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BECTIVE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Bolger Club President 2024/2025

It is an honour to be the President of Bective Rangers FC for the season 2024/2025.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to Donnybrook and whether this is your first visit, or you are a frequent visitor, I hope that it will not be your last.

Bective Rangers has a long history, most of which has been spent here in Donnybrook, and this is our 143rd season of rugby. We are very proud of our history and although some would say that our best rugby days are behind us, our members and frequent visitors would argue that we are still making a large contribution to rugby both on and off the pitch in Leinster, Ireland and further afield.

That said, our achievements last season did not reach the heights that we had hoped and did not reach the heights of the previous season. Although our First XV failed in their bid for three Leinster League Division 1A titles in a row (and as such did not reach the All-Ireland League Play-Offs), our Second XV won the Leinster 2nds Division 1A title for the fourth year in a row. Our First XV made it to the Junior All Ireland Cup Final, and our Third XV also made it to their cup final.

While we may look at last season as a disappointment, we are looking forward to the 24/25 season with a renewed optimism, with a whole new coaching team in place for our First and Second XVs. I would like to wish our new Head Coach Ben Manion the very best of luck for the forthcoming season as he aims to build upon the foundations put in place by our outgoing Head Coach Bernard Jackman. Alongside Ben, I would like to welcome our new Forwards Coach Peter O'Donnell. Both Ben and Peter bring vast coaching experience across multiple levels of the game in Ireland

and abroad. I would like to extend a particular welcome back to the club to our new Backs Coach Rory O'Loughlin, who before a long professional playing career for Ireland, Leinster and Exeter Chiefs, began his rugby journey in Donnybrook playing mini rugby for Bective!

I also congratulate Tiarnan McCloskey on his election as First XV Captain for the club; a great appointment who we all know will lead the team by example on the pitch throughout the season.

Also, one final new face is Dave McAllister who will be working closely with Ben and the rest of the coaching staff in his role as U20's Coach.

Of course, it takes many others to ensure that our various rugby teams can take to the pitch every weekend, and I would like to thank all of the coaches, managers, kit managers, physios and of course players at all levels in the club that make this a reality throughout the season.

A very important section of the club is our Mini's and Youths section. My former Bective team mate Richie Maybury and the rest of his team of parents (including many other former team mates) put a huge amount of work to get over 300 boys and girls from ages 5 to 18 training and playing rugby week in week out. This achievement alone is a phenomenal tribute to the volunteerism that exists in a club such as Bective.

Off the pitch our Strategic Plan 2023-2028 was officially launched in the clubhouse during the summer of 2024. The plan has six main components; Rugby Ambition, Clubhouse & Facilities, Branding & Communications, Community, Finance & Sponsorship and Governance. Although this is a five-year plan,

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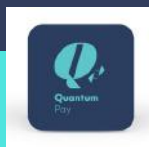
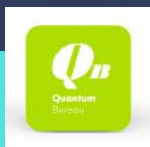
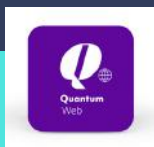
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there are many tangible results of the plan to be seen already in place, on and off the pitch. While only one component of the plan, the most obvious is the major renovations undertaken to the clubhouse over the last year or so. This is yet another indication of the level of effort of club members providing time and expertise in a voluntary way. The Strategic Plan has been a number of years in the making and has been overseen by three different Club Presidents and two different Club Chairpersons! I would like to thank all involved in this huge undertaking and in particular those who continue to work with the plan to ensure its full implementation over the coming years. The plan is available to all via our club website, and I would encourage all to take a look to see for themselves the great work that is being undertaken in the club across the six key components described above.

While a lot of effort put in by our volunteer members is very plain to see in the teams playing on the pitch and the clubhouse improvements, there is much unseen voluntary effort in rugby clubs up and down the country that is a critical component to the success of the operation. I would like to pay tribute to all of these unseen heroes in Bective, including members of our Executive Committee, Trustees and those many untitled people working continuously in the background, ensuring that the club can always put its best foot forward in all circumstances. It may be stating the obvious, but the club would not be able to function without all of this effort; these people are the backbone of the club and every hour that is contributed really makes a difference, so please let us know if you can contribute even a few hours a month.

I would like to thank the outgoing members of our Executive Committee for all of their effort and work over the last number of years: David O'Donnell, Mark Jones, Emmett Sheridan, Conor Heffernan and Marisa Guerrero. While I will not go into details of what they all individually contributed, I will say that their replacements have big shoes to fill!

I welcome Snow Technology back as our main sponsor for the upcoming season. Thank you to all our sponsors and financial contributors; your ongoing support is key to our future success and should never be underestimated

as to its importance to the club. Our ongoing match day lunches provide a key income to the club, but also allows our visitors to experience the Bective hospitality up close! Thank you to all who contribute to their organisation and your great effort in making sure that everybody has a great time.

I hope that all of our members join us in Donnybrook for our home matches at all levels this season, and whenever possible, our away matches too; this support means a huge amount to the players and coaches and is key to maintaining a positive atmosphere in the club. You can of course enjoy the aftermath of matches in the comfort of the Bective Bar where Mark, Sharon and the rest of their team will be happy to welcome you with a tea, coffee or something stronger! Mark will also always be happy to talk to you regarding any social or business events that could be hosted in the Bective Clubhouse.

On those rare unfortunate occasions when you cannot attend in person, all of our home matches and many of our away matches are streamed live on Bective TV YouTube channel, complete with Chuck's unique style of commentary and his various sidekick match analysts.

I would like to thank our Immediate Past President Michael Shalloe for all his work last year and his assistance to me in preparing for the role this year.

I would like to thank Steve McGettigan, Club Chairperson and Jimmy White, Senior Vice President and all of the Executive Committee for their ongoing assistance and guidance throughout the year.

I would like to extend a particular welcome to all of our visiting team players, coaches and management over the season and hope you enjoy our Bective hospitality and, as always, let's hope all players walk off the pitch safely.

Finally, I ask we remember with great fondness our members and friends who passed away over the past season. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

John Bolger
Club President 2024/2025





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IRFU RUGBY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Declan Madden
President, IRFU

It gives me great pleasure to write to you for the first time in the capacity of President of the Irish Rugby Football Union for the upcoming season, 2024/25.

As we head into a landmark year of celebrations to mark our 150th year of playing international rugby, it is a tremendous honour for me to represent my family, my club Garryowen FC, and my home province Munster as President of the IRFU and I will continue to work hard to represent all of Irish rugby in an appropriate and fitting manner during the season ahead. I would like to pay tribute to the outgoing President Greg Barrett, who has represented us so well throughout the year and who has been a stalwart of Irish rugby since joining the Union Committee back in the 2013/14 season.

Last season was another brilliant one for the Union, both domestically at Club level and internationally with a Rugby World Cup and Olympics 7s alongside the regular tournaments. A huge word of thanks for everyone who contributed in any way over the past season, be that as a volunteer or a staff member.

I cannot say it enough, I cannot thank them enough, but the volunteers are at the heart of every Clubs success. The heartbeat of Irish rugby is in our clubs and schools system, this is the core of our game. The coaches, the match officials, the people feeding players after games or the parents driving children to games all over the country, without that free discretionary effort, rugby simply would not be the thriving game it is. The club game is the foundation of the Irish rugby eco system, we all know what happens if you try to build a house without a strong foundation.

For the first time ever last season both finals for the Men's and Women's Energia AIL leagues were held in Aviva Stadium and a magnificent day was had. This was a real statement of intent by the Union and a testament to the growing popularity of the Club game. We look forward to continued success at Club level, both on and off the field. The impact seen last season and the player welfare benefits of the lower tackle, has created a new, exciting, and dynamic game at Club level, tackles are missed, offloads happen, this has really opened up our game.

A huge word of thanks to the many sponsors of rugby in Ireland, who support our clubs our provinces and the IRFU, without their contribution at every level, we simply would not be able to run our successful programmes or prepare our teams as well as we do for tournaments.

The recent release of the Rugby in Ireland strategy for the next four years and its vision to inspire, connect, and thrive demonstrates an ongoing commitment by the IRFU for the further development of our game encompassing our core values of inclusivity and respect for all. Also, there is an increasing focus on the development of the women's game, and I encourage all clubs to embrace these initiatives and get involved. I was delighted to see our Women's National Team secure qualification for this year's Rugby World Cup in England. With WXV1 on the horizon, a Celtic Challenge title to defend and another Guinness Six Nations to come, the year is shaping up to be a busy but exciting one for women's rugby, so I would like to wish Scott Bemand and his team all the best.

Our Men's National Team secured back to back Guinness Six Nations titles this year, a huge achievement and we look forward to an exciting Autumn Series with four huge home games before the attention turns to defending our title. Andy Farrell takes on the huge honour of being the British & Irish Lions Head Coach for the tour to Australia at the end of the season and everyone in Irish Rugby wishes him well.

A new season brings new focuses and new energy, and I am very much looking forward to visiting and engaging with everyone in the Irish rugby community over the coming season.

Lastly, I would like to wish all Clubs and their members the very best for the season ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Declan Madden,
President IRFU 2024/25





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LEINSTER RUGBY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Declan Gardiner
President, Leinster Rugby 2024/25

Dear members, supporters, and friends of Bective Rangers FC, it is my great pleasure as President of Leinster Rugby to wish you the very best of luck for season 2024/25.

I would also like to wish your President John Bolger an enjoyable and successful year at the helm, with all the highs (and some lows) that a rugby season will inevitably bring. Leinster Rugby are well served by Bective members Michael McGrail, Fergus Flanagan and Tom Kavanagh and congratulations to former Leinster President Louis Magee on becoming a Trustee of the IRFU.

Of course, one of Bective's greats, Philip Lawlor, is Leinster Rugby Domestic Rugby Manager, and he has done a wonderful job in the lead role in the development of rugby in the province for many years. To your Club Captain, Tiarnan McCloskey, your Head Coach Ben Manion and all your backroom staff, and to your Senior squad, go well in the league this season. You have been knocking on the door of promotion back to the AIL for a number of years and hopefully this will be your season. It would be great to get another Leinster team in the league. To all your teams, from Minis, Youths, U20's, and Juniors, I wish you all a successful and enjoyable season.

The Club game is the bedrock of rugby in Ireland, and it is tremendous to see the vibrancy of the game throughout the 12 counties of Leinster. Energia's sponsorship of the AIL has been a huge success and the League continues to go from strength to strength. A nod also to the Club Scene Podcast and the Anyscor App, which greatly enhance the excitement of AIL. The Women's game continues to grow at a rapid rate in Leinster, and it is heartening to see the structures that are now in place to support this growth.

Without referees we would not have a game, and I urge you to respect the referees at all levels of our game throughout the season. Sadly, the abuse of referees is becoming more prevalent across the game, and we must not let tolerance for such behaviour

become the norm. Technical zones must be adhered to and respected. I wish the President of the Leinster Referees Association Martin Farrelly an enjoyable and successful year. I would also ask all Clubs to keep the recruitment and development of referees as a priority. For Leinster Rugby, last season brought heartache with the loss in the Investec Cup Final in extra time, however, I have no doubt that the small margins involved in that defeat will galvanise the players and coaches and push them on to success this season. The drive for five is by no means an easy road to travel, and on behalf of you all, I would like to wish the squad and Leo, Jacques, Robin, Emmett, Sean, Guy and all the backroom staff the very best for the season.

We also welcome Tyler Bleyendaal on his return to Ireland. During his playing career Tyler played for Canterbury and the Crusaders in New Zealand and earned 62 caps for Munster. I have no doubt he will be a great addition to the coaching staff, and we wish him and his family all the best for the season ahead. We are also delighted and excited to welcome three exceptional players to the squad, with the arrival of RG Snyman, Jordie Barrett and Rabah Slimani. We are looking forward to seeing the impact these players will have, and we wish them every success with Leinster Rugby.

This will be a season like no other for Leinster Rugby, as we embark on the rebuilding of the Anglesa Stand in the RDS. The Senior Team will play all their home games in the Aviva Stadium, and we look forward to the support of Bective members at the Aviva throughout the season.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all at Bective Rangers FC for the tremendous job you have done with the renovations of your Clubhouse, and I wish you all an enjoyable and successful season.

Yours in Rugby,

Declan Gardiner
President, Leinster Rugby 2024/2025



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Leinster League Division 1A



Ashbourne	Bective Rangers	Seapoint	Tullow
Athy	Co Carlow	Suttonians	Wicklow

Date	Time	Home	v	Away	Venue
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September 2024

Sat 21st	15:00	Bective Rangers	v	Wicklow	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Sat 21st	15:00	Seapoint	v	Co Carlow	Kilbogget Park Killiney
Sat 21st	15:00	Suttonians	v	Athy	John J McDowell Memorial Grounds
Sat 21st	15:00	Tullow	v	Ashbourne	Black Gates
Sat 28th	15:00	Ashbourne	v	Suttonians	Milltown House
Sat 28th	15:00	Athy	v	Seapoint	The Showgrounds
Sat 28th	17:00	Co Carlow	v	Bective Rangers	Oak Park
Sat 28th	15:00	Wicklow	v	Tullow	Ashtown Lane

October 2024

Sat 12th	14:00	Bective Rangers	v	Athy	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Sat 12thh	15:00	Seapoint	v	Ashbourne	Kilbogget Park Killiney
Sat 12thh	15:00	Suttonians	v	Tullow	John J McDowell Memorial Grounds
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November 2024

Sat 2nd	14:30	Bective Rangers	v	Suttonians	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
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Sat 9th	14:30	Ashbourne	v	Co Carlow	Milltown House
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Sat 9th	14:30	Suttonians	v	Wicklow	John J McDowell Memorial Grounds
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December 2024

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Sat 7th	14:00	Ashbourne	v	Tullow	Milltown House
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February 2025

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FIXTURES

3rds League



Bective Rangers	Emerald Warriors	Skerries	St Mary's College RFC
De La Salle Palmerstown	Lansdowne	Stillorgan-Rathfarnham	Tullamore

Date	Time	Home		Away	Venue
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September 2024

Fri 27th	20:00	Bective Rangers	v	Lansdowne	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Fri 27th	20:00	St Mary's College	v	De La Salle Palmerston	Templeville Road
Sat 28th	15:00	Old Belvedere	v	Terenure College RFC	Ollie Campbell Park
Sat 28th	15:00	Railway Union	v	Emerald Warriors	Park Avenue

October 2024

Sat 12th	15:00	De La Salle Palmerston	v	Railway Union	Kirwan Park
Sat 12th	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	Old Belvedere	High School
Sat 12th	15:00	Lansdowne	v	St Mary's College RFC	Lansdowne Road
Sat 12th	15:00	Terenure College	v	Bective Rangers	Lakelands Park
Fri 18th	20:00	St Mary's College	v	Bective Rangers	Templeville Road
Sat 19th	15:00	Old Belvedere	v	De La Salle Palmerston	Ollie Campbell Park
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Sat 19th	15:00	Terenure College RFC	v	Emerald Warriors	Lakelands Park

November 2024

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Fri 1st	20:00	De La Salle Palmerston	v	Terenure College RFC	Kirwan Park
Sat 2nd	14:30	Lansdowne	v	Old Belvedere	Lansdowne Road
Sat 2nd	14:30	St Mary's College RFC	v	Railway Union	Templeville Rd
Sat 9th	14:30	Old Belvedere	v	St Mary's College RFC	Ollie Campbell Park
Sat 9th	14:30	Railway Union	v	Bective Rangers	Park Avenue
Sat 9th	14:30	Terenure College RFC	v	Lansdowne	Lakelands Park
Sat 9th	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	De La Salle Palmerston	High School
Sat 16th	14:30	Bective Rangers	v	De La Salle Palmerston	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Sat 16th	14:30	Lansdowne	v	Emerald Warriors	Lansdowne Road
Sat 16th	14:30	Terenure College RFC	v	Old Belvedere	Park Avenue
Sat 16th	14:30	Emerald Warriors	v	Terenure College RFC	Templeville Rd

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December 2024

Fri 6th	20:00	De La Salle Palmerston	v	Lansdowne	Kirwan Park
Sat 7th	14:00	Old Belvedere	v	Bective Rangers	Ollie Campbell Park
Sat 7th	14:00	Terenure College RFC	v	Railway Union	Lakelands Park
Sat 7th	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	St Mary's College RFC	High School
Fri 13th	20:00	De La Salle Palmerston	v	St Mary's College RFC	Kirwan Park
Sat 14th	14:00	Lansdowne	v	Bective Rangers	Lansdowne Road
Sat 14th	14:00	Terenure College RFC	v	Old Belvedere	Lakelands Park
Sat 14th	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	Railway Union	High School

January 2025

Fri 17th	20:00	Bective Rangers	v	Terenure College RFC	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Fri 17th	20:00	St Mary's College RFC	v	Lansdowne	Templeville Road
Sat 18th	14:30	Old Belvedere	v	Emerald Warriors	Ollie Campbell Park
Sat 18th	14:30	Railway Union	v	De La Salle Palmerston	Park Avenue
Fri 24th	20:00	Bective Rangers	v	St Mary's College RFC	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Fri 24th	20:00	De La Salle Palmerston	v	Old Belvedere	Kirwan Park
Sat 25th	14:30	Lansdowne	v	Railway Union	Lansdowne Road
Sat 25th	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	Terenure College RFC	High School

February 2025

Sat 8th	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	Bective Rangers	High School
Sat 8th	15:00	Old Belvedere	v	Lansdowne	Ollie Campbell Park
Sat 8th	15:00	Railway Union	v	St Mary's College RFC	Park Avenue
Sat 8th	15:00	Terenure College RFC	v	De La Salle Palmerston	Lakelands Park
Fri 14th	20:00	De La Salle Palmerston	v	Emerald Warriors	Kirwan Park
Fri 14th	20:00	St Mary's College RFC	v	Old Belvedere	Templeville Road
Sat 15th	15:00	Bective Rangers	v	Railway Union	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Sat 15th	15:00	Lansdowne	v	Terenure College RFC	Lansdowne Road
Fri 28th	20:00	De La Salle Palmerston	v	Bective Rangers	Kirwan Park

March 2025

Sat 1st	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	Lansdowne	High School
Sat 1st	15:00	Old Belvedere	v	Railway Union	Ollie Campbell Park
Sat 1st	15:00	Terenure College RFC	v	St Mary's College RFC	Lakelands Road
Sat 22nd	15:00	Bective Rangers	v	Old Belvedere	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Sat 22nd	15:00	Lansdowne	v	De La Salle Palmerston	Lansdowne Road
Sat 22nd	15:00	Railway Union	v	Terenure College RFC	Park Avenue
Sat 22nd	15:00	St Mary's College RFC	v	Emerald Warriors	Templeville Road

FIXTURES

4ths League



Bective Rangers	Dublin University	Guinness	RCSI
CYM	Emerald Warriors	Newbridge	St Mary's College RFC

Date	Time	Home		Away	Venue
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September 2024

Sat 28th	15:00	Dublin University	v	Bective Rangers	Santry
Sat 28th	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	Newbridge	High School
Sat 28th	15:00	Guinness	v	RCSI	Iveagh Grounds
Sat 28th	15:00	St Mary's College RFC	v	CYM	Templeville Rd

October 2024

Sat 12th	15:00	Bective Rangers	v	St Mary's College RFC	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Sat 12th	15:00	CYM	v	Guinness	Terenure Rd North
Sat 12th	15:00	Newbridge	v	Dublin University	Rosetown
Sat 12th	15:00	RCSI	v	Emerald Warriors	Sydney Parade
Sat 19th	15:00	CYM	v	Bective Rangers	Terenure Rd North
Sat 19th	15:00	Dublin University	v	RCSI	Santry
Sat 19th	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	Guinness	High School
Sat 19th	15:00	St Mary's College RFC	v	Newbridge	Templeville Rd

November 2024

Sat 2nd Nov	14:30	Guinness	v	Bective Rangers	Iveagh Grounds
Sat 2nd Nov	14:30	Newbridge	v	CYM	Rosetown
Sat 2nd Nov	14:30	RCSI	v	St Mary's College RFC	Sydney Parade
Sat 2nd Nov	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	Dublin University	High School
Sat 9th	14:30	Bective Rangers	v	Newbridge	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Sat 9th	14:30	CYM	v	RCSI	Terenure Rd North
Sat 9th	14:30	Dublin University	v	Guinness	Santry
Sat 9th	14:30	St Mary's College RFC	v	Emerald Warriors	Templeville Rd
Sat 16th	14:30	Guinness	v	Newbridge	Iveagh Grounds
Sat 16th	14:30	RCSI	v	Bective Rangers	Sydney Parade
Sat 16th	14:30	Dublin University	v	St Mary's College RFC	Santry
Sat 16th	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	CYM	High School

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December 2024

Sat 7th	14:00	Bective Rangers	v	Emerald Warriors	Energia Park (Donnybrook)
Sat 7th	14:00	CYM	v	Dublin University	Terenure Rd North
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February 2025

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Sat 15th	15:00	Newbridge	v	Bective Rangers	Rosetown
Sat 15th	15:00	RCSI	v	CYM	Sydney Parade

March 2025

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Sat 1st	15:00	CYM	v	Emerald Warriors	Terenure Rd North
Sat 1st	15:00	Newbridge	v	Guinness	Rosetown
Sat 1st	15:00	St Mary's College RFC	v	Dublin University	Templeville Rd
Sat 22nd	15:00	Dublin University	v	CYM	Santry
Sat 22nd	15:00	Emerald Warriors	v	Bective Rangers	High School
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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE TIARNAN MCCLOSKEY

Dear Bective Rangers Members and Supporters,

I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to my family for their unwavering support and encouragement, which has been instrumental in my journey to this position, especially my mother, whose guidance and belief in me have been a cornerstone of my success. I also want to extend a sincere thank you to all our loyal supporters who cheer us on from the sidelines week in week out—your presence truly makes a difference. A special thanks to our sponsors, whose continued support is vital to the club's success. And, of course, I want to acknowledge my teammates, who consistently turn up and put in the hard work on and off the field. We've had a very promising pre-season, and I'm eager to carry that positive momentum into the league. It is an immense honour to be named captain, and I am deeply grateful to my teammates for placing their trust in me to lead the team in the upcoming season. I look forward to what lies ahead.

On the field, our senior team faced some challenges, finishing third in the league. Early losses, injuries, and sheer bad luck took their toll. A resurgent Monkstown clinched the title and secured promotion to the AIL. Nonetheless, there were significant successes within the club. Our seconds team triumphed in their league for the fourth consecutive year—a remarkable achievement—while our thirds team showed tremendous competitiveness, narrowly missing out on the O'Connor Cup final against St. Mary's. A bright spot for the future was the performance of our under-17s, who won their league title. Even more encouraging is the appointment of David McAlister as our new under-20s coach for the upcoming season, supported by a dedicated team of experienced Bective members—a major development for the club, which has not fielded an under-20s team in several years. After five highly productive years, Bernard Jackman has stepped down as Head Coach. Under his leadership, the team was revitalized, overcoming challenges in Division 1A and securing league victories in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons. These successes brought a winning culture back to the club, reigniting supporter interest, drawing large crowds to pre-match lunches, and boosting membership. We remain in a strong position, poised to achieve our goal of qualifying for the AIL next season. Bernard's successor, Ben Manion, brings a wealth of experience from coaching at national

levels in Australia and Japan, as well as at schools and clubs in Ireland. Joining him are Peter O'Donnell as Forwards Coach, whose extensive experience includes roles as Head Coach at Buccaneers and Ashbourne, and Rory O'Loughlin as Backs Coach. Rory, who recently concluded a stellar professional rugby career with Exeter Chiefs, where he earned 24 caps, is set to make a significant impact on our backline. Off the field, this season also marked significant progress, particularly with the development of our clubhouse. The renovations have transformed our pavilion into a bright, modern, and functional space, now superior to most and praised by members and visitors alike. The original 1962 design has stood the test of time, and we have preserved the authentic rugby clubhouse atmosphere, complete with the much-loved open fire. We owe a debt of gratitude to architect Michael O'Carroll, Paddy O'Brien, and Jim Oliver, who led the project and ensured the highest standards of craftsmanship were met.

As we look ahead, it's important to recognize the contributions of two Executive members who will be stepping down this season: Emmett Sheridan and Conor Heffernan. Conor, a member since 2014, has been instrumental in the club's operations over the past decade. Emmett, who has served as Director of Organisation for the last three years, has excelled in vital areas such as pre-match lunches, clubhouse events, sponsorship deals, and more. His passion for the club is evident, and his role will be filled by Jim Dwyer and Conor Murphy in the coming season. A special acknowledgment is due to those who witnessed the symbolic passing of the President's baton from Michael Shalloe to John Bolger. On behalf of all the members, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Michael for his outstanding presidency and wish John every success in his new role for the 2024/2025 season. Congratulations are also in order for Jimmy White on his election as Senior Vice President for the coming season.

As we prepare for the challenges ahead, I am confident in the abilities of this talented group of players, coaches, and club members to continue building on our recent successes and restore Bective Rangers to its rightful place in the All-Ireland League.

Best wishes, **Tiarnan McCloskey**

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HEAD COACH'S MESSAGE

Ben Manion
Head Coach, 2024/25

Since 1881 Bective Rangers FC has been at the heart of the club game in Ireland and is representative of so many of the best virtues of rugby, making it an honour and a privilege to be appointed Head Coach for the 2024/25 season.

I am excited to join this vibrant community and look forward to working with each of you to create an environment where everyone can thrive and hopefully achieve our shared goals.

Rory, Peter and I aim to build on the strong foundations left by Bernard Jackman and his coaching team over the last few seasons to make it over that final hurdle. So it is with genuine optimism that we begin this new campaign. The last few years should remind everyone though that achievement does not come without extreme hard work, sacrifice and determination from players, coaches and members alike.

Congratulations to new Club Captain Tiarnan on his appointment, his work

ethic, determination and standing among his peers is clearly evident and I wish him every success as he begins his new role.

To David McAllister and his U20's and all of the Junior and Minis players and coaches, I wish you much success and look forward to working with you all closely throughout the season.

Lastly, but by no means least, to the members, sponsors and supporters thank you for your unwavering support. You are the life blood of the club and your deeds are much appreciated by everyone who pulls on a Bective Rangers jersey. It is understated how much a vocal support can lift a team, so I urge you all to get down to Donnybrook and to the away games as often as possible and be a part of what promises to be a very exciting league campaign.

Yours in Rugby
Ben Manion





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The current Bective Vets date back to 2007, when a few brave Rangers decided

to set-up a Vets team in Donnybrook. What followed was an enjoyable experience, culminating in a Leinster Rugby Fox Cup and League Double, under the late legendary Manager Joe Nolan and Captain Maclósa Power in 2010. The Rangers managed to win the Vets League again in 2013, thus retaining the “Kiely’s of Donnybrook” Cup.

Since 2007, we have played many matches against teams in Leinster. We have toured Newcastle, Dingle and Crosshaven and are planning a tour this season to Bordeaux in France in May or June 2025.

We are looking forward to the Leinster Rugby Fox Cup Blitz this Autumn. In addition, we hope to kick off our season against Old Wesley





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We will organise other matches against teams in Leinster. DProbably our most enjoyable games are against touring sides in Donnybrook. We have played many teams from many countries, including France, USA, Italy and England.

Our esteemed Captain John Bolger is also the President of the Club this season. Also, our new Assistant

Manager Alasdair Campbell is a great addition to the Managerial Team, as well as a fine player to boot. We train every Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9pm on the Back pitch in Donnybrook. New members are always welcome.

For more information, please contact Team Manager Joe Osborne at 086 3894106 or by email: joewosborne1970@gmail.com.



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2nds and U17's



RICHIE MAYBURY

MINI'S RUGBY REVIEW

This season has been another great season for both the Mini and Youth sections in Bective. Mini's and Youths' rugby continues to flourish and there are about 275 players registered to play with Bective.

There are approximately 50 parents, many ex-players, involved in the coaching scene and the volunteer ethos has grown from strength to strength over the years building an unbelievable community spirit within the section. Therefore, the continued support from the club in relation to pitch availability, clubhouse facilities on Sunday mornings and a mid-week slot for the older groups continues to be of critical importance.

There were so many highlights this season including many tours both home and abroad. The U6/U7's went on an end of season excursion to Fort Lucan; the U9's made their way to Dundalk with an activity in Carlingford; the U10's travelled to Belfast to play in Banbridge; the U11's toured over to Cadiz in Spain and were hosted by a former Bective player Tiernach Donnelly and the U12's travelled to Galway to play Corinthians and Carrick-on-Shannon and attend a Connacht match.

This was all partly subsidised by the money made from the Mini's Black Tie Ball which again was a huge success. This year's Ball was very well supported by the parents, with 160 attending on the 20th of January. We had huge support from parents with



raffle prizes and auction items and brilliant entertainment again. A big thanks has to go out to Kathy Boyle and Dave Popplewell for securing great auction items this year. We also had our Club President in attendance, Michael Shalloe and his wife Maria, which was fantastic and much appreciated considering the busy schedule Michael had for the season.

On the field there were so many positives to report. The U15's kept a team going under the guidance of Marcus Kennedy and Pat Stephenson. Many players returned to play some end of season friendly matches post the JCT campaigns of a couple of schools, which was brilliant to see.

The U13's, after a very competitive league campaign in the top tier, just lost out in the plate final against a strong Terenure side. The U12's competed well throughout all their Metro fixtures and hopefully they



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will have a strong season as they move to 15-a-side.

The U12's also played during the half-time of Leinster v Sale Sharks which was very exciting for all involved.

The biggest triumph from the season was the League win for the U17's side against Ashbourne in the final – captained by Cian Walsh, the team carved out a hard-fought victory in the final few minutes to bring home the trophy.

Youths' rugby has continued to grow year on year and it's down to the dedication of both players and coaches that this happens. With the reintroduction of an U20's, there should be plenty of talent coming back to

the club over the next couple of years.

In the Mini section, the U11/U10 and U9's competed very well in their Metro fixtures. The U11's had another super season under the guidance of Head Coach Paul Hatton, where they were victorious in the Monkstown Blitz.

The U10's, who are led by Colin Gaffney and Simon Leonard, completed another super season by competing in a National IRFU Blitz at the Aviva stadium.

The U9's, coached by former player Tommy Sheehy and his team, had another good year of development.

The U8's who are led by Jamie Nolan,



completed their first year of tackling and played in some super matches.

The youngest group, U6/U7, which is headed up by Justin White, continues to thrive with approx. 55 kids across the 2 age grades. They played several blitz's and have developed well.

The season came to an close with our "end of season day". We were lucky enough to get some of the current crop of Irish players down to give out medals; Jamison Gibson-Park, Dan Sheehan and Jamie Osborne (son of current Bective legend Joe Osborne). On the day we had two matches, the U15's beat a Wanderer's Barbarians team and the U13's won the Dave Walshe Memorial Trophy which was presented by Julie Walshe on the day. As with any great day of weather, a BBQ and an ice cream van were a must - luckily we had both! The BBQ's were manned by the parents and the kids all had a super day out.

A big thank you has to go out to Seamus Griffin for supplying all the burgers; a massive thank you to Mike Ross for getting Jamison Gibson-Park down for the younger players and Mark O'Brien for helping to get Dan and Jamie down. It was a brilliant end to a long season.

As Co-ordinator of the Mini Section, I would like to thank our Club President Michael Shalloe and our Exec Committee for supporting the Mini & Youth Section throughout the season. Mark and Sharon in the bar deserve a special mention as their warm and welcoming attitude has created a space that Mini's parents now frequent on a weekly basis. I would also like to thank the parents for their ongoing support and the coaches for their commitment to creating a positive environment for all the kids to develop and have fun.

Here's to the 2024/2025 season.

Richie Maybury







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Tomas Sheehy	087 961 3691	2015	U10
Simon Leonard	087 659 9200	2014	U11
Paul Hatton	086 380 6548	2013	U12
Richie Maybury	085 167 8524	2012	U13
Dave Lane	086 609 2363	2011	U14
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LOUIS MAGEE



On 1 August of this year Louis Magee was awarded the singular honour of being appointed a trustee of the IRFU. It represents the pinnacle of Louis' achievements in the game and is testament to his standing in Irish rugby.

The Magee name is synonymous with Bective. Louis' grandfather, also Louis, was renowned within the game in Ireland when rugby was in its infancy as a popular sport. He captained Ireland to Triple Crown success in 1899, gained 27 caps and played for the Lions in South Africa in 1896. He was also captain and president of Bective. Club members and visitors to our clubhouse can learn of the esteem in which he was held by reading the magnificent illuminated address presented to him by the

club in the season 1898/1899, a practice unique to the time and awarded only to those of exceptional ability in their field of endeavour.

His son Brendan and Louis' father, known to all as Major Magee, was a legendary figure in the club from the 1950s to the 1990s. His service in the British Army during WW2 earned him his military rank and he also looked the part; tweed suits, moustache and walking cane. Also known for his sharp tongue and honest appraisal of people and performances, he was our esteemed club President in 1979/1980.

Louis was enlisted to the cause in Donnybrook at an early age on leaving Marian College, eschewing the option

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BECTIVE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

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<i>Intermediate</i>	J Cinkom M Giblin
<i>Scorling</i>	B V Mooney K Mullen A Mooney D Burnett A Twomey G McMahon H Bernie M Fitzpatrick K Horgan L Rodriguez
	J Finnagan A O'Leary T Cronin G Evans T Denver P Costello
<i>Front Row</i>	V Becker J O'Hagan J Duffy D Shallice J Robbe M Cuddy I Magee A Ward B Murphy T Ringland M Nestor P Murphy
	<i>Captain President Captain</i>

of playing with UCD. His dedication to Bective was unquestioned and from his very first game he gave his all and continues to do so.

The list of Louis' achievements and his contribution to Bective and to rugby is long: Club Captain on two occasions, including Centenary year 1981, Leinster Interpro, Club President, Leinster President, member of the IRFU Executive, IRFU President, Club Trustee and IRFU Trustee. He served on the Bective Executive as well as being

a coach and a Director of Rugby. No task was too small for Louis, he was willing to help at any level and sought to serve, not for self-aggrandisement but in order to improve things, to raise standards. His leadership was matched by his attributes as an out and out team player.

Admired and respected in rugby circles at home and abroad, Louis never forgets his club; the Rangers being his home and closest to his heart. Recognition from his fellow members in the form of Honorary Life Membership was graciously accepted by Louis at this year's AGM. For him, it is an honour he treasures above all others.

Louis is a family man, supported always by Susan, Peter, David, Louis junior and Clara. His grandchildren are already signed up to Bective, ensuring the illustrious name of Magee continues into a fifth generation.

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BECTIVE RANGERS STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2028

On June 5th we launched our 5 Year Strategic Plan in the clubhouse (www.bectiveangers.com). The purpose of the night was to acknowledge everything that had been happening in the club, share Bective's vision for the future and encourage everyone to 'keep moving Bective forward.'

The plan outlines a clearly defined Mission and Vision for Bective's future, a set of Values to guide us and a robust management structure to implement it.

Our Mission, Values, Vision

Our clearly stated Mission for Bective is:

'To build a vibrant and ambitious rugby club at the heart of our community which honours our unique history.'

This should be built around our core values of:

'Respect, Integrity, Inclusivity, Enjoyment, Competitiveness and Sustainability'.

This in turn provides a clear Vision for Bective's future:

'To be the club of choice within our region, welcoming and supportive for anyone regardless of age, ability, experience or background, fostering a bond that lasts a lifetime'.

Our Management Structure

1 - Executive Committee

The key decision-making committee within the club is responsible for setting club strategy and overseeing club policy.

2 - Trustees and Past Presidents

Their experiential knowledge operates in an informal but valued manner.

3 - Management Team

Delegated with the 'Day to Day' running of the club. These are the effective officers of the club and report into the Executive.

4 - Working Groups

Formed organically within the club and remain fundamental to our plan: Communications, Memberships, Minis & Youths, Junior Rugby and Under 20's.

5 - Project Teams

Formed from our Seeding events to assist in the areas of Rugby Ambition, Clubhouse, Branding, Community, Finance & Sponsorship and Governance. Each with an independent chair and reporting to a dedicated member of the Executive Committee.

6 - Professional Staff

Professional Staff both on and off the field

Bective Rangers A Club for All

The 5 Key Themes which consistently emerged from our Seeding and Harvesting Events, focus groups, qualitative interviews, and general discussions are as follows:

1. The importance for Bective to remain an open, friendly, and welcoming club.
2. That as a club we must safeguard the sustainable management of our Physical, Financial and Human Resources.
3. That as a rugby club we embrace and ensure a one club policy enabling clear progression for coaches and players from Minis to Youths to Under 20's, Junior, Senior, Vets or indeed any other position within the club.
4. That we acknowledge the Under 20's as a key component and enabler of our club structure.
5. That as a rugby club regaining A.I.L status is a core rugby goal.

These themes provide the key building blocks for Bective's future. They are built on our Vision, Mission, and Values and can rely on our robust management structure to deliver them and our overall Strategic Plan.

The Future

June 5th saw the launch of our plan and tributes paid to all who have been involved along the way.

However, it should not take credit for the vibrancy, innovation and general excitement that now exists within the club as that is down to our incredibly talented and engaged volunteers, players, and professional staff.

Neither is it intended to be a one stop shop to solve all Bective's current and future problems.

Rather it should be a focussed living document, subject to constant change to provide Bective and Bective members with clear goals, and clear roles within a clear structure.

It also identifies 5 key themes which should be at the heart of everything we do both as individual members and as a club.

Hopefully, our plan will share our vision, encourage, and assist everyone to 'keep moving Bective forward' and keep us all on track, even allowing for any detours along the way!

Jimmy White
Vice President





AS MEMBERS OF BECTIVE:

We recognise the importance of remaining an open, friendly, and welcoming club

We commit to safeguarding the sustainable management of our Physical, Financial and Human Resources

We embrace a one-club policy enabling clear progression for coaches and players from Minis to Youths to Under 20's, Junior, Senior, Vets or indeed any other position within the club

We acknowledge the importance of our Under 20's as a key component and enabler of our club structure

We are steadfast that as a rugby club regaining ALL status is our core rugby goal

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To build a vibrant and ambitious rugby club at the heart of our community which honours our unique history

Our Values

Respect, Integrity, Inclusivity, Enjoyment,
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Our Vision

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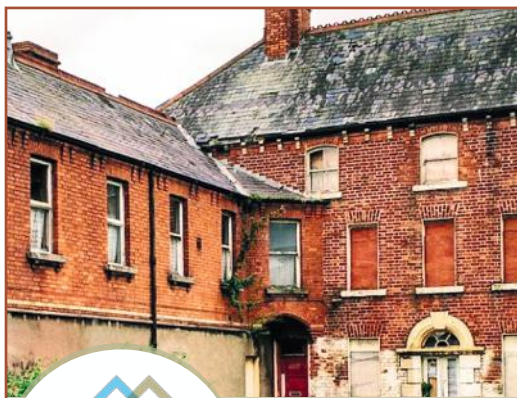
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CLUBHOUSE REFURBISHMENT

Bective Rangers Football Club has been rebuilding on two fronts for a good while. On the Rugby front the First XV and the management team have been working hard to get back to the All-Ireland League (AIL) and have gotten close on a few occasions. We are hopeful that they can go all the way this season and we all wish them well in their pursuit of a promotion to the AIL. The other front that required rebuilding

was the clubhouse which has stood the Club well since 1965, however, a refurbishment was badly needed. The refurbishment consisted of the following works – new

insulated roof coverings with feature metal upstand fascia and rainwater disposal, new double glazed Aluclad windows and external doors, new floor and wall coverings to all toilet and shower areas, rewiring of the entire clubhouse, new heating system with heat pump, new smoke and fire alarm, new P.A. system, new ventilation to toilets and showers (which has made it a pleasant experience for all the players).

We also got new floor coverings for the main hall, the bar and President's Bar, a completely new main bar and back bar in stainless steel, fireproofing and insulation to cellar area, new seating and furniture in the bar and lounge, a new feature fireplace in the President's Bar which retains the warmth of the Clubs ethos in Donnybrook.

Repaving of the balcony walkway to the bar and the resurfacing of tarmac-adam in front of the clubhouse gives it a safe and welcoming upgrade. New steps and handrails were installed at the rear of the clubhouse and the BBQ area got a lift with new canopy which the Men's Shed group have welcomed. The kitchen got a complete upgrade and the Moon Room was also redecorated.

Lottery Funding was the catalyst which got the Club moving and with Jim Oliver, Brian Kavanagh, John Bolger, Mark McParland, David O'Donnell, MOLA with Michael O'Carroll and his willing team at hand at all times to offer professional assistance.

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up time, the Hon Club Treasurer Marisa Guerrero was always at hand to promptly honour all invoices received and this has continued with Andrea Mathews in a professional manner which all suppliers and contractors have gratefully acknowledged. There were close on 100 payment transactions in all.

There was a very good relationship built up with the Leinster Facilities & Events Manager Steve Jameson and Frank Forrest, where we shared common information on drains and site facilities so we thank them for that.

Our Club Manager Mark O'Brien was extremely flexible as he facilitated the opening up of the Club at all hours (very early and very late) and Sharon kept us going on the coffee.

Any tidying up when the contractor had left

was carried out by Tony Brew of Elenfield Contractors, a former player and staunch member who is always on hand to assist the club.

Now that all the works are virtually complete, we look to our players completing the goal and bringing us up to the AIL where we can have fireside chats on all things Bective.

Bective's combined membership of professionals and players made a telling impact how a voluntary group effort can achieve a most worthy project for their own gratification for many years to come and that's why Bective is Bective
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Paddy O'Brien



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IN REMEMBRANCE



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Dixie Whelan

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IM MEMORIAM JOHN “SOCCER WALSHÉ”

John “Soccer Walshe” was his Bective nickname and he died in the Dublin bombings on 17th May 1974.

Esmonde Kelly and I previously met John through a group of friends outside Bective who were collectively playing 7 a-side soccer.

After one of these matches John asked Esmonde and I if we would like to play

a game of rugby (we had never played before) in a business houses match for Cadbury’s versus Philips Electrical.

The match was played in Cadbury’s grounds in Coolock. The most memorable part of the match was a wrecking ball of a player – Steve Harte, who at the time was a noted prop for Palmerston RFC.



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After the match we agreed with John to join Bective in November 1971. We played a number of games on the junior team captained by John and have fond memories of John both during and after matches.

John at this time was very career oriented and enjoyed being in personnel management in Cadbury's and had just got engaged, which left him less involved with Bective at that time. He was 27 years old.

John's tragic death that day on Talbot St (outside Guiney's store) came as a terrible shock to the Bective community and to the Kealy family in particular.

A number of years after the event, in conversation with Ben Kealy Snr, we learned that Ben, who worked in personnel management in Tayto Ireland, adjacent to Cadbury's in Coolock, was travelling in his car, only a few cars behind John's on Talbot St. that day. John's car got through the lights at the junction of Gardiner St. while Ben was stopped at the lights behind him. John drove straight into the bomb site and lost his life, while Ben was spared serious injury and worse.

Esmonde and I visited the site of the explosion on Friday 17th May 2024 – 50 years on – at the time that it happened, at 5.30pm. Esmonde laid a Bective scarf at the memorial monument at the bottom of Talbot St.

Michael Walsh



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RANGERS WALKING FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT



At 4.15am on 11th May, the Bective Ramblers met in Donnybrook to take part in their 2nd Annual 'Darkness Into Light' Walk with all donations going to Pieta. A call out was made beforehand to wear the Bective club colours and Bective attire, and the Ramblers didn't disappoint as they dug out their old Bective jerseys.

This walk was in remembrance of loved ones and the impact they have on our lives. The Ramblers kicked off by lighting a candle in memory of those who left us too soon but continue to live on in our hearts and memories. The group departed at 4.30am along the Dodder to Sandymount Strand for the sunrise, and then returned to Donnybrook.

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WALK ON THE WILD SIDE 2024

The 13th Annual Memorial Walk took place on Sunday 28th January at 9am on a perfect dry January morning in aid of Pieta.

A good crew of hardy Rangers joined Pat McKeown and Robert Cuddy and made the 4 hour trek over the Dublin mountains from Johnny Foxes, taking in the beautiful view of Dublin Bay below, through Rathfarnham, then along the Dodder river to Bective.

On arriving in Bective Mark O'Brien had the bar open with the famous Bective fire lit and Sharon served up a splendid "Full Irish" for all the hungry walkers.

If you missed the walk this year, put it in your diary for 2025 on the last Sunday in January.



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Year five of the Bective Golf Society and we have gone from strength to strength. The golf season in Ireland got off to a slow start due to so much rain in April but luck was on our side as we graced the fairways of Woodbrook for the Barniville Cup.

Congratulations to Johnny Behan who came in with a fine score, closely followed by Michael Sweeney and Bernard Doyle. Serious consideration is being given to renaming it the Johnny Behan Cup, such is the regularity with which he has won it!

Next on the calendar was the much coveted Royal Dublin, courtesy of John Parry, James White and James Hardy. It was a fine yet windy day on the links which provided a great challenge. We were grateful to

play such a prestigious course. Winners on the day included Michael Sweeney, Billy O'Brien, Brian Byrne and John Breslin.

A special word of thanks to all of our sponsors this year who help make so much of this happen. Also to the golf committee including Darragh Sheeran, Peter Cusack, Cian Leahy and Michael Shalloe. It takes a village to organise these outings and it is always great to see the teamwork translate from the rugby pitch to the fairways!

If you would like to get involved with the society or propose a location for an outing, please contact Mark Jones or Michael Shalloe via office@bectiverrangers.com

Yours in golf,

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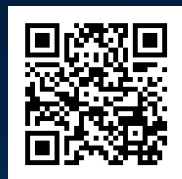
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LORCAN SHERLOCK TROPHY 2024

The 90th edition of the Lorcan Sherlock Trophy took place in the Grange Golf Club on Thursday 13th June 2024.

This is an annual invitation Golf competition organised by the Leinster Branch of the I.R.F.U. This Year invitations were extended to 28 Leinster Rugby Clubs who participated in the AIL, including Bective Rangers F.C.

Being the 90th edition this competition commenced in 1934 which was the same year that the Masters Golf tournament started at the famous Augusta National Golf Course. Bective Rangers have won the Lorcan Sherlock Trophy 4 times in total, including the very 1st one in 1934. Subsequent wins came in 1968, 1972 and 1973.

On a wild, wet and windy day in the Grange Golf Club on June 13th, more suited to a game of rugby rather than golf, the competition took place. The format was Scotch Foursomes, each club being represented by 4 pairs with 3 out of 4 cards counting.

Prize giving presentation in the evening was by Karl O'Neill, Chair of Leinster Branch, who was deputising for Leinster Branch President Billy

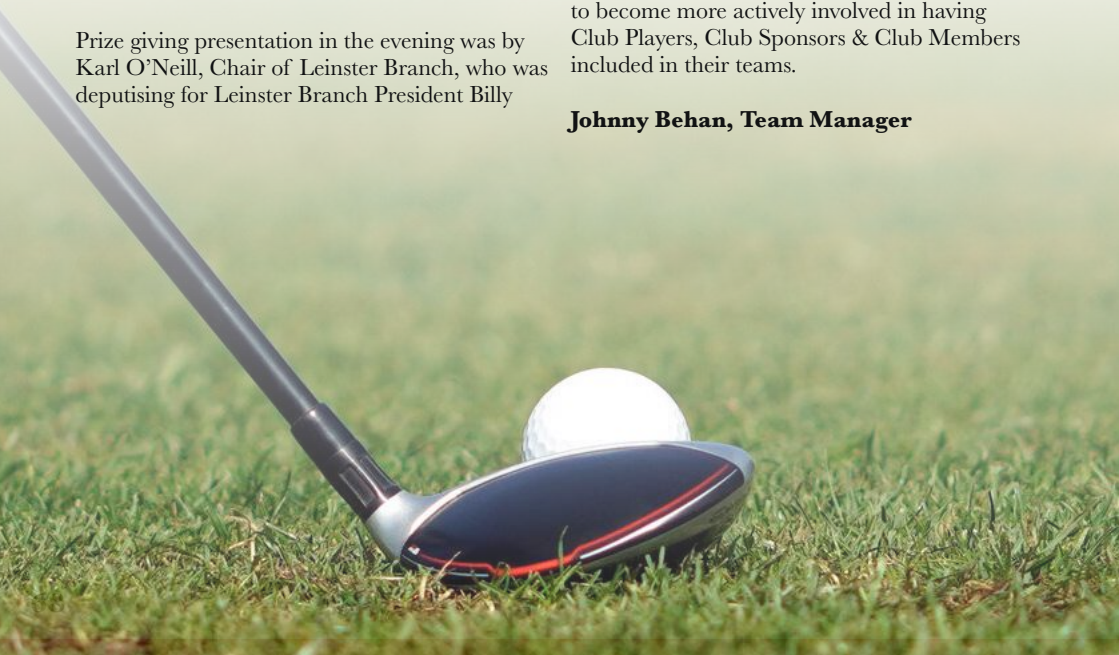
Murphy who was away with the Leinster team in South Africa.

The Bective Rangers team of Robert Cuddy & Michael Sweeney, Jimmy White & Johnny Vaughan, Paddy O'Brien & Michael Walsh, John Comer & Johnny Behan performed creditably finishing in 4th place this year. An enjoyable day was had by all and it was great to meet up with so many friends and foes from fellow Leinster Clubs.

We wish to express our thanks to the Leinster Branch organising Committee of John Walsh, Robert Deacon, David Ross and Eddie Fogarty (Eddie was in charge of the complaints dept!). We also wish to express our thanks to the Grange Golf Club for hosting the event and as usual for presenting their course in magnificent condition. Finally, just a note regarding participation in future Lorcan Sherlock competitions.

The Leinster Branch organising Committee have advised that they now encourage Clubs to become more actively involved in having Club Players, Club Sponsors & Club Members included in their teams.

Johnny Behan, Team Manager






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BECTIVE MEN'S SHED

Last winter the idea of having a Men's Shed in Bective was discussed. From the outset it was decided to have get-togethers on a Thursday as it was a day when the club members already were meeting and so at the end of March, the first meeting took place and a discussion ensued as to what we were about (still taking place!).

It was decided to clean up the back patio, paint and install railings, erect a canopy for BBQ's and purchase four large tables to seat 40 people approximately.

Glad to say most of the work has been completed with the help of members and the following deserve a special mention: Johnny O'Hagan, Dermot Jordan, Mick Doyle and Paddy O'Brien. Johnny deserves an extra special mention as he also does painting during the week and does floral arranging!

As with everything in Bective, we had a large gathering of advisors who were never slow to give advice good or bad! On the sideline most weeks were Joe McAvin, Sean Hogan, Willie O'Connor, Brian Shalloe, Gerry Quinn, Brian Conway, Finbar Regan and not forgetting Des McDonnell for his insight into all things relevant on the day!

While work is still ongoing in the patio and discussions taking place regarding the large trees to be cut back, at least now we have a respectable area that is being currently used by e.g. Leinster Rugby and AIB, for BBQ's and get-togethers. The objective is to maintain the outside of the clubhouse to a high standard, both front and back.

A special thanks to Mark O'Brien for providing tea/coffee each Thursday.
Onwards and upwards.

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What a brilliant night we had at the 2024 Mini's Ball, with 160 Mini's players, parents, and coaches in attendance! It was another unforgettable evening, filled with fun, fundraising, and fantastic entertainment.

Once again, we were treated to the amazing talents of The Runaways band, who kept the energy high throughout the night with their incredible music. The room itself looked superb, thanks to the efforts of Dave O'Loughlin from Prop Me Up, who did a stellar job with the décor.

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the raffle and auction, which together raised a total of €11,500. All funds went directly back into supporting the Mini Section for new gear and tour contributions, ensuring that our young players have everything they need to continue their great work on and off the field. Special thanks to Kathy Boyle and David Popplewell for their efforts in sourcing and organising the auction items. To kick off the evening, Neil Pickard ran a fun and engaging True or False game that got everyone in the mood and set the tone for the rest of the night.

The success of the event wouldn't have been the same without the incredible work of Mark and Sharon, our dynamic duo behind the bar,



ensuring everyone was well looked after all evening. A huge thank you to Paul Hatton, who did a fantastic job as the MC, keeping everything running smoothly and adding to the lively atmosphere.

Finally, we would like to extend a special thanks to our Club President, Michael Shalloe and his wife Maria, for attending and supporting the event.

The night was a true reflection of the spirit and community of our club, and we're already looking forward to next year!

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ANNUAL DINNER 2024

This year the Annual Dinner was held on Friday 1st March and 172 members and guests braved the unexpected snow to enjoy a fantastic evening in the clubhouse.

The MC for the evening was Mark Jones, Honorary Membership Secretary, who ensured that the event ran smoothly and on time.

President Michael Shalloe delivered a memorable speech in which he paid tribute to all the club members and officials for their support during a great season, which saw the second team win their League division for the third year in a row and the thirds carrying out an unprecedented 4 in a row.

Past President Barbara Culleton said grace and then Jimmy White, Junior Vice President proposed a toast to the IRFU.

IRFU President Greg Barrett, who attended with his wife Lorna, replied to this toast and spoke eloquently about Bective and the clubs contribution to Irish rugby.

Our Senior Vice President, John Bolger proposed a toast to our guests and then our esteemed guest speakers Nigel Osborne and Greg McWilliams replied. The dinner was rounded off with Nigel and Greg providing lots of laughs as they did a questions and answer session with the likes of Andy Farrell, Brent Pope, Matt Williams etc.

The event continued late into the night with the diehards of the club putting in a long shift.

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This year our lunch was in aid of “Ronald McDonald House, Children’s Health Ireland, Crumlin” and the sum raised for this truly deserving cause was an incredible €7,200.



The event kicked off with our Prosecco reception which went down a treat and was very kindly sponsored by Maria & Michael Shalloe, this year’s President and his wife. Our MC for the afternoon was Past President Barbara Culleton, who did a great job. Barbara welcomed all our guests before introducing grace in Spanish by Marisa Guerrero, Honorary Treasurer.

Maria then introduced our guest speaker Dr. Shoana Quinn, who gave an inspiring speech regarding the great work which is done by the charity.

The delicious lunch was from Vinny Hanlon Catering and his great waiting staff. Mark O’Brien together with Sharon and the rest of the bar staff did a superb job as usual ensuring everyone was looked after all day/night in relation to drinks.

A bumper raffle was held on the day with

amazing prizes from an array of Bective supporters including an O’Brien’s hamper, earrings from Rocks Jewellers, vouchers from Roly’s Bistro, a pair of tickets from the Leinster Branch, gig tickets from Heineken, to name but a few of the fabulous prizes. We also had prizes from many local businesses including Arthur Maynes Pub and O’Brien’s Fine Wine and a very generous donation of clothing from Mick Ryan. A huge “thank you” to all of these Bective supporters.

The lunch was followed by a DJ who did a great job of keeping the floor busy all night. The event was a huge success with great feedback on the renovations to the clubhouse. We had a fantastic mix of members and friends, including a Mini’s table and two tables of Sheridans, all helping us to raise an incredible €7,200 for a very worthwhile charity while having a most enjoyable day in the clubhouse.



An enormous “thank you” to everyone who came along on the day and supported this event.

Finally, thanks to the organising committee of Maria Shalloe, Audrey Flood, Siobhán Ní Mhathúna, Julie Lawler, Marisa Guerrero, Sharon Byrne, Mark O’Brien and Valerie Stein.

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