Anne O' Neill - Remembrance

Anne and I were Bridge partners for over 40 years, we started playing in the Leisure Centre club and for better or worse, through the bad times and good we remained firm friends.

In the early years when we were all young, a great contingent of us would play in Congresses the length and breath of Ireland, on many occasions Anne would carry home the spoils.

She was a very smart Bridge player but many felt she was an even better Bridge Teacher, she gave lessons in Malahide golf club for many years, in fact, such was her passion for cards she set up the Ladies Poker Club and again guided those unfamiliar with the game.

Anne worked in Fas, in Baldoyle, where she was a tutor in Computers. Some MRBC members have her to thank for demystifying the subject. Her ability to impart knowledge was exceptional.

She was a great golfer too and she and others were the Founder Members of MRBC Golf Society, a very successful vibrant club with over 100 members. Her sister Phil ran Highfield Golf Club in Enfield and our society were frequent visitors.

But it is for her sense of humour, her wicked wit and her infectious capacity for fun, that we her friends all miss her most. She loved a glass of wine and she loved to party, often the last to leave. She held her 60th here in our club, 'twas a night to remember.

I went to visit Anne in the Bons just 3 days before she died. We had a great chat about Bridge and Golf and the fun we had. And the rows we had.

At her funeral, playing cards and golf balls were offered as symbols of the great passion she had for her sports. And given the proud patriot that she was she chose Mise Eire as her final tune.

We her friends will miss her but will always remember her with great fondness.

Phil Murray