



SKÅL INTERNATIONAL GALWAY

March 2010 Issue

Dates for your Diary:

- Monday, 19th April, Dinner at the G Hotel
- Sunday, 25th April, Pro-mathon, Registration 12noon in Galway Bay Hotel
- Monday, 17th May, Annual Golf Outing & Dinner, Ballyconneely Golf Club & Renvyle House Hotel
- Monday, 21st June, Corrib Princess

Please attend our events to
RELAX
UNWIND
NETWORK



New Committee 2010

At the AGM the following members were elected to run your Skål Club up to February 2011.

PRESIDENT: Dan Murphy.

VICE-PRESIDENT: David Kelly.

TREASURER: Susan Clancy.

HONORARY SECRETARY: Tom O'Dwyer.

PRO: Mary Conroy.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: John Ryan.

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL: Emmett Cotter.

COMMITTEE: Jimmy Woolley, Mary Bennett, Cait Noone and Fergal Colleran.

Let's RUN with Skål in Galway

I am very proud to have the honor of wearing the Galway Branch of Skål International's Presidential Chain of Office. The Galway Club is in existence for 40 years and a lot of good work has been carried out by past presidents and committees, I hope I can add to their successes. I am very excited with the year ahead as we have a lot of very interesting and fun events coming up. My ambition is that all members enjoy the activities that are planned and that everyone can Relax, Unwind and Network at them. This

theme has become fondly referred to by my committee as my "RUN" objective. During what have been turbulent and difficult economic times for everyone I would like to think that attending Skal events can bring us, in the travel & tourism sector together to help promote positivity, motivate each other and give us all an opportunity to simply Relax, Unwind and Network. I look forward to "RUN"ning with you all over the coming months.

Dan Murphy, President



New President of Skål International Galway, Dan Murphy

Acknowledgement

We would like to thank the Management and staff at the Galway Bay Hotel for a wonderful evening on Wednesday 24th of February last on the occasion of our AGM and Presidents handover.

Galway get Hat trick at National Convention

The 49th National Convention of the Skål Clubs of the Republic of Ireland was held over the weekend of 26th March in Cork. The Skål Club of Cork chose the Rochestown Park Hotel to host the Convention. The weekend went very well and had in attendance the World President Nik Racic and secretary general Jim Power. A Galway Skål member took home the Skål Annual Golf Trophy making it 3 in a row for Galway members –

Brian Flynn in 2008, John Ryan in 2009 and Tom O'Dwyer in 2010 – The newly elected National President Nora Cronin thanked all those who attended and promises to visit all clubs during the year. The Vice President is Nora's sister Margaret, a member of the Dublin Skål Club. The MAYO Club will host the 2011 National Convention, already we have been asked for a good attendance.

At the National AGM a motion was passed for all Skål Clubs in the Republic of Ireland to assist in raising funds for the Skål Club of Kerry with their effort in trying to secure the Skål International World Congress in 2012. The National Committee at their May meeting will discuss the details of this fund raising effort and details will then be passed to the Clubs and Skål members.



John Ryan, Past President passing over the Chain of Office to Dan Murphy, Current President.

Promathon

This year’s Promathon will take place on Sunday 25th of April. Sponsorship cards will be posted out to all members shortly (with strict instructions) and remember this is a family day, all are welcome. The start time is 12noon so please arrive beforehand to register and hand over the monies collected. There will be some very attractive spot prizes to be won afterwards. Club President Dan has chosen the charity ‘COPE Galway’ to be the recipient of the proceeds. Again this is another great opportunity to “RUN”.

Club Membership

The clubs annual membership fee is now overdue (€90). Please send your 2010 membership fee to club secretary as soon as possible. For those who require an invoice please send an email to galway-skal@eircom.net.

Florimond Volckert Benevolent Fund

This fund is for the sole use of Skål International members worldwide. Please make a contribution when paying your membership fee or when attending a Skål function.

May & June Functions

On Monday 17th of May we will hold the Clubs annual Golf Outing and Dinner. The golf Club will be Ballyconneely and dinner afterwards in the Renvyle House Hotel. General Manager Ronnie Counihan will have 1 and 2 night rates available for Skål members. Book now to avoid disappointment.

On Monday 21st of June we will return to the Corrib Lake on board the ‘Corrib Princess’. More details of both these functions will follow.

Next Function

The clubs next function will take place on Monday 19th of April in the G Hotel. We will have in attendance Past World President Phil Simms who will address the group. Also in attendance will be Mary Walsh of the Irish Hospital Pilgrimage Trust where we will present the proceeds of the Christmas Function Raffle.

The number of places available for this function will be limited so I ask that you book ONLY if you are definitely attending.



Mary Conroy, Trisha Murphy & Denise Bolger, relaxing, unwinding and networking at a recent Skål event

NEW CLUB TIE

A new designed Club Tie is now available and can be purchased for €10.

Ladies please be reminded that a beautiful cream coloured Silk Scarf with Skål International embroidery is available for sale at only €25.

SKÅL Toast

To Fellow Skalleagues Everywhere!



**Happiness!
Good Health!
Friendship!
Long Life!
SKÅL!**

TOM O DWYER

HONORARY SECRETARY

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