



## McVeigh and the Maguire Twins Named in GB&I Team for 36th Curtis Cup



On Monday 26th April the LGU announced the Great Britain and Ireland team to take on the United States in the 36th Curtis Cup match to be played at Essex County Club, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts from June 11 to 13, 2010. Included in the team were Ireland's Danielle McVeigh (Royal Co. Down Ladies) and the Maguire twins Leona & Lisa from Slieve Russell, with Donabate's Mary McKenna captaining the side.

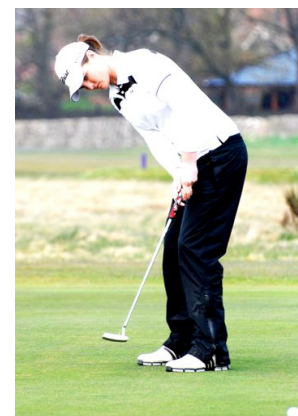
Danielle McVeigh, *pictured right*, a second year student at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth where she is studying Business and Management and a member of the Paddy Harrington



Golf Scholarship programme, is the current Scottish Open Stroke Play and British Open Stroke Play champion. The tall northerner won the Welsh Open Stroke Play in 2009 as well as the Gold Medal at the World Student Games in Thailand in 2007. At 22 McVeigh is the oldest member of the team and has been tipped by skipper McKenna to be an inspirational leader in the GB&I side.

The Maguire twins, Leona and Lisa who are third year students at Loreto College Cavan, also make their Curtis Cup debuts and at the age of 15 will become the youngest GB&I representatives to play in a Curtis Cup. The youngest ever player to compete in the Curtis Cup was Michelle Wie who was 14 when she was a member of the United States team at Formby in 2004.

Leona, *pictured bottom right*, retained the French Under-21 Girls' Open title in April and was the 2009 Scottish Open Stroke Play champion, while Lisa, *pictured bottom left*, is the current Irish Open Stroke Play and the Irish Ladies' (Close) champion. The twins helped Ireland win the European Girls' team title last year and both played for Europe in the 2009 Junior Solheim Cup match in America, as well as the 2008 Junior Ryder Cup also played on American soil.



GB&I team captain Mary McKenna played in 9 Curtis Cup matches between 1970 and 1986 and, in terms of winning individual and foursomes ties, is the most successful GB&I player in Curtis Cup history.

United States have won 25, Great Britain & Ireland seven, and there have been three drawn matches. GB&I's last Curtis Cup victory was at Killarney in 1996 when they won 11½-6½. They retained the trophy with a drawn match (9-9) at Chattanooga in 1994, having been the winners at Royal Liverpool in 1992.

United States have won the last six – Minikahda (1998), Ganton (2000), Fox Chapel (2002), Formby (2004), Bandon Dunes (2006) and St Andrews (2008). This will be the first Curtis Cup match in the United States under the three-day format which was introduced at St Andrews in 2008.

Essex County Club was the home club of the Curtis sisters, Harriot and Margaret, and previously hosted the Curtis Cup match in 1938 and a large number of supporters will be making their way across the Atlantic to support the team.

### 2010 GB&I Curtis Cup Team



- HANNAH BARWOOD (Knowle, ENG) Age 19
- HOLLY CLYBURN (Woodhall Spa, ENG) Age 19
- RACHEL JENNINGS (Izaak Walton, ENG) Age 21
- LEONA MAGUIRE** (Slieve Russell, IRE) Age 15
- LISA MAGUIRE** (Slieve Russell, IRE) Age 15
- DANIELLE McVEIGH** (Royal Co. Down Ladies', IRE) Age 22
- PAMELA PRETSWELL (Bothwell Castle, SCO) Age 21
- SALLY WATSON (Elie & Earlsferry Ladies', SCO) Age 18
- Team Captain: MARY McKENNA (Donabate, IRE)*
- Team Manager: TEGWEN MATTHEWS (WAL)*
- Reserves: 1. KELSEY MACDONALD (Nairn Dunbar, SCO) 2. STEPHANIE MEADOW (Royal Portrush, IRE) 3. CHARLIE DOUGLASS (Brocket Hall, ENG) 4. AMY BOULDEN (Maesdu, WAL)*



## Ulster Win Women's Interprovincials

Ulster claimed victory by the tightest of margins at the Women's Interprovincial matches played at the Island Golf Club, 7-9 April 2010. The win is the provinces' first at this level since 1989 and came thanks to a 1 match winning margin after Ulster, Munster and Leinster, who had won the previous six titles in a row, all tied on two points each.

The final day of play saw the Ulster side rally after losing 2-1 in the morning foursomes versus Connacht, to win five and a half points from the six on offer in the afternoon singles matches. Meanwhile, Munster who looked to be in control of the destination of the trophy after taking a 2-1 lead over Leinster in the morning session, had to settle for one and a half points from the afternoon matches following a gutsy display of golf from the eastern side.

### **Final Results**

- 1st: Ulster - 2 pts (15 matches won)
- 2nd: Leinster - 2 pts (14 matches won - 47 holes up)
- 3rd: Munster - 2 pts (14 matches won - 44 holes up)
- 4th: Connacht - 0 pts (6 matches won)



## Leona Maguire Retains French U21 Championship

Leona Maguire won a second consecutive title at the French Under 21 Open at the St. Cloud Golf Club, Paris, 4-6 April 2010. In addition to this she also retained the Esmond Trophy as leading qualifier in the event. 15 year old Leona had to fight until the end for victory in the 36 hole final against Norwegian Tonje Daffinrud.

Lisa Maguire also competed in the event but lost out in her quarter final tie against last year's runner-up Klara Spilkova by a margin of 3/2. Ennis' Sarah Cunningham carded rounds of 74 and 78 in the stroke play qualifying stages but was unlucky to miss out after failing to survive a playoff for a place in the matchplay stages, while Aedin Murphy of Carlow also failed to qualify with 36 hole total of 161.

## Scratch Cup Review

Spring has been a busy time on the Irish circuit with no fewer than five Ladies Scratch Cups being contested around the country.

The **Royal Co. Down Ladies Scratch Salver** kicked off the start of the domestic season and resulted in **Maria Dunne** of Skerries claiming the first title of 2010 on Sunday March 28th. Maria Dunne (Skerries) claimed the first scratch cup of the 2010 season with a win at the Royal Co. Down Ladies Scratch Salver on Sunday 28 March. In challenging conditions over the championship links course, Dunne tied with Louise Coffey (Malone) on a 36 hole total of 161 but secured victory thanks to a better second round score, while Bangor's Victoria Bradshaw (Bangor) was a shot further back in third place.

There was host club joy as Woodbrook's **Sue Philips** used her local knowledge to the best of her advantage and won on her home course at the reinstated **Woodbrook Scratch Cup** in mid April. Phillips came from one stroke behind over lunchtime to secure the title by 4 strokes from St. Anne's Anna Courtney with rounds 77 & 74.

**Mary Dowling** (New Ross) won the first scratch cup title of her career at the **FORD Cork Scratch Cup** on Saturday 17 April. Her well deserved win came thanks to excellent rounds of 71 & 73, to finish on a total of 4 under par, just one shot ahead of Karen O'Neill from Douglas.

Malone's **Louise Coffey** stormed to an impressive victory in the **Zara Bolton Scratch Salver** played over the Royal Portrush links on Sunday 18 April. The win included a new ladies course record of a 2 under par 73 in the afternoon to follow her morning round of 77 and leave Victoria Bradshaw of Bangor 3 shots adrift in second place.

The **Hermitage Scratch Cup**, sponsored by Heatons Sportsworld, played on Sunday 2nd May saw Co. Louth's **Deirdre Smith** make a made a return to winning ways. The former Irish Close Champion signed for rounds of 76 & 76 for a 36 hole total of 152 which was good enough to tie with Ciara Butler (Newlands), Sue Phillips (Woodbrook), Sinead Bennedetti (Roscommon) and secure the win by virtue of a count-back.

*Pictured below: Deirdre Smith (Co. Louth) with Joyce O'Sullivan (Lady Captain, Hermitage G.C.), Paddy McDermot (Captain, Hermitage G.C.) and John O'Neill, (Managing Director, Heatons Sportsworld - Sponsors).*



## Lancôme Irish Women's Close Championship Preview



The Irish Ladies' Close was first played in 1894, just one year after the foundation of the Irish Ladies' Golf Union, the oldest national union or association in ladies' golf and 2010 sees another consecutive year's hosting of the event, excluding the war years. At this year's championship, Lisa Maguire (Slieve Russell) will defend her Lancôme Irish Women's Close Championship title when competitors tee off at Portstewart Golf Club, Saturday 22 to Wednesday 26 May 2010.

While Lisa starts as tournament favourite, twin sister Leona, the 2008 Champion, looks likely to be her strongest challenger for the trophy. Both the Maguire twins, in addition to Royal Co. Down's Danielle McVeigh, have been named on the GB&I team for the upcoming Curtis Cup match versus the USA in mid June.

Lisa is the current Irish Women's Stroke Play Champion, while Leona has showed early season form in successfully defending the French Under 21 Championship at the start of April. Various players, including Danielle McVeigh the current British and Scottish Stroke Play Champion are unavailable for this year's event due to university examinations.

Previous champions Deirdre Smith (Co. Louth) and Karen Delaney (Carlow) will be keen to recapture the coveted crown while current internationals bidding for glory will include last year's beaten finalist Mary Dowling (New Ross) and the current Munster Women's champion Gillian O'Leary (Cork), as well as Niamh Kitching (Limerick) and Victoria Bradshaw (Bangor). The field also boasts a number of up and coming stars such as junior internationals Sarah Helly (Enniscrone) and the talented Laura McCarthy (Muskerry).

With valuable Order of Merit points on offer, all competitors will be looking to impress the Irish selectors ahead of next month's announcement of the team of four to play in the Under-18 European Team Championships in Denmark and the team of six to play in the Ladies European Team Championships in Spain, both 6-10 July.

The Championship begins Saturday May 22 with the first round of the Leitrim Cup, a 36-hole qualifying stroke play event. Sunday sees the completion of round two after which the leading 32 players will go into the match play stages of the championship which commence on Monday and conclude with the 18 hole final on Wednesday morning. Those in position 33 thru 48 qualify for the Ita Wallace Trophy.

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## IRISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Loreto College Cavan's teenage stars Leona and Lisa Maguire and Co. Cavan's Rebecca Brady secured their third consecutive Irish Schools Senior Cup title, just moments after the twins were selected on the GB&I Curtis Cup Team, at Milltown Golf Club on Monday, 26 April 2010.

With two scores to count from three, Loreto Cavan won the event by a margin of 27 stableford points from Dublin's The Teresian School. "We're delighted to have captured a third title and we love playing in the Schools Championships" said Lisa afterwards. Speaking at the Presentation of Prizes, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport Mary Hanafin TD commended the twins on their Curtis Cup selection and encouraged all schoolgirls to take up the game as it was a sport to be enjoyed for the rest of their lives.

Leona fired a best-of-the-day one under par 37 points to win the Mary Nolan Cup, meanwhile sister Lisa signed for a level par 36 points.

Laurel Hill Coláiste, Limerick, emerged victorious in the Junior Cup with Chloe Ryan (Castletroy) returning a fine 2 over par 34 points off 7 handicap while Scoil Christ Rí finished second, 7 points behind.



Other players returning impressive nett scores were Shanen Brown and Mary Doyle (Scoil Christ Rí) with 42 points, while Amber Gleeson (Alexandra College) signed for 41 pts and Eimear Ryan (Laurel Hill Coláiste) returned 40 pts.

## SUZUKI BRONZE AND SILVER MEDALS

The SUZUKI ILGU Silver and Bronze Medals are presented annually in each Club affiliated to the ILGU.



The winner is the player who returns the lowest aggregate of 4 nett scores in her club in Medal competitions run

from 1st January through 30th September.

On 10th May 2010, the 2009 winners of the Silver Medal played for the Gold Pin (at Portarlington) while the winner of the Bronze Medal played for the Silver Pin (at Portlaoise). Penny Walker (Rathfarnham), *pictured top left*, fired a 70 nett to win the Gold Pin,

while Triona Clinton (Mount Temple), *pictured below right*, won the Silver pin.



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**Danielle McVeigh Wins ‘Helen Holm’ Scottish Open Stroke Play Championship**

Ireland’s Danielle McVeigh (RCDL) added the Scottish Open Strokeplay (Helen Holm Trophy) to her Welsh Open and British Open Stroke Play titles when she came from three shots behind with just five holes remaining to claim victory at Troon, 23-25 April 2010.

The tall 22-year-old left it late to make a charge up the leaderboard which started when she holed out for a birdie 2 at the par 3 14th and followed it with an eagle 3 at 425yd 15th while leaders Louise Kenney (Scotland) and Nikki Foster (England) dropped shots allowing McVeigh take the lead for the first time in the tournament. Danielle posted rounds of 70, 71 and 74 for a ten under par 54 hole total of 215.

Next best of the 15 strong Irish contingent in the high quality field was defending champion Leona Maguire (Slieve Russell) and her 15-year-old twin sister Lisa who finished joint sixth on 219, while Cork’s Gillian O’Leary was a further three shots behind in twelfth place on three under par.



**KITTY MacCANN 1922-2010**

Kitty MacCann (nee Smye) aged 88 years, a past Irish Champion, British Champion and Irish International passed away on April 30th 2010. Kitty was born in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary in 1922 and became the first Irish winner since May Hezlet in 1907, of the British Ladies' Amateur Championship, at Broadstone in 1951 bridging a gap of forty-four years.



She secured two national titles in 1949 and 1961 and was selected for the 1952 Curtis Cup team but didn't play by reason of illness. Kitty played for her country in the Home International matches sixteen times between 1947 and 1965 and won the Midland Senior Championship on four occasions and the Leinster Championship in 1948 and 1958 and the Munster Championship in 1958.

A splendid ambassador for the game, she also served on the ILGU Midland Executive in the '60s and later as an Irish selector in the '70s. She will be fondly remembered by the golfing public as one of the numbered post-war players of distinction who have rightfully carved a niche in the history of the game. She will be missed by her many golfing companions.

**Irish Senior Cup Finalists Confirmed**

The district qualifiers of the Irish Senior Cup were held across the country in mid May. Royal Portrush, Carlow, Laytown & Bettystown, Lahinch and Claremorris emerged as the five district winners and will be joined by the 3 lowest aggregate handicap runners-up, Slieve Russell, Douglas and Wexford, in the National finals to be played in Cork Golf Club, 13-14 August 2010.

**Quarter Final Draw (Saturday 13th August)**

- 11:30-12:10 (Q1) Carlow -v- Douglas
- 12:20-13:00 (Q2) Laytown & Bettystown -v- Slieve Russell
- 13:10-13:50 (Q3) Lahinch -v- Claremorris
- 14:00-14:50 (Q4) Royal Portrush -v- Wexford

**Scottish U16 Open Stroke Play Championship**

The ILGU selected Jessica Carty (Hollywood), Ariana Coyle-Diaz (Elm Park), Laura Fekkes (Larne), Collette McNicholl (Royal Portrush), Emma Murphy (Wexford) and Jean O'Driscoll (Muskerry) to represent Ireland at the Scottish U16 Open Stroke Play Championship played at Strathmore Golf Centre, 8-9 April 2010. The squad was accompanied by Ber Murphy (Castletroy) & Marie Collins (Headfort). Jessica Carty (Hollywood) was best of the Irish finishers at Strathmore with two excellent scores of 72 and 73 for a one over par total of 155 to give her a top 10 finish. Shannon's Lisa O'Shea also had a notable performance, finishing third in the nett section of the Championship.