and we wish him and his crews all possible success for the rest of the season including Henley and the Irish Championships.

To Robin Tamplin, the outgoing President, we give thanks for what was the culmination of a lifetime of dedication to the Boat Club. To Hazel and him, we send all best wishes for a well-deserved retirement from active service.

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of Philip Smyly and Derek Walton. Their obituaries appear elsewhere in this issue. Michael Johnston thinks that Philip's father rowed for the Rowing Club before amalgamation and that Philip had a replica made of his Winning Sheet, which had been missing from the Long Room.

Finally, to return to the main theme of this article, it is worth saying to all who under-

take this enterprise of bringing DUBC up to speed, that one should never be afraid of failure. Edison had thousands of failures in his efforts to develop the incandescent light bulb. However, the prize was worth the effort.

At Henley this year, instead of clutching your pint of beer and blethering about how you staggered out of J. P. Murray's grocery shop and bar to win Maiden Fours at Carrick-on-Shannon Regatta in dear knows what year, your President will, as he circulates among you, observe you holding glasses of orange squash and earnestly discussing the finer points of boat rigging, how to combat the fade in the third 500 metres and the relative merits of the Concept II and Rowperfect ergometers. He will then cry out, "For goodness sake, you lot, lighten up. Can no one here remember the words of O'Reilly's Daughter?"

THE MAN WHO THINKS HE CAN

*If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win, but think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you've lost,
For out in the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will;
It's all in the state of mind.*

*If you think you're outclassed, you are:
You've got to think high to rise.
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can.*

Walter D. Wintle



The Provost with Simon G. Williams and Drinda Jones at Henley Royal Regatta last year



Jane Hickey, David Browne and Raymond Blake



Bill Lewis with the Provost



Norman Gilett, Madeleine and Enda Cahill
(Henley photos courtesy of Des Hill)

Novice IV+ Championship

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an element of panic, race day nerves, creeping in for just a second, but we had pulled level with NUIG and lengths ahead of the rest of the field by 1000m. There were glances between the two boats. We had met our competition. Two to qualify. Hold off on the big guns for now, it's all to race for in the final.

After a brief break and near disaster where a certain stroke-sider lost most of his breakfast (insisting he was fine again after a NutriGrain) we were again on the start. The rain persisted, but there was a stillness to the air. Off the word 'Go!' we had a clean start, and it was bloody fast. We led right from the blocks and took chunks off the competition. By 500m we had a half length on NUIG, Garda following and UCD nowhere to be seen. There was an urgency to every stroke as we insisted on pulling away. At 1000m we had a length and we were pushing. With 500m left, bodies screaming with lactate, muscles torn, the race was ours to lose. Galway were hanging in there, just. It was a matter of sitting tall through the pain and plough-



From left: John Mohan, Lorcain Cameron, Mark Harris, Rebecca Crowley, James Semple, Fionn McCaffrey, Sean Tunney

ing for the finish. Those last few hundred metres seemed to last for hours as push after push was called to take us home. With the sound of the horn bodies collapsed, but the pain was nothing compared with the utter jubilation. We had done it.

Such victories are the product of many things, but last year I believe it was the sheer bulk and competitiveness of our squad that did it. The following day, two Trinity novice VIIIs raced the final. Having two

eights finish the year is almost unheard of.

On the Sunday of National Championships, the "B" boat nearly powered through an unexpected Queens crew in the heats. The northern crew that nearly fell apart, however, were composed for the final. After repeated seesawing, Queen's held us and crept back, pushing through our wind at 1500m. Alas, the coveted double could not be achieved, and we finished a bitter second.

The final weekend of our novice year was one of pure triumph and resilience, of pain and of utter defeat and heartbreak. For some of the 20 strong squad, it was the end of a long journey. For others, it was just the beginning. I must take this opportunity to thank coaches Sean Tunney, whose words of wisdom gave us speed we thought beyond us, and particularly John Mohan, who gave us endless hours of time and belief.



Photo courtesy of TheWaterEdge.com

The Year in Rowing

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and our experienced newcomers spent the autumn and winter months training hard under the watchful eyes of Gerry Cantan and Mark Pattison. Running, sculling, ergo work and the use of the club's brand new gym equipment all featured in the training programme as we prepared for racing season.

Unfortunately, bad weather meant that we had to wait quite a while for the season to begin. A plethora of Head races, including the first National 1x HOR (Neptune) and National 2x HOR (Skibbereen), had to be abandoned due to wind or fog, so that the squad had no opportunity to race for much of the winter. Training, therefore, was uninterrupted except by the annual Christmas Commons, which was a very enjoyable affair, and was followed by an excellent party in Rathmines.

A wetter autumn than can be remembered in recent years was followed by an even colder winter. The new year began promptly with an Islandbridge training camp, as Blessington was frozen, and remained so for the extent of the two week camp. Water froze on sculling

blades on the extraction. The icy boathouse was warmed only by weary bodies lifting weights as we waited for the gas to arrive. A dedicated core of athletes was beginning to emerge.

We raced for the first time in the Head of the Shannon at the end of January. That day a crash prevented the senior eight from racing, and left us in the unfortunate position of having to spend much needed funds on repairs, but the second crew secured the senior pennant nonetheless.

Next up was Colours, earlier this year than usual. The novice A and B eights both raced well to victory over their UCD counterparts, but the senior eight, with five athletes returning from last year's Colours eight, were overcome by an impressive UCD outfit.

On Saturday 13th March the club sent two eights to compete at Erne Head of the River in Enniskillen. A last minute crew shake-up meant the senior eight

didn't perform to their ability on the day, but the Intermediate eight put in a decent performance over the six kilometre course, beating Neptune's crew to win the pennant. The same Neptune crew were the main opposition at Dublin Head and Tribesmen Head, where the club's second eight raced well but didn't manage to come away with any pennants. The novices entered two eights into Dublin Head, both of which performed at their best, but were denied success by a more experienced novice crew from UCD.

Meanwhile, the first eight was preparing for a trip to London, where the club's senior eight spent the last weekend in March, competing at the annual Head of the River. An injury to the Captain meant we had to call in a substitute at the last minute, and our result - 136th, having started 83rd - was disappointing, but we returned to Dublin determined to improve. (for Uni Champs see page 8)

Musings of a Coach



Gerry Cantan

As an outsider I have participated in DUBC for nearly two seasons and have learned a lot about what is making the club tick and where it might go. At the risk of upsetting much more distinguished oarsmen than myself, I would like to put down a few thoughts.

I have also observed over many years the performance and position of University rowing here and particularly in the UK where it is going through a radical transformation, partly to attain parity with the heavyweights of the USA, Holland and other places foreign at Henley on their home waters.

I suspect that I am not alone in realising that DUBC is at the same cross-roads. One of the strengths of the club is the continuity and support from old members, but it is also a

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Rigging of the Thomas Dudeney in Blessington



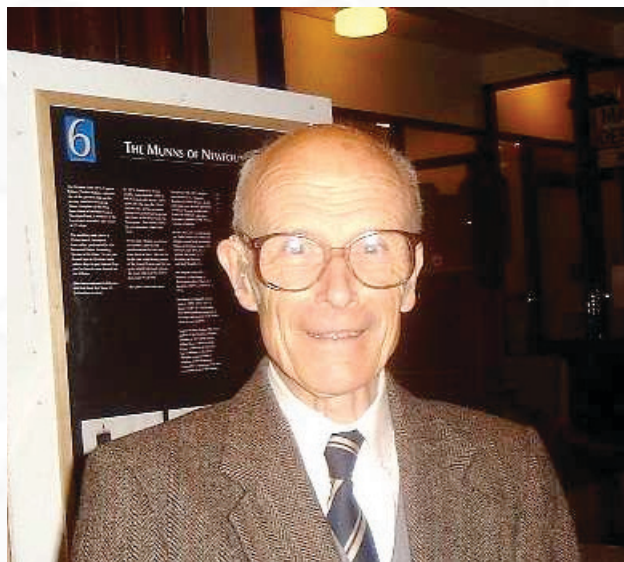
New Blood: Methdody boys Paddy Jacques and Luke Acheson bringing "experience" to the squad

A man of integrity, courtesy, modesty and charm

Dr. Philip Smyly, son of Sir Philip and Lady Aileen Smyly, was born on the 21st May 1917. He was born in Ireland, where he lived until he was evacuated during 1922 because of the political situation of the time. Despite being sent to the best schools in England he detested every minute of his school days there. His dislike of cricket led him to take up rifle shooting at which he proved a crack shot.

He returned to Ireland to read medicine at Trinity College, Dublin. His stories on his own training experiences followed by internships in Baggot Street and Steevens Hospital would compete with any comedy incidents in Carry on Doctor.

During these years, like his father who had had rowed on the DUBC Senior VIII of Arthur Mahaffey in 1891, he joined DUBC and was a member of the Junior VIII which won the National Championships at Dublin Metropolitan Regatta



at Islandbridge in 1940. Philip was delighted to join crew-mate and friend Raymond Rees sixty-six years later in 2006 when the Club held a celebration dinner for the most recent winners of the title. I remember they brought with them that evening a photograph of the 1940 crew, which was proudly shown to the younger members of the club.

In 1941, Philip set up practice in Portarlinton. He married Mary Hildick the following year. Responsible for three surgeries a day, home visits over an increasingly wide area and night calls (things never heard of in the modern era), the phone and doorbell never stopped ringing for forty years. Midwifery, too, as Philip delivered in one par-

ticular year 365 babies - and that by October! The last baby Philip delivered was his own grand-daughter, Sara, while he was on holiday in England.

Philip always got the very most out of any situation he found himself in. A man of great capabilities and with wide-ranging interests, he had unique personal qualities of integrity, courtesy, loyalty, modesty, charm, wisdom and humour.

He passed away peacefully on 17th January 2010. He was predeceased by Mary in 2004, and is survived by his daughter Judith, son-in-law Peter and grand-daughters Helen, Lizzie and Sara. His funeral took place on 21st January in St. Stephen's 'Pepper Canister' Church on Mount Street in Dublin.

JFMA

(With thanks to Jennifer Flegg and Micheal Johnston)

A Gentleman Athlete

Derek Walton's death came as a shock to all who knew him, not just in the usual sense of receiving such bad news, but because we had been delighted to see both Derek and Val looking so fit at the reunion of the 1966 Senior VIII at Henley in 2006. He was obviously still very fit and a regular runner and many wished they were as much in trim!

We were all so glad to have found Derek and Val again for the reunion, since they had been off the ever acute DUBC radar for many years. After Trinity Derek joined the John Lewis Partnership and developed a high level of expertise in fabrics. He and Val had a charming cottage in Richmond, moving on once the two boys, Keith and Rob, needed more space. Rowing at Kingston Rowing Club allowed more rowing continuity than many of us achieved

after College, and he never lost touch with the other sport at which he excelled, running. One of his best performances was a London Marathon in 2 hours 34 mins, at the age of 39, one indeed to be proud of. In 1991 the family took a big decision to move to Canada, where Derek and Val ran their own business in Calgary for many years. Retirement led to DIY in a beautiful home on Vancouver Island and a fishing 'bolt-hole' in the mountains.

But where we all remember Derek most was in Trinity in the 60's, striding along with Val on his arm or heading off to Islandbridge for yet another outing, sometimes in the Lotus 7 built from a kit in Henley! Derek learned to row at Kings Canterbury in the great drainage dyke called Plucks Gutter which was their main training resource. He had an elegant and

effective rowing style, was a delight to watch in a sculling boat, and made his main mark in the 7 seat of Tony Gray's 1966 VIII which was only able to beat the powerful Gardai by racing guile. Derek enjoyed both the

rowing and the training, and we thank him for being a friend, crewmate, and enthusiast.

Tony Bowen

Senior VIII 1966-68





Winning Intermediate IV+
From left, James Semple, Rob Mawn, Maeve Crockett, Mark Harris, Luke Acheson

DUBC at Uni Champs

Mark Harris

It happens but once a year: DUBC combined forces with DULBC in a quest to be named overall University Champions this April in the NRC in Iniscara.

DUBC had prepared its squad of 30 men to compete in a wide range of boats over the weekend in order to gain points for the Black and White. The Inter/Senior squad had come on leaps and bounds in the small boats and the VIII also had high hopes. The event was the first taste of 6 lane racing for this year's novices, although the crowds were nothing like the roars from the banks of the Liffey during their epic victory against UCD.

There was a great turn out of boats and competition was going to be fierce. Our quickest scullers set off early in the morning and all qualified for their finals. First points were scored by a rather sensational race in the senior doubles, the crew of Paul Dunphy and Charlie Lendale coming second to a very experienced NUIG crew. The small boat training again stood to DUBC as we took victory in the novice doubles with Paddy

Ryan and Adam O'Brien.

The novice singles was a fantastic race in which the top three were within a canvas of each other but first to cross the finish line was Lorcan Cameron for DUBC followed closely in 3rd by one Fionn McCaffrey. The day was going to plan and points for Trinity were piling up, however UCD and Queens hot on our tails.

As the afternoon approached it was down to the sweep events to separate the universities. A young inter VIII, consisting of only two crew members from last year, were eager to see what the opposition was like, but only managed third in the Intermediate category. However stern four proved formidable in the Intermediate coxed fours event, and earned a comfortable win. The race was theirs from the start, finishing a length and a half up on their nearest opposition.

The novices raced hard and showed immense talent in all of their races. However, victory



Novice sculler McCaffrey en route to the slip

was not going to be theirs as the UCD second year novice crew

which had been kept at bay by Trinity last year were back in 2010 to secure victory. The VIII finished 2nd as did the IV+. These results, although not victories, still added points for to the Trinity scoreboard.

When it came to results, Trinity came up short finishing 2nd to UCD for the 2nd year in a row. This result has only made us hungrier to top our cross-town rivals and take the University Championships back to the Boathouse. Here's to the rest of the season.

A modern Trinity Regatta

Fionn McCaffrey

Enjoying its 112th year, Trinity regatta has seen out the creation of the Irish State and come through Two World Wars. It has been organised by generations of DUBC oarsmen, participating in the ostensible traditions of running the event and competing but also in the tradition of commitment and sacrifice that has been continued by committees since the inception of the Regatta in 1898. With each year that passes, the burden upon each incoming regatta committee augments. No one wants to be the one who must face his predecessors, at an impromptu Henley barrel court-martial perhaps, and tell these men who have handed him a 112-year-old tradition why he thought it proficient to let it fall by the wayside.

The Regatta's continuity and longevity belie the myriad of

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Paul Dunphy takes a break from the midday sun

The way forward for a University club

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weakness by the shadow it casts on what has to be done now. University rowing is radically different to what it was even 5 years ago. Certain University rowing clubs in England are now centres of excellence. They realise they have to compete with the likes of Brown University, totting an annual boat buying budget of half a million dollars. Domestically, Queens, within a couple of years of professional coaching and good organisation, have leaped forward into that sphere with a much more modest budget.

Facilities

There is no doubt that the boat house is a fine historic building. Unfortunately boat storage and gymnasium are not up to the requirements of a good university club.

Trinity provide a general gymnasium on campus, but access to this is inadequate. Recently rowing ergometers have been housed on campus with exclusive use by the rowers and this is certainly a step in the right direction, but it has to be contrasted with the high performance gymnasium on campus in DCU for selected athletes. A decision has to be made by the University whether it is sport for all, or whether it is legitimate for them to provide facilities for sports excellence.

Recruitment

The Novice programme is firing the imagination of many and is on a par with other Universities.

Other Universities are however more advanced in the active recruitment of formed oarsmen. The light blue rivals from the other side of the river have initiated a good scholarship programme to tempt in talent.

Whilst young rowers may be slightly insane and will go

where a good environment encompassing first class facilities, equipment, coaching and activities exist, being able to offer scholarships is often a deciding factor.

Activities

The sport we love is rowing, in my view after 47 years still the most beautiful sport going. We operate in Islandbridge and Blessington, both fine pieces of water.

The challenge unique to a University club is making good rowing technique secure within the 3-4 year window of university life. This is extremely challenging.

I think it is imperative therefore that a university club should be quite clear:

- On preferred technique to be taught by all coaches
- The method and sequence of teaching that technique
- How evaluations of technical development will be made.

Other University systems are particularly wasteful in this regard because of the huge numbers seeking to make their way to the top. An American university may start with 180 recruits and burn them until they award scholarships to the top 20.

The nature of Henley and particularly the Temple cup for University eights has changed substantially. The standard is now usually higher than the Irish championships. Even with the ideal facilities in place to expect a DUBC crew to reach that standard within four years of taking up the sport is extremely ambitious.

In summary I don't think there is a lack of ambition to reach the top of University rowing but it will take clear thinking and a lot of money.



The ten brand new ergs available in the college sports hall exclusively to DUBC



Admirals outgoing and incoming : Ali Floyd and Peter Croke



Rob van Mesdag entertaining Peter Croke at the barrel last year in Henley

Pollock's Pole

"The past ten years have been a journey and I've come a long way. When I first went blind, the idea of going to the South Pole didn't even cross my mind. If I know 100% that I can do something, it's not a challenge, and it's not worth doing. The excitement lies in the calculated risk of failure."

Mark Pollock

On 21st November, LEBC hosted a wonderfully convivial reunion dinner at London Rowing Club, with 76 Lizzie members and friends representing every 'DUBC decade' from the 1950s to-date. Chairman for the evening, Len Dunne (Captain DUBC, 1987), introduced Mark Pollock as guest speaker, leading off with the exciting news of Mark's engagement to Simone George – warmest congratulations to them both.

Mark's coming to terms with his blindness after Captaining DUBC in 1997, rowing internationally and with an assured banking career, exemplifies in remarkable measure what the human spirit can achieve undaunted by adversity. He decided to engage in life-changing experiences through physical challenges, thus connecting with the tough decisions we all



Highlight of the evening was the news of Mark's and Simone's engagement.

face in life. 'Making it Happen' has become the 'strap line' for his worldwide motivational speaking.

After completing six Gobi Desert marathons, racing in the world's coldest marathon at the North Pole, competing in Ironman Switzerland, kayaking across the Irish Sea and racing in the Dead Sea Ultra Running Challenge, Mark set himself his biggest challenge yet in January 2009 – to become the first blind man to reach the South Pole. But first he had to raise the money, hugely difficult in recession; a couple of nail-biting weeks before the deadline, the cash was raised.

Together with Simon

O'Donnell and Inge Solheim, they raced five other teams to the Pole, the first such race since Scott and Amundsen. With stunning video clips, Mark showed how they progressed, advancing up to 14 hours daily over five weeks, hauling 70kg sleds, navigating across 1000 kilometers of the Antarctic, negotiating crevasses, skiing and climbing to 9,300 feet in temperatures down to 48 degrees below zero.

Despite losing two stone en route, Mark finished in good physical shape but it took huge mental effort to keep going: "The closer we got to the end, the further away it seemed to get", he said. Achieving his goal, he added: "It's what sport is all about – having incredibly tough times, putting in a huge effort and achieving your goals. This is 'the feeling' that drives me"; then, characteristically, he said: "we planted our flag bearing the photographs of 500 of our supporters in the ice at the South Pole, as a big thank-you to all who 'travelled' with us".

After answering questions from the floor, Mark's inspirational evening ended with a standing ovation from the assembled company.

*Report by Mike Hannon
(Vice-Captain DUBC 1964/65;
Captain LEBC 1967/68)*



Ed Rolf-Sylvester, James Lyndsay-Fynn, and Johnny Johnston.

From the Irish Times - Tuesday, March 23, 2010

MARCH 23rd, 1877:

Trinity College to control boat club rowdies

JOE JOYCE

FROM THE ARCHIVES: A columnist using the pseudonym Bartolo wrote a regular column called *Passing Events* in *The Irish Times* in the late 19th century, commenting on random events and frequently breaking into verse. This one explained how Trinity College planned to control the rowdies of the Boat Club and touched, in verse, upon one of his pet hates, the muck on Sackville (O'Connell) Street.

I LOOKED with some curiosity in vain at the board on the College gates, which serves the purpose for which the old statue of Pasquin was reserved. There was a rumour throughout College for the last week that a new ukase was about to be issued forbidding the students from keeping cats in their rooms. A dog is a prohibited animal, although odd dogs do stray in. The forthcoming order against cats originated, I am told, in the conduct of that terrible conclave of demons known as the Boat Club. These beings in the dead of night indulged in cat-calls and caterwauling, signalling to each other. The "Miow, miow," brings out all the Tom cats from the vaults in Botany Bay square, and when porters rush in to arrest some member of the Boat Club, they see only a scampering crowd of felines, which they cannot bring before the board or a police magistrate. Hence the anticipated order for the banishment of all cats. All night signals of a caterwauling sound will, of course, then be easily traced to the Boat Club.



Trial VIII's this year. Front row: Maeve Crockett, John Mohan, Ali Floyd, Sean Drea, Rob van Mesdag, Peter Croke, Robin Tamplin, Charlie Landale, Peter Wolfe, Donagh McDonagh, Rebecca Crowley; Second row: Clive Lee, Sean Tunney, Mike Ryder, Joe Henry, Rob Mawn, Lorcan Cameron, Paul Dunphy, Aaron Heffernan, John Magan, James O'Reilly, Bill Jacques, Third row: Guillaume Dumas, Xavier Trebuchet, Patrick Jacques, Luke Acheson, Lorcan Clarke, Fourth Row: Ian Stephens, Pierre Breard, Will Caffrey, Darragh Callanan, Dillon Rooney, Matthew Brazel, Will Hurley, Fifth Row: Sam Quirkie, Iain McGurgan, Dave Lally, Matthew Brazel, Ollie Hamilton, Paul Flaherty, Sam Renaud, Pillars (from left to right): Sean Darling, Eoghan Mooney, Fionn McCaffrey, Danny Johnston, James Semple, Mark Harris.

The Maiden Voyage



Dave Lally

In attempting to describe the experience of Novice rowing this year in DUBC I feel I must revert to the first memories that spring to my mind of Rowing this year. Amidst the mayhem of the Fresher's week; the rush to join every society, the ruck to secure all free goody bags going, I remember the rowing stand in all its glory. Set up adjacent to the campanile in Front Square ten or so experienced rowers proudly showed off their symbolic splash tops drawing in recruits to the tune of "You look like a rower" and "Hop on the rowing machine here and give it a go".

Having successfully drawn in a plethora of eager rowers-to-be (and college girls excited by the prospect of bossing around a boat full of sweaty men), there

came the tour of the boathouse. Walking past pictures of rowing alumni proudly boasting handlebar moustaches, clad in just short-shorts and zephyrs, it was not hard to see that to be part of this club was no ordinary affair. Even at this early stage we were all being unconsciously lured into this strange new world, a world of eights, a world of fours, a world where you introduced yourself as a rowers first and as a student second. The words of intermediate Chris Mulvey at the post-induction lunch in Kennedy's remain crisp in my memory "Guys, you'll come to love wearing only Lycra"

Training took off from there and we were all eager to prove ourselves on the water. Having said this I must admit that I was reminded recently by one of the Novice girl's to my amusement of how our training began. On our first weekend down in Islandbridge we were escorted by

our coaches by what can only be described as a 'lead'; a long string attached to the eight in case we should manage to run away.

Our weekends on the water were complemented by Tuesday and Thursday land trainings. Tuesdays saw us hit the roads around college for a 3-mile race followed by gruelling circuits in the Sport's Centre, Thursdays being a more relaxed jog up to Sandymount strand. Over time it would become habit for us all to check our email inbox almost hourly in anticipation of the next rowing update from our coaches; the encouragement of Mike Ryder spurring us on and making us feel ever-more proud

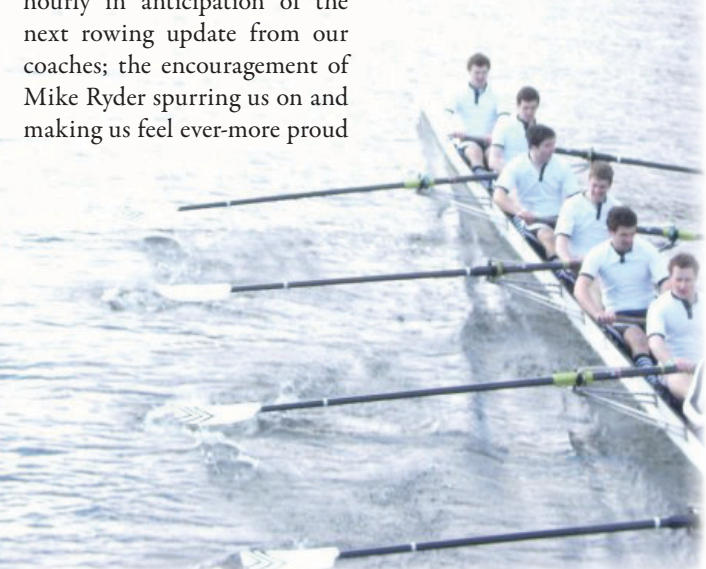
to be part of something.

Soon came the sub-zero temperatures of winter training. Our now panel of 20 took to Islandbridge for an intensive three-day training camp. Little could be more memorable than the experience of rowing in such conditions. Layered up and ready to go we pushed off from the ice-covered slip. An icy fog soon rolled over and into our eight as we paddled up-river; the sight of the War Memorial Park covered in snow providing the perfect background for the outing. In acknowledgement of our improvements thought the camp we enjoyed eats in Mike Ryder's after training one evening; a 'light supper' consisting of multiple servings of much

"One cannot forget the unforgiving Saturday training that saw us do the unthinkable - capsizes an 8"

appreciated casserole and extra large helpings of potatoes. Following this experience of warm hospitality we all proceeded to engage in a snowball fight of epic proportions outside the Ryder household. In a suitably Tolkienesque fashion this event later became known as 'The

On our first weekend down in Islandbridge we were escorted by our coaches by what can only be described as a 'lead'



Battle of Ryder's Gate'.

It's fair to say that lessons have been learnt. One cannot forget the unforgiving Saturday training that saw us do the unthinkable - capsize an 8. A painful experience for all involved, as near-freezing temperatures accompanied the two-kilometre crawl back to the boathouse. There was a look of utter shock of the faces of the coaching panel the next day as they asked us with utter amazement "How DID you do it?"

A weekend of training up in Blessington followed winter training, giving us a real taste for long pieces out on the water. The nice change of not having to constantly spin the boat was much appreciated. There was undeniably a feeling of awe as we took to the lake, the sheer vastness of the surrounding waters making us all reflect on what we had become part of.

Racing season began with the much-anticipated Colours race. This was to be a real test of nerves for our panel as we took to the water to face more experienced UCD crews. The Friday saw the B crew have their race above the weir. Proving their mettle they took advantage of an error-ridden UCD side and stormed through for a magnificent victory. The next day saw the A crew slip the weir to fight



Novice B Crew after victory in the 'Goonan' Cup: Dillon Rooney, Daragh Callanan, Ian Stephens, Tom Eastaway (cox), Flann Brennan, Matthew Brazel, Sam Quirke, Xavier Trebuchet, Cathal Horan

for the Dan Quinn. Sitting in anticipation of the race the noises that greeted the crews included the screaming encouragement of the on-looking fans and the booming voice of the

The A crew met with success on this outing, beating Queens, Neptune, Commercial, and the same colours crew

race commentator interviewing 'The Legend' Mike Ryder. From a messy beginning the crew took control of their race a few hundred metres in, the words of



Paul Flaherty discovering sherry as Captain looks on

the commentator "coming up to the Ha'Penny bridge UCD are CLEARLY in the lead" only encouraging more of the crew. An impressive heave at the 1500m mark saw the Dan Quinn fall

again into the possession of the Trinity Novices.

Dublin head followed colours. The A crew met with success on this outing, beating Queens, Neptune, Commercial, and the same colours crew, losing out only to an experienced 2nd year Novice UCD crew. The same race proved somewhat 'eventful' for the 2nds crew who when passing under one of the bridges were 'raided' by the Viking-like tactics of the Garda men's eight who to the dismay of the crew managed to overtake them.

Unfortunately we suffered a similar fate to the experienced UCD crew at University Championships and Skibbereen Regatta. While there remains ground to be made up, we look forward to the challenges of the future and remain confident in our abilities in the races to come.



Trinity Regatta 2010

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difficulties it has encountered over the years, although some have been worse than others. Twenty-eight years ago, the pressing issue concerning my predecessor was that the entry numbers had been so overwhelming, that they were forced to cut all Women's events from the schedule. However, the world of Irish rowing has vastly changed since. Many may be familiar with the new Grand league regatta system, in many ways a huge step forward in bringing Irish competition into line with that of Europe and so far uncompromising success, but in focusing the season around the large 6-lane regattas the smaller events have undoubtedly suffered. Coupled to this was Dublin University's switch to semesterisation, moving the Regatta out of its



traditional Trinity Week slot.

This was the rather sombre situation facing the incumbent regatta committee, and many might have considered resignation in the face of such odds, but the committee has taken bold steps to secure the future of the Regatta.

Anyone who has been to the

regatta will acknowledge what it presents to the spectator; the lively, social atmosphere of the marquee, the pleasant surroundings of the War Memorial Park and the unseasonably good weather which seems to accompany all regattas, not to mention the proximity to the racing. With this in mind, the committee has attempted to enhance

the regatta's role as a social occasion without compromising on the competition. Such acts such as shortening the schedule and introducing the luncheon hope to provide for the future of a regatta which has become an increasing drain on DUBC's slim resources.

This year's regatta itself was a good day of racing and, despite the cloudy weather, the loyal spectators lined the bank. The novices continued their promising season with a big victory over UCD in the VII. The intermediate crew regained some momentum after defeats in the University Championships and Skibereen Regatta, beating Neptune, UCD and Glaway RC to win the day. Rob Mawn took novice sculls, while Paul Dunphy took intermediate sculls.



Words of wisdom: coach Gerry Canton talks with sculler Rob Mawn

Dates for your Diary

19th - 20th June : Marlow International Regatta at Dorney Lake

30th June - 4th July : Henley Royal Regatta

Saturday 3rd July : Barrel of Guinness

6pm Butler's Field

Lady Elizabeth Boat Club will be hosting the barrel of Guinness this year in Butler's Field.

Please come along on Saturday evening and enjoy a pint with DUBC supporters and friends.

16th - 17th July : Irish National Championships for IVs and VIIIs at the National Rowing Centre

25th - 26th September : Irish National Championships with the Quads, Doubles, Pairs and Sculls at the National Rowing Centre



Intermediate VIII beating UCD in semi-final



Victorious Novice VIII with coaches Mike Ryder and Sean Tunney (above), and celebrations get underway with Matt Brazel and Matt Brophy (left)



Two novice fours took to the water but unfortunately were beaten by a sharp Portora J16 crew

The Henley Diaries



Clockwise from above: The Provost, Simon G. Williams, Drinda Jones and Professor Mark Dwyer at HRR; Sir Brian Williamson and Bill Lewis with the Provost; Ali Floyd and Eoghan Kerlin; Brendan Smyth and Sidney Grey; Chris George and Sean Tunney



DUBC Appeal

As has been mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter there has been a substantial change in the approach to funding DUBC. Although the largest financial contributor to rowing at Trinity remain the College and DUCAC, we are now looking for far wider support from our past members and friends to secure a stronger platform for the future. American Colleges established similar funding systems generations ago, whilst Queens are already reaping the rewards of substantially increasing their funding from alumni in the recent past. If DUBC do not follow suit we will find ourselves increasingly uncompetitive at home and abroad.

Although establishing a subscription based LEBC has more than trebled the number of contributors to DUBC, the Appeal Fund will continue to process donations from supporters who wish to contribute to the club through Trinity Foundation or the UK Trust for TCD and therefore (where applicable) secure tax credit for themselves and the Boat Club. The 'tax uplift' in donations continues to be hugely beneficial to the Club with over €1,200 of additional funds being received through the tax benefit system in 2009.

The 2009 appeal fund raised approximately €12,000 from 40 contributors. Thanks to the 2010 LEBC initiative we now have a further 103 contributors supporting the Club. Although this is a great step forward, we are in contact with more than 500 old members and friends so if you have not signed up to LEBC or the DUBC appeal yet we would encourage you to do so. Standing orders are of course our preferred option as this allows us to plan for the future.

Frequently asked questions relating to the lebc and the appeal

Why establish a subscription based membership to LEBC?

After reviewing the 1929 LEBC constitution, it is clear that LEBC was always meant to be subscription based club with all proceeds going directly to support DUBC. The revival of this system will result in a far more inclusive LEBC membership attracting broader support for DUBC.

How much is membership to LEBC?

Membership to LEBC is €/£ 150 annually.

The average contribution to DUBC / LEBC is in the region of €270 per annum

What will funds raised be used for?

If sufficient funds are raised the club intends create a professional coaching structure, based on the best models from Universities in Ireland, the UK and the United States. Funds raised through alumni donations will also support the creation of a DUBC High Performance Academy which will provide scholarships to promising junior athletes in conjunction with the TCD Sports Scholarship scheme. Funds raised through the DUBC Appeal and LEBC membership will also be used to purchase essential rowing equipment and repair older boats. DUBC's participation at Henley as well as the newsletter is also partially funded by the Appeal. Where appropriate equipment such as rowing machines, boat trailers etc will be shared with DULBC to improve and develop Trinity Row-

ing as a whole.

Anyone wishing to row under LEBC must finance their rowing themselves. All funds received through LEBC are to only benefit Trinity student rowers.

Who is eligible to join LEBC?

Anyone can apply to join LEBC. Members are elected by the LEBC committee which is headed by His Honour Judge Donagh McDoagh. Membership requires payment of an annual subscription as well as being regarded as a suitable candidate by the Captains of both DUBC and LEBC. Honourary members may also be elected in recognition of their support for DUBC.

What do I get for being elected into LEBC?

Membership of LEBC ensures that you will receive frequent updates from DUBC and LEBC, invitations to dinners and gatherings and the annual DUBC Newsletter. Members of LEBC will also receive a membership badge annually.

Who decides how funds received will be distributed?

All funds received through LEBC or DUBC appeal will be only support DUBC. Expenditure will be sanctioned by the DUBC Captain, the Long Term Committee and the LEBC committee and will be committed to initiatives outlined in the Club's new Strategic Plan. A captain from each of the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s sits on the LEBC committee.

Is trinity college still investing in rowing?

The College remains the largest

financial contributor to DUBC. Trinity College directly fund the maintenance, security and insurance of the boathouse and rowing equipment. In addition, to this point DUBC has received the largest DUCAC grant of any club in College. Contributions received through the Appeal and LEBC will supplement funds received by the College. Trinity College are fully behind our fundraising initiatives and we have been promised that College funds will not be reduced if we manage to raise substantial income ourselves.

What other initiatives are being undertaken?

An endowment fund is being created to provide long term fund raising for future DUBC generations. The Club is also actively looking for a suitable sponsor, any leads / recommendations are welcome.

Why keep the dubc appeal account?

Only through contributing through Trinity Foundation / UK Trust for TCD can suitable donations be tax efficient. Direct LEBC membership cannot be granted as a charitable gift. The majority of LEBC members have also established a separate standing order to the DUBC Appeal.

How do I join?

Please find form enclosed or contact Tim Coote (tccoote@hotmail.com) or Ali Floyd (floyda@tcd.ie) for an application form.

Alternatively, forms can be obtained from the Trinity Foundation, House 27, Trinity College, Dublin 2.

Tim Coote & Ali Floyd

Names of Contributors to DUBC and LEBC

1930s, 1940s, 1950s

Robin Tamplin	Capt 1949
Henry Clarke	Capt 1950
John Pearson	Capt 1952
John Cockrill	
Tony Wilson	
Robbert H. Van Mesdag	
George Fisher	
James Brownlow	
Raymond Rees	
George Fisher	
Tom Molyneux	
Alan Browne	

1960s

Simon Newman	Capt 1961,62
Tony Gray	Capt 1966
Desmond Hill	Capt 1969
Mike Ryder	
Tim Lennie	
Brian Persson	
Bill Jacques	
Chris Knox	
Michael Hannon	
Antony Hart	
Peter Laub	
Robert Neville	
Tom Freeman	
Ben Oakley	
Anthony Bowen	
Bill Lewis	
Brian Williamson	
Chris George	
Colin Taylor	
Roger Coulihan	
Bill Keatinge	
Robert Northridge	
Kevin Shillington	
Philip Bradley	
RL Bennett	
Robert Hanson	
Jan van Blankenstein	
Frank Tisdall	

1970s

Robert O'Farrell	Capt 1972
John Hill	Capt 1974
Donagh McDonagh	Capt 1975
David Sanfey	Capt 1976
George DeCourcy-Wheeler	Capt 1977
David Browne	Capt 1978
Roger White	
Peter Wolfe	

Ted O'Morchoe
John Macken
David Hickey
Brendan McDonagh

1980s

Nick Dunlop	Capt 1981
John Aiken	Capt 1982
Alan Thomas	Capt 1983
Mick Doyle	Capt 1984
Nick Mahony	Capt 1986
Len Dunne	Capt 1987
Lewis Purser	Capt 1988
Ben Hurley	Capt 1989

John Bolton
Clive Lee
Gerry Macken
Kevin Lynch
Philip Browne
Sean Tunney
Mark Heaton
Gordon Judge
Geoffrey Wheeler
Derek Gordon
Enda Cahill
Martin Coulter
Tatiana Hurley
Brendan Flynn
John Bolton
Andy Sides
Mark Pattison

1990s

Aiden McMahon	Capt 1991
Ciarán Lewis	Capt 1992
Brendan Smyth	Capt 1993
Ross Hassett	Capt 1994
Tim Coote	Capt 1995
John Mohan	Capt 1996
Mark Pollock	Capt 1997
James Lindsay - Fynn	Capt 1998
Andrew Coleman	Capt 1999

Shane Herlihy
David O'Flynn
James Somerville
Hugh Byrne
Patrick Moe
Bridget Collins
Daniel Simms
Conor Fennessey
Micheal O'Connell
Simon Clements
William Gilbert
Rory Mulcahy

Patrick Treacy
Bridget Collins
Jim Holden
Tim Mckean
Shane O'Neill
Matt Brennan
Aillil O'Reilly
Patrick Crowley-Mattar
Julian Coulter
Jason Connery
John Kent
Martin Murphy
Malcolm Cruickshanks
John Johnston
Kim Williams
David Leahy
Peter Lennon

2000s

Meridith Lulling	Capt 2000
Richard Northridge	Capt 2004
Richard Moore	Capt 2005
Edward Roffe-Silvester	Capt 2006
Joe Calnan	Capt 2008
Ali Floyd	Capt 2009
Peter Croke	Capt 2010
John Martin	
Tim Persson	
Paul Dunphy	
Brendan Guildea	
Colm McCaughley	
Mark Hamilton	
Robert Swift	
Henry Tindal	
Steve Lowe	
Oliver Whyte	
Patrick McCalmont	
Paul Lynn	
PiersWhite	
Robert Mawn	
Robert Swift	

Friends

Anthony Swift
Rosalind Brownlow
Andrew Paterson
Tom Fennessey
Michael Gleeson
Cyril J. Smyth

Endowment fund

We are announcing the launch of an endowment fund for DUBC. We intend this to be a growing pool of capital accumulating and invested over a number of years. Once large enough, we aim for it to provide permanent financial support for the development of rowing as a sport in Trinity College Dublin and to sustain the athletes in their training and in competitions at home and overseas. The endowment fund is for long term capital and we are coordinating these efforts with those to revitalise Lizzie as an active club and generating funds for immediate boat club use.

We will be asking former DUBC members to consider adding a legacy for the club in their wills and or establishing a life insurance with DUBC as beneficiary. Some have done so already and taken advantage of exemptions from inheritance tax of legacies to charities. Others wanting to change amounts or proportions of their estates left to DUBC are using codicils to their wills. In any case it is always helpful to the club if members inform us of their intentions in their wills.

Monies collected for the DUBC endowment fund will buy units in the College's trust fund. Thus they will be managed alongside the other monies of TCD given to the college over the years for particular purposes. Such an arrangement is a huge advantage to DUBC. In having a smaller amount of DUBC money invested beside College's more substantial portfolio we avoid establishment costs and legal fees and the annual running expenses and management fees. The college's fund has been running for many years with a well established board of reputable trustees including a number of external ones. It has independent annual audits, tried and proper arrangements for changing of trustees and well honed administration of money flows, accounting etc by Trinity Foundation. The fund runs a conservative investment policy aiming to maintain the real value of the capital and to produce distributable income in the region of 3% a year. DUBC contributors can feel secure that their contributions will be well supervised and properly stewarded.

We will send out more information in due course, but in the meantime if you wish to discuss the endowment please contact any of Tim Coote (+44 7748 703 589), James Lindsay-Fynn (+44 7979 365 122) or George de Courcy-Wheeler (+44 7780 675 429).



Above: David Lowry, Eoghan Mooney, Maeve Crockett, Julian Shaw and Kevin Cunningham at Christmas Commons



Left: Mike Hannon and Vick Norwood at 'Pollock's Pole' London dinner

Below: small boats training at Blessington Lake



Out & About

Of the recent graduates, **Brendan Guildea** surprised us all by announcing his recent engagement to Becky Knowles via facebook and inviting all of his ex crewmates to attend the bachelor party. **Patrick McCalmont** caught the rowing bug in his one year stint at DUBC and continues to train hard at the Don Rowing Club of Mississauga, Ontario. He can be seen pictured below with fellow Mississauga member **John Cary**, cox of the DUBC Senior VIII 1967. We congratulate Pat on just qualifying for Team Ontario.



From the 2008 Senior Championship VIII few have returned to the rigours of training. **Eoin Macdombnaill** is a notable exception, moving to Queens to do a Masters with his sights set on Henley 2010 and international stardom. Others have set a more leisurely pace. **Eoghan Kerlin** continues to finish his Msc in Physiology much to the amazement of the DU Anatomy Department. **Henry Tindal** is trading like mad in St Stephen's Green and looking forward to joining **Eoghan Kerlin** and **David Cummins** on a cycle from Vancouver to Tiahuaana in August. **Sean Osborne** follows an international lifestyle between Dublin and Russia. **Rob Swift** is chasing the American Dream at Buckley in Ohio. **Gabe Magee** is studying law stateside. **Paul Laird** is pursuing his PhD in Trinity. **David Cummins** is studying medicine in Brighton and preparing for an Ironman in Germany. An-

other Iron Man veteran is **Ed Roffe Silvester** who is currently serving with the Irish Guards and bound for Afghanistan in the not too distant future. Fellow officer **Rory Browne** is loving his time in Germany with the Queen's Royal Hussars.

From the 1990s, **Andrew Coleman** continues to coach a successful DULBC squad, with record numbers this year and international representation. **Tim Coote** found time in his hectic reorganising of LEBC to get married in April, while **Ciaran Lewis** and **Mark Pollock** are lining up for the aisle in the near future. **Mark Pollock** and his 'Team Daft' are currently preparing to take on the round Ireland yacht race. **James Lindsay-Fynn** has been working with **George De Courcy Wheeler** to promote DUBC's new Endowment Fund but found time off to compete in the Vasaloppet



90km X country ski marathon.

DUBC Captain 1984 **Alan Thomas** could not resist returning to the towpath and is looking forward to coaching **Turlough Hughes** in the single at the World Junior Championships in Racice, Czech Republic in August.

Henley 2010 will see the reunion of the 1969 VIII that was victorious in the University Grand Challenge Cup at Trinity Regatta in 1969, beating Garda BC by a few feet in the semis and going on to beat UCD in the final.

Bow **Dr. Chris George**, not



Peter Wolfe, sculling champion, seen here pursuing the goal of mastering all water sports, having taken up kite surfing last October

content with the modest glory of DUBC 1969 Sen. VIII, went on to Captain U L, Thames RC and won four Henley Medals, including the Stewards. He rowed for the HW 1975 & 1977 GB Lt.M8+. A biochemist, he consults on wood infestation and has continued to host the DUBC crew at the London Head of the River Race each year for a pre race pasta fuelling stop.

2 **Willie McCabon** has retired from teaching classics at The Royal School, Armagh. He remains CO of the school's cadet corps and his main interest is now the bagpipes. He now travels all over to compete with his pipe band.

3 **Robert Neville** is a consultant with a London firm of lawyers. He loves Brazil and is V-Chair of the Brazilian Chamber of Commerce in GB.

4 **Robin Boyd** served with the Irish Guards but now also solicits in Winchester. He and his wife Jan maintain family connections in Derry and Co. Donegal.

5 **Tim Deane**, an Old Sallopian, worked in Australia for a time but is now in financial services on his own account in Boston.

6 **Des Hill** ran a family business in Coleraine for years. Now retired, he involves himself in more clubs and societies and their committees than is sensible. Always was a control freak.

7 **John Payne**, originally from Chester, qualified as a geologist, moved to Toronto and travels the world for a firm of consulting engineers. John now

runs the Ontario TCD support association with **John Cary** and other DUBC oarsmen **George Lewis** and **Ray Wiley**.

John continues to take to the water and is pictured below on one of his outings in his scull 'Gnome of the Liffey'.



8 **Anthony Guinness** did not follow his father into banking but instead went to Sydney and established a successful firm of agricultural investors and advisors.

Cox **Noel Graham** worked in the City for a time, coxed at the Moscow Olympics in 1980 and then returned to a career in financial services in Belfast.

Sub. **Robert O'Farrell** has now retired from teaching to tread the boards in Somerset. Robert acts, sings, directs and even preaches on the odd Sunday and is enjoying his frantic retirement.

In other news, DUBC is proud to add another record breaker to its books. **Jim Brownlow** (senior Pot 1953), recently competed in the British Indoor Rowing championships. In the Mens 75-79 Hwt Jim smashed the previous British record to win his category in a time of 7 mins 32 secs.

Compiled by **Alexander Floyd**