

Dan Cowhie – An Appreciation

Dan was born in Cork 101 years ago, moved to Kilkenny as a teenager and then to Dublin. He met Mary at the Leinster Tennis Club , she left her job in Guinness and thus began their long and very happy union.

Dan was an accountant and worked for most of his career in Cadburys . He was one of a small group who built up the 'Institute of Cost and Works Accounting ' , the present day Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, he remained active in the affairs CIMI in later years, attending their social functions.

He and Mary were also very active in the affairs of MRBC from the early days, Dan on the Audit Committee and Mary, Social Secretary supreme. It was as bridge partners that Dan's serenity was sometimes tested by 'Mary Dear' and her unique bidding! They had enormous fun playing in the National Pairs in Athlone or off down to Tralee for the New Year Congress, with a MRBC entourage.

Seeing the dwindling numbers on the once very sociable Friday nights, they decided to present the Club with the Cowhie Cup , in fact with a pair of cups, reasoning that there would be two winners! It was unique also in that it was by invitation only, initially.

Last Summer, Dan's son Paul, my son-in-law, took his Dad to visit his Alma Mater, Presentation Brothers College, Cork, where he played his rugby. He enjoyed seeing the landmarks of his younger days, this was a very special trip for both of them.

When Dan's passing was announced at our Wednesday evening competition, and we stood in memory of him, we knew our club had not only lost a true gentleman but also its best dressed man.

Rest easy Dan and Mary.

Catherine Byrne