

# **IRISH BRIDGE UNION**



**GOLDEN JUBILEE  
1955 – 2005**

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# A short history of the Irish Bridge Union

**T**he first meeting of the Irish Bridge Union took place at the Midland Hotel, Belfast, on the evening of Good Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1955. The Rt. Hon. George B. Hanna, chaired the opening proceedings and referred euphemistically to *“difference of opinion existing for some time now”* between the NIBU and the CBAI. He set the tone for the new body when he added, *“we must remember that this Union was designed for the advancement of the game of bridge, and bridge alone”*.

The differences arose from the fact that the CBAI had become affiliated to the European Bridge League, the NIBU had not. Since 1948 the CBAI had participated in the European championships. The NIBU questioned the right of the governing body for the Republic to use the name Ireland and tried to raise the matter in the European Bridge League through Sir Noel Mobbs who was not only Chairman of the EBL but also of the British Bridge League. David Pigot, a Dublin solicitor, prevented Mobbs from raising the matter because the NIBU was not a member of the EBL. When Pigot reported back to the CBAI AGM in May 1950 strong feelings surfaced. A proposal was put forward and carried, that the CBAI *“should*



*withdraw from any competition in which the NIBU are allowed to compete.” Pigot rescued a delicate situation by pointing out that this could only be “an expression of opinion”. There had been no notice of motion. Dr Paddy Paul Donovan, the honorary secretary of the CBAI, proposed that efforts should be made to secure unity in Ireland with regards to the European Championships by means of an approach to the NIBU. Thus the genesis of the idea of a union between north and south first appears in an official record.*

Relations between North and South deteriorated. The CBAI, at a special general meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1950, took a decision that was to keep its players out of Camrose and Lady Milne competition for the next 47 years. The resolution, *“that the CBAI take no further part in any competition in which the NIBU take part as a unit”*, was carried by a large majority. Although on the surface relations were bad, there was communication. At the CBAI AGM in Limerick in May 1952, incoming President, Dr. Frank McMenamin, referred to *“correspondence with the NIBU,”* but no details are recorded. When Dr. Joseph P. Brennan became President of the CBAI in 1954 he declared his aim, *“the unification of bridge control in Ireland”*. In July of that year there is reference in an NIBU record of *“informal discussion...regarding the desirability of renewing former relations with the CBAI.”* Certain it is that off-the-record talks went on for some time. The process culminated in a meeting between representatives of both CBAI and NIBU at Ballymascanlon on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 1955 when agreement was reached on a union between North and South and almost five years of division came to an end. The negotiators of the agreement on that winter evening were Dr. Joseph P. Brennan, Dr. Paddy Paul Donovan and Paddy Fitzgerald for the CBAI, Norman H. Douglas, Larry Bradley and George Sloane for the NIBU. Progress was fast. Following some modification to the original proposals, special meetings of both CBAI and NIBU were held simultaneously on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March with a single item on their respective agendas, *“the proposed agreement negotiated between the CBAI and the NIBU”*. The agreement was ratified at both meetings. The Irish Bridge Union was established, in fact, on that day.

There was opposition to the Union on both sides of the border. Attitudes of leading players of the day is interesting. In the south, international players, Desmond A. Houlihan (Birr), Joe MacHale, David Pigot and Jack O’Sullivan opposed the formation of the Union. In the north, Tom McAfee, Larry Bradley, George Hanna and Col. Walshe were in favour. From the



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southern players' point of view, the eligibility of northern players to compete for places on an All-Ireland team lessened their own chances of winning places on the team. Northern players, excluded from the European Bridge League, saw in the Union a hope of playing in European championships.

The Right Honorable George Boyle Hanna, Minister for Home Affairs in Northern Ireland at the time, seems an unlikely person to preside over the formation of an all-Ireland organisation. Dr. Joseph P. Brennan was an unlikely ally of Hanna. He had been elected to the Dáil in the 1948 General Election, as a member of the new Clann na Poblachta party. Many in his party including its leader, Sean McBride, were identified with extreme republicanism. Indeed Brennan was thought to be close to the leadership having been McBride's proposer for the 1948 election. Hanna was against much of what Brennan overtly stood for. But they had a common passion, Bridge, and they used their influence to bring about the Union. The honorary secretary of the CBAI, Dr. Paddy Paul Donovan, was another unlikely corroborator of Hanna. He openly displayed his nationalism and once submitted entries for the European championships in the Irish language. Hanna abhorred the waste of resources that the Dublin Government poured into that language. That these men could work together in the formation of the new body says much for their commitment to the game of bridge and for their desire to establish bonds between those who played it.

Hanna's stature in the NIBU was such that had he not been wholeheartedly committed there would have been no Union. Brennan acknowledged that at the inaugural meeting. His words are recorded in the minutes, *"had it not been for Mr. Hanna it is quite probable that this meeting would never have come about."* Brennan also referred to *"the great pleasure which Col. Walshe, President of the NIBU, has expressed at the formation of the Union."* Colonel G.G.J.Walshe, too, was an important figure. His Cup, donated in 1945 for a contest between the team champions of the NIBU and CBAI, is now awarded annually to the winners of the Camrose match between North and South. Walshe's support for the Union was as crucial as Hanna's. Hanna came south to the second meeting of the IBU in Dublin on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July but in a non-delegate capacity. Thereafter he disappears from the records. Brennan's name disappears shortly after that too, but the two men were to make one further and lasting





gesture.

At an IBU Council meeting Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1958 it was announced that *“a new trophy, The Friendship Trophy, had been presented to the Union by Judge George B. Hanna and Dr. Brennan for competition amongst Irish Universities.”* It was first contested in February 1960 at Queens University, with Prof. Alan McKinnon as tournament director. Queens, UCD and Trinity each had two teams and it resulted in a win for UCD. The President of Queen’s, F.H.Newark, C.B.E., presided at a dinner in the great hall. Among the guests were Dr.Brennan and Judge Hanna.

The complete minutes of the inaugural meeting of fifty years ago have survived. Six delegates from each side attended: CBAI: Dr. Joseph Brennan, Dun Laoghaire; Mr.P.Fitzgerald, Cork; Dr. P.Donovan, Dublin; Alderman Stephen Bergin, Sligo; Noel Byrne, Carlow; Brian D. O’Kennedy, Dun Laoghaire. NIBU: T.J.McAfee; George Sloane, Portadown; Norman.H.Douglas, L.Bradley, Belfast; W.Robb, Portadown; J.E.Arnott, Belfast. Also in attendance were Major George Jackson and Michael Dorgan from the South as well as the Rt. Hon. George B. Hanna.

Amongst the items of business on the first agenda was an invitation from the Italian Bridge Federation to take part in an international event at Lake Como from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. The invitation was accepted and a team of six travelled, three players each from the CBAI and NIBU, G.B.Hanna, Mrs. Linehan, A.McKinnon, R.McLennan, J.O’Gorman, W.H.Smyth.

The CBAI would continue to officially select teams for European championships until such time as it’s affiliation was superseded by that of the IBU. However it was agreed that the CBAI should nominate two pairs and the NIBU one, for each team with each association providing a non-playing captain for the championships in Amsterdam. So, the first All-Ireland teams in major events in 1955 were, Open: G.F. Read, Dr. M. Shrage; F.W. and M.F. O’Connell; L. Bradley and M.Gabbey with P.Fitzgerald NPC. Women: R. Giddings, M. McNulty, M. McCarthy, E. Spiro, N. Bradley, B. Hooper. NPC Prof. A. McKinnon. It is interesting to note that whilst it had been agreed that the NIBU would have a pair on each team, the women’s team had only one Northern player, Norah Bradley.

The following year, 1956, when the Moylan Cup was used for the first and only time as the trials for selecting the teams, Norah and Larry Bradley won but did not take their place on the Irish team. Twenty five years later, Norah’s daughter, Moyna, became the only woman in the history of the Irish Bridge Union to win a place on an Irish open team. (Geraldine McConkey, Flora McLoone, 1949 and Elvina Spiro, 1954, played on open teams but before the formation of the IBU).

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It was at that inaugural meeting of the IBU that Master Points are first mentioned. They arose in the context of a discussion on raising funds for the new Union. After the idea of a capitation levy on clubs was dismissed, Larry Bradley suggested a Master Points system similar to that obtaining in America. Indeed Bradley, Sloane and Robb, were appointed to the first sub-committee of the IBU and asked to submit a suitable scheme. However it was not until 1958 that master points were introduced in this country.

Officialdom North and South was keen to show good will towards the new Union. Led by T.J.(Tom) McAfee and supported by the other delegates to the IBU, the NIBU on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, felt it was *"only fitting that at that first meeting the CBAI representatives should be our guests"*. So, the expenses of the Southern delegates to the inaugural meeting, were met from NIBU funds. The CBAI Executive could hardly do less when the second meeting was held in Dublin in July, so it authorised the President to entertain the Council of the IBU to lunch, but *"not to exceed £30."* Incoming President, George Sloane, at the first annual meeting, offered to stand aside to allow Dr. Brennan continue as President. However Brennan was no longer a delegate from the CBAI. Sloane's gesture, of course, was an expression of his and the NIBU's regard for Brennan. Douglas and Denis Jackson, the new joint honorary secretary from the south, were elected joint honorary secretaries and also elected joint honorary treasurers. Those early pioneers of the IBU took no chances with their limited financial resources. For auditors, they chose Charlie O'Neill and Jack Kelly, both senior men in the office of the Auditor and Comptroller General in Dublin.

### **Disagreements and Solidarity**

The first disagreement between northern and southern delegates concerned mixed partnerships. The CBAI discouraged mixed pairs in trials, the NIBU encouraged. Northern common sense prevailed as evidenced by Larry and Norah Bradley winning the trials in 1956. A more serious disagreement arose over the venue for the second European Junior teams Championship in 1970. When a vote was taken at Ballymascanlon on 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1969 there was a tie. Desmond Deery, who had proposed





Belfast, withdrew his motion in order to spare the President, Moreen McCarthy from Wexford, *"the invidious duty of using her casting vote."* The Belfast Telegraph carried a story that the two constituent bodies were in conflict on a political issue. The CBAI Executive made provisional plans for the Moylan in the event of the NIBU seceding from the IBU. However once the venue, the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, was fixed, there was an air of appeasement. NIBU delegates proposed that the President's term of office be extended to include the period of the championship, so the annual meeting was put back until after the event. Ten countries participated.

Mrs. McCarthy in her inaugural address as President in August 1969 expressed the sadness felt by all members at the recent outbreak of violence in Northern Ireland. Indeed events in the North over the next few years cast occasional shadows over bridge affairs. There were times when southern players were reluctant to cross the border, to play in the Egan, for example. John Grummit in April 1974 appealed that *"in the present circumstances the NIBU needed all the support it could get from its partner."* In March 1976 Monty Rosenberg expressed appreciation of southern support. In a difficult time, there was solidarity.

### **The Press**

There was frequent unease at IBU Council meeting about the presence of press representatives. George Ryan of The Irish Times, and Mairéad O'Neill of the Irish Independent, often turned up at meetings and they would be asked to wait outside while a debate ensued as to whether they should be admitted or not. For example, at the annual meeting in July 1971 at Ballymascanlon, following the usual drill, they were admitted but asked *"not to publish inadvertently disputatious remarks that might do harm to bridge."* The irony of the request seems to have escaped the Council members and as to how the journalists might publish such remarks inadvertently it is difficult to imagine.

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## Milestones and Achievements

- 1955** April 8th. First meeting of the first IBU Council.
- 1955** July 23rd, Mrs. Nellie Faul (Dundalk) is the first woman delegate to an IBU Council meeting
- 1956** Mrs. Rene McFarlane became NIBU's first woman delegate.
- 1956** Ina McMenamin donates a Cup for the All-Ireland teams championship in memory of her brother, Dermot Egan, who had died the previous year.
- 1956** IBU Council grants £10 per person to members of the teams competing in the European championships in Stockholm.
- 1956** Council decides that men only will be eligible for the Irish open team
- 1958** Master Points introduced to Ireland.
- 1960** Friendship Trophy, donated jointly by The Rt. Hon. George B.Hanna and Dr. Joseph PBrennan, is contested at Queen's University.
- 1960** The decision to take part in the first World Bridge Olympiad in Turin is taken on the casting vote of the Chairman, Joe Honan.
- 1961** Irish women's team wins bronze medals at European championships in Torquay
- 1961** Geraldine McConkey becomes the first woman to be elected President of the IBU.
- 1961** When Scotland applied for separate membership of the EBL, Council members sat on the fence and left it to their delegate, David Pigot, to support whatever view he thought advisable. At a later meeting Pigot reported great opposition to Scotland's application which was rejected.
- 1962** Women's team wins bronze medals at European championships in Beirut
- 1963** The IBU supports Israel's application to join the EBL.



- 1966** The IBU refuses to conform to the Polish bridge authorities' demand to make all bookings through a Polish state agency for the European championships in Warsaw.
- 1966/67** Eddie Burke from Nenagh donates a Cup for the Inter-County championship
- 1967** European teams championships are held in Dublin. Denis Jackson is head of organising committee
- 1967/68** There are two Presidents of the IBU. Dr. R. Belton was elected at the annual meeting in July but resigned in October in accordance with a previous agreement. Dr. John F. O'Sullivan then assumed the Presidency.
- 1968** A Cup to commemorate the late David Pigot is presented by the IBU to the European Bridge League for the European Junior teams championship, first contested in Prague that year.
- 1968** IBU supports the view taken by the EBL on the Reese-Shapiro alleged cheating scandal in Buenos Aires which had occurred in 1965. The EBL backed the stand taken by the British Bridge League in support of the two British players.
- 1968** Intermediate and Junior grades introduced.
- 1969/70** Disagreement between NIBU and CBAI delegates over the venue for the second European Junior teams championship is resolved in favour of Dun Laoghaire.
- 1969/70** In March of both years the IBU organised week-long Congress in Newcastle.
- 1973** Women's team win silver medals at European championships in Ostend.
- 1973** John Grummit, joint honorary secretary, organises the first Simultaneous Pairs on Dec. 9th-10th, entry fee 40p per player. The winners were Mrs.S.Barrett and Mrs.M.McNamara, Newcastlewest.
- 1974** Junior team finishes 2nd at Junior European Championships in Copenhagen
- 1974** Jim Clark provided computer service for Simultaneous Pairs.

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- 1974/75** A new event appears on the calendar, the All Ireland club pairs championship, sponsored by Edward Dillon & Co., distributors of Dewars whiskey
- 1975** Women's team finishes 4th at European championships in Brighton
- 1978** Eileen O'Doherty and Anne Quinn finish 5th in the Women's World Pairs championship in New Orleans.
- 1979** Irish open team wins bronze medals at European championships in Lausanne. Women's team is 4th.
- 1981** Ruth Giddings plays in her 19th European teams championship, (a European record) and retires from international competition.
- 1981** Ireland wins gold medals in three events at the EEC championships in Birmingham
- 1983** The IBU is in favour of South Africa participating in World Bridge Federation events
- 1991** The European teams and women's pairs championships are held in Killarney. The organising committee is headed by Joe Moran who is appointed Chairman of the IBU for that year.
- 1995** Joe MacHale plays in his 15th European teams championship, in Villamoura, at the age of 73.
- 1999** For the first time since its formation the IBU Council decides not to send a women's team to the European championships, in Malta
- 1999** CBAI headquarters opens in Templeogue and is available to the IBU.
- 2004** Ireland reaches the quarter-final stage of the World Team Olympiad in Istanbul, best performance to date by an Irish team in a world championship
- 2005** In Tenerife at the European open championships, an Irish team misses out on the semi-final by a single IMP.
- 2005** The Irish Bridge Union celebrates its Golden Jubilee



## Championship Medals

Teams representing the IBU have won medals at five European Teams championships. (Before 1955 women's teams won bronze in Dublin in 1952, silver in Montreux 1954). Women's teams won bronze in Torquay, 1962, and Beirut 1963, then silver in Ostend, 1973. The open team won bronze in Lausanne in 1979. In 1974, the junior team won silver in Copenhagen. In 1975 and 1979 the women's team finished 4th. Seven of the medal winners are still with us, Ruth Giddings, holder of five European medals, two silver and three bronze (she was on the teams in 1952 and 1954), Barbara Seligman, a silver and a bronze, Sonia Britton a silver and a bronze, Maeve Curran, Rex Anderson, Nick FitzGibbon and Adam Mesbur each a bronze.

The biggest single haul of medals at a championship came at the **EEC (now the European Union)** championships in Birmingham in 1981 when Ireland took gold medals in three events. Eileen O'Doherty, Anne Quinn, women's pairs, Niall Tóibín, Pat Walshe, open pairs, Niall Tóibín, Rory Boland, Rory Kelly, Karl Cashen, junior teams.

### Other EU (EEC) successes include :

- 1975** N. FitzGibbon, A. Mesbur, pairs silver medals, Vittel, France
- 1983** D.Jackson, R P de Barra, P.F.Walsh, G.Keaveney, teams bronze, Ostend.
- 1989** Kathryn and Nick FitzGibbon, Gráinne Barton, Pat Walshe, mixed teams silver, Ostend
- 1993** Tomás Roche, Padraig O'Briain, Ray Brennan, Paul Scannell, team silver, Montechoro, Portugal.
- 1993** Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann, silver, junior pairs also in Montechoro.
- 1998** Aileen and Rebecca O'Keeffe, Maria Barry, Anne Montwill, women's teams silver, Salsomaggiore.
- 1998** Gráinne Barton, Anne and Denis Dillon, Rory Boland, Neil Kennedy, mixed teams bronze, Salsomaggiore.

## Irish Medal Winners, European Team Championships [1952 and 1954, pre-IBU, included]

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
Ruth Giddings	5	1954 Montreux 1973 Ostend	1952 Dublin 1961 Torquay 1962 Beirut
May McNulty*	3	1954 Montreux	1952 Dublin 1961 Torquay
Ina McMenamin*	3	1954 Montreux	1952 Dublin 1962 Beirut
Eileen O'Sullivan*	3	1954 Montreux	1952 Dublin 1962 Beirut
Elvina Spiro*	3	----	1952 Dublin 1961 Torquay 1962 Beirut
Barbara Seligman	2	1973 Ostend	1962 Beirut
Sonia Britton	2	1973 Ostend	1962 Beirut
Nick FitzGibbon	2	1974 Copenhagen (Jun)	1979 Lausanne
Adam Mesbur	2	1974 Copenhagen (Jun)	1979 Lausanne
Eileen O'Doherty*	1	1954 Montreux	----
Alice Mahon*	1	1954 Montreux	----
Lily Maguire*	1	1973 Ostend	----
Olive Gray*	1	1973 Ostend	----



	<b>Total</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
Maeve Curran	1	1973 Ostend	----
Geraldine McConkey*	1	----	1952 Dublin
Doreen Cairnduff*	1	----	1961 Torquay
Charlotte.Fowler*	1	----	1961 Torquay
Mollie O'Carroll*	1	----	1961 Torquay
Michael McGloughlin	1	1974 Copenhagen (Jun)	
Johnny McKeon	1	1974 Copenhagen (Jun)	
Denis O'Donovan	1	1974 Copenhagen (Jun)	
David Scannell	1	1974 Copenhagen (Jun)	
Rex Anderson	1	----	1979 Lausanne
Monty Rosenberg*	1	----	1979 Lausanne
Joe MacHale*	1	----	1979 Lausanne
Peter Pigo†*	1	----	1979 Lausanne

**Non-Playing Captains:**

1952 Moreen McCarthy\*, 1954 Nellie Faul\*, 1961 Davy Cohen\*, 1962 Doreen Cairnduff\*,  
 1973 Ann Quinn\*, 1974 Eoin MacNeill, 1979 Peter Fitzgerald\*

\* = Deceased

# IRISH MEDAL WINNERS AT EUROPEAN UNION (formerly EEC) CHAMPIONSHIPS

[Open, Women, Mixed and Junior Championships included]

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
Niall Toibin*	2	1981 Birmingham 1981 Birmingham	----	----
Pat Walshe	2	1981 Birmingham	1989 Ostend	----
Rory Boland	2	1981 Birmingham	----	1998 Salsomaggiore
Nick FitzGibbon	2	----	1975 Vittel 1989 Ostend	----
Gráinne Barton	2	----	1989 Ostend	1998 Salsomaggiore
Karl Cashen	1	1981 Birmingham	----	----
Rory Kelly	1	1981 Birmingham	----	----
Eileen O'Doherty*	1	1981 Birmingham	----	----
Ann Quinn*	1	1981 Birmingham	----	----
Adam Mesbur	1	----	1975 Vittel	----
Kathryn FitzGibbon	1	----	1989 Ostend	----
Roy Brennan	1	----	1993 Montechoro	----
Tomás Roche	1	----	1993 Montechoro	----
Padraig O'Briain	1	----	1993 Montechoro	----
Paul Scannell	1	----	1993 Montechoro	----



	<b>Total</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
Tom Hanlon	1	---	1993 Montechoro	---
Hugh McGann	1	---	1993 Montechoro	---
Maria Barry	1	---	1998 Salsomaggiore	---
Anne Montwill	1	---	1998 Salsomaggiore	---
Aileen O'Keeffe	1	---	1998 Salsomaggiore	---
Rebecca O'Keeffe	1	---	1998 Salsomaggiore	---
Ristard de Barra	1	---	---	1983 Ostend
Gay Keaveney	1	---	---	1983 Ostend
David Jackson	1	---	---	1983 Ostend
P.F.(Paddy) Walsh*	1	---	---	1983 Ostend
Anne Dillon	1	---	---	1998 Salsomaggiore
Denis Dillon	1	---	---	1998 Salsomaggiore
Neil Kennedy	1	---	---	1998 Salsomaggiore

\* = Deceased



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## **Presidents**

Fifty two persons, thirty nine men and thirteen women have held the office of President, but of the first thirty eight Presidents only five were women. Since 1993 eight of the thirteen Presidents elected have been women. In 1967 Dr. R.Belton held the presidency for the duration of the European teams championships in Dublin, then in accordance with an agreement within the CBAI, he resigned to allow Dr. John F.O'Sullivan take over the office for the remainder of the season.

1955-6	Dr. J.P.Brennan	1972-3	D.Deery	1989-90	J.Sheerin
1956-7	G.L.Sloane	1973-4	J.A.Scannell	1990-1	G.Fitzgerald
1957-8	D.A.Houlihan	1974-5	G.W.Clingan	1991-2	J.Kiely
1958-9	Prof. A.McKinnon	1975-6	L.F.Sheeran	1992-3	J.A.Hill
1959-60	J.Honan	1976-7	Mrs. M.Nimmons	1993-4	Mrs. C.Pippet
1960-1	D.A.Cohen	1977-8	M.Lynch	1994-5	D.G.Hannon
1961-2	Mrs.G.McConkey	1978-9	M.Rosenberg	1995-6	G.Laird
1962-3	S.Blaney	1979-80	Miss U.Walsh	1996-7	Mrs. V.Hamilton
1963-4	R.A.Tierney	1980-1	P.C.Duffy	1997-8	Comdt. E.J.Fitzgerald
1964-5	B.Vard	1981-2	J.J.Murphy	1998-9	Mrs. M.Kelso
1965-6	E.J.Boland	1982-3	T.G.MacKenzie	1999-00	Mrs. M.Cummins
1966-7	A.E.Anderson	1983-4	D.Scully	2000-1	Mrs K.Murphy
1967-8	Dr.R.Belton & Dr. J.FO'Sullivan	1984-5	M.O'Kane	2001-2	Mrs. Kay Molloy
1968-9	W.Robb	1985-6	P.McLoone	2002-3	J.Millership
1969-70	Mrs.M.McCarthy	1986-7	C.Richey	2003-4	S.Dowling
1970-1	G.A.McCaw	1987-8	J.Moran	2004-5	Mrs. S.Millership
1971-2	Mrs. M.Ryder	1988-9	I.Lindsay	2005-6	Mrs. R.McNamara

## **Joint Honorary Secretaries**

### **NIBU**

1955 - 1962	Norman H.Douglas
1962 - 1968	Desmond Deery
1968 - 1978	John H.Grummyt
1978 - 1995	W.M.(Billy) Kelso
1995 -	J.A. (Alan) Hill

### **CBAI**

1955 - 1956	Dr. Paddy Paul Donovan
1956 - 1972	Denis Jackson
1972 - 1975	Lt. Col. R.Dalton
1975 - 1999	Mrs. Marie Gleeson
1999 -	Mrs. Kay Downes

## **Honorary Treasurers**

From 1955 to 1958, the joint honorary secretaries were appointed joint honorary treasurers also. In 1959, Denis Jackson was elected sole honorary treasurer and the tradition of the joint honorary secretary from the CBAI taking on the duties as honorary treasurer has continued since then.