

IN MEMORIAM

Joe Kinahan

Joe epitomised the motto of our club: *Caradas Trí Iomaíocht*, 'Friendship through Competition'. However, Joe went much further, by showing friendship, competition or not, in season or out of season. Many will remember his warm smile and greeting and appreciate his service to the club over many years, as a key holder for bar deliveries and emergencies. and then, more vividly, for his time and commitment to planning and maintenance of the gardens around the club.



Joe's array of floriferous shrubs, along with a chorus of colourful seasonal flowers, lifted our spirits throughout those years and is Joe's legacy to us today. Joe was assisted in this by Colette Fitzgerald and, together, they brought alive their passion for gardening, to the benefit of members.

It was in his thirties that Joe took up the game of Bridge, with his wife, 'our' Madge. Maurice Quinn was their teacher and the late Yvette Mc Cabe's Grand Hotel was the venue. Joe was more a social player and yet, he would be thrilled and amused on the occasions when he and his Bridge partner featured ahead of Madge, whose competitive spirit continues, as observed in the recent Captain's Prize.

Joe was a solid citizen, no matter what activity he subscribed to: MRBC, Malahide Golf Club, St. Sylvester's Church, to name but a few. He was very proud of Madge and his family. He was courteous to all his Bridge partners, Eileen Mooney being his loyal Bridge Partner supreme. A list of his many Bridge partners would include Colette Fitzgerald, Bridie McNulty, Michael Haverty, Dina McEvoy, Dorothy Rochford, Myles Hawkshaw, Con Doherty, Joan Scott and the late Ruby Shuttleworth.

He loved his birth county of Offaly and much enjoyed his walks, locally along the coast and in Malahide Castle.

Joe gave much to our Club and was kind to all. He had a warm presence and our Malahide Regional Bridge Club was blessed by his membership.

Our sympathies go to Madge, to MRBC Bridge - playing daughters, Marian and Angela, Bridge - playing son in law, Brian Kane, and to their family in Australia: daughters Carmel, Una and Grainne, son Micheál, and their families.

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