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Irish Ramblers Club (1964 – 2015)

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Fonds Level Description

Identity Statement

Reference Code	IE DCSA/22
Title	Irish Ramblers Club
Creation dates	1964 - 2015
Level of Description	Fonds
Extent and Medium	12 archive boxes, 43.3 MB electronic files
Name of creators	Irish Ramblers Club

Administrative/Biographical History

The Irish Ramblers Club was founded in 1964 by a group of like-minded individuals who shared a passion and love for hiking and hillwalking. From the beginning their mission was “to enjoy, explore and protect our beautiful countryside”, and they have remained committed to this ever since. Throughout their history they have evolved and grown into a club through which as many as four thousand members have passed through and one that currently boasts more than 700 current members.

The sporting activities of the Ramblers include six different hikes undertaken each Sunday.

In addition to the sporting aspect of the club there is also a strong social element which is apparent through much of the collection. Incorporating the sporting with the social is commonplace

Archival History

Records held and maintained by the Irish Ramblers Club until transfer to Dublin City Council in January 2016.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer

Transfer facilitated by Jack Morrissey of the Irish Ramblers Club.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the records which relate to the establishment, administration, and sporting and social history of the Irish Ramblers Club since its foundation in 1964. The records provide a comprehensive insight into the mechanisms and activities which have helped the club operate successfully throughout its fifty-three year history. The ‘Executive Management’ series is a collection of records which best represent the administrative and operational aspect of the club. Within this series are the records which were vital to the establishment of the club such as Constitutions and Handbooks as well as the administrative records which ensured its maintenance and growth such as the AGM records, Executive Committee Minutes, and Membership Records. In addition to this, the records within the Hike Logs sub-series offer an insight into the sporting aspect of the Irish Ramblers Club and present a detailed depiction of the various areas through which the club has walked and

hiked. Also included within this series are the records which relate to three milestone anniversaries celebrated by the club and the planning and material produced as a result.. The final sub-series of this series relates to the club's relationship with Mountaineering Ireland, formerly Mountaineering Council of Ireland.

'The Rambler' Magazine and Bulletin', is the most complete series of the collection and provides a thorough account of the club at all levels, from the sporting to the social and the administrative to the professional. 'The Rambler' is the monthly magazine and bulletin of the Irish Ramblers Club which has been in existence almost as long as the club itself. It offers an in-depth glimpse of what it means to be a Rambler and the general activities undertaken by the club and its members. This series is significant to the overall collection as it provides the most comprehensive portrait of the club's social and sporting history.

The two remaining series, largely relate to the mundane activities which have helped the club operate throughout its history. The 'Accounts and Finances' series provide an insight into the financial activities of the club while the 'General Correspondence' series shows a record of the various interactions the club has had with a number of different institutions, including government bodies, non-government organisations, and other sporting associations.

Appraisal and destruction

Duplicates within the collection have been removed.

Accruals

Records will be transferred every three years by the Club Secretary.

System of arrangement

This collection has been divided into four series which have been arranged in such a manner to describe the four main aspects of the club: Executive Management, 'The Rambler' Magazine and Bulletin, Accounts and Finances, and General Correspondence.

1. Executive Management
 - 1.1 Constitutions
 - 1.2 Handbooks
 - 1.3 AGM
 - 1.4 Executive Committee
 - 1.5 Membership Records
 - 1.6 Hike Logs
 - 1.7 Vice President Files
 - 1.8 25th Anniversary Material
 - 1.9 40th Anniversary Material
 - 1.10 50th Anniversary Material
 - 1.11 MCI Relations

2. 'The Rambler' Magazine and Bulletin

- 3. Accounts and Finances
 - 3.1 Account Books
 - 3.2 Balance Sheets
 - 3.3 Financial Documents
 - 3.4 Financial Correspondence
- 4. General Correspondence
 - 4.1 Club Correspondence
 - 4.2 Government Correspondence
 - 4.3 Non-Government Correspondence
 - 4.4 Other Association Correspondence
 - 4.5 Commercial Correspondence

Original order has been kept where possible; however slight adjustments have been made in places in an attempt to make the material more accessible and user-friendly.

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