

## Irish Meeting at Portmarnock Links & Killeen Castle GC – 9/12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Once again the GB team flew over to Dublin to compete with our Irish OAs under the arrangements of Richard Beatty. On arrival, some of us met in the airport bar for an obligatory Guinness (or three!) and made our way under leaden skies to Royal Dublin GC. Sadly, the rain continue to fall incessantly and we did not see the course at its best. We retired to drown our sorrows in more Guinness and superb steaks at the Snail Box – the landlord was a bit dumbfounded by Robin Andrews order of *well done* !

### Friday

Blue skies greeted us for a very early start at Portmarnock Links for the foursomes game between GB (Capt: Nick North) & Ireland (Capt: Jocelyn Waller).

#### IRELAND

Conor O'Shea (8) & David Whelan (14)  
Julian Beatty (11) & David Tyrrell (12) WON  
Richard Beatty (16) & Jocelyn Waller (23)

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#### BRITAIN

v Finbarr O'Connor (5) & Nick North (20) WON  
v Marcus Moore (9) & Alex Cuppage (16)  
v Damian Stalder (10) & Henry Swarbrick (18) WON

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Some essential last minute fixing of pairs by RB due to flights and bird watching requirements meant that by lunchtime Britain were 2 : 1 up. So we headed to the Bar for some much needed refreshment.....

Michael Edwards flew in at noon and professed to come for the drinking only but put in a sterling effort in the afternoon fourball:

#### IRELAND

Barry Rothwell (7)  
Conor O'Shea (8) & Richard Beatty (16) WON  
Julian Beatty (11) & David Whelan (14) WON  
David Tyrrell (11) & Jocelyn Waller (23) WON

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#### BRITAIN

v Finbarr O'Connor (7) & Alex Cuppage (16) WON  
v Marcus Moore (9) & Nick North (20)  
v Damian Stalder (10) & Michael Edwards (20)  
v Henry Swarbrick (18) & Robin Andrews (21)

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We retired to the bar and dinner with Ireland now 4 : 3 up and feeling confident heading towards Guinness, Wine and more... Finbarr & Conor were not able to stay for the Saturday round as they had to attend a wedding in London (Islington) of a similar aged Golfing pal who got his dates wrong...

### Saturday

We had a leisurely start after a good breakfast and in beautiful weather faced into the Singles matches.

#### IRELAND

Julian Beatty (11)  
Jocelyn Waller (23)  
David Tyrrell (11)  
Richard Beatty (16)  
David Whelan (14) WON  
Gordon Quin (retired injured)

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#### BRITAIN

v Marcus Moore (9) WON  
v Alex Cuppage (16) WON  
v Henry Swarbrick (18) WON  
v Nick North (20) WON  
v Michael Edwards (20)  
v Robin Andrews (21) WON

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OVERALL RESULT : IRELAND 5 : 8 BRITAIN

In the evening, as a prelude to a wonderful meal at Richard & Patricia Beatty, we sat and watched the Heineken Cup final between Saracens & Leinster which did not go our hosts way !

Richard Beatty awarded the trophies before we started to nod off:

President's Trophy (matchplay) : BRITAIN 8 : 5 IRELAND  
Irish Cup (Singles Stableford) : MARCUS MOORE (31 POINTS) [on back nine from Hon. Sec.]  
Beatty Tankard (Singles scratch) : JULIAN BEATTY (16 POINTS) [on back nine from David Tyrrell]

## **Sunday**

There were just six of us meeting up at Killeen Castle on Sunday (as Damian and Robin were needed back in Britain for various tasks) for a final glorious sunny morning. David Tyrell was unable to play, but organised special green fees and wonderful treatment for lunch and then set us off in two buggies, scrambling ahead of a society. A quick sandwich and Guinness and Alex and Nick set off for the airport. A wee while later (and some more Guinness), we dropped Marcus to his boat in Dublin Port and then Henry and Michael retired to Richard and Patricia's for some wine, food and chat. Michael and Henry departed quietly on Monday morning. All in all we had great craic and though we were light on both sides but hope to see more old/new faces next year (Michael Dick promises to be there and pressure will be brought to bear on the Carrolls and possible Glenstal Old Boys).

**Players:** *Richard Beatty; Julian Beatty; Alex Cuppage; Nick North; Finbarr O'Connor; Jocelyn Waller ; Damian Stalder; Robin Andrews; Michael Edwards; Conor O'Shea ; David Tyrell; Marcus Moore; Henry Swarbrick;(+ David Whelan and Barry Rothwell who played as guests to try and assist in the balance of numbers).*