

Records of Miss Harriet Celenia 'Ena' Brooks (1921-2013)

Former Irish international; Member of Rathfarnham Golf Club (from 1938-1963), Past Lady Captain (1950 - at the age of just 29) and later honorary member of same (from 1999); and member of County Louth Golf Club, c. 1952-1964

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Arranged chronologically as follows:*

1. Papers relating to membership of Rathfarnham Golf Club

File of papers containing the following:

1. Receipts for payment of annual subscription received from Ena Brooks for half year ending on 9 December 1938 (the sum of £2.8.3) and on 21 June 1939 for year ending 30 April 1939 (the sum of £3.14.6).
1938-1939
2. Competition and annual fixture books being a complete run from 1940 to 1963 apart from the years 1944; 1954; 1957; 1959; 1961; 1962. For the years 1942, 1945 and 1950 (the year that she was Lady Captain) there are two copies in the run.
1940-1963
3. Card in Ena Brooks hand entitled 'Fixture lists for 1940-1948' against which is a list of officers [perhaps the Hon. Sec. or Handicap Sec. of the Ladies Section].
1940-1958
4. Printed Rules of Rathfarnham Golf Club, as revised in 1945
1945
5. Blank and filled cards revealing that Ena kept close tabs on her scoring and regularly played to get her handicap reduced. The filled cards include the following: Captain's Prize, 24 June 1952 when playing off a handicap of 6 she had a net 67 and was cut to 4. On the same card she compares her score to the 27 June 1952, when playing off 4 she had a net 78. Also her lowest gross score recorded, playing off a handicap of 3 in the Medal Bogey competition on the 11 September 1956 she had a net 70.
1952-1960; undated
6. Printed annual report with accounts, and AGM agenda for the year ended 31 December 1953. 4pages.
1954

7. Handicap card recording change downwards to handicap of 3, signed by Vera Judge, Hon. Sec.
1 January 1960
8. Two photographs of a gathering of all the past captains of the club, held in 1988.
1988
9. Letter to Ena Brooks from Brian Wilkinson, Hon. Sec., advising her that Rathfarnham Golf Club have elected her as an honorary member to the club in recognition of her 'magnificent golfing career'.
17 December 1999
10. Centenary calendar being the year of events and competitions to mark the club's centenary. Hardback in club colours of olive green and gold.
1999
11. Copy of the published Centenary History of the Club.
1999
12. Miscellaneous copies of the RGC Newsletter, numbers 1999/2; 1999/3; 2001/1.
1999, 2001
13. Copy of the course profile as downloaded and printed from the GUI website.
c. 2008

2. Photographs

1. Hockey 'B' team at the final trial for the Leinster team for the 1944-45 season. (H.C. Brooks is on the extreme right).
1944-45
2. Open mixed foursomes at Milltown Golf Club, featuring H.C.B. (Rathfarnham), Miss Kennedy (Castle), John Kehoe (Rathfarnham) and Mr Robbie (Castle), with copy of same with note 'Played with J.P. Kehoe'.
26 June 1946
3. Leinster Scratch Cup (Ladies) H.C.B. with Mrs Branagan, Royal Dublin Golf Club, with note 'Ist round...I won 1 up'.
20 April 1948
4. Group photo taken at the Royal Dublin Golf Club during the Leinster Ladies Golf Championship, including older ladies and players
April 1948
5. Wallet containing four images and negatives one of which is dated and labelled: 'The "Babe" and "Phil" [Phil Garvey] at Gullane, Edinburgh, the British Open Championship, all of which appear to feature Phil Garvey and trophy success.
1947
6. Irish team photo with 'Porthcawl?' annotated
1953

7. Similar photograph, un-annotated, but looks a larger copy of 6/ above. [1953]
8. Rathfarnham Golf Club Foursomes Team, Autumn 1954, comprising Mrs Leary, Miss Brooks, Mrs Lyon, Mrs O'Looney, Mrs Tucky, Mrs Robertson
1954
9. Two copies of photograph 'on board ship from Cork to Fishguard of the Irish Ladies Golf Team on their way to Wales for the International at Porthcawl, 1954'.
1954
10. Two copies of the Irish International Golf Team in 1956 which played at Sunningdale Golf Club, as follows: Mrs Hegarty, Miss M. Smyth, Mrs P.G. McCann, Mrs Beck, Miss B. Jackson, Miss Brooks, Miss Bayly, Miss P. O'Sullivan (Capt.) Miss P. Garvey and Mrs Z. Fallon.
1956
11. H.C.B. with Zelia Fallon, at the Irish Championship final 1956, Killarney Golf Club, shaking hands [probably at the end of the match] with annotation 'I lost on the 18th hole'.
1956
12. Image of Phil Garvey in swing with autograph 'With love and best wishes to Ena, Phil 1956'
1956
13. Two copies of the mixed foursomes match, including Ivor Bailey, Ena Brooks, Phil Garvey and unidentified man, Milltown Golf Club [1956]
14. Four pictures of the Co. Louth Golf Club Senior Cup Team that won the Senior Cup in 1957, comprising Ena Brooks, Clarrie Reddan (captain), Niamh Conlon, Jan Murdock, Mary Gannon (sub.), Phil Garvey. Final played at Royal Portush. One of the photos carries all of the team's results, including that they beat Douglas 4.5 to .5 in the semi-final and Tullamore 4-1 in the final, and had previously beaten Milltown, Rathfarnham and Sutton in the Leinster section.
1957
15. Group of players and officials taken at the Connaught Championships, Co. Sligo Golf Club
11 July 1958
16. Picture of Ena Brooks taken at the Lake Hotel, Killarney, before the Munster Ladies Golf Championship when she played Zelia Fallon and lost at the 19th.
17. Two copies of Ena Brooks in action in a bunker with crowd and her caddy looking on at the Munster Senior Cup final against Z. Fallon. [incorrectly dated 1956, but should be 1957]
18. Two close up images of Ena Brooks at the Muster Senior Cup Championship at Killarney Golf Club, when she was runner-up.
September 1959

19. Mixed foursomes at Rathfarnham Golf Club, being a group of four as follows: Campbell Heather, Dr. T.A.B. Smyth, H.C. Brooks, Hazel Heather
19 April 1965
20. Two copies of Ena Brooks and Mrs Pat Elms striding out from the clubhouse at the Intro-provincials held at Carlow Golf Club
23 April 1965
21. Ena Brooks with unidentified player either before or at the end of a match
[Undated]
22. Ena Brooks with unidentified player on first tee with woods in hand
[Undated]
23. Small image of trophies won
[Undated]
24. Two copies of Ena Brooks in club blazer holding the Leinster Championship trophy - probably in 1954 the first year she won it but could be 1959 or 1962
[Undated]
25. Passport type image of Ena Brooks, probably needed when she travelled as an international
[Undated]
26. Small colour image of three men putting on an unidentified links green
[Undated]
27. Group in the departures lounge at an airport - most probably Glasgow Airport - that includes Phil Garvey, probably on their return following her victory at the British Open Amateur Championship at Gleneagles Golf Club.
[Undated 1957?]
28. Unidentified group of ladies in formal wear, following a final [?] including Ena Brooks
[Undated]
29. Later image of group of five ladies, including Ena Brooks and Phil Garvey that was taken by the Drogheda Independent Ltd, indicating it is probably a County Louth Golf Club group, holding a rectangular shaped trophy marked 'Challenge Trophy'.
[Undated]

3. Correspondence

1. George C. Clarke, Secretary of Rathfarnham Golf Club to Ena Brooks, on behalf of the President, Captain and Members of the Club, congratulating her on her selection by the Irish Ladies Golf Union to play on the Irish team.
23 May 1953

2. Miss Violet P. Hasleutt, Secretary of the I.L.G.U. to Ena Brooks informing her as a 'probable' for the Irish team of 1954 and forthcoming international matches to be held at Ganton Golf Club, near Scarborough in June, and asking her to confirm her availability to play if selected. The team is to be chosen during the Irish Championship at Portmarnock.
15 March 1954
3. Jo Connolly, 15 Shop Street, Drogheda to Ena Brooks, sending 'heartiest congratulations' on her great win [the Leinster Open] and hoping they see her in the Irish team again. A 'PS' adds that 'John McGuirk must be delighted'. [McGuirk was professional at Rathfarnham between 1949 and 1959].
7 May 1954
4. John Worstick, Hon. Sec. Rathfarnham Artisans to Ena Brooks, congratulating her on her win in the Ladies Leinster Open, played at the Grange and commenting on some errors in reporting by the press about the location of the match and scoring.
9 May 1954
5. Cyril Ashlin Harrington, F.R.I.A.I., 97 St Stephen's Green Dublin [Vice President of Rathfarnham Golf Club] to 'My dear Enid' beginning 'All Hail to the Champion' on her victory and reminding her 'You have done the old club proud'.
9 May 1954
6. Miss Violet P. Hasleutt, Secretary of the I.L.G.U. to Miss Ena Brooks with details of how the Irish team will travel (via Belfast and Heysham for Scarborough and Ganton, and asking her to be at Amiens Street Station not later than 5.40pm on 20 June. She will have a cabin reservation and the team will stay at Ye Olde Forge Valley Hotel, West Ayton, Scarborough [Yorkshire].
14 June 1954
7. Telegram to Brooks c/o Ganton Golf Club, from 'Aubrey' conveying the 'Best of luck from all at Rathfarnham'
23 June 1954
8. Telegram to Miss Ena Brooks, Ye Olde Forge Valley Hotel, from 'Joan' to wish her 'all the best for Tomorrow and Friday'.
23 June 1954
9. Telegram to Ena Brooks at the Old Forge Inn from 'Eileen, Nancy, Marcie and Kay' wishing her well for the match
24 June 1954
10. Telegram to Miss E. Brooks, Irish Ladies Golf Team, Ganton, Scarborough, from 'Ernest and Vivienne' wishing 'best of luck' with 'the fingers crossed'.
24 June 1954
11. Miss Violet P. Hasleutt, Secretary of the I.L.G.U. to Miss Ena Brooks informing her of the forthcoming International Matches and British Amateur Championship to be played at Portrush in May 1955, to give

her notice to make her own arrangements. Accommodation has been reserved for the team at the Northern Counties Hotel.

30 August 1954

12. Telegram to 'Brooks', Gleneagles Hotel, Gleneagles, Scotland, from 'Carrie' with message 'Big swing you can do it'.
24 June 1954
13. Miss Violet P. Hasleitt, Secretary of the I.L.G.U. to Ena Brooks informing her of forthcoming home international matches, and seeding for the draw at the British Open Amateur Championship in 1958, should she be selected to play.
6 August 1957
14. Miss Violet P. Hasleitt, Secretary of the I.L.G.U. to Miss Ena Brooks informing her she is on a list of 19 'possible' players for the Irish team to play in international matches at Hunstanton Golf Club, Norfolk in June 1958, and inviting her to confirm her availability if selected. The team will be chosen at the Irish Championship in Carlow during the first week of June.
24 March 1958
15. Miss Violet P. Hasleitt, Secretary of the I.L.G.U. to Miss Brooks informing her she is again on a list of 18 'possible' players for the Irish team to play at Gullane Golf Club in Scotland in October 1960. The selection will be made after the Irish Championship in Cork in June.
14 April 1960

4. Press cuttings

Organised by date and/or subject as follows:

1. 1940s [including two hockey images at Alexandra College, Dublin University and mixed foursomes group at Milltown]
2. 1953 including Irish Senior Cup encounter between Rathfarnham Golf Club and County Louth Golf Club
3. 1954 covering Miss Brooks winning of the Leinster Championship for the first time.
4. 1955 including international team profile
5. 1956 including Open Mixed Foursomes at Milltown Golf Club.
6. 1957 including Phil Garvey victory at the British Open Amateur Championship at Gleneagles in which she 'thanked Miss Ena Brooks, her best friend, who directed her training schedule'. [Garvey beat Jessie Valentine in the final].
7. 1958 includes material relating to Phil Garvey's controversial refusal to wear the Union Jack as the sole emblem of the Great Britain and Ireland Curtis Cup team, and eventual resolution of the matter with a new symbol for the emblem.
8. 1959 including Munster Ladies Championship at Killarney

9. 1960s and 1971 including encounter between Miss P. Garvey (Louth) and Ena Brooks (Rathfarnham) whom she beat in the Leinster Ladies Alliance at Rathfarnham Golf Club.
10. Later 1970s and 1980s including appreciation and order of service for the life of Violet Hasslet, long-time secretary of the Irish Ladies Golfing Union, who died in 1986.
11. Undated press material – a large file of undated cuttings many of which may be possible to date using results.
12. Undated golf club notices being individual results for ladies at Rathfarnham Golf Club
13. Undated golf tips and cartoons, including a series of daily tips by the great Harry Bradshaw which Miss Brooks mounted on cards, so they were clearly influential
14. Undated non-golf related press cuttings covering aspects of dentistry, gardening and faith.

5. Papers relating to membership of County Louth Golf Club

Small file of papers including as follows:

1. Blank and filled cards for the County Louth Golf Club including the Bellew Cup, 9 Sept. 1956 when off a handicap of 4 she had a net 75 (score marked was Paddy McGuirk), second prize and gross winner for 18 holes stableford on 30 Aug. 1959 when playing off 3 she had a net 71 (four under par), and also winner of first prize at Miss Long's Prize on 31 July 1962 when playing off a handicap of 3 she had a net 74 (one under par) and was 'reduced to 2 handicap', winning 1 dozen golf balls in the process.
2. Printed Constitution, Rules and Bye-laws, 4 July 1952.
3. Printed fixture lists for the following years: 1955; 1956; 1957 (two copies); 1958
4. Membership receipt for £3.4.6. for the year ending 31 December 1964.

6. Score cards national

Except for Rathfarnham and County Louth Golf courses which are included above, this collection appears to cover courses played by Ena Brooks, and includes blank and filled cards for the following, with those marked with a * recording a score:

1. *Ardee
2. *Bellinter

3. *County Carlow – including Irish Ladies’ Close Championship 1958 and other interprovincial matches
4. *Castle – including best gross net 71.5 on 7 Sept. 1957
5. Clontarf
6. *Dundalk
7. *Dun Laoghaire
8. *Foxrock
9. Galway includes club fixtures for 1959
10. *Grange
11. Greenore
12. Greystones
13. *Hermitage
14. Kilcronee Country Club
15. *Killarney Golf and Fishing Club (including one card where she played to 3 handicap)
16. *Killiney
17. *Lahinch
18. Milltown
19. *Mullingar
20. *Newlands
21. Portmarnock
22. *Rosslare
23. *Royal County Down
24. *Royal Dublin (including the Final of the Leinster Scratch Cup v. Niamh Conlon, which Miss Brooks won 3 and 2, 12 May 1959).
25. *Royal Portrush (unidentified match that she won 5 and 4).
26. *Rush
27. *County Sligo
28. Thurles
29. *Tullamore
30. *Virginia
31. *Warrenpoint

7. Score cards international

Blank and filled cards for the following courses, with those marked with a * recording a score:

1. Ganton
2. *Gleneagles King’s
3. Huntley
4. Royal Porthcawl
5. Sunningdale

8. Miscellaneous

1. Various bag tags for Brooks baggage as part of the Irish International Team to Royal Prothcawl, Scraborough and some unidentified.
[1953, 1954]
2. Hotel room information at the Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire
[Undated]
3. Unfilled L.G.U. cards into which the winner of a match had to fill 'I won by' and sign.
[1957?]
4. Competitor badges from the British Open Amateur Golf Championship at Gleneagles, 1957 and the Irish Ladies' Close Championship at Royal Portrush, 1957.
1957
5. Aer Lingus flight report of flight 221 from Glasgow to Dublin with message of congratulations from the crew to passenger 'Miss P. Garvey on her wonderful victory'. The report is signed by the captain and was passed back through the cabin by passengers.
28 June 1957
6. Fun poem paying tribute to Baltray and it's various start members from Ena and another unnamed player, who appear to be bidding farewell to the club – perhaps when Ena's senior cup playing days had come to an end, and ending with thanks 'for a wonderful time'.
[Undated]
7. List of all Ena Brooks' achievements in relation to Rathfarnham Golf Club and representative honours, listed in her own hand, as follows:
Joined Rathfarnham G.C. December 1938
First handicap 21-22?
Associates Cup, 1940, 1941 and 1954
Challenge Cup, 1943, 1952
Doyle Cup 1943
Baldwin Cup for Foursomes, 1954
International 1953, 1954, 1956
Reserve 1962
Runner-up in the Munster Championship, 1956
Leinster Champion, 1954, 1959, 1962
Irish Championship semi-finalist 1954
[Undated]
8. Definition of a 'Nitsby' shot – not in the sand bunker yet. Written on a card.
[Undated]
9. Visiting card for Miss Ena Brooks following her move from Rose Hall Tempelogue to 94 Woodlawn Park, Churchtown, Co. Dublin.
10. Pouch containing wooden tees marked H.C. Brooks
[Undated]