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Collection Level Description

Identity Statement	
Archive Reference	IE DCLA/DCSA/008
Title	Rathfarnham Golf Club
Creation Dates	c. 1900 – 2013
Level of Description	Fonds
Extent & Medium	11 archive boxes, 1 oversize item, 1 roll of maps and survey drawings
Creator(s)	Rathfarnham Golf Club
Administrative & Biographical History	<p>The Rathfarnham Golf Club was founded in 1899. It was originally located at Butterfield House in Rathfarnham, between Butterfield Avenue and Dodder River and the course comprised 9 holes on 50 acres of land. Sir Frederick Shaw became the first president. The RGC expanded quickly and by the time of the first Annual General Meeting in 1900, there were 123 members (both male and female) registered. By 1903 the original clubhouse was built and the club had some 230 members. In 1966 the Club moved from Butterfield to its existing location in Newtown on Stocking Lane, a green site and developed a 9 hole course. The golf course extended from 9 to 14 holes in 2002, to 15 holes in 2008 and to 18 holes in 2014.</p> <p>Rathfarnham Golf Club has had its success over the years. Notable victories include the Barton Cup and the Irish Times Shields won by the senior men’s team in 1962 and victory in the Leinster Championship in 2012 for the mixed foursomes. The club’s only international player to date is Miss Harriet Celenia’ Ena’ brooks (1921-2013) and papers relating to her golfing career have also been donated to the Dublin City Sports Archive (See DCSA/008)</p> <p>In 1999, to celebrate its centenary year the RGC members organised a number of events, including captain’s dinner, competitions, a gala ball and a centenary dinner. Dick Shield collected information about the history of the club and published the “Rathfarnham Golf Club centenary History”. The extensive publication contains information about the development and the members of the club. One copy is in the sub fond DCSA/008/17/3.</p>

<p>Immediate Source of Acquisition</p>	<p>Following an appeal to Rathfarnham Golf Club members in 2012, many individuals located and gathered together club records which were sorted and arranged by club archivist Susan Hood. In July 2013 they were transferred for permanent safe keeping to Dublin City Archives.</p>
<p>Content & Structure</p>	
<p>Scope & Content</p>	<p>The collection is related to the administrative and sporting history of the Rathfarnham Golf Club. It includes minutes from the early years of the club to the present, competition books, reports of meetings, newsletters, rules and Bye-laws of the club, financial records, nearly 1000 photographs as well as materials related to the course and clubhouse development.</p> <p>The biggest sub fond is related to the centenary year of the club in 1999. It contains letters, invitation, notes, minutes and other material basically compiled by either Alex Burns, the captain during the centenary year or Dick Shiel, author of the “Rathfarnham Golf Club Centenary History” (1999). In preparation for publication, Shield collected diverse material related to the history of the RGC.</p> <p>The collection is an important record for the Irish golf history It provides historical information about the rules and daily events of an Irish golf club in the twentieth century. It would be useful to researchers interested in sport and social history in Ireland in the twentieth century, and in particular in the history of golf and the Rathfarnham Golf Club. The collection is also valuable to local historians interested in the development of Rathfarnham and south Dublin, as well as to it individuals carrying out family history who wish to research the activities of various members.</p>
<p>Arrangement</p>	<p>These records have been arranged firstly according to subject and secondly in a chronically order.</p> <p>DCSA/008/1 Minute Books of the Committee (1903-1979)</p> <p>DCSA/008/2 Miscellaneous early volumes (1904-1946)</p> <p>DCSA/008/3 Minute Books of the Ladies Branch (1907-1924)</p> <p>DCSA/008/4 competition & Annual Fixture Lists (1957-1998)</p> <p>DCSA/008/5 Materials relating to Rules, Bye-laws and the Constitution (c.1940’s-2012)</p> <p>DCSA/008/6 Other Printed Materials (1929-2013)</p> <p>DCSA/008/7 Minutes Books of the Greens’ Committee (1946-1961)</p> <p>DCSA/008/8 Paper Relating to the Move from Butterfield to Newtown (1962-1965)</p>

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Subject Keywords	DCLA, Rathfarnham Golf Club, County Louth Golf Club, Irish International Golf Team, Dublin University Hockey,
Conditions of Access & Use	
Access Conditions	Available to view by public who apply for research card in Dublin City Library and Archive Reading Room, 138-144 Pearse street, Dublin 2. A small number of series are closed for public access until 2028. These are clearly identified on the descriptive list.
Conditions Governing Reproduction	Subject to Dublin City Library and Archive Reading Room Terms of Membership and in accordance with copyright legislation.
Language/Script of Material	English
Physical Characteristics & Technical Requirements	The collection includes mainly books and loose papers in A4 or smaller. It also contains photographs in different sizes (especially 9x13 or 15x20) and oversize maps and drawings.
Finding Aids	descriptive list
Allied Materials	
Related Material	Dublin City Sports Archive at Dublin City Library and Archive. In particular see DCSA/009 Records of Miss Harriet Celenia 'Ena' Brooks
Publication Note	Shiel, Dick, <i>Rathfarnham Golf Club – Centenary History</i> (Dublin 2009) www.rathfarnhamgolfclub.ie/history-new2
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DCSA/008/01 Minute Books of the General Committee (1903-1979)

1. Minutes Book 1903-1911
14 April 1903 - 25 November 1911, c.250 pp
2. Minutes Book 1915-1923
2 July 1915 – 12 May 1923, c.160 pp
3. Minutes Book 1936-1946
Includes 3 items loose: 1 letter from A.E. Ashton & Co. to Percy M. Orr, RGC, 17 August 1945; 1 letter recording a resolution confirming the appointment of the Club Secretary [Geo. C. Clarke] and that his salary be increased from £100 to £125 per annum, April 1946; 1 Ballot Paper of the RGC, 1947.
25 July 1936 – 30 December 1946, c.400 pp
4. Minutes Book 1947-1956
Including 28 items loose, like handwritten or typewritten letters, ballot papers and telegrams, meeting agendas or printed incomes and expense sheets.
Note: The loose items are labelled. The printed incomes and expense sheets (DCSA/008/1/4 (28)) have been extracted and packed into a single acid free folder. The folder is labelled with DCSA/008/1/4 (28). The folder contains 15 printed incomes and expense sheets, arranged in a chronological order and labelled with numbers 1-15. The folder and the book are tied together.
14 January 1947 – 8 October 1956, c.400 pp
5. Minutes Book 1968-1979
Including 26 items loose, like entry forms, printed incomes and expense sheets, meeting agendas or reports. Note: The loose items have been labelled.
Furthermore, there are several attached items, fixed with tape on the page. These items have not been labelled. The tape has not been removed.
19 August 1968 - 18 June 1979, 27 items
C.500pp

Note: The Gap for 1957-1968 is unfortunately due to the fact that the minute book for this period is confirmed lost.

DCSA/008/02 Miscellaneous Early Volumes (1904-1946)

1. Members' Waiting List Book, Gentlemen 1904-1935
A record of applicants for membership and whether or not elected.
Includes 1 handwritten note, April 1934.
February 1904 - 28 June 1935, 2 items, c.100 pp
2. Synopsis of Decisions of the Committee from inception of the Club to December 1922.
A typescript of key decisions arranged by subject. Note the earliest reference in this volume is to 1903 when the Clubhouse at Butterfield was built and the Club's formal record-keeping commenced, the General Committee resolving on 17 April 1903 that RGC 'now be formed'. From research using Club archives and other sources such as the *Irish Golfer* publication, Dick Shiel's centenary history (see section 17. below) confirmed that RGC was formed and in play in 1899, whilst the keeping of the written record and a formal constitution began from 1903.
1903-1922, c. 160 pp
3. Synopsis of Greens Committee Minutes.
A summary of the key decisions of this sub-committee of the General Committee.
1942-1946, c. 15 pp

DCSA/008/03 Minute Books of the Ladies Branch (1907-1924)

1. Ladies' Branch Minute Book 1907-1913
1 October 1907 – 6 June 1913, c.100 pp
2. Ladies' Branch Minute Book 1913-1924
26 September 1913 – 1 July 1924, c. 150 pp

DCSA/008/04 Competition & Annual Fixture Lists (1957-1998)

A complete run of annual printed competitions and fixtures (1957 to 1998). The latter including annual lists of club officers and committee members.

1. Fixture Lists 1944 – 1969.
Comprising a single item entitled 'Competitions 1944', for that year only.
1944 – 1969, 18 items
2. Fixture Lists 1970 – 1979.
1970 – 1979, 24 items

3. Fixture Lists 1980 – 1989/90.
1980-1990, 18 items
4. Fixture Lists 1990/91 – 1998.
Comprising the fixture list of 2001.
1990 – 2001

Note: For earlier competitions and annual fixture books for selected years during the 1940s and 1950s, see DCSA/09/01/02.

DCSA/008/05 Materials Relating to Rules, Bye-laws and the Constitution (c.1940s-2012)

1. Original printed 'Rules of the Rathfarnham Golf Club' as printed by Bray Printing Co. Ltd.
[Undated but pre-1945], 1 item
2. Blank card for the Butterfield Course including the Local Rules.
[Undated, pre-1960s], 1 item
3. Typescript draft and two printed copies of the 'Rules of Rathfarnham Golf Club' as revised at the AGM of 1945, printed by The Temple Press, Dublin.
1945, 3 items (including 1 typescript with 8 sheets)
4. 'Rathfarnham Golf Club Rules 1965' printed by Hely Thom Ltd.
1965, 1 item
5. Rathfarnham Golf Club Constitution - Ladies Section
1986, 20 pp.
6. Rathfarnham Golf Club - Ladies Section – Competition Rules and Bye Laws
January 1992, 14 pp
7. Rules of the Rathfarnham Golf Club
[1982], 31 pp
8. Competition Rules (Bye Laws)
[1986/1987], 12 sheets
9. Glossary of keywords relating to the Rathfarnham Golf Club.
Undated, 45 pp

10. Letter from Roger P. Ballagh to E. O'Baily, Rathfarnham Golf Club about the renewal of registration.
3 November 1988, 2 pp
11. Notice of the Rathfarnham Golf Club about a Special general Meeting on the 27 May 1992.
12 May 1992, 3 pp
12. Notice of the Rathfarnham Golf club about a Special General Meeting on the 5 November 2001 about a new constitution.
Including the future changes.
October 2001, 6 pp
13. Brochure of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
Undated, 1 item
14. Constitution of Rathfarnham Golf Club
Being the most recent constitution confirmed to 28 November 2012
November 2012, 17 pp

DCSA/008/06 Other Printed Materials (1929-2013)

1. Printed subscription notice (including annual sub of £2.12.6 and locker rent of 5s.6d making an annual total of £2.17.6) due for the year 1929-30.
April 1929, 1 item
2. Notice of Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 13 October 1943. Sent out on postcard by T.P.M. Orr, Secretary to A. Pullan Esq., Atherton, Kimmage Road, Terenure.
1943, 1 item
3. "Irish Golf" – monthly magazine, including news of RGC events, the Captain's Dinner (January 1962); picture of Mrs Frances Leary, Lady Captain; miscellaneous club results, as well as the infamous Barton Cup victory in 1962.
January 1962 - October 1963, 9 items
4. The Golfers Recipe Book, printed to raise funds for the new club, pending the move to Newtown.
[1966], 1 item
5. Blank printed card for the exhibition match between Dave Thomas and Guy Wolstenholme, played on 16 June 1971, signed by both professionals.
1971, 1 item

6. Printed programmes for the 3rd, 4th (2 copies), 5th (2 copies), 6th, 7th and 8th Annual Invitation Captains' Mixed Foursomes Tournament, sponsored by the White House Cellar. This event known simply as "the White Horse" was a most popular annual gathering for members and visitors who competed alike.
July 1975 – August 1980, 8 items

7. Pro-Am Tournament programme including a message from the Captain, Bill Free, and a brief history of the club by Campbell Heather, as held on Monday 9 July 1990 (2copies) and on Monday 8 July 1991 (2 copies).
Including a blank card of the course, specifically designed for the event and a printed sheet with the local rules.
9 July 1990 – 8 July 1991, 6 items

8. Menu for 'Development Fund Golf Classic', held Sunday 12 June 1994.
12 June 1994, 1 item

9. File containing Rathfarnham Golf Club Newsletters. Printed circular notes and newsletter 1992 – 2013, published in an irregular interval (sometimes a couple of times a year for distribution amongst Members).
The newsletter began to be produced during the Captaincy of Ken Reid, in 1992, as 'the correct vehicle to information Members' on development plans for the Club. It continued in various guises including typescript, professionally printed in the centenary year and in-house in full colour during the 2000s. Its publication was intermittent and the collection includes a copy of most editions excluding editions of the years 1994 – 1997, 2004 and 2009.
The editors of later editions were: Rionach Donlan (from 2005 to 2007), Susan Madden (from 2008 to 2010) and Susan Hood (from 2011 to 2013).
The Newsletters in 2012 include an appeal for the archives.
April 1992 – April 2013, 36 items

10. Fairways – Dublin golf magazine volume 1 Number 2 1990.
1990, 1 item

DCSA/008/07 Minute Books of the Greens' Committee (1946-1961)

Green's Committee was responsible for rules, competitions, and handicaps

1. Green Committee Meetings, Minute book 1946-1950. Includes a loose typewritten note about the revision of handicaps.
January 1946-6 February 1950, c.120 pp

2. Green Committee Meetings, Minute book dating 16 January 1956 – 21 August 1961. Including 16 items loose, like handwritten notes or letters.
Note: The loose items have been labelled and items left in their original position,

to preserve the context. Furthermore, there are several attached items, fixed with tape on the page. These items have not been labelled. The tape has not been removed., 17 items

DCSA/008/08 Papers Relating to the Move from Butterfield to Newtown (1962-1965)

1. Report on the value of the lands comprising the McEntaggart Estate comprising the original acreage of the course.
29 October 1962, 3 pp
2. Newspaper cuttings relating to the move of the course and other relevant aspects of Club history.
Undated, 5 items
3. Letter to Members for loans toward the purchase of land at Newtown, including copies of the typescript document and an envelope. The multiple production indicating that every Member must have received one.
May 1965, 4 items
4. Copy of a handwritten report about lockers in the new clubhouse.
23 November 1965, 2 pp

[See also maps and survey drawings section below].

DCSA/008/09 Maps and Survey Drawings (c.1870s-2005)

Note: DCSA/008/9 is oversize and stored outside the boxes.

1. Early visual evidence of the Butterfield course including a sketch map made from memory for the “Rathfarnham Golf Club Centenary History” showing the location of Butterfield House and also photocopies of 1870 Ordnance Survey maps showing the location of the village of Rathfarnham, Bushy Park etc, with the area assigned for the Butterfield course marked out.
[Undated], 7 items
2. Original map from which the land [at Newtown] was bought, 1963. Map the property of H.C. Heather’ which shows the original boundaries of the land field by field before they were laid out as a course.
1963, 2 items

3. Map showing the 'Proposed golf course layout at Newtown, Rathfarnham'
[Undated but 1963], 2 items
4. Three copies of map showing the extent of RGC at Newtown in the context of adjoining lands, with hole-by-hole measurements, during negotiations with Rockbrook School, that were not implemented at this time.
[Undated but 2000], 3 items
5. Map showing possible 18-hole extension proposal, drawn by Jeff Howes
2005, 1 item
6. Rough outline map of the course as it was originally laid out as a nine-hole course, showing possible area of land to be added
[Undated], 1 item
7. Collection of drawings showing plans, sections and elevations of the 'original Clubhouse' at Newtown with proposed 'incidental drawings of same, by Wilfred Raftery, Architect.
February 1994, 8 items

DCSA/008/10 Annual General Meeting Reports and related Materials (1948-2002)

1. Stray notice sent out to Members by Geo. C. Clarke, Secretary, giving notice of an adjourned General Meeting to consider the increase of the subscription from £5.5.0 to £6.6.0 for members and from £3.3.0 to £3.13.6 for Associates, on the 20 November 1948.
10 November 1948, 1 item
2. Agendas of the Annual General Meetings (AGM) in the 1960s, comprising the financial report of the last year.
1963 – 1969, 7 items
3. Agendas of the Annual General Meetings (AGM) in the 1970s, including the financial report of the last year.
1970 – 1979, 11 items
4. Agendas of the Annual General Meetings (AGM) in the 1980s, including the financial report of the last year, including handwritten bills and an agenda of a Special General Meeting in 1981.
1980 – 1989, 13 items
5. Agendas of the Annual General Meetings (AGM) in the 1990s, including the financial report of the last year.

Includes, minutes from the meetings from 1996 onwards, manager reports spoken on the meetings from 1998 onwards and agendas of Special General Meetings held on the 15 May 1995 and the 19 April 1999.

Note: There were two AGM held in 1998, One in February and one in November. After 1998, the AGM was always held in November.

1990 – 1999, 21 items

6. Agendas of the Annual General Meetings (AGM) after 1999, comprising the financial report of the last year.
Including minutes from the meetings in 2000 and 2001; manager reports spoken on the meetings in 2000 - 2002 and agendas of Special General Meetings held on the 5 November 2001 and the 18 September 2002.
2000 – 2002, 10 items

Note: In some years, there is more than one copy of the agenda was retained as the agenda was printed in different versions or it included handwritten additions.

DCSA/008/11 Minute Book of the Rathfarnham Golf Club Bowling Club (1968-1998)

1. Rathfarnham Golf Club Bowling Club, minute book 1968-1998
8 November 1968 – 1998, 1 item

DCSA/008/12 Cards of the Course (1950-2000)

1. Blank and filled score cards of the Butterfield Course including the Ladies card, and later cards for the Newtown Course
[1950 – 2000], 13 items

DCSA/008/13 Materials relating to Course and Clubhouse Development at Newtown (1984-2005)

1. Papers relating to Course and Clubhouse development.
Including plans of the golf course; ground floor plans of the building; correspondence with building firms; agendas for special general meetings; minutes from special general meetings or meetings of the development committee; a report commissioned by the club from An Foras Taluntais [The Agricultural Institute] on the impact of a very wet season and where

- improvements might be made, from October 1985; a plan for the realignment of holes 1-3, designed by Eddie Hackett.
2 February 1984 – 16 October 1989, 16 items
2. The report of the Development Committee for 1988.
January 1989, 22 sheets
 3. Papers relating to Course and Clubhouse development.
Including plans of the golf course and the club house; agendas for special general meetings concerned the new clubhouse; reports of the Development Committee; correspondence with building firms.
3 February 1992 – 16 February 1996, 15 items
 4. Plans of the golf course drawn by P.F. Merrigan, course architect, for five proposed additional holes, together with details of his credentials and experience.
April 1999, 3 items (2 plans, 1 typescript sheet)
 5. Minutes of the committee meetings 2001.
January – September 2001, 11 items
 6. Various minutes, reports, surveys etc. on the reconstruction of six new greens and new teeing areas on holes 6-8, designed by Roger Jones Golf Design, 2003.
Including papers about the membership in the RGC.
February 2002- October 2003, 25 items
Note: Some undated items at the end of the file.
 7. Papers relating to the 18-Hole Course Sub-Committee, for proposed extension of the Course in 2006.
Including minutes, reports, handwritten notes, private notes and plans of the golf course.
2005 (including 1 paper of 2002), 19 items
 8. Papers including minutes, reports and plans of the 18-Hole Course Sub-Committee, for proposed extension of the Course in 2006.
Including minutes; reports; letters; handwritten notes; private notes; plans of the golf course; descriptions of the new holes; the manager report 2006; “Planning and development acts 2000-2004” in South County Dublin; RGC Newsletter April 2006.
2006, 19 items
 9. Undated letter from Merrigan Golf Course Architecture referring to meeting to improve 7th, 9th and 1st greens.
[2005], 1 item

Note: All records are arranged in a chronological order.

DCSA/008/14 Suggestions Book (1985-1994)

1. Suggestion Book into which members could make suggestions for change on the course and to the clubhouse.
1985 – 1994, c. 20 pp

DCSA/008/15 Ladies Competitions Books (1989-2003)

Weekly sign-in books for Ladies Competitions

1. Ladies Competition Book 1989 – 1990.
Including 6 sheets loose with competition results.
18 April 1989 – 23 March 1993, 7 items
2. Ladies Competition Book 1993 – 1995
6 April 1993 – 31 October 1995, 1 item
3. Ladies Competition Book 1995 – 1997
24 October 1995 – 8 April 1997, 1 item
4. Ladies Competition Book 2000 – 2002
3 October 2000 – 21 June 2002
5. Ladies Competition Book 2002 – 2003
2 July 2002 – 28 September 2003

DCSA/008/16 Miscellaneous Materials (1949-2013)

1. Cartoon depicting club officers and officials made during the year of Bill Poole Junior's captaincy, as printed in the *Golfer's Digest*, 1949.
1949, 2 items
2. Press cutting with headline 'Rathfarnham Great Foursomes Tradition', covering the relaxing atmosphere to be had 'on this lovely course where nine holes of great variety provide so much pleasure'; the various achievements of players such as Ena Brooks, Leinster Cup winner, and the success of RGC foursome teams at various foursome events.
17 September 1959, 1 item
3. Three handwritten timesheets.
Timesheets used to be made before the advent of electronic technology – for random events including Captain's Prize 1961, another event in 1961 and

- undated.
[1961], 3 items
4. Correspondence received by to Campbell Heather (RGC Captain 1962-63), including a letter of congratulation from Cyril Ashlin Harrington (President) on the success of the Barton Cup team in 1962, and other materials such as invitations to captains' dinners at neighbouring clubs, menus and other memorabilia, collected during his year as captain, 1962-1963, and subsequently to 1977.
1962-1977, 19 items
 5. Copies of monthly income and expenditure sheets.
February 1975 – October 1975, 7 items
 6. Typescript note about catering and catering price list for 1974, when the cost of a bowl of soup rose from 6 pence to 8 pence, and a T-bone steak with tea, bread and butter from £1.30 to £1.50.
1974, 2 items
 7. Papers relating to Bob Graves during his time as Captain in 1976, and as President 1981.
Including correspondence; press cuttings; a copy of the RGC rules; other memorabilia collected during his time as Captain. c. 1976 – 1983, 19 items
 8. Papers relating to Joe Blain during his time as captain in 1980.
Including the Club badge as it was in the Butterfield era; a copy of the Rules for 1965; Captain's Dinner menus for the Captain's Dinners (held in 1973 (Captain M.G. Keartland); 1979 (Captain Mr D.J. O'Regan), 1980 (Captain J.H. Blain), 1981 (Captain E. M. Kelly) and 1984 (Captain R.C. Shiel)); press cuttings recording competition results and the RGC 'White Horse' Captains' Mixed Foursomes; list of prizes given at the Captain's Prize.
1965-1980, 13 items
 9. Miscellaneous papers relating to the Ladies section, as it was then referred.
1989-91, 6 items
 10. Press item from the *Evening Herald*, 12 May 1990, entitled Rathfarnham Plan: New Motorway could alter top corner' being a feature article about the threat posed to the course, along with Grange and Edmondstown by the West Link motorway plans
1990, 1 item
 11. Copies of miscellaneous accounts for 1997.
1997, 3 sheets
[Closed until 2028]

12. Course plan and notes for competitors during the Invitation Mixed Foursomes sponsored by Cork Dry Gin.
2002, 6 items
13. Printed lists of sponsors and menu of the Butterfield Trophy Dinner for two years.
4 October 2002; 8 October 2004, 2 items
14. Correspondence of the RGC with Mr Clive T. Brown of Conway, Wales, relating to the RGC victory in the Barton Cup in 1962, on which winning team his father – John H. Brown - played, and making arrangements to donate the Barton Cup replica that he received for permanent display in the club.
10 August 2009 – 12 November 2009, 5 items
15. Spiral-bound notebook with handwritten golf tips and practice notes that belonged to O.E. Giddings
[c. 1960], 1 item
16. Receipts for payment of membership by various members of the Emerson family, including John Emerson, Life Member, and an active member of the Course Committee during the 1980s, which provides a representative idea of payments by a typical family in the 1980s.
Including, several carbon copies with accounts and bills (September 1984 – April 1997).
December 1981 – 1 February 2002, 36 items
17. Service sheet for ‘Memorial Service for Those Members Who Have Died 2009-2013’.
Includes the list of members who passed away during that period (celebrants at the service: Rt Revd Roy Warke, Revd Brendan Madden, Revd Anne Taylor, Revd Ted Woods), together with a copy of the address given by Bishop Warke.
10 November 2013, 2 items
18. Papers relating to memberships and events in the RGC
(Arranged in a chronological order).
15 April 1981 – 28 December 2006, 21 items
19. Small notebook containing the golf score register of Ina Gordon (Lady Captain in 1948) in which she recorded her scores, winnings, and prizes.
1937-1938, 25 pp.

DCSA/008/17 Centenary Year-related Materials (1999)

1. Centenary Year printed memorabilia.
Including the Centenary Calendar of Fixtures for the year (with hardback leather cover); the programme for the gala ball; the ecumenical service of thanksgiving involving local clergy and at which the address was given by the Rt Revd Roy Warke; a coloured printing of the RGC logo; minutes and reports of the Centenary Committee.
1997 – 1999, 13 items
2. Different material, collected from various club members to prepare the publication “The Rathfarnham Golf Club Centenary History”.
It includes mainly handwritten notes by Dick Shiel, author of the “Rathfarnham Golf Club Centenary History” (1999) but also original letters, containing memories of the old course at Butterfield (e.g. from Ena Brooks) and some of the characters of the Club. Furthermore, it includes a large collection of press cuttings from original sources such as the *Irish Golfer* magazine, a letter from Dublin Corporation Dublin and Irish Collections, Gilbert Library acknowledging receipt of donated copy of the history, 11 November 1999, a draft of the RGC logo and a draft of the Centenary report for the AGM.
C. 1995 – 1999, (material throughout the existence of the RGC), 52 items
3. Copy of the “RGC Centenary History” (available online: <http://www.rathfarnhamgolfclub.ie>), includes various proofs and drafts as compiled in the lead up to the printing – demonstrating the extensive attention and care taken by the author and members of the Editorial Committee for this publication. It contains also lists of the members and a draft of the “Centenary Calendar” (see 17.1).
C. 1997 – 1999, 24 items
4. Lists of presidents, captains, lady captains from 1899-1999 as reproduced in the *Rathfarnham Golf Club Centenary History* (1999) and as a point of for reference during the year.
1899-1999, 5 items
5. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): Minutes of the Main Committee 1997 – 2000, includes related minutes from 1990 - 1995.
12 June 1990 - 30 November 2000, 74 items

6. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): General Committee papers on as marked 'completed matters'.
1997 - 31 May 1999, 125 items
7. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): Centenary Committee File marked 'completed matters' including minutes, correspondence and a draft of the "Centenary Calendar" (see 17.1).
19 July 1994 – 31 May 1999, 100 items
8. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): General correspondence and related papers including final statement of account of the Centenary Year Fund
March 1999 - December 2000, 142 items
9. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): General correspondence and related papers marked 'completed matters', including financial reports of the centenary year.
January 1999 – December 2000, 69 items
10. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): Members' Centenary Week file, covering the organisation of the week's events in August 1999 including Captains Invitation Day and the full run down of events to mark the celebrations.
August – October 1999, 32 items
11. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): material relating to the triangular events involving Carlow and Donaghadee Golf Clubs (founded also in 1899), organisation of the Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving, and the new 18-hole scorecard produced for the centenary year.
1999, 108 items
12. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): material relating to the special Centenary Logo specifically designed for the year, the new traffic island in the car park; Sponsors' Day and the Golf Classic initiatives, all organised during the Centenary Year
1999, 50 items
13. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): material relating to the Annual Gilbey's Captains' Invitation Mixed Foursomes, being an organisational file including the Captain's speech at the event, letters of thanks from visiting captains and all related literature, accounts and routine correspondence.
 - a. 1999, 114 items

14. Papers compiled by Alex Burns, (RGC Captain during the Centenary Year, 1999-2000): materials including the dinner menus for the Centenary Dinner, the newsletters printed in the Club colours during the year, items from various outings and the Captains' Invitation Day, with other related printed memorabilia. 1999, 15 items
15. Papers including the gala ball menu signed by members, the captain's dinner and the Centenary Outing held at RGC on 22 August 1999 with Carlow and Donaghadee Golf Clubs (the three centenarians) to mark their joint centenaries in 1999, together with later triangular outings by the three clubs to continue the unique association, 2002-2005, collated by Ian Heather, Captain in 2002. 1999 – 2002, 26 items

DCSA/008/18 Photographs (c.1946-1999)

Note that a substantial collection of photographs from the archives is now available on the RGC website < <http://www.rathfarnhamgolfclub.ie/>>.

1. Photographs of course at Butterfield including the Clubhouse, and the first, fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth holes, one odd item labelled 'Masonic outing c. 1964' (only surviving ones that we know), including the RGC Members: Ivor Bailey, Bert Webster, Charles Conry, Peter Smith King.; also two large black and white images of Nancy Oxley [Lady Captain in 1946], dated 1946, and five black and white press images of various unidentified groups.
A set of 20 negatives showing the new course at Newtown, including some showing the heavy snow in winter; the new first fairway, with hardly any foliage. [This collection has been digitally re-mastered and is available on the website]. 1946, Undated [Early 1950s & 1960s], 1964, 27 items
- Note that there are more early photographs in DCSA/008/18/13
2. Ladies Album, featuring various groups and team photographs. [This collection has been digitally re-mastered and is available on the website]. 1954-1988, 8 items
 3. Photographs of the Newtown course in the snow, including groups of people tobogganing at the top of the hill at the current 12th hole. Undated [1960s], 22 items
 4. Photographs of the 25th anniversary celebrations marking the quarter century at Newtown, held in 1990. It includes the Pro-Am event, and prize-giving event; rooftop images of the first and third fairways and other views of the Course; the Captain's Mixed Foursomes held in that year; the unveiling of the foundation stone, and the anniversary dinner to celebrate 25 years, including some earlier photographs from the golf course. 1990, 279 items

- Note: the first 12 pictures showing the H. Dalton's Captain's Prize Day, 1993 (see also DCSA/008/18/7).
5. Photographs of the Captain's Drive-In held on 3 March 1991, with excellent shots of the Course.
1991, 11 items
 6. Photographs of Ivan Greene's Captain's Prize Day, including groups of three as they went off the first tee, the Course on the day, and the prize-giving following.
1991, 141 items
 7. Photographs of H. Dalton's Captain's Prize Day, including several showing his prizes.
1993, 61 items
 8. Photographs of Roger Ballagh's Captain's Prize Day, with a few of the Course.
1994, 45 items
 9. Photographs of the opening of the new Clubhouse (as it was refurbished in 1995), Stanley Rowe's Captains' Prize Day and the Course, includes negatives, related or non-related to the photographs.
1995, 82 items
 10. Photographs of the Centenary Year Gala Dinner.
1999, 44 items
 11. Photographs of the Loose Centenary Year, including the Clubhouse, the raising of the flag, the ecumenical service of thanksgiving; as well as items used in Dick Shiel's published Centenary History.
1999, 38 items
 12. Photographs of the show productions staged for each annual Lady Captain's Dinner, covering each show for the 18-year period from the captaincy of Mrs R.S. Browning in 1978 to Mrs Eithne McAree in 1996. Compiled by Grace Redmond (Honorary Secretary of the RGC in 2009-13) and behind the scenes supporters of the show.
1978-1996, 177 items
 13. RGC photo album from 1947 with photographs of the golf course in different seasons and members of the RGC from the 1940s. This includes photographs of the Ladies' team, the Junior Ladies' team and members at the Barton Cup. Most the photographs include a caption. 1947 – 1948, 35 items
Archivist's note: The photo album was received as a second accession in November 2014 and added to the collection list. It is therefore not in chronological order on the list.