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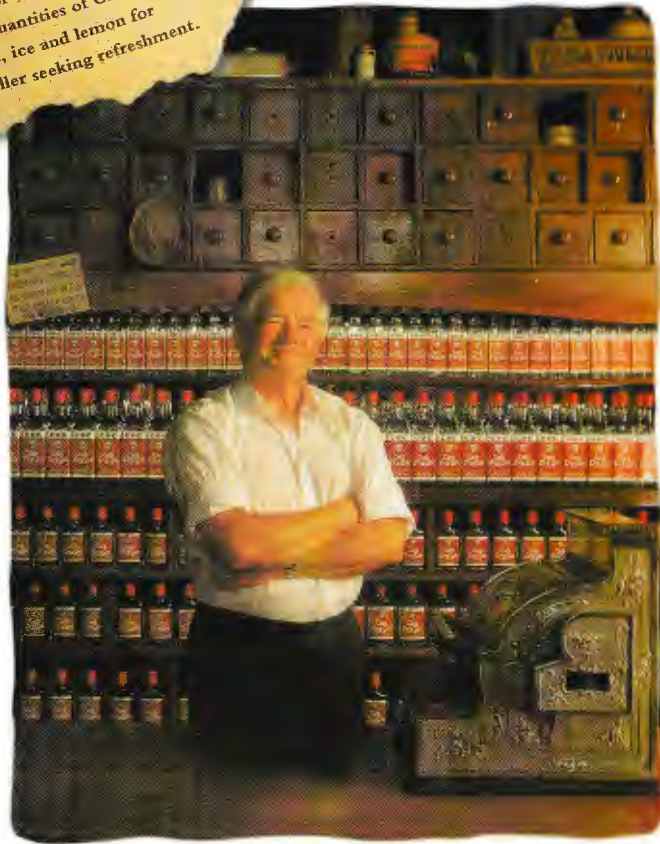
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James Murphy

Ginkeeper

[Ginkeeper] one who keeps an inn, public house or off-licence well stocked with ample quantities of Cork Dry Gin, tonic, ice and lemon for the traveller seeking refreshment.



[The definition of Refreshment]

The Bartenders Association of Ireland – A History

(Incorporating the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch 1948-73)

James Murphy

President of the Bartenders Association of Ireland.

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Preface

I welcome the first book on the history of the Bartenders Association of Ireland. The author James Murphy is admirably qualified in the field of bartending. He has represented Ireland at world level on many occasions, including leading the Irish delegation to Tokyo, Japan in 1996 as President of the Bartenders Association of Ireland.

Mr. Murphy has stated that this book should provide background information on the founding of the Association which evolved from the Irish Branch of the United Kingdom Bartenders Guild formed in 1948. There is no doubt that he has attained this objective in a most effective manner. His chapter on the United Kingdom Bartenders Guild gives the information necessary for a proper understanding of the formation of the Bartenders Association of Ireland.

The period 1972-1997 is a comprehensive account of the period. It is written in chronological order and is full of very interesting detail.

The sections on Irish prize winning cocktails, the Cork Dry Gin and the Smirnoff Vodka All Ireland Cocktail Competitions, the Bacardi Martini Grand Prix along with the Garry Benson Memorial Scholarship outlines important events in the bartending calendar.

With the wealth of detailed information in this publication it should prove an excellent reference to all Irish bartenders and to a wider readership who are interested in the drinks industry.

The Bartenders Association of Ireland should be proud and delighted to celebrate its 25th year with the publication of this fine history book – one which I believe will be referred to and enjoyed for many years to come.

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Introduction

"Something remembered never dies!"

1997 will commemorate a very important occasion, for it not only celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the foundation of the Bartenders Association of Ireland but also nearly 50 years of Bartending Association Activity in Ireland which began in 1948.

I felt the occasion should be remembered through an important initiative – a book, to talk of the people, characters, events and anecdotes which have contributed to the Bartenders Association of Ireland's development and prestige, a written testament to acknowledge the unique endeavours of those who have worked with dedication in the past to lay the growth of the Bartenders Association of Ireland.

Remembering the many events in our minds and hearts I felt it was important to tell our younger members the story of the great people that founded Bartending Association Activity in Ireland.

Researching this book had a profound impact on me. Because of this deeply involving experience I really got to know the many sacrifices so many of our colleagues past and present offer up in order to attain our common objectives.

A publication of this magnitude could not materialise without the financial and active support of the Companies advertised within this book. I sincerely thank them all. I hope this book on the first 50 years of Association Activity will meet with the readers' approval and will arouse their interests. I also hope it will be a source of pride for the Bartenders Association of Ireland Members and of admiration of our sponsors and friends.

James Murphy
February 1997

Chapter 1

United Kingdom Bartenders Guild Irish Branch 1948-1973

Introduction:

The U.K.B.G. was formed in London in June 1934 with Harry L. Craddock of the Savoy Hotel London elected as its first President. Fourteen years later, in 1948 Eddie Clark President U.K.B.G. along with Louis Jammet and co-founders George Buller and Jack Lee – Royal Hibernian Hotel, Christy O'Connor and Paddy Flahive – Shelbourne Hotel, John O'Farrell – Jammets Restaurant, C. Duggan – Gresham Hotel, Arthur Gordon – South County Hotel and Terry Dunne – Moira Hotel, all came together to form the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch. A historic time for Irish Bartenders as the period of 1948 to 1972, before the current Bartenders Association of Ireland was formed, the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch gave Ireland 13 All Ireland Cocktail Champions, Irish teams which competed in World and European Cocktail Competitions and the traditional inter areas efficiency competition. These events, coupled with the numerous other functions and meetings helped raise Bartending standards in Ireland and gave the current B.A.I. solid roots to build on in 1972.

Listed below are some of the special events which took place during the period 1948-1972 and the famous people behind these events.

U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Chairmen since foundation:

George Buller: 1948, 49, 50, 52, 53, 63, 64. John O'Farrell: 1951, 1955. Jimmy O'Shea: 1956, 57. Charles Farrar: 1954. Christy O'Connor: 1958, 59, 60. Terry Dunne: 1961, 62. Paddy Flahive: 1965, 66, 67. Garry Benson: 1968, 69. Joe Tyndall: 1970, 71, 72, 73.

Special mention should go to:

Jack Lee: U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Treasurer for 21 years 1948-55, 1957-71:

Mr. M. Nugent: U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Trustee for 23 years 1948-1971:

Arthur McGonagle: Past U.K.B.G. Irish Northern Area Chairman. A great worker and strong influence on Johnny Johnston, Past U.K.B.G. Irish Northern Area Chairman and current B.A.I. Northern Area Chairman since the foundation of the area.



Copy of certificate presented to new members on entry to the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch.

1936

1st mention of Irish involvement in the U.K.B.G.: was when it was unanimously agreed that Paul G. Besson the managing director of the Royal Hibernian Hotel Dublin, be invited to become an associate member on 15th October 1936.

1938

George Buller Work History (so far): George started working life as the 'Bell Stop' on the Canadian Pacific Ship "Empress of Scotland" in 1928. In 1931 he began working in the Knickerbocker Bar under Eddie Clark. They both moved to The Berkeley Buttery in London for 12 months and then George was transferred to Dublin to open The Buttery Bar in the Royal Hibernian hotel. George joined the U.K.B.G. in 1937.

Major Events:

1948

1st Official Meeting U.K.B.G. Irish Branch: The venue was The Russell Hotel, Dublin on Friday, March 26, 1948. Present were Eddie Clark (President U.K.B.G.) Johnny Johnston, Leslie Miller, T. Beaton (Scottish Chairman), Mr. Jean Lupoiu (President French Bartenders Association (G.A.B.F.) and George Buller (Irish Chairman). Main points of discussion were:

- (a) the 1st All Ireland Cocktail Competition organised by Eddie Clark and
- (b) The formation of a World Bartenders Organisation which would take place soon by Jean Lupoiu were discussed.

The 1st All Ireland Cocktail Competition: The venue was the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, Mr. Norbert Murphy Managing Director Cork Distillery Company offered £400 towards the expenses and prizes for the competition which was held on 9th May 1948 and the overall winners were:

- 1st Christy O'Connor – Capitol Theatre, Dublin.
- 2nd R. Blevings – Grand Central Hotel, Belfast.
- 3rd Jack Lee – The Buttery Bar, Royal Hibernian Hotel. An impressive Full Cocktail Portable unit was supplied for the competition by Gaskell & Chambers.

1st Annual Dinner Dance: was held in the Moira Hotel Dublin on November 28th 1948.

1949

Terry Dunne of The Jardine Bar, Moira Hotel, Dublin became the first man to represent the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch at the European Cocktail Competition.

The Bailey: Dublins famous old restaurant recently re-opened after extensive renovations. The Cocktail Bar is run by Eric Errington, Irish Branch Member.



1949: Second All-Ireland Cocktail Competition, venue: Metropole Hotel Ballroom, Dublin. (Left to right) George Buller, Charles Farrar, Arthur Gordon, Terry Dunne, Eddie Clark (centre). Others from UKBG Irish Branch.

Special Presentations were made by the Branch to Mr. Ken Besson and Louis Jammet for donating The Buttery & Burlington Trophies and supporting the first ever All Ireland Cocktail Competition in 1948.

The 2nd All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Held in Dublin. The overall winner was Arthur Gordon – Adams Room, Metropole Hotel Ballroom, Dublin.

2nd All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Mr Hugh Boyle, Resident Manager of the Metropole Hotel Dublin became Honorary Organiser. It was held on 28th September in The Metropole. Overseas visitors included Jean Lupoiu (President A.B.F.), Felix Cotto (secretary A.B.F.), 250 people attended the Presentation Dance. Winner was Arthur Gordon. The competition was opened by W. F. Quinlan, Chairman Irish Tourist Board.

Irish Branch A.G.M.: was held in the Moira Hotel on December 4th.

1950

United Distillers open Cocktail Competition Dublin 28th and 29th September 1950: Held in the Aberdeen Room in the Gresham Hotel over 170 entries were received including countries Austria, France, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Portugal and the U.S.A. F. J. Rastall – Grand Hotel, Bournemouth, England was the overall winner.

Cocktail Name: "Happy Medium"
 1/4 Gordons Gin
 1/4 Pimms No. 1
 1/4 Cointreau
 1/8 Lillet
 1/8 Lemon Squash.
 Shaker.

Runners up were 2nd – G. H. Cook – Royal Artillery Mansions Hotel, London.
 3rd G. Clark – George Hotel, Edinburgh, Scotland.

1951

Inaugural Bisquit Dubouche Cognac Cocktail Competition.

The overall winner was J. Kelly – Dublin Airport.

The 3rd All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Sponsored by Cork Distillery. The overall winners were 1st Arthur Gordon – Adams Room, Metropole Hotel Ballroom, Dublin, 2nd J. Kelly – Dublin Airport, 3rd J. Keegan – Shannon Airport.

International Competition Italy: Ireland tied for 4th place with the French Team.

Members of the Irish Team:

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Christy O'Connor | Capitol Theatre, Dublin (Competitor). |
| Arthur Gordon | Adams Room, Metropole Hotel Ballroom (Competitor). |
| Joe Daly | Shelbourne Rooms, Dublin (Competitor). |
| John O'Farrell | Burlington Bar, Jammets Restaurant, Dublin. (Chairman Irish Branch). |
| Jack Lee | Royal Hibernian Hotel, Buttery Bar. (Treasurer Irish Branch). |

Anagasson Smoked Salmon was supplied by P. Hanlon, Dublin.
 Irish Gin and Whiskey was supplied by Cork Distillers Company.
 Irish Uniforms were supplied by Bests Limited, Dublin.

The I.B.A. Foundation: At the Grand Hotel, Torquay, England seven nations came together to form the International Bartenders Association. Present at this historic meeting was John O'Farrell Jammets Restaurant, Dublin representing U.K.B.G. Irish Branch. I.B.A. annual subscription was set at £10.

U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Members: entered 22 Bartenders into this European Competition on top of the official team.

Obituary Notice: March 1951 Mr Paul G. Besson, Chairman of the Royal Hibernian Hotel and the Russell Hotel sadly passed away. Prior to taking over the management of the Royal Hibernian in 1908 he managed the Hotel Cecil, London.

June 1951: George Buller on an invitation from A.I.B.E.S. travelled to Rome for the 1st Italian Cocktail Competition.

Monthly meetings decision: It was decided not to hold summer monthly meetings anymore.

3rd All Ireland Cocktail Competition: was held in Jammets Restaurant, Dublin under the direction of Hugh Boyle of the Metropole Hotel. 58 entries were received and a 32 page brochure was produced of the competition. Winners were 1st Arthur Gordon, 2nd J. Kelly, 3rd J. Keegan.

1952

I.B.A. Meeting: The second meeting of the I.B.A. was planned for London 1952. However, so few, if any countries could attend, the meeting was cancelled.

S.B.U. 25th Anniversary: Took place in Baden in 1952.

Arthur Gordon wins Jamaican Rum Competition of Great Britain: Arthur Gordon – Metropole Ballroom, Dublin was overall winner recently of the above competition with his cocktail called “Smiling Through”.

Cocktail Name: “Smiling Through”
Ingredients: 3cl Jamaican Rum (Lemon Hart)
3cl Grand Marnier Liqueur
3cl Maraschino Liqueur – Cusenier
Dash Fresh Lemon Juice
Dash Grenadine Syrup – Bols.
Shaker.

The Branch received an invitation to compete in the first Scandinavian Cocktail Competition to be held in Denmark – unable to send a competitor.

1st Associates Cocktail Competition: was held in the Metropole’s Odeon Room, Dublin organised by Charles Farrar, the winner was Mr. K. Davies.

“Profile – Charles Farrar”: Has been working in Dublin for 17 years. He worked in the Theatre Royal from 1935-48. He then moved to The Adams Room of the Metropole in April 1948 where he still works.

World Cocktail Win: Jack Lee of the Royal Hibernian Hotel wins “The Buriatte Cup” at the World Cocktail Competition.

1953

2nd Bisquit Dubouche Cocktail Competition: Overall winner was R. Healy.

4th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Held in the Royal Hibernian Hotel on 6th October 1953. Overall winner was Seamus Sparling – Russell Hotel, Dublin, 2nd, Paddy Flahive – Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, 3rd, Arthur McGonagle – The Midland Hotel, Belfast.

1954

I.B.A. New Board: Mr. G. Sieve became the new I.B.A. President. Mr. Sieve also represents the S.B.U.

Profile Shelbourne Rooms – Cocktail Bar: situated on St Stephens Green, The Shelbourne number 32 was built in 1769 by Thomas Maude for Lord de Montalt on a site of a house formerly owned by Lord Newton Butler. The new cocktail bar is manned by Christy O’Connor formerly of the Capitol Theatre who will be ably assisted by Sean Keating and Joe Tyndall.

2nd Associates Cocktail Competition: Held in the Metropole Restaurant Dublin, Monday 19th March. The winner was R. Law.

1955

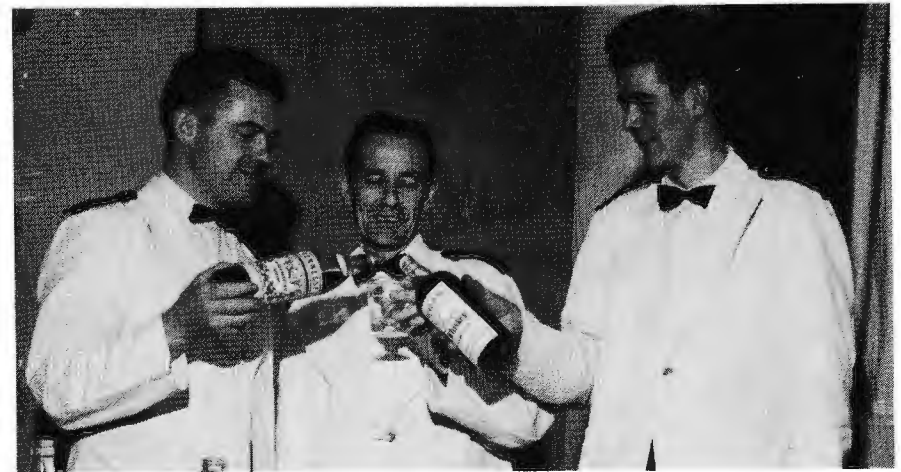
1st I.B.A. International Cocktail Competition I.C.C.: The venue was Holland, organised by the Dutch Bartenders Association, was won by Guiseppe di Neri (A.I.B.E.S.) with his cocktail “Conca D’oro”.

A.G.M. Meeting: was held in the Moira Hotel on December 12th where John O’ Farrell was elected as the new chairman.

Branch Membership: 113 members in the Irish Branch.

3rd Associates Cocktail Competition: The venue was The Dolphin Hotel, Dublin. Associate members wives were allowed to compete and R. Knight became overall winner.

5th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Held in the Metropole Ballroom on the 6th of October 1955. The overall winners were 1st John O’Farrell (made by proxy), 2nd James O’Shea – Dolphin Hotel, Dublin, 3rd Jack Lee – Royal Hibernian Hotel.



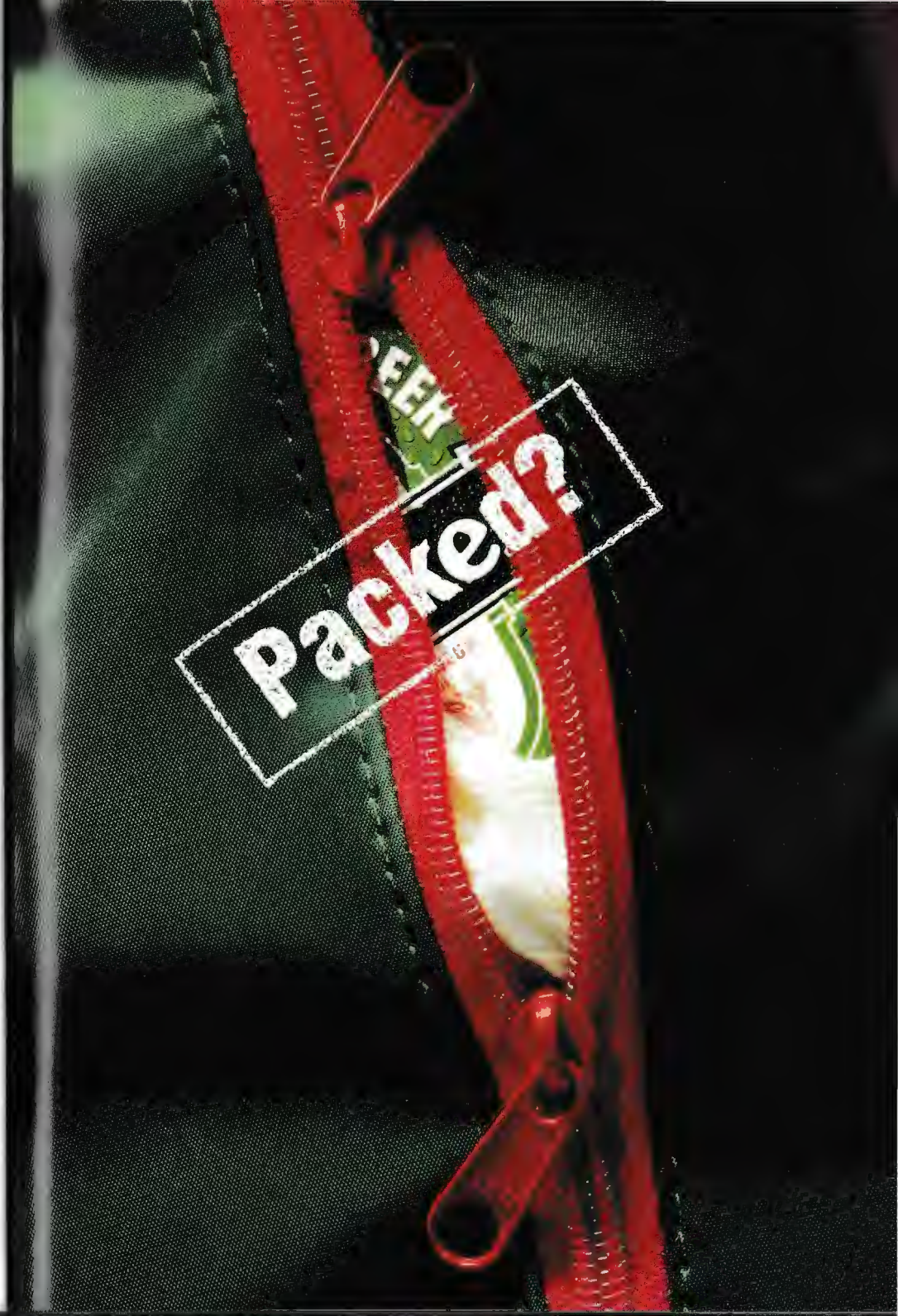
1956: (right to left) A young Pat McConnell and Danny Toland at work in Dublin airport.



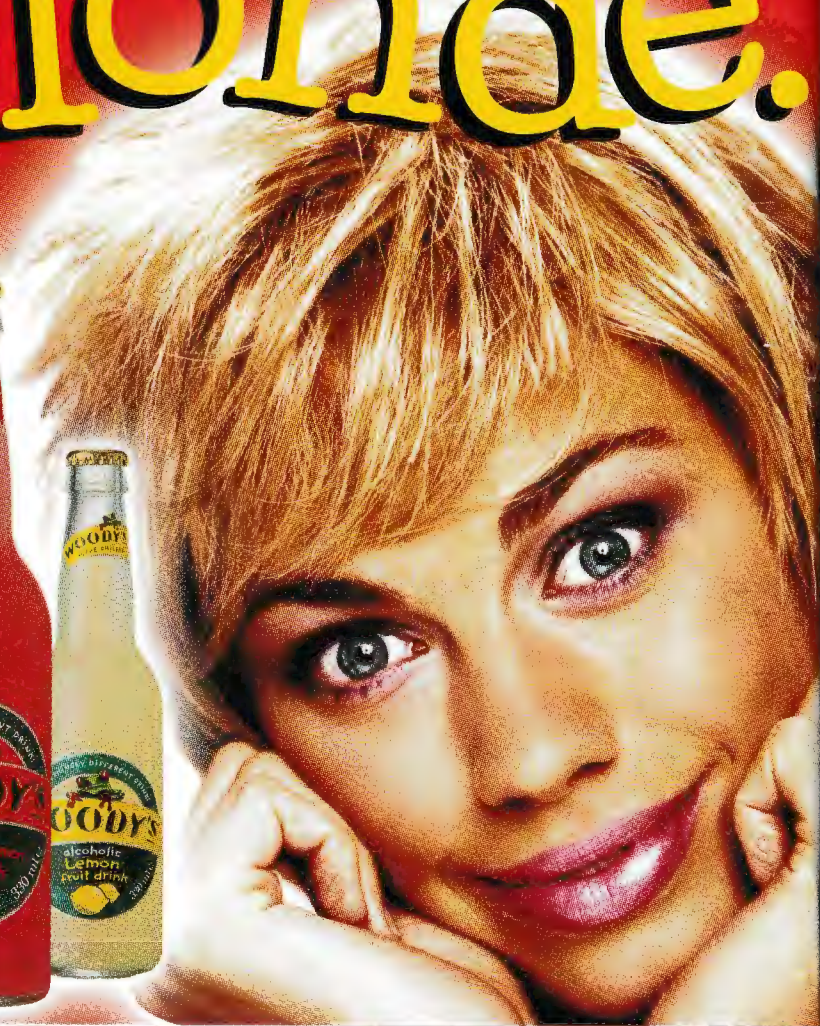
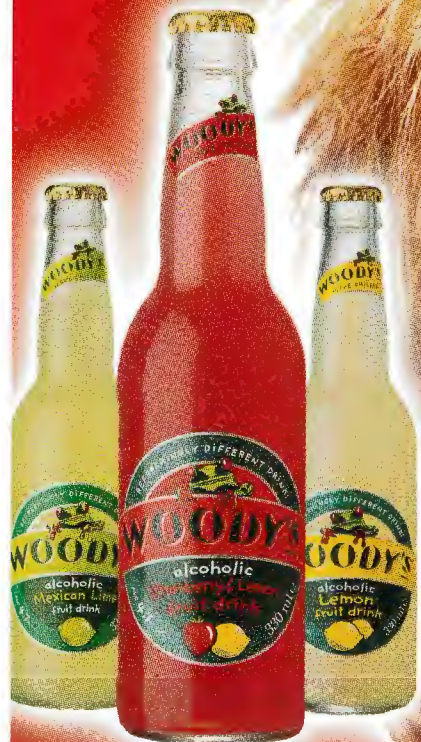
1959: 7th All Ireland Cocktail Competition, venue: Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin. (Left to right) photo includes, Danny Toland, Christy O'Connor, Martin Judge, M. Gonley (U.K.B.G.), George Buller, Charlie Tuck (President U.K.B.G.), Terry Dunne, T. Burke, Ivor Williams.



1960: Visit of members of U.K.B.G. Irish Branch to Messrs John Walker and Sons, Limited. Kilmarnock, Scotland on 10th October 1960.



A frog and a strawberry blonde.



UK Bartenders Guild – Irish Branch 1948-1973

U.K.B.G. Honorary Membership: was conferred on Messrs Kenneth Besson (M.D. Royal Hibernian Hotel and Russell Hotel and the Bailey Restaurant) and Norbert Murphy (M.D. Cork Distillery Company).

1st I.B.A. International Bartenders Association Cocktail Competition: Seamus Sparling represented the Irish Branch at this Historic 1st I.C.C.

1956

2nd I.C.C.: The venue was “Hotel Kettners”, London, Great Britain and the winner was Jari Ahvenainen (F.B.S.K.) with the cocktail “Cardiacs”. 13 nations were now I.B.A. members.

A.G.M. Meeting: was held in the Moira Hotel on December 4th 1956 where J. O’Shea was elected as the new Chairman. **4th Associates Competition:** Held on 7th May 1956 in The Dolphin Hotel. The winner was Mr. Jobson. This event was published in The Times Newspaper plus photos.

1957

3rd Bisquit Dubouche Competition: Overall winner was Danny McLoughlin Snr.

The 6th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Overall winners were 1st Jerry Fitzpatrick – Gresham Hotel, Dublin, 2nd P. Madden, 3rd Arthur Gordon – Adams Room, Metropole Ballroom, Dublin.

I.B.A. New Board: Mr. Pietro Grande (A.I.B.E.S.) became the new I.B.A. President.

1958

3rd I.C.C.: The venue was at “Expo ’58, Brussels in Belgium and the winner was Mr. George de Kuiper (Belgium) with his cocktail “Carin”.

1959

4th Bisquit Dubouche Competition: The overall winner was Danny McLoughlin Snr.

The 7th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: The venue was The Shelbourne Hotel Ballroom, Dublin on October 8th. Honorary Organiser – P. Browne Esq. – Shelbourne Hotel. Overall winner was Danny McLoughlin – Dublin Airport.

4th I.C.C.: The venue was Fredersborg, Denmark and the winner was Mr. G. Waldman (D.B.U.) with his cocktail “Petite Fleur”.

1960

1961

The 8th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Overall winner was Walter O'Hare – Europa Hotel, Killarney.

5th I.C.C.: The venue was the Gausdall Mountains Hotel, Gausdall, Norway and the winner was Mr. Egie Moum (N.B.F.) with his cocktail "Sweet Memories".

U.K.B.G. Irish Branch: Chairman Terry Dunne organised a memorable branch trip to Spain to visit the many vineyards and soleras.

Messrs. J. Jameson & Son: Presented to the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch a Cine Camera and Screen for recording events.

1962

The 9th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Overall winner was Terry Dunne, Moira Hotel, Trinity Street, Dublin.

6th I.C.C.: The venue was "Reichhof Hotel", Hamburg, Germany and the winner was Mr. Hans Durr of S.B.U. with his cocktail "Champion".

1963

U.K.B.G. Inter Areas Competition: The venue was Glasgow, Scotland.

I.B.A. New Board: Mr. Angelo Zola (A.I.B.E.S.) becomes the new I.B.A. President.

7th I.C.C.: The venue was "Grand Hotel Billia", St. Vincent, Italy and the winner was Mr. Pietro Cuccoli (A.I.B.E.S.) with the cocktail "Roberta".



1962: Bisquit Dubouche Cocktail Competition. Photo includes (left to right) Terry Dunne, Nora Fitzgerald (Managing Director Fitzgeralds Company), Danny Toland and Charles Farrar.



1965 April: Members of the U.K. Bartenders' Guild from Belfast and Dublin who attended the inaugural all-Ireland meeting of the Guild in Dundalk. The meeting was held in the Harp Lager Brewery in Dundalk and was attended by Mr. Charles Tuck, London, President of the Guild. Prior to the meeting the party toured the brewery and were entertained to lunch. The meeting was a prelude to the formation of a U.K.B.G. Northern Ireland Branch.

1964

U.K.B.G. Inter Areas Competition: The venue was The Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow, Scotland.

6th Bisquit Dubouche Competition: Overall winner was L. Burke.

The I.B.A.: In 1964 19 National Countries are members.

8th I.C.C.: The venue was "North British Hotel", Edinburgh Scotland and the winner was Mr. Enzo Antonetti (A.M.B.A.) with the cocktail "Mar Del Plata".

1965

U.K.B.G. – Irish Branch Team: gain 2nd place, captained by Paddy Flahive at the Inter Areas Competition.

George Buller: is presented with Honorary Life Membership of the U.K.B.G., an historic occasion, George being the first ever Bartender with this distinction in the U.K.B.G.

The 10th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Overall winner was Paddy Kelly – Dublin Airport, 2nd place unknown, 3rd place Ivor Williams – St. Lawrence Hotel, Howth. The venue was the Midland Hotel, Belfast on 13th October 1965.

9th I.C.C.: The venue was the Claridge Hotel, Buenos Aires, Argentina and the winner was Mr. J. R. Echenigue (A.M.B.A.) with the cocktail "Amba 1965".

1966

U.K.B.G. Inter Areas Competition: The venue was Jurys Hotel, Dublin on the 28th March 1966. 3 competitors per area, competed.

Chapter 1

“Crested 10” Whiskey Cocktail Competition: Held on October 30th. Joe Casey was the overall winner.

The Paissa Prize is initiated in Italy: This famous youth competition known later as the Martini Grand Prix and the Bacardi Martini Grand Prix started in this year, open initially to Italian Bartenders.

First I.B.A. Training Centre is created: Organised by Mr. Jean Schambourg and held in Diekirch, Luxembourg.

1967

U.K.B.G. – Irish Branch Annual Dinner Dance: was held at the Intercontinental Hotel on Monday 2nd January 1967. Guest of Honour was Sir Robin Kinahan.

The 11th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Overall winners were 1st Joe Tyndall – Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, 2nd M. Allen – Gresham Hotel, 3rd Danny McLoughlin – Dublin Airport.

50 Classic Cocktails Agreed and Printed: In this year the International Bartenders Association equally agreed a standard list and methods for making the 50 Classic World Cocktails.

10th I.C.C.: The venue was the Hotel Bahia Palace, Palma de Mallorca, Spain and the winner was Mr. Enrique Bastante (A.B.E.) with the cocktail “Mallorca”.

1968

U.K.B.G. – Irish Branch: Petition the I.B.A. for Irish places at the I.C.C. Angelo Zola says we must form our own association.

U.K.B.G. New President: Mr. Fred Huddleston.

I.B.A. Training Centre: Garry Benson is sent to Luxembourg to represent the area and ends up being elected President of the course.

Arthur McGonagle: A legend in Bartending and Cocktail Circles, great Northern Area Representative and member, sadly passed away.

Appleton Rum Cocktail Competition: was held on February 15th and was won by E. Leydon.

Gerry Cronin – U.K.B.G. Irish Branch: is selected as the best student on the U.K.B.G. Training Course in Blackpool.

1969

Irish Team Announced: After a competition sponsored by United Distillers the Irish Team to go forward to the U.K.B.G. Finals for the I.B.A. World Cocktail Competition were: Joe Casey – Clarence Hotel, T. O'Connor – Shelbourne Hotel, John Tivnan – Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin.

21st Anniversary U.K.B.G. Irish Branch: The anniversary dance was held in Dublin Airport on January 19th.



1967: U.K.B.G. Irish Branch trip to the Harp Lager Brewery.

D.B.U. – German Bartenders Association: celebrated its 60th anniversary. **Garry Benson (U.K.B.G. Irish Rep):** announces an Irish Bartender will be accepted yearly on the I.B.A. Training Course to be sponsored by United Distillers Ireland (U.D.I.). The first recipient is Jimmy Hugh.



1967: U.K.B.G. Irish Branch annual dress dance 2/1/1967. (Left to right) Metropole Hotel Cork-staff Paddy Kenny, Joe Kelly, John Pearson.



1968: U.K.B.G. Irish Branch visit to the Irish Mist Liqueur Company Ltd, Tullamore, County Offaly. Monday 20th May 1968.



1968: International Bartenders Association Convention in Paris December 1968.
(Left to right) Garry Benson and Stanley Kozak.



1969: U.K.B.G. Irish Branch visit to the Smithwicks Ale Brewery, Kilkenny.

Charles Farrar – Metropole Ballroom, Dublin: Great supporter and co-founder of the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch sadly passed away.

The 12th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: Overall winners were 1st Christy O'Connor – Shelbourne Hotel, 2nd Brian O'Donnell, 3rd John Doyle – Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin.

11th I.C.C.: The venue was the Golf Hotel, Bled, Yugoslavia and the winner was Mr. Elio Cattoneo (A.I.B.E.S.) with the cocktail "Tuttosì".

1970

Special Meeting: Sunday 22nd February to investigate the pros and cons of an Irish Bartenders Association formation. Tom Feely (G.G.S.I.) chaired the meeting.

New U.K.B.G. President: Peter Brennan.

Pensiero Paissa Prize: John Fitzpatrick becomes the first Irish Bartender to compete in the World finals held in Pessione, Italy.

U.K.B.G. Inter Areas Competition: The venue was the Piccadilly Hotel, London on Monday November 9th. Joe Tyndall captained the Irish team with John Fitzpatrick – Shelbourne Hotel and John Bohill – Clarence Hotel. The team was second place from 13 different areas.



1969: 21st Anniversary U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Dress Dance. Venue: Dublin Airport. (Left to right) Paddy Flahive – Area Chairman U.K.B.G. Irish Branch, Danny Toland – Honorary Secretary U.K.B.G. Irish Branch, Mrs Huddleson – wife of Fred Huddleson – President U.K.B.G., Garry Benson.



1970 May: The inaugural Martini Paissa Competition in London. Joint National Winners U.K.B.G.: John Fitzpatrick Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin and Sam Marriott, Rochdale, England.

1st International Paissa Prize: Now known as the Bacardi Martini Grand Prix was instituted by Martini & Rossi and open to all young bartenders world-wide. This competition would offer new opportunities for meetings, travel and contacts between young bartending colleagues.



The 1970 U.K.B.G. inter areas team efficiency competition. (Left to right) John Bohill, Joe Tyndall, John Fitzpatrick. The team was placed 2nd overall.

1971

12th I.C.C.: The venue was the Keidamen, Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan and the winner was Alberto Chirici (A.I.B.E.S.) with the cocktail "Lena".

Pensiero Paissa Prize: Vincent Doyle represented the Irish Branch in the Pensiero Paissa Prize.

Two Legends Retire: M. Nugent (Trustee), Jack Lee (Treasurer), Both men who gave many years each to the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Executive stepped down together. Michael Galligan from McCullaghs was elected new Trustee and Paddy Flahive, as the new Treasurer.

Garry Benson: resigns from the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch stating his intention to form the Bartenders Association of Ireland (B.A.I.).

U.K.B.G. Top Barman Award: Sponsored by Martell Cognac, was won by Michael Maye – Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin. Brian Hood M.D. Letts Bros. Agents for Martell presented the prize – a trip to Cognac in France.

13th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: This was the last All Ireland organised by the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch. The finals were held in the Intercontinental Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin. Overall winners were 1st Michael Maye – Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, 2nd Eddie Walsh – Russell Hotel, Dublin, 3rd Garry Benson – Dublin Airport.



1972: Launching of Powers Gin. (Left to right) Terry Dunne, Paddy Flahive, Jimmy O'Shea, Danny Toland, Frank O'Reilly – Managing Director Powers, Christy O'Connor, F. Ryan,

1972

The U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Annual Dinner: was held in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin on Sunday 16th January 1972. Guest of Honour was Mr. Kevin C. McCourt, M.D. Irish Distillers Limited.

The Bartenders Association of Ireland Formation: The formation takes place with Jerry Fitzpatrick elected B.A.I.'s first President and George Buller as B.A.I.'s first member.

U.K.B.G. President Peter Brennan in co-operation with Joe Tyndall (last U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Representative) settles up all the affairs of the Irish Branch and close it in 1973. At the height of the U.K.B.G. history it had 13 different areas. Some of these areas went on to become fully fledged International Associations and I.B.A. member countries, to name a few:-

- (a) The Bartenders Association of Ireland.
- (b) The United States Bartenders Association.
- (c) The Australian Bartenders Association.

The Bartenders Association of Ireland

The Bartenders Association of Ireland (B.A.I.) is a non-union, non-sectarian, non-political organisation which is run by bartenders for bartenders and whose primary function is the advancement of the bartending profession. The B.A.I. is divided into areas, each under an area chairperson who is responsible for the organising of all area programmes which take place i.e. regular meetings, tastings, visits to breweries/distilleries, new product presentations and, of course, local and national cocktail competitions.

The social side is not neglected and most areas organise a regular schedule of events culminating in the Areas Annual Dinner Dance.

Members are encouraged to participate in the running of their areas.

The B.A.I. also run The International Bartenders Association Education courses for its members on completion of each tier of the course, members are awarded the I.B.A. certificate. Educational Scholarships and B.A.I. Team places to compete in World Competitions are awarded regularly.

B.A.I. Membership, Classification and Qualifications:

Membership (shall be on a year-to-year basis starting at the B.A.I. A.G.M.) shall be divided into the following classes:

(a) **Full Member**

On joining, shall have no less than five years fully qualified experience of bartending and be currently engaged as such. In certain circumstances, a member not so currently engaged may, at the discretion of the committee, be deemed to be engaged and continue as a full member. For example; being indisposed, unemployed, retired.

(b) **Provisional/Student Member**

Shall be at least eighteen years of age and have at least one years experience in the Bar Trade. He or she must pass whatever course is stipulated by the Association, i.e. I.B.A. courses.

(c) **Associate Member Corporate**

Any person interested in the Aims and Objectives of the Association.

(d) **Honorary Member Temporary**

The Committee shall be empowered to grant Temporary Honorary

Membership to any person who is deemed to have earned such a distinction for service to the Association in any way. Temporary Honorary Members must be approved each year at the Annual General Meeting.

(e) **Honorary Member Life**

Will be conferred for similar reasons as (d). However, each recipient of this honour must be proposed, seconded and passed individually at an Annual General Meeting.

(f) **International Member**

Any person in any other country who is a Member of that country's Guild or Association may apply. Any Member who has emigrated may seek to be reclassified as an International Member.

Special Mention:

In the spirit of true friendship and understanding worldwide amongst bartenders in the I.B.A. family I felt it necessary to list the words of the Official I.B.A. song which is always sung at the I.B.A. meetings and events:

I.B.A. Song

"The more we are together
together, together
The more we are together
The better we shall be
For your friends are my friends
And my friends are your friends and
The more we are together
The better it shall be"



1973: Garry Benson after winning the 14th Cork Dry Gin All Ireland Cocktail Competition with his special "Garryowen" Cocktail.

Guest Writers

Danny Toland – Honorary Life Member B.A.I.

"Reminiscences"

In the early fifties working in Claridges and the Savoy Hotel in London I met some top Bartenders in the United Kingdom. They belonged to the U.K.B.G. and I was interested in what the U.K.B.G. was and what it meant to belong as a member.

Len from Claridges explained briefly to me the aims and aspirations of the U.K.B.G. and the I.B.A. To achieve friendly relations and exchange of views among the Member Guilds, to improve standards and educate young members. Also it was important to standardize mixed drinks and cocktails internationally. To run International Cocktail competitions and National competitions. Social life was not neglected and Dinners, Dress Dances were held in the various areas of the U.K.B.G. Also a Golfing Society was founded. This brought the Trade, Wholesalers, Brewers, Importers and Supply Merchants to the Hotel and Restaurants who sponsored various events and they became associate members of the various guilds. By their generosity and encouragement they helped the various guilds to expand and helped members to increase their knowledge of wines and spirits and beers by scholarships and donations to many educational projects and efficiency competitions.

Back in Dublin in February 1955 to the Cocktail Bar, Dublin Airport and I was introduced to the Irish Branch U.K.B.G. Names of the Irish Legends of Bartenders come to mind and I was in awe of these household names. The people in the business and financial world knew them by their first name. Visitors to Ireland arriving to their hotel first stop to say "hello" to George and Jack – Hibernian Hotel, Jerry and Charles – Gresham Hotel, Seamus Sparling of Russell Hotel, Sean, Jimmy and Christy – Shelbourne Hotel, Terry Dunne – Moira Hotel, John O'Farrell, Eamonn Preston – Jammets Restaurant, Garry Benson – Red Bank Restaurant, Charles Farrar, Arthur Gordon – Metropole Ballroom, Jimmy O'Shea and Joe Casey – Dolphin Hotel, Social Members Gus Connaughton and Tom O'Farrell.

Irish Branch U.K.B.G. in the early days was confined to Hotels, Restaurants, Airports and Clubs. Pubs prior to that did not cater for cocktails, mixed drinks or Ladies. Pubs did not have the facilities to cater for mixed company. Snugs like a confessional box were strategically placed inside of the pub door and women had

to drink in this restricted area. Many Publicans refused entry to women totally and barred them from their premises. Women in those years drank Port or Gin and It.

Men's facilities too were rather primitive, an open-air loo or urinal only with a foul smell and copious quantities of Jeyes Fluid kept control. Now Irish Pubs are the best in the world.

The sixties were a more prosperous time in Ireland and people started going abroad on holidays. They came back with a taste for new drinks Wines, Vermouths, Vodkas, Rums (white) and Cocktails. Publicans had a demand for new products and started to refurbish Pubs and cater for a new young well travelled clientele. Top quality food and drinks were advertised and a new image was created. Ladies and Gents toilets were added and a new hunger for bar skills was evident with a good hygiene code, better standards were expected.

In the fifties and early sixties George Buller used to travel to Italy to visit his in-laws in the Valley Dosee near Milan. George struck up a friendship with Angelo Zola, President of the I.B.A. who encouraged George to consider Ireland to form our own Guild and apply for membership to the I.B.A. George sowed the seeds of the idea at meetings of the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch and Garry Benson took up the challenge with enthusiasm.

Garry at this time was head bartender at the Departures Lounge, Dublin Airport. He graduated to Blackpool College of Technology and Art where he won the Cinzano Travel Scholarship to Italy. He attended and was elected President of



1976: International Cocktail Competition – Saint Vincent, Italy. (Left to right) Mr A. Quazzolo – sales inspector Pedro Domecq Italia S.P.A., Danny Toland B.A.I. competitor.

the Students at the I.B.A. Training Centre in Luxembourg where he acquired a great interest in I.B.A. affairs. He was invited to attend I.B.A. Conferences in Paris and St. Vincent, Italy and six months later partnered President Jerry Fitzpatrick to present our credentials to the I.B.A. in Stockholm.

1972/73: The birth of the B.A.I. like all births was painful. Not all members agreed initially but we were very fortunate in that Peter Brennan President U.K.B.G. gave every help in assisting the new baby to flourish. The Trade was magnificent and all the major companies helped out. The new B.A.I. President Jerry Fitzpatrick persuaded the doubters we would be successful and with an enthusiastic committee founded the Bartenders Association of Ireland on the 23rd February, 1972, and the first meeting was held in the Hibernian Hotel. The rest is history, our history and no better person to record it for posterity than our own youthful and enthusiastic President James Murphy.

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Andrew O'Gorman – Honorary Life Member B.A.I.

Reflections over the past 25 years

The Bartenders Association of Ireland which was founded in 1972 is the professional body of bartenders in Ireland. As I see it the work of the Bartenders Association of Ireland over the past 1/4 century is directed towards:

- The development of bar management
- The education and technical advancement of members
- The recognition of professional qualifications such as I.B.A., D.I.T. and C.E.R.T.
- The exchange of information relevant to the profession through correspondence, meetings, conferences and seminars.
- The development of standards of excellence as a guide for the ethical and professional conduct of members.
- The organisation of cocktail competitions such as the C.D.C. and Smirnoff All Ireland Cocktail Competitions as a system of rewards for members and students in order to encourage excellence.
- Representing professionalism at world cocktail competitions and conferences.
- Providing an outlet for social interaction of members to encourage all that is good in the profession of the bartender.

My involvement in the B.A.I. dates back to 1972 when I was involved with the late Garry Benson as a member of the editorial committee of B.A.S.I.L. Also through the School of Commerce and Retail Distribution in Marlborough Street, Dublin where Garry and later the first President Jerry Fitzpatrick of the B.A.I. along with Sean Keating and John Fitzpatrick another past President gave lectures and cocktail demonstrations to trainee bartenders. This involvement has continued to the present day (1997) with the current President, James Murphy's,

involvement as a part-time lecturer in the Dublin Institute of Technology, Mountjoy Square. A number of competitions were run at the School of Commerce and Retail Distribution – now Dublin Institute of Technology – such as the first Powers Gold Label Scholarship, the Martini Paissa Prize both of which have been renamed, I have had an involvement with various B.A.I. competitions both nationally and internationally, such as the C.D.C. and Smirnoff All Ireland, Bisquit Cognac, the Milestone Wine Scholarship among many others. I travelled to Yugoslavia in 1979 when Brian O'Mara won the bronze medal for Ireland and I was in Portugal when Johnny Johnston won gold. These were great events in the bartenders profession and for Ireland.

The first B.A.I. education course was started during the Presidency of Paul McNally, when I was appointed Education Chairman. I held this position from 1979–1986. The course was run on a correspondence basis. During the Presidency of Frank O'Reilly the 'A-Z of the Bar Trade' was discussed and this book was published and launched in 1983 under the auspices of the B.A.I. during the Presidency of John Fitzpatrick. My colleagues on the education committee were Major George Semple, Billy Roche and Garry Benson. Without their help and encouragement the B.A.I. course or the publishing of the first Irish book on bartending may have never come to fruition. Since those early years there have been many changes in the B.A.I. They have kept pace with various technological developments and are able to compete at competitions and hold their place at meetings with the largest countries in the world. In recent years I have travelled with delegations to Vienna in 1993 and Canada in 1995.

In 1996 the team who travelled to Tokyo, Japan for the I.C.C. were a very professional group and hopefully in their 25th year they will bring home gold from the I.C.C. in the Czech Republic. The past quarter of a century has seen many developments in the B.A.I., the licensed trade in Ireland and the Irish nation in particular. I look forward to the next 25 years of B.A.I. and the developments that will take place in the next century. I wish all members of B.A.I. continued success, particularly in this your 25th Anniversary. It has been a pleasure for me to be involved with your association throughout this period of Irish history.

The Bartenders Association of Ireland – *Cumann Tabhairnithe Eireann* – has taken its rightful place among the countries of the International Bartenders Association.

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Jerry Fitzpatrick – Founder President and Honorary Life Member B.A.I.

40 Years Behind Bars

Let me first explain the above title. The bars referred to are *bars* of the "Spiritual" and happy kind and not the penitentiary kind.

I started my working life in the Gresham Hotel in 1943 (the war years) and quite a few changes have taken place since then. One of the biggest changes must surely be the cost factor of a visit to the bar. I served Irish Whiskey for 10 old



Photo taken at the 1983 launch of the book. *The A-Z of the bar trade*, which was the first ever book on bartending, published in Ireland. (Left to right) John Fitzpatrick, President B.A.I., Pat Shine, Jurys Hotel Cork, Andrew O'Gorman (author), John Pearson, Metropole Hotel, Cork.

pence for a 1/2 one and 11 old pence for Scotch.

Bar stock per day was limited to 2 bottles of Irish Whiskey, 2 Scotch, 2 Gin, 1 Rum, 1 Brandy, 2 Sherry, 1 Port, and a variety of minerals, no Beers or Guinness – what a change today, where extra room for stock is required. We never had enough stock, so many visits to the cellar were required. Such visits were strictly supervised and noted.

Most of the visitors to the hotel were from the forces who were stationed in England, R.A.F. and U.S.A. The hotel always seemed to have plenty of food, although the ordinary family home was on strict rations and tea at £1 per pound which was regarded as gold dust! Most of the forces were on leave and had full pockets of English £5 notes, the kind that had black letters and were large white notes. The hotel was only too happy to relieve them of such burdens as they could not spend this money in England with the strict rationing over there.

The most popular drinks were Dry Martini, Manhattan, Whiskey Sour, John Collins and the most popular liqueurs were Benedictine, Drambuie, Cointreau and Creme De Menthe. Gin was not as popular as it is today and was hardly ever called for except Pink-Gin and Vodka was almost unheard of. In the early years the standards of service were very strict and I am happy to say that today with the guidance of the B.A.I. many aspects of bartending have been upheld and greatly improved on.

I hope this short article provides you with a brief insight into the past.

John Pearson – Honorary Life Member B.A.I.

“They also serve who only stand and wait” (John Milton)

I started my apprenticeship in Bartending in 1958 at the Metropole Hotel, Cork. I was fortunate to have as my Head Bartender Joe Kelly, a native of Waterford. To me he was “Mr. Customer Relations.” Joe was an excellent task master. The Manager and Director of the Hotel was that grand gentleman of the hotel trade Mr. Douglas Vance for whom I had a great regard. As part of my apprenticeship Douglas Vance arranged for me to work at his Old Alma Mater The Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, where I had the good fortune to work with the “Famous Duo” George Buller and Jack Lee. Unfortunately now both deceased. The training I received at the Royal HIB was invaluable and was to prove vital to my development and my future career.

I returned to the Metropole and over the years I worked my way through the ranks, firstly as Bar Manager and went on to become Duty Manager and Beverages Manager. My career at the Metropole Hotel spanned approximately 27 years. Looking back now they were very happy years. Whilst working at the Metropole I began lecturing on a part-time basis on the Day Release Bartending Course at the Cork Regional Technical College’s Catering and Tourism Department. These courses were the forerunner to the full-time Bar Courses now on offer by C.E.R.T. throughout the country.

I joined the U.K.B.G. in 1965 on the advice of Joe Kelly Head Bartender, Metropole Hotel, Cork. Over the years it became obvious that an independent Bartenders Association of Ireland should be set up and be linked to the International Bartenders Association. This took place in 1972, spearheaded by our first President Jerry Fitzpatrick and Vice President Garry Benson. Garry played a major part in forming our association with the International Bartenders Association. Over the years I have gained a lot through my involvement with the Bartenders Association, in their various competitions and activities.

Education has been one of my great passions, and I’m glad to see some of the fruits of our labour with the success of the International Bartenders Association Education Programmes. One of the highlights of my membership of the Bartenders Association of Ireland was my appointment as National Education Officer and becoming Ireland’s voice in the development of Educational Programmes on the International scene as a member of the Education Development Committee. Together with becoming an Honorary life member of the B.A.I.

I can say my career was influenced by my own determination, a little luck but mostly due to colleagues and friends who helped me over the years.

I hope I can give back a little to the Bartenders Association in appreciation for the tremendous amount of support given me over the years and I look forward to many more happy years of membership with my “Family” of Bartenders both National and International.

“It’s nice to be important but more important to be nice.”

Johnny Johnston, Honorary Life Member B.A.I.

It was 33 years ago that I first became involved with an organisation concerned with the Profession of Bartending.

During this time I have made some wonderful friends, hopefully have made no enemies, and sadly have seen a lot of good friends and colleagues pass away, none in the prime of their life and profession.

I consider myself very fortunate to have been involved with a tremendous variety of people during my time in the Licensed Trade, from Government Ministers, to the Regulars in my bar, from Managing Directors of multi-national companies to the wee lad that washes the glasses, and from Presidents and Members of the I.B.A. to my own membership in the North of Ireland.

The purpose of this message is to outline the History of the United Kingdom Bartenders Guild in the North of Ireland and the Northern branch of the B.A.I.

There was an Irish Branch of the U.K.B.G. in existence in Dublin in 1964, chaired by George Buller, his Treasurer at that time was Jack Lee. Both Jack and George worked at the Hibernian Hotel. This Branch was set up in 1948. At that time I was the North of Ireland representative for the U.K.B.G. 1965 saw the formation of the Northern area of the Irish Branch of the U.K.B.G. which then made it an All Ireland Section of the U.K.B.G.

By 1967 the numbers had grown to such a level that we felt it would be viable to have our own Northern Ireland Branch.

We were again encouraged to form our own Branch by W. & A. Gilbey Belfast, Eddie Spence of Gordons Gin and Charles Tuck the National President of the U.K.B.G. A meeting was held with Gilbeys and Eddie Spence, and by 1967 we were in a position to negotiate with the U.K.B.G. for our own area.

A Dinner Dance was held at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast, on the 7th of March 1967, it actually says the First annual dinner dance on the menu. It was held under the auspices of the U.K.B.G. Social Section. The Guest of Honour was Dubliner Patrick Flahive Area representative for Ireland and the branch officials at this dance were Liaison Officer Arthur McGonagle, Assistant Treasurer Bernard Mulvey, Secretary Johnny Johnston and the committee was James O’Brien, Paul Christie, Brian Flannigan and Eddie Leyden.

Gilbeys and Eddie Spence had encouraged us to set up the Northern Area under the chairmanship of Arthur McGonagle, tragically Arthur was diagnosed to be seriously ill with cancer, and was unable to take up the Chairmanship. This was a serious blow to the new area and he was sadly missed as he had been involved with the Northern members for a long time. His leadership qualities were immense. However I was asked to take the helm and to form the Northern Area. Other members present on that historic occasion in the International Hotel Belfast included Jim O’Brien (Secretary), Paddy McAnearney, Paddy Gawley, Oliver McAleese and Brian McDonald. 1968 was the year we held our first Formal Dinner Dance as our own branch of the U.K.B.G. This proved to be a very

grand occasion with many VIPs from Gilbeys, Gordons Gin London Headquarters and the President of the U.K.B.G. Fred Huddleston in attendance.

1967/8 was a successful year for our branch as several of our members were working towards the John Whyte course which was a correspondence course administered by John Whyte from Blackpool Polytechnic. At the end of each course twelve students were selected from all the Branches of the U.K.B.G. as being the top 12 students on the course. That year the Northern Branch had succeeded in securing 7 of the total 12 places, a feat that to the best of my knowledge was never equalled again. I vividly remember flying over to Blackpool with the "Team" and on the same flight as us was George Best who to quote a local newspaper had just "beaten the Scotland side" at Windsor Park.

By 1969 things in the North of Ireland became difficult and activities were somewhat curtailed by the "Troubles", however the branch managed to keep going under very difficult conditions and kept in close touch with the London headquarters of the U.K.B.G. attending area chairman's meetings and with the occasional competition entry.

Our second dinner dance took place at the Conway Hotel Dunmurry in March 1969. The officers at that time were Johnny Johnston working in Gilbeys cocktail bar Cornmarket as area representative, J. O'Brien of the Queens Bar, P. Christie of the International Hotel and B. Mulvey of Mooneys, all Belfast. Committee members included Brian McDonnell then at Belfast Airport. Brian is still working in the trade at Robinsons Bar opposite the Europa Hotel, B. McClean of the famous Grand Central Hotel, S. Brady of the Deramore Arms, and E. Leydon of Mooneys, Cornmarket.

In 1969 Paddy McAnearney was selected to represent the U.K.B.G. in the European Championships where he just missed a bronze medal, finishing a very creditable fourth place. The 1970 Dinner Dance was held in the Stormont Hotel, in 1971 the Conway Hotel was the venue. In 1972 the Irish Branch of the U.K.B.G. decided to form their own Association and seek membership of the I.B.A. In 1974 the Northern Ireland Branch of the U.K.B.G. had negotiations with the Bartenders Association of Ireland and joined as the Northern Branch of the B.A.I. in 1979.

Paddy McAnearney and myself had been on a number of unofficial meetings to Dublin and on one famous occasion were invited to compete in the All Ireland Cocktail Competition – Paddy on that occasion getting the runner up prize. Negotiators on the amalgamation were Joe Casey, President of the B.A.I., Paul McNally, Frank O'Reilly, Frank O'Keefe, Joe Tyndall, Danny Toland and others. They met the Northern delegation at the Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth, followed by a visit to the Harp Lager Brewery. The meeting proved very useful. It was decided that it would be of mutual benefit if we joined the B.A.I. This was put to a subsequent meeting of members in Belfast and agreed with an overwhelming majority.

The Northern Branch have many memories to treasure over the years. The Irish contingent's visit to Yugoslavia led by the B.A.I. President Paul McNally

became a memorable trip, due in the main to the antics and fun created by Paul, winning the Gold Medal in Portugal, Pat Breen being elected the first Lady member of the B.A.I., Michael Dougal winning the Irish heat of the Martini Grand Prix at our first attempt, Peter Brady winning the Milestone competition at our first attempt, our cocktail team competitions in Scotland to compete in the Olavva Competition over many years and competitions against the North West Branch of the U.K.B.G. Joe Mahon and David Craig's successes at the All Ireland Cocktail competition, all our dinner dances and charity work. The list is endless.

Above all, the friends we have made through our very generous sponsors, the various members of the press, the world of entertainment, the membership of I.B.A. and B.A.I. and their families. This has all taken place during difficult times and I am indebted to the committee and members who have worked together over the years to keep the team going. For setting high standards of skills and conduct within the branch, within the industry they are well respected and a credit to the Association. The Northern Branch has been selected to represent Ireland in the after dinner Drink Section in Portugal in 1998.

The B.A.I. have a terrific opportunity with the Education programme and other opportunities that are appearing all the time. The Northern Branch look forward to the future with optimism and thank our members, friends and sponsors for all their support in the past.



1973: Ireland's Ambassadors at I.B.A. and I.C.C. Los Angeles 1973. Standing: Left to right Mr Jack McGowan I.D.L., Michael Stratford, Jerry Fitzpatrick B.A.I. President, Mr Leonard Casteel U.S.B.G. President, Garry Benson, Paddy Kelly, Mr John Ryan I.D.L. Front: Jim Gogarty, Mr Con O'Grady, Con McCullagh, Joe Casey. 1st ever B.A.I. team to compete in the I.C.C. 1973.

Chapter 4

Bartenders Association of Ireland 1972-1982

Major Events:

- ***B.A.I. First constitution:** Was kindly sponsored by Irish Distillers Ltd.
- ***B.A.I. Public Launch:** Was on the 1st March 1972.
- ***Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship:** Was awarded for the first time to Damien Benson who travelled to Luxembourg to attend the I.B.A. Training School organised by the L.B.U. – (Luxembourg Bartenders Association).
- ***Christy D. O'Connor:** Past U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Chairman and Shelbourne Hotel, staunch B.A.I. supporter, winner of the 1st All-Ireland cocktail competition in 1948, sadly passed away.
- ***Coca-Cola:** Sponsored the new "Childrens Day" December 10th at the Intercontinental Hotel.
- ***Waterford:** Feasibility meeting for a B.A.I. branch was held with Bruno Ustiano Tower Hotel.

Other Major News Stories from 1972:

***B.A.I. Formation:** The B.A.I. was formed in 1972 after lots of prompting by George Buller and Garry Benson. A group of bartenders decided to meet and the Association was formed. They were Jerry Fitzpatrick – Gresham Hotel, John Fitzpatrick – Shelbourne Hotel, George Buller – Royal Hibernian Hotel, Sean Keating – Shelbourne Hotel, Jimmy Kelly, Paddy Halpin – Coachmans Inn, Sean Kavanagh – Jurys Hotel, Garry Benson and Vincent Doyle – Dublin Airport. On Sunday 23rd February 1972 the first meeting of the B.A.I. took place in the Royal Hibernian Hotel, where the adoption of our constitution, election of inaugural officers, Education scheme and sick-pay scheme were discussed and agreed. The first official B.A.I. member was George Buller of the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin.

***The New Burlington Hotel, Dublin opens:** B.A.I. member Herb Whiston welcomed B.A.I. members to a tour of this new hotel which boasts over 500 bedrooms and has a ballroom that can accommodate over 3000 people.

***1st B.A.I. International Member:** Was Jimmy O'Shea. Jimmy was Head Barman at the Dolphin Hotel, Dublin and was U.K.B.G. Irish branch chairman. He now works at the Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne, England.

***Whats A Bartender? by David Nolan (B.A.I.):** A barman needs first and foremost to be interested in and have a liking for people, all people, not just the Jet Set and the big spenders, but also the ordinary folk. If he has this quality it will enable him to serve without servility, to be humorous without insolence and even to endure with patience that occasional problem, the abusive customer.

"B.A.S.I.L." – B.A.I. Official Journals Name: Garry Benson, the B.A.I. Vice-President gave the B.A.I. its journal name.

B for Bartenders
AS for Association
IL for Ireland

***Mr. Joseph Brennan TD. Minister for Labour/Social Welfare**
Speech at the B.A.I. Inauguration 1st March 1972: "Normally my duties require me to dwell mainly on matters touching on what might be called the dismal science of economics, so I find it a particularly pleasant change to speak at this function which launches the 'Bartenders Association of Ireland'. Formal training whether for adults or beginners can teach the bartender the most important part of their craft, but the smile of welcome for the stranger, the word of friendship for your regular customer, hospitality, real warm Irish hospitality for all. That is something that can only rise spontaneously from you yourselves." The minister finished by unveiling our first B.A.I. pennant.

***B.A.S.I.L. (B.A.I. official journal) 1st committee:** – Editor: Garry Benson, Sub-Editor & Layout: Carmel Benson, Production: Felix Carpenter, Typewriter: Supplied by Mr. Richard Burrows (B.A.I. Honorary Accountant), Bushmills Distillery, Co. Antrim.

***B.A.I. – Ireland application for membership of International Bartenders Association:** The International Bartenders Association meeting of 1972 was held in Stockholm on September 16th 1972, where the B.A.I. received unanimous acceptance into the I.B.A. family along with Brazil from the 23 member guilds. Our I.B.A. fee was £66.00.

***B.A.I. – Inaugural Officers 1972:**

President: Jerry Fitzpatrick
Vice-President: Garry Benson
Joint Honorary Secretaries: Sean Keating, Paddy Halpin
Honorary Treasurer: Vincent Doyle
Trustees: Mr. Des Heather (I.D.L.), Mr. Mick Brosnan (C&C)
Honorary Auditor: Mr. Richard Burrows (Bushmills Distillery)
Honorary Solicitor: Mr. N. Connolly, 13 Batchelors Walk, Dublin
Education Chairman: Mr. Pat J. O'Neill, B. Comm.



Jerry Fitzpatrick, B.A.I. Foundation President.

1973

Major Events:

- *Garry Benson:** was the 14th All-Ireland Cocktail Competition winner with his cocktail called "Garryowen", on May 16th.
- *B.A.I.'s First A.G.M. (Annual General Meeting):** took place on Sunday 25th March 1973, in the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin.
- *I.D.L. (A. Cooke):** Sponsored £500 towards the B.A.I.'s first team to travel to the I.C.C. (International Cocktail Competition) In Los Angeles, U.S.A.
- *John O'Farrell:** of the famous, original Jammets restaurant, also 5th All-Ireland cocktail Champion and Irish representative at the first I.B.A. meeting in Torquay 1951 sadly passed away.

***B.A.I.'s First Dress-Dance:** 232 people attended this event at the Burlington Hotel on the 26th March 1973.

***Lough Egish:** Sponsored the B.A.I.'s uniforms for the I.C.C. in Los Angeles, U.S.A.

***Martini International Paissa Prize:** National winner Con McCullagh represented the B.A.I. in Italy.

***Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship:** was awarded to Paul McNally and Brian Cunningham. Both travelled to Blackpool; venue for the I.B.A. training centre organised by the U.K.B.G.

***International Cocktail Competition Success:** Con McCullagh, B.A.I. team member wins the Bronze medal with his cocktail, "Oyster Pearl" at the I.C.C. in Los Angeles, and the B.A.I. are 4th in the team prize overall.

Other Major News Stories from 1973:

***A.I.B.E.S. – Italy:** The President and members of the B.A.I. wish A.I.B.E.S. President Steffano Preti and A.I.B.E.S. members every success with their National Cocktail Competition, to take place in Venice soon. Pat McConnell of the B.A.I. and Dublin Airport will represent us with his cocktail "Sunrise" – Vodka, Cherry Herring, Creme de Bananes, Lemon Cordial and Egg White.

***Copenhagen – Carlsberg Trip:** Beamish & Crawford Ltd., were hosts to a happy group of Senior Bar Personnel from the Dublin area one fine day in May. Almost 400 hardworking bartenders were lucky along with the officers of the B.A.I. to be included on a Carlsberg Jumbo Jet trip to Copenhagen, Denmark.

***Lancer Lager Launched:** B.A.I. members Sean Keating and Martin Judge were among the many invited guests to the launching of the new Harp Strong lager called "Lancer". Hosts on the evening were John Lombard, Phil Meagher and Shane Cleary of Guinness.

***B.A.I. Monthly Meeting (East):** After discussions it was decided in 1973 to hold future monthly meetings of the B.A.I. on the first Sunday of each month, except in July and August.

***U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Trophies & Equipment:** Joe Tyndall last Irish chairman of the U.K.B.G. in the care of Des Heather, passed over kindly the All-Ireland Cocktail Trophies and other equipment for use within the B.A.I., to Jerry Fitzpatrick President B.A.I.

*B.A.I. Officers 1973:

President: Jerry Fitzpatrick

Vice-President: Garry Benson

Honorary Secretary: Sean Keating

Honorary Treasurer: Paul McNally

All other officers remained unchanged for 1973

*B.A.I. Cocktail Entries for the I.C.C. in Los Angeles, U.S.A. 1973:

Pre-Dinner Section, Competitor:

Con McCullagh, Slattery's Lounge, Long Mile Road, Dublin.

Cocktail Name: "Oyster Pearl"
 Ingredients: 2cl Gilbeys Gin
 2cl Cinzano Bianco
 2cl Tio Pepe – Dry Sherry.
 Squeeze Lemon Rind. Mixing Glass. Stir.

Long-Drink Section, Competitor:

Paddy Kelly, Arrivals Bar, Dublin Airport.

Cocktail Name: "Emerald Cooler"
 6cl Kiskadee White Rum
 4cl Tia Maria
 4cl Irish Mist Liqueur.
 8cl Orange Juice.
 Top up with 7-Up. Cocktail Shaker.

After-Dinner Section, Competitor:

Garry Benson, Dublin Airport.

Cocktail Name: "Garryowen"
 Ingredients: 2cl Jameson Irish Whiskey
 1cl Galliano
 2cl Roses – Lemon/Lime/Peppermint, Cordials.
 1cl Creme de Bananes – Bols.
 1cl Fresh Egg White.
 Cocktail Shaker.



1973: 14th All Ireland cocktail Competition (left to right) Paul McNally (2nd place), Garry Benson (winner), Paddy Kelly (3rd place). Also in photo Jerry Fitzpatrick, President, B.A.I.

1974

Major Events:

- ***Kinley Soft Drink Mixers:** was launched by Coca-Cola.
- ***Bols Royal Distillery & Liqueurs:** celebrated its 400th Anniversary.
- ***Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship:** was awarded to Declan Foley and Joe Connolly. Both travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Blackpool, organised by the U.K.B.G. (United Kingdom Bartenders Guild).
- ***B.A.S.I.L. Magazine:** had a new cover designed.
- ***Royal Tara Cocktail Success:** Con McCullagh wins the Bronze medal in Opatiya, Yugoslavia International Competition.
- ***I.B.A. Convention 1975:** B.A.I. feasibility plan and work into hosting this convention sadly had to be abandoned.
- ***Captain Cunningham:** former governor of the famous London seafood restaurant and sponsor of the Annual Pre-dinner cocktail competition sadly passed away.
- ***B.A.I. new Pin:** was made available for sale.
- ***Angostura Bitters:** celebrated 150 years in business.
- ***B.A.I. members:** must attend at least three meetings per year or be penalised £5 to be put into B.A.I. sickness fund.
- ***Martini International Paissa Prize:** National winner Declan Foley represented the B.A.I. in Italy.

Other Major News Stories from 1974:

- ***Irish Distillers Group Acquisition:** In a £2.27 million deal, the Irish Distillers Group (I.D.G.) is buying an additional 55% of Bushmills Distillery from Seagrams, which will bring I.D.G. control to 80% of Bushmills.
- ***Brendan Kenny (Cork Distillers Company):** Ben was a founder member of the Irish Branch of the U.K.B.G. and he secured sponsorship for the first and every All-Ireland Cocktail Competition from the Cork Distillery Company which is now a major part of I.D.L. Brendan is a genuine supporter of all B.A.I. activities.
- ***John Lombard (Guinness) retires:** The month of June marked the retirement of a very fine man, Mr. John Lombard, after forty years of service with Arthur Guinness which incidentally was the same amount of service his father gave to the company. John saw the start of the Bartenders Guild in Dublin in 1948 and is very proud of his membership supporting the B.A.I. in all its activities throughout the last 30 years. We sincerely thank you, John, you will be always in our thoughts.
- ***Bisquit Cognac Cup:** Recently B.A.I. member & wine critic Tom Whelehan discussed the possibility of resurrecting and revitalising the famous Bisquit Cocktail Competition. Irish Vintners Ltd. are the new agents for Bisquit Cognac.
- ***Con Hogan:** Con, new B.A.I. member is the governor of "Cons American Cocktail Bar", Princes St., Cork and now his good wife is about to open a boutique nearby.

***Guinness Presentation:** At an excellent luncheon in Guinness Brewery on Wednesday 10th July, Mr. John Lombard, Regional Manager of Guinness Group Sales (Ireland) Ltd., presented Mr. Jerry Fitzpatrick, President B.A.I. with a magnificent silver chain and medallion to represent the B.A.I. – Chain of Office. Mr. Jerry Fitzpatrick on acceptance of the chain gave the following address.

"It is a very great honour for me to accept this wonderful gift from the Guinness Group on behalf of the B.A.I. The chain of office was composed of many links, but the strongest link was not one that was visible, or one that could be worn but yet it is the strongest of all links, that of friendship. I am sure that all future Presidents will wear this chain with great pride and honour in the years ahead. I again thank you Mr. Lombard, Mr. Howick and Mr. Don Mooney."

***Royal Tara Cocktail Success:** Con McCullagh represented the B.A.I. in Opatiya, Yugoslavia and won a Bronze medal for his cocktail "**Royal Tara**", which contained: 3cl Vodka, 2cl Citron Liqueur, 1cl Lime Cordial. Mixing Glass. Stir.

***23rd I.B.A. Congress:** was held in Copenhagen. The major decisions that were taken were as follows (A) U.K.B.G. to run I.B.A. training course for three more years. (B) Swedish Bartenders Guild (S.B.G.) proposed female bartenders to be allowed join I.B.A. family. Jerry Fitzpatrick and Joe Casey represented the B.A.I.

***B.A.I. Officers 1974:**

President: Jerry Fitzpatrick
 Vice-President: Joe Casey
 Honorary Secretary: Con McCullagh
 Honorary Treasurer: Paul McNally
 *All other officers remained unchanged for 1974

***New Cream Liqueur Launched:**

Baileys Irish Cream Liqueur was launched in 1974.
 1975

Major Events:

***Cocktail Presentation Points:** In 1975 the B.A.I. decided to allocate points for cocktail presentation. A scale of 1 to 3 points was instituted. In 1992 it was decided to reduce this scale to 1 to 2 points for Cocktail Presentation.

***1st B.A.I. Bisquit Cognac Cocktail Competition:** was held in the Clarence Hotel on the 19th May 1975 and was won by Ken Brennan. This competition was sponsored by Irish Vintners Limited, who also gave to all competitors a complimentary bottle of Bisquit Cognac presented by Mr. Donal Murphy, General Manager Irish Vintners.

***U.D.I. becomes I.D.L.:** In December 1975, United Distillers Ireland becomes Irish Distillers Limited.

***Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship:** was awarded to Jimmy Woulfe who travelled to the I.B.A. training centre in Blackpool, organised by the U.K.B.G. (United Kingdom Bartenders Guild).

***International Cocktail Competition:** In 1975 the I.C.C. was cancelled due to local difficulties in the host country.

***Andy O'Gorman:** was elected to Honorary Life membership of the B.A.I. for his educational work, by Jerry Fitzpatrick, President B.A.I.

***Baileys Liqueur wins Gold:** Baileys Irish Cream Liqueur launched in 1974, wins the gold medal at the World Product competition in Amsterdam 1975.

***French Grand Prix de Paris Cocktail Competition:** Paddy Kelly of Dublin Airport represented the B.A.I. at this competition.

***B.A.I. (East) Associates Cocktail Competition:** Phil Smith of Savage Smyth became the 1975 B.A.I. Associates winner.

***Martini International Paissa Prize:** National winner Arthur Hook represented the B.A.I. in Italy and went on to a joint second placing.

***Tom Noonan:** Great friend and associate member of the B.A.I., Mr. Tom Noonan of Griersons, sadly passed away.

***Remy Martin Cognac:** Is introduced to the Irish Market on the 9th June 1975.



1975: 15th All Ireland Cocktail Competition (left to right) John McGuirk – Jurys Hotel Dublin, Paul McNally – Dublin Airport, Joe Tyndall – Shelbourne Hotel (winner), Billy Connaughton – Jurys Hotel Dublin.

Other Major News Stories from 1975:

***Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship:** had a record entry for 1975. The competition was held in the School of Retail Distribution, Marlborough Street, Dublin.

***I.B.A. Convention 1975:** was held in Milan, Italy. B.A.I. President Jerry Fitzpatrick and committee members Declan Foley and Paddy Kelly were present. Major decisions arising from this Convention were:

1. Ten minute rule for cocktail making.
2. Only five ingredients allowed to be used in a cocktail.
3. B.A.I.'s I.B.A. membership fee was now £120.

***Baileys Gold Medal Win:** Gilbeys of Ireland offshoot R & A Bailey has won a gold medal at a major International Wine and Liqueur exhibition in Amsterdam. The drink called Baileys Irish Cream is described as a blend of Irish Whiskey (Gilbeys Redbreast), Fresh Irish Cream and Chocolate.

***Remy Martin Cognac:** gave a reception in the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin on the 9th June 1975. On that night they introduced Remy Martin V.S. to the Irish Market. B.A.I. members were present. Patrick Quien, Director of Public Relations with Remy Martin, presented the new product, Remy Martin which was founded in 1724.

*1st B.A.I. Bisquit Cocktail Competition 1975:

The winner was Ken Brennan from Dublin Airport with his cocktail.

Cocktail Name: "Kendino"
 Ingredients: 3cl Bisquit Cognac
 1.5cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 1.5cl Lemon Cordial
 Dash Egg white.
 Cocktail Shaker.
 Decoration: Slice of Orange.

2nd Place Danny Toland, 3rd Place Arthur Hook

*Grand Prix de Paris Cocktail Competition 1975:

B.A.I. Cocktail Entries:

Short Drink Section, Competitor: Paddy Kelly – Dublin Airport.

Cocktail Name: "Paris Delight Cocktail"
 Ingredients: Gin – Gilbeys
 Apricot Liqueur – Marie Brizard
 Pamplemousse Frais
 Gouttes de Blanc d'Oeuf.
 Cocktail Shaker.

Decoration: 1 Tranche de Pamplemousse.

All Ireland

Bisquit COGNAC COCKTAIL COMPETITION

under the auspices of the
Bartenders' Association of Ireland
at the

Clarence Hotel, Dublin,
19th May, 1975.

- 1st Prize** £100, the Bisquit Trophy, and Replica
- 2nd Prize** £60 and Tankard
- 3rd Prize** £40 and Tankard
- Apprentice Prize:** £10

Each Competitor will be presented with one bottle of Bisquit Cognac, Compliments of Irish Vintners Ltd. and Bisquit Dubouché.

Long Drink Section, competitor: Paddy Kelly - Dublin Airport

Cocktail Name: "Paris Cooler"

Ingredients: 8cl White Rum - Bacardi
4cl Galliano
1.5cl Cacao White Liqueur - Marie Brizard
1.5cl Martini Bianco
15cl Schweppes Bitter Lemon.
Mint Leaf, Lemon/Orange Slices. Build over ice.

Decoration:

*B.A.I. Officers 1975

President: Jerry Fitzpatrick

Vice-President: Joe Casey

Honorary Secretary: Tom Blake

Assistant Secretary: Sheila Nugent

Honorary Treasurer: Brian Cunningham

New Trustee: Phil Smith (Savage Smyth)

*All other Officers remained unchanged for 1975

1976

Major Events:

*Garry Benson: was bestowed with Honorary Life membership by Joe Casey, President B.A.I. for his magnificent work for Irish association bartending both U.K.B.G. - Irish Branch and later on the B.A.I.

*Jerry Fitzpatrick: steps down as B.A.I. President and asks members to Be Always Interested (B.A.I.).

*Austrian Bartenders Association: (O.B.U.) celebrated their Golden Jubilee. Garry Benson represented the B.A.I. at the celebrations in Vienna, Austria.

*Jack Lee retires: Treasurer of U.K.B.G. Irish Branch for 21 years. Jack worked in the Old Jammets Restaurant in Andrew St. and then finished 51 years of active bar service from the Hibernian Hotel in Dawson St. A long and active career.

*New Southern Area - B.A.I.: A feasibility meeting was held on Wednesday 29th September 1976, the venue was Irish Distillers Limited office in North Mall, Cork, to set up a new B.A.I. area.

*Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship: was awarded to Eamonn Preston, who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Blackpool, organised by the U.K.B.G.

*Childrens Sports Day: was instituted by Joe Casey.

*B.A.I. New Pennant: was available for purchase from Brian O'Mara, Treasurer. I.B.A. membership fee is £234.

*Martini International Paissa Prize: National winner Brian O'Mara represented the B.A.I. in Italy.



1976: International Cocktail Competition – Saint Vincent, Italy. The full B.A.I. team (left to right) Sean Keating, Joe Tyndall, Joe Casey, Danny Toland, Joe Kelly, Paul McNally.



1976: International Cocktail Competition – Saint Vincent, Italy. Group photograph of all competitors.

♦**Campari Cocktail Competition:** This new cocktail competition in 1976 was won by Phil Reid.

♦**John Whyte:** D.F.M., U.K.B.G. and the I.B.A.'s great educationalist for many years. Inspirational, innovative and always committed, sadly passed away.

Other Major News Stories from 1976:

♦**15th All-Ireland Cocktail Competition:** Voted the best run ever cocktail competition, it had to be seen to be fully appreciated. Sponsored by Irish Distillers Limited on the 2nd December 1975. Joe Tyndalls' cocktail Kis-Kesay was overall winner with 2nd place Jimmy Woulfe, and 3rd place John McGuirk.

♦**John McKernan:** Field Sales Manager with Savage Smyth & Co Ltd. is the newly elected Captain of Newlands Golf Club. Congratulations from fellow B.A.I. members.

♦**B.A.I. – Guinness Lunch:** The traditional post-mortem Lunch was hosted again by Guinness at the St. James' Gate Brewery.



1976: The Traditional Post-Mortem Lunch Venue: Guinness Reception Centre St. James Gate Brewery, Dublin.

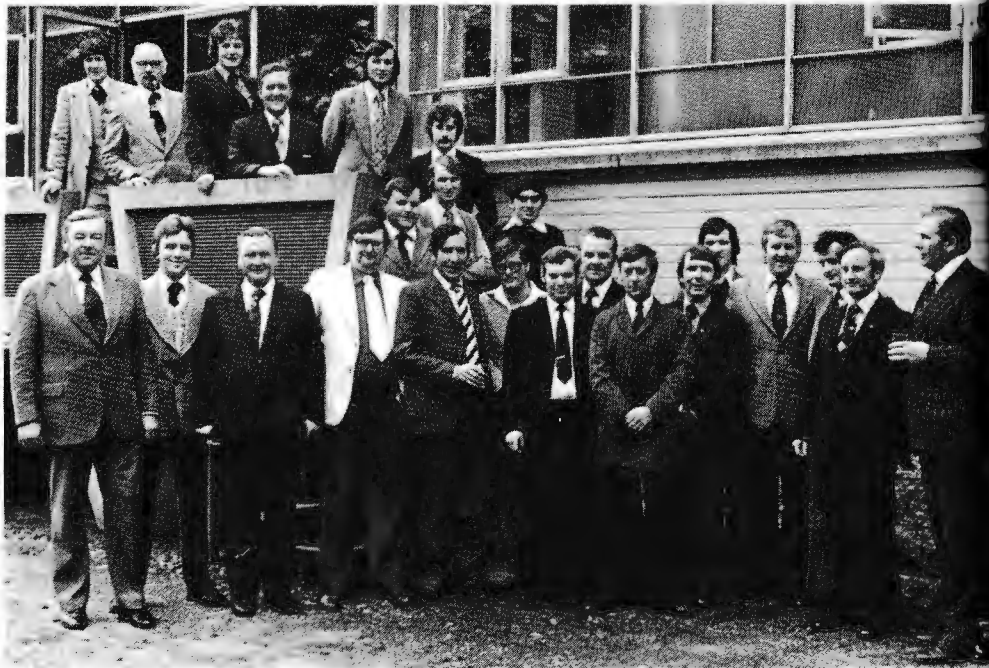
♦**Jack Lee retires:** Jack, formerly of the Buttery Bar in the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dawson St., Dublin spoke to Quid Nunc of the Irish Times. Jack retired in early May after 51 years in the Bar Trade. He started in Jammets Restaurant (the

old one in Andrews St.) in 1920. He spent some time in the Dolphin and Metropole Hotels before joining the Hibernian Hotel in 1925. One of the highlights of his career was when he took part in a Buttery Bar scene in the film "Another Shore" with Moira Shearer and Robert Beatty. He was Honorary Treasurer of the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch for 21 years.

***Two famous hotels in take-over:** Two of the countrys' leading hotels – The Royal Hibernian Hotel and the Old Ground, Ennis have become part of the Trust House Forte as a result of a £27 million deal with food giant J. Lyons.

***John Tivnan:** An outstanding bartender of many years experience in the cocktail sphere. John, of Jurys Hotel has packed up his past in Jurys and gone to Roosky, Co. Roscommon to his new bar "The Crew's Inn". Nowadays 1997 John owns The Long Stone Bar, Townsend Street, Dublin.

***B.A.I. accepts female bartenders:** After an E.G.M. chaired by Joe Casey (President B.A.I.) on a proposal by Joe Tyndall, seconded by John McGuirk, it was decided to admit female bartenders to the B.A.I.



1976: Southern area B.A.I. 1st Meeting. Venue: Irish Distillers Office, North Mall, Cork. 29/9/1976.

***Campari Cocktail Competition:** The venue was Madigans Pub, Donnybrook on June 17th 1976, sponsored by Gilbeys of Ireland Ltd. the first prize of a trip to

Italy plus £50 spending money went to Phil Reid, Dublin Airport. Phil's cocktail was made on the day by proxy.

Cocktail Name: "Irish Rose"
 Ingredients: 8cl Campari
 4cl Galliano
 4cl Orange juice
 12cl 7-UP
 Decoration: Float fresh cream.

Runners-up were John Tivnan – Jurys Hotel and Danny Toland – Dublin Airport.

***Southern Area B.A.I.:** This historic meeting of the executive committee of the B.A.I., Des Heather (I.D.L.), with our colleagues down south John Pearson, Martin Bourke, Joe Kelly, Walter O'Hare and an invited number of Bartenders in the Munster area, took place at 3pm Wednesday 29th September in I.D.L. office, North Mall, Cork.

***International cocktail competition 1976:** The venue was St. Vincent, Italy. The travelling party was Sean Keating, Joe Tyndall (competitor), Joe Casey (President), Danny Toland (competitor), Joe Kelly (competitor) and Paul McNally. Irish Distillers sponsored £500 towards the team expenses and Edward Dillon Wine & Spirit Merchants sponsored the team uniforms.

*B.A.I. Officers 1976:

President: Joe Casey
 Vice-President: Paul McNally
 Honorary Secretary: Danny Toland
 Honorary Treasurer: Brian O'Mara
 *All other Officers remained unchanged for 1976.

1977

Major Events:

***Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship:** was awarded to Paul McAuley who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Stressa, Italy organised by A.I.B.E.S. (Italian Bartenders Association).

***Martini International Paissa Prize:** National winner Billy Roche Concorde Bar, Raheny, Dublin represented the B.A.I. in Italy.

***Garry Benson (B.A.I.) and Maurice Dorney (Grants of Ireland):** worked closely to gain two places in the Martini Paissa Prize (World finals) for the B.A.I.

***Prize Bond Investment:** The B.A.I. in this year invested £100 in National Prize Bonds.

***I.B.A. Training Centre:** in 1977 moved to Italy.

***Richard Burrows (Hon. Life Member B.A.I.)** In 1977 Mr. Richard Burrows was co-opted on to the Irish Distillers Board of Directors.

- ***I.B.A. Convention 1977 - Brazil:** The B.A.I. did not travel due to cost.
- ***Galway Grey Cocktail wins All Ireland:** Billy Connaughton of Jurys Hotel, Dublin wins the 16th All Ireland Cocktail competition with his new cocktail called "Galway Grey".
- ***B.A.I. Southern Areas 1st Meeting:** was held in the Silver Springs Hotel, Cork. A grant of £150 is given to help set up costs from the national executive.
- ***Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey Launch:** Tullamore Dew was launched on to the Irish market on 25th November 1976 by Irish Distillers Limited.



1977: Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship. (Left to right) Richard Burrows – Director Irish Distillers, Paul McAuley (winner), Joe Casey – President B.A.I., Paul McNally – Vice President B.A.I.

Other Major News Stories from 1977

- ***Angelo Zola (A.I.B.E.S.) (R.I.P.) and Charles Tuck (U.K.B.G.) (R.I.P.):** Remembering these two great men is indescribable. Charles Tuck was always a very good friend of the B.A.I. before and during our foundation. Angelo Zola was founder member, father, mentor and ambassador at large for the I.B.A. A warm friendly man who gave all his talents in full measure to the I.B.A. Garry Benson (B.A.I. founder member) wrote with pride a report Mr. Zola produced for the I.B.A. School in 1977: "The bartenders profession is one that never stops learning and it is a wonderful thing that it never allows you to grow old."
- ***First Southern Area B.A.I. Meeting:** The venue was The Silver Springs Hotel Cork where the inaugural committee were elected. The Cork Examiner carried stories marking this historic event.

*Irish Wine & Spirit Association is formed:

This association was duly launched at a press reception in the Royal Hibernian Hotel on January 13th. Mr. George O'Malley, Director of the Wine Promotion Board said their main objective is to encourage wine and spirit promotion for consumption and education.

***Tullamore Dew Irish Launch:** Irish Distillers Limited have decided to introduce one of the most successful export blends of whiskey to the Irish market. The brand is Tullamore Dew, a light blend of Irish Whiskey developed to export to many markets. B.A.I. member Andy O'Gorman was present at the launch.

***Madison Launch:** Showerings of Ireland have launched a new non alcoholic drink made from fruit concentrates and extracts, gold in colour and slightly sparkling called "Madison".

***Andy O'Gorman and Pat J. O'Neill:** Mr. Pat J. O'Neill has been newly appointed Vice Principal and Andy O'Gorman has been appointed Head of the Licensed Trade Department at the College of Marketing and Design. Both are great supporters of the B.A.I.

B.A.I. Officers 1977:

President: Joe Casey
Vice-President: Paul McNally
Honorary Secretary: Danny Toland
Honorary Treasurer: Joe Tyndall.

Inaugural Officers B.A.I. Southern Area:

Chairman: Walter O'Hare
Vice Chairman: Michael O'Shea
Honorary Secretary: John Pearson
Honorary Treasurer: Tony Sheerin
Honorary Trustee: Jim Barry (Irish Distillers Limited).

*All other officers remained unchanged for 1977.

*Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice-Presidents.

***Northern Bartenders:** In this year Johnny Johnston contacted the B.A.I. regarding the possibility of a B.A.I. Northern Branch.

***1st Efficiency Prize All Ireland Competition:** On a proposal by Garry Benson to raise standards at the B.A.I. All Ireland competition the 1st Efficiency Prize was instituted and won by Arthur Hook.

1978

Major Events:

***Sean Kavanagh:** Great member U.K.B.G. Irish Branch and founder member B.A.I. sadly passed away.

***Murphys New Brewery:** Murphys built a new lager brewery at Ladys Well, Cork.

***Martini Paissa Prize:** After successful negotiations a second place for the B.A.I. - Ireland was secured to compete in the World finals abroad.

***Martini International Prize:** National winners Paul Yaverbaum and Tom Murphy represented the B.A.I. in Italy.

Cantrell & Cochrane (C&C Dublin) Limited: Win a Gold Medal at the 17th Monde Selection de la Qualite competition in Geneva, Switzerland for their product "Club Orange".

***Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship:** was awarded to Harry McQuaid who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Stressa, Italy organised by A.I.B.E.S. (Italian Bartenders Association).

***B.A.I. Western Area Feasibility Meeting:** was held at the Corrib Great Southern Hotel. This meeting was recorded in the local Connaught Tribune newspaper.

***B.A.S.I.L. Cocktail Wins International Award:** At the I.B.A. Convention in Paris, France, Danny Toland B.A.I. - Ireland wins the Bronze Medal with the famous "BASIL Cocktail."

***B.A.I. Western Area Formation Meeting:** was held in the Ballinasloe House, Salthill, Galway on the 18th October 1978 where area officers were democratically elected. A cheque from the National Executive B.A.I. was given to the Western Committee for set-up costs.

Other Major News Stories from 1978

***John McKernan:** has been co-opted on to the board of Savage Smyth & Company which is part of the James Crean Group. Prior to this Mr. McKernan was Sales manager with the Company. Cadet mixers is just one of John's credits in promotion and sales and as a keen B.A.I. member we wish him every success in his new position.

***I.B.A. Convention 1978:** Along with the Bronze Medal won by Danny Toland for his "Basil Cocktail" at the I.B.A. Convention of 1978 in Paris, France, other major events at this convention were

(1) A new sliding scale for I.B.A. Guild membership fees for countries of 600-800-1000 swiss francs depending on countries' size plus membership.

***Murphys Join Heineken:** Murphys Brewery Limited is building a new lager brewery at Ladys Well, Cork which will brew Heineken Lager for the Irish market. An Irish subsidiary called Heineken Ireland Limited will be set up and Murphys will distribute and brew the beer.

***Satzbrau Lager Launch:** Guinness Group Sales launched their new lager Satzbrau which is low in sugar and high in alcohol.

***Powers Gold Label Scholarship 1978:** was awarded to Harry McQuaid to attend the I.B.A. Training Centre in Stressa, Italy organised by A.I.B.E.S. Harry

is 21 years of age, born in Bristol of Irish parents. He entered the hotel trade as a page boy in the Gresham Hotel in 1971 and served his bar apprenticeship in the Milt Bar, Gresham Hotel.

***B.A.I. Western Area Feasibility Meeting:** National Executives Joe Casey, Paul McNally and Danny Toland travelled to Galway. Jim O'Shea represented the Galway Bartenders and Tom Feely Area Manager Guinness Group Sales hosted lunch in the Corrib Great Southern Hotel. A meeting with the Galway Bartenders took place after lunch when set-up arrangements for the new area were made. It was pointed out during the meeting that the B.A.I.'s most outstanding member Garry Benson is a very proud native of Galway.

Cantrell & Cochrane Dublin Limited: A Gold Medal and Citation has been awarded to C&C (Dublin) Limited for their product "Club Orange" at 17th Monde selection de la Quality competition for non-alcoholic beverages held recently in Geneva, Switzerland.

***"B.A.S.I.L." Cocktail wins International Award:** Danny Toland wins a Bronze Medal for his "BASIL Cocktail" at the I.B.A. Convention in Paris, France. Danny who is Hon. Secretary of the B.A.I. and works, shakes and mixes at the cocktail bar, Dublin Airport.

Dannys Cocktail:

Cocktail Name: "B.A.S.I.L."

Ingredients: 3cl Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey
1.75cl Grand Marnier
1.25cl Tia Maria.

Decoration: Float fresh cream on top. Flavour with orange zest,
Orange Peel
Mixing Glass, stir.

*B.A.I. Officers 1978:

President: Joe Casey

Vice President: Paul McNally

Honorary Secretary: Danny Toland

Honorary Treasurer: Joe Tyndall.

Inaugural Officers B.A.I. Western Area

Chairman: Jim O'Shea

Area Secretary: John Tracey

Area Treasurer: Peter Cooke Senior

Trustee: Tom Feely (Guinness Group Sales).



1978: B.A.I. Post Mortem Luncheon. Venue: Guinness Reception Centre, St James's Gate. (Photo) Front row (left to right) Joe Casey, Bobby Howick (G.G.S.I.). Back row: Ailbe Brennan, Garry Benson, Frank O'Reilly, Brian O'Mara, Sheila Hackett (G.G.S.I.), Danny Toland, Billy Connaughton, Martin Bolger, Paul McNally (All B.A.I.).



1978: Satzenbrau Lager Launch. (Left to right) Danny Toland – Honorary Secretary B.A.I., Sheila Hackett – Guinness Group Sales and B.A.I. Assistant Secretary, Joe Casey – President B.A.I.



1978: B.A.I. executives. Back row (left to right) Billy Roche, Frank O'Keefe, Frank O'Reilly, Brian O'Mara. Front row Joe Tyndall – Treasurer, Joe Casey – President, Paul McNally – Vice President, Danny Toland – Secretary.



1979: International cocktail Competition – Yugoslavia. Frank O'Keefe – B.A.I. competitor prepares his long drink cocktail.

B.A.I. – Southern Area:

Chairman: Walter O'Hare
Vice Chairman: Michael O'Shea
Area Secretary: John Pearson
Area Treasurer: Tony Sheerin

*All other officers remained unchanged for 1978.

*Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents.

1979

Major Events

Garry Benson: Past U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Chairman founder member of the B.A.I. Garry served as Vice President between 1972-1974, 14th All Ireland cocktail competition winner in 1973 and was elected to Honorary Life Member of B.A.I. in 1976 sadly passed away.

***1st Milestone Wine Scholarship:** Sponsored by Milestone Wholesale Limited from Carlingford. National winners were Ailbe Brennan and Paul Yaverbaum. Both travelled to France as part of their prize.

***B.A.I. – Northern Area Formation Meeting:** This historic meeting was held in the Chester Park Hotel, Sunday 25th February 1979 where inaugural officers were elected.

***Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship:** was awarded to Christy O'Sullivan who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Stressa, Italy organised by A.I.B.E.S. (Italian Bartenders Association).

***International Cocktail competition Medal for Ireland:** B.A.I. team member Brian O'Mara won the Bronze Medal for his cocktail "Nigels Sensation" in the I.C.C. held in Yugoslavia 1979.

***Lady Competitors:** 1979 was the first time lady competitors took their place in the All Ireland Cocktail Competition Finals. A total of 112 entrants competed in 1979. The first B.A.I. member was Patricia Breen – Northern Area B.A.I. Patricia went on to win many awards.

***Savage Smyth:** As Coca-Cola decided to cease organising the childrens Christmas Party, Phil Smith of Savage Smyth took over this event for the B.A.I.



1979: Inaugural officers B.A.I. Northern Area (left to right) back row: Ronnie Hamill (Trustee & Dillon Bass), Sheila Hackett, Paul McNally, Michael Callaghan – Northern Area Secretary, Front row: Paddy Gawley, Johnny Johnston – Northern Chairman B.A.I.,



1979: (Left to right) Paul McNally – incoming B.A.I. President, Sheila Hackett – Guinness Group, Michael O'Shea – Chairman B.A.I. Southern area, Joe Casey – outgoing B.A.I. President, Johnny Johnston Chairman B.A.I. Northern Area, Jim O'Shea – Chairman B.A.I. Western Area.



1979: New Committee. Back row (left to right) Billy Roche, John Gallagher, Brian O'Mara, Arthur Hook, Front row: Frank O'Keefe, Paul McNally (President B.A.I.), Danny Toland, Martin Bolger.

Other Major News Stories from 1979

***New Irish Whiskey Launched:** Irish Distillers have a new Irish Whiskey – Dunphys Special Export. Dunphys will blend with and enhance any liqueur, Juice, Cordial, Vermouth or mineral water.

***Bitter Bon Launch:** Mr. Phil Smith – Trustee B.A.I. – and his firm Savage Smyth have launched “Bitter Bon” a non-alcoholic drink.

***Murphy Brewery to Manufacture and Distribute Canada Dry Mixers in Ireland:** Murphys will produce and bottle the full range of 4oz Canada Dry Mixers and soft drinks at the plants’ new high-speed bottling plant in Cork.

***B.A.I. – Western Area First Cocktail Competition:** Eamonn Preston and Billy Roche represented the National Executive. The venue was the Warwick Hotel, Salthill and Western Chairman Jimmy O’Shea chaired a good competition with 21 entries. The overall winner was Michael Crossan from the Great Southern Hotel.

Michaels Cocktail:

Cocktail Name: “Claddagh Sunset”
 Ingredients: 2cl Vodka - Huzzar
 2cl Creme de Bananes - Bols
 1.5cl Vermouth Dry Martini
 .5cl Fresh Cream (float)
 Mixing Glass, stir.
 Decorate: Slice orange, cherry.

***All Ireland Cocktail Competition New Points System:** Points awarded to each cocktail on the Judges’ Taste Sheets were completely changed to award 1-9 for Cocktail Taste from 1-6 and Presentation marks of 1-3 stayed the same.

***B.A.I. Pin:** A new B.A.I. Pin was released for sale at £1.50 each.

***Joe Casey:** As Joe steps down as B.A.I. President at the 1979 A.G.M. he said “The future well being and growth of the B.A.I. will depend on communication locally and nationally”.

***Martini International Paissa Prize:** National winners Michael Crossan and Michael Dougal represented the B.A.I. in Italy.

***1st B.A.I. – Western Area Dance:** was held on the 7th February 1979 in the Sacre Coeur Hotel, Salthill, Galway.

***Inaugural B.A.I. Northern Area Dance:** was held in the Chester Park Hotel, Belfast. 150 people attended this event.

***17th All Ireland cocktail Competition:** Sponsored by C.D.C. Cork Dry Gin was held in the Gresham Hotel on Tuesday 2nd October. 111 competitors took part and the overall results were (1st) Vincent Hutchinson – Dublin Airport, (2nd) John Andrews – Dublin Airport and (3rd) Eamonn Lindsay – Dublin Airport, a record, all three were from the same work place.



1979: 17th All Ireland Cocktail Competition. (Left to right) Mr Richard Burrows – Managing Director Irish Distillers Ltd, Paul McNally – President B.A.I., Vincent Hutchinson – Dublin Airport and overall winner.

***B.A.I. Team for the I.C.C. Yugoslavia 1979:**

Long Drink Section: Frank O’Keefe – Jurys Hotel, Dublin.

After Dinner Section: Brian O’Mara – Dublin Airport.

Pre-Dinner Section: Johnny Heffernan – Europa Hotel, Killarney.



1979: The Bartenders Association of Ireland win a bronze medal. (Left to right) Arthur Hook – Dublin Airport congratulates Brian O’Mara on winning a bronze medal at the International Cocktail Competition in Yugoslavia.

Andy O'Gorman, College of Marketing & Design and Tom Blake Shelbourne Hotel will travel as judges. A magnificent group of 27 in total travelled to Yugoslavia, 6 Team plus 8 supporters (Eastern B.A.I.), 6 supporters (Southern B.A.I.), 2 supporters (West B.A.I.), 5 supporters (North B.A.I.). All four Provinces were represented. B.A.I.'s fee for I.B.A. membership in 1979 was 600 Swiss Francs.

**B.A.I. Cocktail Entry for the I.C.C. Competition in Yugoslavia 1979:
Bronze Medal Winner for Ireland:**

After Dinner Section

Competitor: **Brian O'Mara** – Dublin Airport.
Cocktail Name: "Nigels Sensation"
Ingredients: 1.5cl Brandy – Hennessy
1.5cl Grand Marnier
1.0cl Galliano
1.5cl Orange Juice
.5cl Egg White.
Cocktail Shaker.
Decoration: Twist Orange, Green Cherry.

B.A.I. Officers 1979

President: Paul McNally
Vice President: Frank O'Keefe
Honorary Secretary: Danny Toland
Honorary Treasurer: John Fitzpatrick
New Education Chairman: Andy O'Gorman.

Inaugural Officers B.A.I. Northern Area

Chairman: Johnny Johnston
Area Secretary: Michael Callaghan
Area Treasurer: Pat McAnearney
Trustee: Ronnie Hamill (Dillon Bass)
New Education Officer: Gareth Jones.

B.A.I. – Southern Area

Chairman: Michael O'Shea
Vice Chairman: Johnny Heffernan
Area Secretary: John Pearson
Area Treasurer: Pat Shine.

**B.A.I. Western Area
Officers Unchanged.**

- *Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice-Presidents
- *All other Officers remained unchanged for 1979.

1980

Major Events

***Michael Galligan:** of Lett Brothers, past Trustee of the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch and a good B.A.I. member who never missed B.A.I. meetings sadly passed away.

***B.A.S.I.L. Magazine:** The new editor Paul Yaverbaum took over the magazine for the B.A.I.

***B.A.I. Annual General Meeting 1980:** This year was the first time all four provinces of Ireland were represented.

***1st Cinzano Cocktail Competition:** Frank O'Reilly was the overall winner with his "Rose Bird" Cocktail.

***Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship is renamed:** This famous scholarship was renamed The Garry Benson Memorial Scholarship to honour Garry's achievements by Irish Distillers Limited, national winner Declan Burke travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Stressa, Italy organised by A.I.B.E.S. (Italian Bartenders Association).

***Martini International Paissa Prize:** National winners Pat Burke and John Cronin represented the B.A.I. in Italy.

***Nigel Beamish:** Mr. Beamish was the B.A.I.'s Guest of Honour at the National Dress Dance in 1980.

***Garry Benson Trophy:** This new trophy instituted by John Pearson was presented by Carmel Benson to the best Cert Student annually. 1980 winner was P. O'Donovan, Cork.

***World Amaretto Liqueur Competition:** All recipes were sent to Italy and the overall winners' prize was worth £26,000, a Ferrari Car won by Patrick Hewelyckx (Belgium). Irish National Winner was Ivor Williams.

***I.B.A. Convention 1980:** was held in Venice, Italy. Frank O'Keefe (President B.A.I.) Frank O'Reilly (Vice President B.A.I.). Represented the B.A.I.

Other Major News Stories from 1980

***Northern Area B.A.I. 2nd Long Drink Cocktail Competition:** On the 18th of September the 2nd Long Drink Competition was held at the Drumkeen House Hotel. The sponsors were Hollywood & Donnelly, agents for Southern Comfort and Cantrell & Cochrane. Pat O'Kane and Peter Forrester represented both companies. Pat Gawley of the Anchor Bar, Kilkeel was overall winner. Michael



1980: B.A.I. New President. (Left to right) Paul McNally – Dublin Airport outgoing BAI President congratulates Frank O'Keefe Jurys Hotel Dublin new B.A.I. President.

Callaghan of the Glenmachan Hotel was second and 3rd was Paul Saunders. David McDowell of Glenmachan Hotel was the Best Young Bartender.

***1st Vintra 1980:** Held in the Leopardstown Centre. Vintra was a huge success sponsored by the Irish Amusement Trades Association. Sean Lemass, Managing Director SDL Exhibitions invited the B.A.I. President to staff a B.A.I. Bar and offer cocktails to the exhibitors and trade. Operating the B.A.I. Bar were Billy Connaughton, John McLoughlin, Danny McLoughlin and Danny Toland.

1st Cinzano Cocktail Competition 1980: took place on Wednesday 13th February 1980 in the Aberdeen Room of the Gresham Hotel, Dublin sponsored by Gilbeys of Ireland Limited. 120 Bartenders took part in the competition. The overall winner was Frank O'Reilly.

Franks Winning Cocktail:

Cocktail Name: "Rose Bird"
 Ingredients: 10cl Cinzano Rose
 10cl Courvoisier Cognac
 5cl Apricot Brandy Liqueur – Bols
 5cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 Dash of Orange Cordial.

Runners up were Robert Mulvaney, Johnny Heffernan and Ulick O'Halloran.

***B.A.I. (East) Associates Winner 1980:** Overall winner was John Ward of R & E Turbett & Sons, Abbey Street, Dublin with his cocktail consisting of:

Ingredients: 3cl Benedictine
 1.5cl White Creme de Cacao
 1.5cl Egg White
 1cl Fresh Cream.
 Cocktail Shaker.

***B.A.I. Trip to Midleton, Cork:** A group of 31 members of the Eastern Area and a party from the Southern Area B.A.I. were wined and dined and well looked after in the Midleton Distillery, Cork by Jim Barry of Irish Distillers on 30th January 1980.

***The New Garry Benson Memorial Scholarship:** Irish Distillers have pleasure in announcing a Scholarship in memory of the late Garry Benson. The old Powers Irish Whiskey Scholarship will be renamed Garry Benson Memorial Scholarship. The first recipient is Declan Burke of The Cellar Bar, Galway who will travel to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Stressa, Italy. Carmel Benson, Garry's wife, thanked the B.A.I. and Irish Distillers for remembering Garry in this way for the future.

***Welcome to the New in-coming President of the B.A.I.:** Paul McNally, President B.A.I. officially handed over his chain of office to in-coming President Frank O'Keefe at the Guinness Post Mortem Lunch 1980.

2nd Milestone Wine Scholarship: was held on 29th May 1980 in Powers Hotel, Kildare Street, Dublin and John O'Reilly, Managing Director of Milestone announced the overall national winners. John Pearson (Cork) and John Fitzpatrick (Dublin) both will travel to France.

***Irish Distillers Group Limited:** New Head Office building in Smithfield. When the major Irish Distillers merged in 1966 to form I.D.L. it was not possible to centralise office accommodation. None of the existing locations in Jamesons – Bow Street, Powers – Johns Lane, Cork Dry Gin – Morrisons Island. All these were not large enough, hence now the new headquarters which is situated in the Spirit Store which was built in the 1890's and adjoins the Bow Street Distillery in Smithfield.

***Cadet Soft Drink Takes Gold:** At a press reception held recently in Jurys Hotel, Dublin the Minister of State for Industry and Commerce Mr. Ray Burke T.D. congratulated Savage Smyth & Company on winning the Gold Medal for Cadet Orange at the recent British Bottlers Institute Carbonated Soft Drinks Competition. Launched in 1975 Cadet has been a great success.

B.A.I. Officers 1980:

President: Frank O'Keefe
 Vice President: Frank O'Reilly
 Honorary Secretary: Danny Toland
 Honorary Treasurer: John Fitzpatrick.

B.A.I. – Southern Area Officers unchanged.

B.A.I. – Northern Area
 Chairman: Johnny Johnston
 Area Secretary: Eamonn McCusker
 Area Treasurer: Pat McAnearney.

B.A.I. – Western Area
 Chairman: Paddy Keane
 Area Secretary: John Tracey
 Area Treasurer: Peter Cooke Senior.

***Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents.**
***All other officers remained unchanged for 1980.**

***Waterford Cream Launch 1980:** A million pounds is being spent on the promotion of a new cream liqueur on the market by Irish Distillers. The official



1980: B.A.I. – Eastern Area visit to Middleton, Cork 30/1/1980.



1980: B.A.I. Trip to Smithwicks Brewery, Kilkenny. Left to right: Tom Blake, Sheila Hackett, Frank O'Keefe President B.A.I., (B.A.I. members), Denis Fitzpatrick, Frank O'Neill, Martin Judge, Dermot Kavanagh, Smithwicks.

lunch was on the 28th of October at I.D.L. Headquarters, Bow Street. The target sales will be 10% of the 650,000 cases of cream liqueur which are sold in Ireland and Britain.

***B.A.I. Education Course:** Education Committee were Andy O'Gorman (Chairman), Paul McNally, the late Garry Benson and Billy Roche. All these men worked tirelessly to activate a badly needed course for the B.A.I. The course was done mainly on a correspondence basis and the final exam took place on the 2nd of February 1981 at The College of Marketing & Design, Marlborough Street. Presentation of certificates was made at the Guinness Brewery, James Street, Dublin.

1981

Major Events

***Jack Lee and Kenneth G. Besson:** Two great men Jack Lee U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Treasurer for 21 years and Kenneth G. Besson, Managing Director Hibernian Hotel and sponsor of The Buttery Cup still used by the B.A.I. as its Short Cocktail All Ireland winners trophy, both men were always great supporters of Irish Association Bartending. Sadly in 1981 Jack and Kenneth passed away within one hour of each other.

***Smirnoff East of Ireland Competition:** was held in the Shelbourne Hotel and the overall winner was John Reynolds. Gilbeys of Ireland were sponsors of this event.



1981: 1st Smirnoff East of Ireland Cocktail Competition. From left: John McLoughlin, Jurys Hotel, Tom Blake, Shelbourne Hotel, and Frank O'Reilly, Blooms Hotel, competing in the Bartenders Association of Ireland, cocktail Competition at the Shelbourne Hotel 24/6/81.

***Martini International Paissa Prize:** National winners Michael O'Donoghue and David Strahan represented the B.A.I. in Italy.

***Martin Bolger:** Good and active B.A.I. member retired.

***B.A.I. – A.G.M. 1981:** One minutes silence was observed for the children in the Stardust Tragedy and a donation was made to their fund.

***International Gold for B.A.I. – Ireland:** B.A.I. Team Member Billy Roche received the Gold Diploma for his cocktail called "Irish Kiss" at the 1981 I.B.A. Convention in Switzerland.

***Tom Farrell:** Founder member U.K.B.G. Irish Branch, a great member and supporter sadly passed away.

Other Major News Stories from 1981

***Eamonn Preston DFM: B.A.I. Great Member and Santa Claus:** Born 1st March 1925 in Rathmines, Dublin. He was educated in St. Michaels' Primary School and later in the C.B.S. Synge Street. Well known for his war-time exploits, he joined the RAF in 1942 and became a rear gunner. He flew 37 raids over Germany. He shot down two German fighter planes and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal (D.F.M.). He rose to the rank of Warrant Officer. After the war Eamonn immediately became an air steward and in 1946 he started work in Jammets Restaurant, Nassau Street, Dublin (the original Jammets). Eamonn worked in Jammets for 21 years until its closure. Today in 1997 Eamonn is still an active B.A.I. member and regular Santa Claus at The Childrens Christmas Party in Dublin.

***Casper and Guimbini's** – This new bar opened in Wicklow Street built on the old site of the Wicklow Hotel. The bar is styled on the "Fridays" Bars in Boston, USA. The bar is managed by B.A.I. member Brendan Quinn and a pint of Guinness costs 99p, cocktails £2.20 each.

***1981 November:** November being the month of the Holy Souls it was decided to host annually a Mass for deceased members and friends in November.

***Roger Medcalf:** President of The U.K.B.G. retired.

***Sheila Nugent:** B.A.I. correspondence Secretary from the Guinness Company in 1981 became the first woman to win the B.A.I. Associates Cocktail Competition.

***The B.A.I. Education Course:** This course for B.A.I. members covered topics such as (a) The Bartender (b) Attitudes to Customers (c) Bar Diplomacy (d) Cocktails (e) Stock (f) Brewing (g) Distilling (h) Wines (i) Spirits (j) Soft Drinks (k) Liqueurs (l) Licensing Law. The Education Committee for 1980/1981 is as follows: A. O'Gorman (Chairman), B. Roche, G. Semple (Grants), F. O'Reilly (President B.A.I.).

***3rd Milestone Wine Scholarship:** was held on the 29th of April 1981 in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin. John O'Reilly Managing Director of Milestone announced the overall national winners. John Tynan, Jurys Hotel, Cork and Michael Dougal, Drumkeen Hotel, Belfast both will travel to France.

***1981 Garry Benson Scholarship Sponsored by I.D.L. – Powers Whiskey:** was awarded to Northern Area B.A.I. Member Des McAnallan of the "Inn on the

"Park Bar" in Dungannon. Des will travel to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Stressa, Italy, organised by: A.I.B.E.S. (Italian Bartenders Association).

***Buddy Giacco President U.S.B.G.:** visited Ireland in 1981 and was greeted by B.A.I. Executives and Members.

***Seagrams and the Wine Promotion Board Competition:** John Pearson of the Metropole Hotel, Cork was the winner with his Sherry cocktail called "Pedro". John is Bar Manager of the Metropole Hotel in Cork. As winner he received a holiday for two in Spain and a brass plaque from the Wine Promotion Board. 109 Entries were received for this competition.



1981: All Ireland Sherry Cocktail Competition. (Left to right) John Pearson – winner, Mr Ferguson – Seagrams, George O'Malley – Wine Promotion Board.

***18th All Ireland Cocktail Competition 1981:** was held in the Royal Dublin Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin. 60 finalists took part and the overall winners were 1st Ivor Williams, 2nd Larry Cullerton, 3rd Tony Mahon.

***I.B.A. Convention Geneva, Switzerland 1981:** was held from the 7–10th October organised by the Swiss Bartenders Guild under Gilbert Gaille's direction for the I.B.A. B.A.I.'s Billy Roche, Wooden House, Kilmore Quay scooped the Gold Diploma with the "Irish Kiss" long drink cocktail.

Chapter 4

Billy's Cocktail:

Cocktail Name: "Irish Kiss"
Ingredients: 1.8cl White Rum – Kiskadee
1.2cl Creme de Bananes - Bols
3.0cl Grapefruit juice
1 dash Frothee
1 dash Grenadine Syrup – Bols
Cocktail Shaker.
Decoration: Crushed Ice, Orange Slice, Cherry.

***1st East of Ireland Smirnoff Cocktail Competition:** Sponsored by Gilbeys of Ireland the competition was held in the Shelbourne Hotel. Overall winners were **1st John Reynolds, 2nd Pat Boles, 3rd Danny McLoughlin Snr., 4th Tom Blake.**

John Reynolds cocktail:

Cocktail name: "American Dream"
Ingredients: 2cl Vodka – Smirnoff
1.5cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
.5cl Grenadine Syrup – Bols
1.5cl Fresh Cream.
Cocktail Shaker.

B.A.I. Officers 1981:

President: Frank O'Reilly
Vice President: John Fitzpatrick
Honorary Secretary: Brian O'Mara
Honorary Treasurer: Billy Roche

B.A.I. – Southern Area

Chairman: Johnny Heffernan
Vice Chairman: Michael Spillane
Area Secretary: John Pearson
Area Treasurer: John Sheridan

B.A.I. – Northern Area

Chairman: Johnny Johnston
Area Secretary: Eamonn McCusker
Area Treasurer: Pat McAnearney

B.A.I. – Western Area

Chairman: Pat Burke
Vice Chairman: Adrian Brown
Area Secretary: Peter Malone
Area Treasurer: Michael Higgins

- *All Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents
- *All other officers remained unchanged for 1981.

***Beamish & Crawford:** Many thanks were given to Beamish & Crawford who gave a tasting of their new beer "Colt 45" at the B.A.I. February meeting.

Chapter 5

All-Ireland Cocktail Competition Winners 1948–1996

Introduction:

An All-Ireland Cocktail Competition was the idea of the late Christy O'Connor in co-operation with his U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Chairman, George Buller and Iddie Clark, (President U.K.B.G.) and with the kind sponsorship by Cork Distillers Managing Director, Norbert Murphy, this idea became a reality in 1948.

The original All-Ireland Cups, still in use today were donated by Louis Jammet from Jammets Restaurant, Burlington Bar, who sponsored "The Burlington Perpetual Cup", currently awarded to the B.A.I. Long Drink Competition winner and Kenneth Besson from The Royal Hibernian Hotel who sponsored "The Buttery Perpetual Cup" currently awarded to the B.A.I. Short Drink Competition winner.

Listed below for the very first time in print are all the recorded All-Ireland Cocktail Champions. At present Irish Distillers Limited – Cork Dry Gin sponsor the Short Drink competition and Gilbeys of Ireland – Smirnoff Vodka sponsor the Long Drink Competition on alternate years.

All-Ireland Cocktail Winners

1st All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Itza Paramount*
C.D. O'Connor: 1st NCC 1948
Capitol Theatre, Dublin
3 cl Gin C.D.C.
1.5cl Drambuie
1.5cl Cointreau.
Mixing Glass. Stir.
Decoration: Cherry.

2nd All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Metropolitan Moon*
Arthur Gordon: 1st NCC 1949
Theatre Royal, Dublin
1.5cl Gin C.D.C.
1.5cl Rum Lemon Hart
1.5cl Lemon juice
1.5cl Cherry Brandy – Bols
2 Dashes Absinthe, White of egg.
Shaker.
Decoration: Cherry.

3rd All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Mil-vea*
Arthur Gordon: 1st N.C.C. 1951
 Theatre Royal, Dublin
 3cl Gin C.D.C.
 1.5cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 1.5cl St. Raphael
 1 dash Fresh Cream.
 Shaker.
 Decoration: Cherry.

5th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Fixer*
John Farrell: 1st N.C.C. 1955
 Jammets Restaurant, Dublin
 3cl Cognac
 1.5cl Creme de Noyaux – Bols
 .75cl Prunelle – Bols
 .75cl Fresh Cream.
 Shaker.

7th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Lucky-Dip*
Danny McLoughlin (Snr.):
 1st N.C.C. 1959, Dublin Airport
 3cl Vodka – Wolfschmidt
 1.5cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 1.5cl Lemon Cordial – Roses
 1 dash Frothee.
 Shaker.

9th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Gay-line*
Terry Dunne: 1st N.C.C. 1963
 Moira Hotel, Dublin
 3cl Cognac
 1.75cl Lillet
 1.75cl Irish Coffee Liqueur.
 Decoration: Cherry.
 Mixing Glass. Stir.

4th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *The Visitor*
Seamus Sparling: 1st N.C.C. 1953
 Russell Hotel, Dublin
 1.75cl Gin C.D.C.
 1.75cl Cointreau
 1.75cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 .75cl Fresh Orange Juice
 1 dash egg white.
 Shaker.

6th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Jerry's Joy*
Jerry Fitzpatrick: 1st N.C.C. 1957
 Gresham Hotel, Dublin
 1.75cl Vodka
 1.75cl Lillet
 1.75cl Cointreau
 .75cl Orange Bitters
 1 dash egg white.
 Decoration: Cherry.
 Shaker.

8th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Double Decker*
Walter O'Hare:
 1st N.C.C. 1961, Europa Hotel, Killarney
 3cl Grand Marnier
 3cl Medium Dry Sherry
 Decoration: Twist orange peel
 Mixing Glass. Stir

10th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Paddy's Special*
Paddy Kelly: 1st N.C.C. 1965
 Dublin Airport
 3cl Cognac – Bisquit
 .75cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 .75cl Dry Orange Curacao
 1.5cl Lime Cordial – Roses
 1 dash Frothee. Decoration: Cherry.
 Shaker.

11th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Creme de Rhum*
Joe Tyndall: 1st N.C.C. 1967,
 Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin
 2cl Rum – Bacardi
 2cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 2cl Orange Cordial – Kia-Ora
 2 dashes Fresh Cream
 Decoration: slice Orange, Cherry.
 Float Cream (on top). Shaker.

13th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Russian Dancer*
Michael Maye: 1st N.C.C. 1971,
 Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin
 2cl Vodka – Huzzar
 2cl Tia Maria
 2cl Lime Cordial – Roses
 1 dash Benedictine.

Decoration: Twist Orange Peel.
 Mixing Glass. Stir.

15th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Kis-Kesay*
Joe Tyndall: 1st N.C.C. 1975,
 Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin
 3cl Rum – Kiskadee
 1.75cl White Creme de Cacao
 .5cl Lime Cordial – Roses
 .5cl Blackcurrant Cordial – Mi Wadi.
 Decoration: Twist Orange peel
 Top with Orange Cream.
 Mixing Glass.
 Stir.

17th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Mork & Mindy*
Vincent Hutchinson: 1st N.C.C. 1979,
 Dublin Airport
 3cl Cognac – Remy Martin
 2cl Tia Maria
 1cl Royal Irish Mint Liqueur.
 Decoration: Float Cream,
 Grated Chocolate on top.
 Shaker.

12th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Golden Tang*
Christy D. O'Connor: 1st N.C.C. 1969,
 Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin
 3cl Vodka
 1.5cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 1.5cl Strega
 .5cl Orange Cordial
 Decoration: Cherry.
 Shaker.

14th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Garryowen*
Garry Benson: 1st N.C.C. 1973,
 Dublin Airport
 3cl Irish Whiskey – Jameson
 1.5cl Galliano
 .75cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 .75cl Lemon/Lime/Peppermint Cordials
 – Roses
 1 dash egg white.
 Shaker.

16th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Galway Grey*
W. Connaughton: 1st N.C.C. 1977,
 Jurys Hotel, Dublin
 2cl Vodka – Huzzar
 1cl Creme de Cacao White
 1cl Cointreau
 2cl Lime Cordial – Roses.
 Decoration: Float Fresh Cream.
 Twist Orange.
 Mixing Glass.
 Stir.

18th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Lucky Thirteen*
Ivor Williams: 1st N.C.C. 1981,
 Howth Lodge Hotel, Dublin
 3cl Rum – Kiskadee
 1.5cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 1.5cl Creme de Noyaux – Bols
 Decoration: Float Double Fresh
 Cream Flavoured with Apricot
 Brandy. Shaker.

19th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Scarlet Lady*
Joe Mahon: 1st N.C.C. 1983,
 Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown
 4cl Vodka – Huzzar
 1cl Cherry Brandy – Bols
 1cl Tia Maria.
 Decoration: Float Fresh Cream.
 Shaker.

21st All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Mist of Erne*
Joe Mahon: 1st N.C.C. 1988,
 Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown
 1.25cl Vodka – Huzzar
 1.25cl Melon Liqueur – Bols
 1.25cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 2.25cl Fresh Orange Juice.
 Decoration: Orange, Cherry,
 Mint leaf, Float Fresh Cream.
 Shaker.

23rd All-Ireland (L.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Kathy's Delight*
David Strahan: 1st N.C.C. 1990,
 Jurys Hotel, Cork
 6cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 6cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 12cl Pineapple Juice
 3cl Cream of Coconut
 3cl Fresh Cream.
 Decoration: Strawberry, Cherry,
 Pineapple leaf, Coconut flakes.
 Shaker.

25th All-Ireland (L.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Tall Stranger*
John McDonnell: 1st N.C.C. 1992,
 Killiney Castle Hotel, Dublin
 6cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 6cl Creme de Bananes – Bols

20th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *John's Choice*
David Strahan: 1st N.C.C. 1985,
 Jury's Hotel, Cork
 2.5cl Vodka – Huzzar
 .5cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 .5cl Creme de Menthe – Bols
 2.5cl Pineapple Juice.
 Decoration: Sugar rimmed glass,
 cherry, mint, lemon, float fresh cream.
 Shaker.

22nd All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail name: *Sweet William*
David Strahan: 1st N.C.C. 1989,
 Jury's Hotel, Cork
 2cl Creme de Menthe – Bols
 .5cl Peach Schnapps
 .5cl Rum – Kiskadee
 3cl Pineapple Juice.
 Decoration: Supercook Gel, Cloves,
 Radish, Cherry, Mint leaf, Lemon peel,
 Float Fresh Cream. Shaker.

24th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Morning Light*
David Strahan: 1st N.C.C. 1991,
 Jurys Hotel, Cork
 .5cl Gin – C.D.C.
 2cl Coconut Liqueur – Bols
 1cl Rose of Tralee Liqueur
 2cl Pineapple Juice
 .5cl Fresh Cream.
 Decoration: Float Fresh Cream,
 Strawberry, Mint leaf, Cherry, Lemon,
 Shaker.

26th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Tuxedo Junction*
Billy Kerr: 1st N.C.C. 1993,
 Everglades Hotel, Derry
 2.5cl Irish Whiskey – Jameson
 1.75cl Bols – Chocolate Mint Liqueur

6cl Melon Liqueur – Bols

6cl Orange Juice
 6cl Pineapple Juice.
 Decoration: Orange, Blue Cherry,
 Strawberry.
 Shaker.

27th All-Ireland (L.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Bambi*
John Hurley: 1st N.C.C. 1994,
 Jurys Hotel, Cork
 6cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 3cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 3cl Melon Liqueur – Bols
 3cl Bols Syrup Grenadine
 15cl Club Orange.
 Decoration: Strawberry, Mint Leaf,
 Pink sugar rimmed glass.
 Build.

1.25cl Tia Maria

.5cl Fresh Cream.
 Decoration: Float Fresh Cream,
 Strawberry, Chocolate flake.
 Shaker.

28th All-Ireland (S.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Joes Joy 1*
Joe Connolly: 1st N.C.C. 1995,
 Jurys Hotel, Dublin
 1.75cl Vodka – Huzzar
 1.25cl Melon Liqueur – Bols
 1.25 White Creme de Cacao
 1.75cl Fresh Cream.
 Decoration: Red Cherry in bottom of glass.
 Floated Cream, Grated Chocolate.
 Mixing Glass.
 Stir.



1996: 29th All Ireland Cocktail Competition sponsored by Gilbeys of Ireland. (Left to right) James Murphy – President B.A.I., David Craig – overall winner, Mr. Frank O'Connor – Sales and Trade Marketing Director Gilbeys of Ireland (Sales) Ltd.

29th All-Ireland (L.C.)

Cocktail Name: *Blue Goon*
David Craig: 1st N.C.C. 1996,
Shorts Recreation Club, Belfast
4cl Vodka – Smirnoff
6cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
5cl Blue Curacao – Bols
12cl Pineapple Juice
3cl Fresh Cream.
Decoration: Pineapple, Cherries,
Mint leaf.
Shaker.

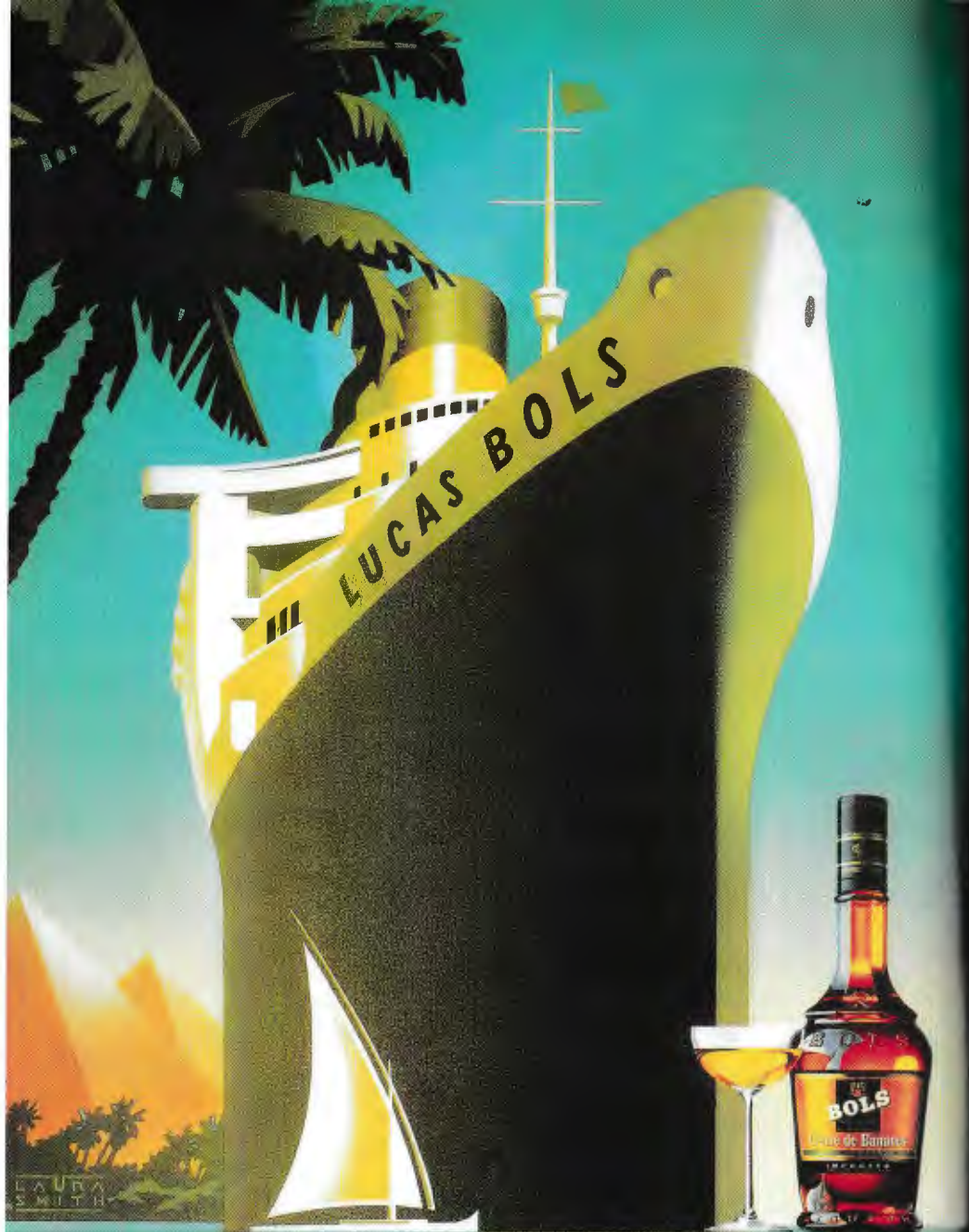
Abbreviations used:

N.C.C. = National Cocktail Competition
S.C. = Short Cocktail
L.C. = Long Cocktail

****The following are the glass sizes recommended by the I.B.A.**

- Cocktail Glasses: 3 ounce U.S./9cl International
- Long Drink Glass: 10 ounce U.S./30cl International





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Chapter 6

B.A.I. 10th Anniversary 1982

MAJOR EVENTS

- ***B.A.I.'s 10th Anniversary:** Ten years on, the B.A.I. took stock of itself.
- ***Andy O'Gorman:** Published the book titled "the A-Z of the Bar Trade" under the auspices of the B.A.I. in December 1982 Price £6.00. The B.A.I. bought 5,000 copies of the book.
- ***B.A.S.I.L. Magazine:** New Editor Pat Boles takes over.
- ***International Success for the B.A.I. - Ireland:** B.A.I. team member John McLoughlin strikes Gold for Ireland in Cannes, France, with his cocktail 'Morning Dew'.
- ***1982 Garry Benson Scholarship (Sponsored by I.D.L. Powers Whiskey)** was awarded to David Kelleher to attend the I.B.A. Training Centre in Porto-Algarve in Portugal.
- ***International Gold Medal at the I.C.C. for Ireland:** B.A.I. team member Johnny Johnston wins our first Gold Medal ever at the World Cocktail Championship held in Portugal with his famous 'Blue Moon' cocktail.
- ***Martini International Paissa Prize:** National winners David O'Neill and Philip McClean represented the B.A.I. in Italy.
- ***The Royal Hibernian Hotel closes:** In 1982 The Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street closed, the home and base of the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch from 1948-1972 and the B.A.I. from 1972. Many great bartenders namely George Buller and Jack Lee worked in this hotel. Farewell!

Other major news stories from 1982

- ***The Lady of the Lake Cocktail Competition.**
The venue again was Mahon's Hotel in Irvinestown, Fermanagh. Sponsors of the event were Richard Gallagher (Reihill & McKeown) and the overall winners were 1st David Ritchie - Ritchies Bar, Hillsborough, 2nd Terry Gallagher - Deer Park Hotel, Antrim, 3rd Brian Martin - McKenna & McGinley.
- ***The Southern Comfort Cocktail Competition:** Jointly sponsored by Hollywood & Donnelly and Saccone & Speed (England). This competition is definitely the

B.A.I. Northern Area's biggest event of the year and appreciation should go to Mr. Michael Collings who travels to Belfast every year just for this event. Overall winners this year were 1st Seamus McCusker – Hitchin Post Inn, 2nd Pat Gawle – Anchor Bar, Kilkeel, 3rd Sean Fleming – Lodge Hotel, Coleraine.

***Shakers Cocktails Launched:** Hedges & Butler Ireland Limited launched Shakers pre-mixed Cocktail range to the Irish market recently. Flavours are Sundowner, Margarita, Pina Colada, New Yorker. Shakers cocktails are packed in 24's.

***Andy O'Gorman (Honorary Life Member B.A.I.)** Andy has been appointed Head of the Licensed Trade Department of the College of Marketing & Design recently. Andy has worked in the Licensed Trade and has 13 years teaching experience in Secondary and Vocational Schools.

***1982 Fruit de Mer Cocktail Competition:** Organised for the B.A.I. – Southern Area Members. The venue was The Park Hotel in Kenmare. The overall winners were:

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| 1st | Michael O'Connor | – Europa Hotel, Killarney |
| 2nd | Bob McAuliffe | – O'Driscolls Bar, Douglas, Cork |
| 3rd | Pat O'Connor | – International Hotel, Killarney |



1982: B.A.I. member strikes Gold. (Left to right) John McL Pearson – Export Development Manager for Tullamore Dew, John McLoughlin – Jurys Hotel, winner, Maurice Buckley – G.M. Irish Distillers International

•International success for the B.A.I. Ireland: John McLoughlin from the Dubliner Bar, Jurys Hotel represented Ireland at the European Cocktail Championships in Cannes, France. His cocktail based on Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey won Joint First Prize – a Silver Plated Cocktail Shaker and a Gold Diploma.

John's Cocktail:

Cocktail Name : "Morning Dew"
 Ingredients: 9cl Tullamore Dew – Irish Whiskey
 6cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 3cl Blue Curacao – Bols
 12cl Grapefruit Juice
 Cocktail shaker
 Decoration: Orange Twist, Fresh Cream, Red Cherry

•Edward Dillon & Company Limited: Dillons were pleased to announce that they had been appointed sole distributors in the Republic of Ireland by the "Old Bushmills Distillery Co. Ltd., for their Three Star Black Bush Whiskeys.

•Mr. Richard Burrows (Director I.D.L.) stepped down as B.A.I. Honorary Auditor due to work pressure and Ben O'Beirne (I.D.L.) was appointed to the B.A.I. Honorary Auditor's position.

•4th Milestone Wine Scholarship: was held at the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan, Co. Meath with the reception and prizes at the Dunderry Lodge Restaurant. Arch organiser Vincent O'Gorman is responsible for instituting this B.A.I. Wine Scholarship. The outright winner was Willie Manning of the Shelbourne Hotel who will receive a trip to Burgundy, France to the Caves of La Reine Pedaque.

•Martini Pensiero Paissa Prize: Held in Kitty O'Shea's Bar, Dublin Tuesday the 11th May and sponsored by Grants of Ireland. David O'Neill and Philip McClean were announced joint winners. David has been a bartender for five years in the Royal Dublin Hotel and the Gresham Hotel while Philip works in the Barclay Restaurant in Belfast. Well done lads. All the best in Turin at the finals.

•B.A.I. Cocktail Entries for the I.C.C. Competition in Albufeira, Portugal 1982

Pre-Dinner Section.

Competitor: Peter Cooke Senior – Thatch Bar, Newcastle, Galway.

Cocktail Name: "Golden Thatch"
 3cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 1.5cl White Port – Cockburns
 1.5cl Vermouth – Martini Dry
 Mixing Glass – Stir.
 Decorations: Slice of Cucumber – Pickled Onion.

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Long Drink Section.

Competitor: Johnny Johnston, Standard Telephone Social Club, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim.

Cocktail Name: "Blue Moon"
 Ingredients: 7cl Gin – C.D.C.
 3.5cl Blue Curacao – Bols
 3.5cl Cointreau Liqueur
 9cl Pineapple Juice
 10cl Schweppes Tonic Water (Top Up).
 Cocktail Shaker.
 Decoration: Wedge Pineapple, Green Cherry, Straws.



1982: B.A.I. strikes Gold at the International Cocktail Competition – Albufeira, Portugal. Johnny Johnston from the Standard Telephone Social Club, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim prepares his cocktail "Blue Moon".

After Dinner Section.

Competitor: John Fitzpatrick, Coconut Grove, Stillorgan, Dublin (4th Place)

Cocktail Name: "John's Grove"
 Ingredients: 2cl Jameson Irish Whiskey
 2cl Cointreau Liqueur
 1cl Orange Cordial
 .5cl Pernod Liqueur
 .5cl Egg White.
 Cocktail Shaker.

Decoration: Slice Orange, Red Cherry

Mr. John Pearson also travelled to Portugal I.C.C. 1982 as the B.A.I. International Judge.

B.A.I. Officers 1982:

President: Frank O'Reilly
 Vice-President: Brian O'Mara
 Honorary Secretary: John McLoughlin
 Honorary Treasurer: Billy Roche
 New Honorary solicitor: Daire Walsh
 New Honorary Auditor: Ben O'Beirne (I.D.L.)

B.A.I. – Southern Area:

Chairman: Johnny Heffernan

B.A.I. – Northern Area:

Chairman: Johnny Johnston

B.A.I. – Western Area:

Chairman: Michael Higgins

*Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice-Presidents

*All other officers remained unchanged for 1982.

Celebrating B.A.I.'s 10th Anniversary – Special Messages for 1982

•Jerry Fitzpatrick (1st President B.A.I.): Ten years later I find it hard to realise that the B.A.I. has made such great progress in what is really a very short space of time. I think back to 1972 when the idea of our Association became a reality. The idea was not a new one in fact. I recall when I first joined the U.K.B.G. Irish Branch in 1948 the monthly meetings were held in The Royal Hibernian Hotel and later in the Moira Hotel. Many times the idea of an All Ireland Association was discussed and two members (since deceased) come to my mind namely John O'Farrell and Christy O'Connor. These names may not mean much to younger members but the spirit and principles in union with our late Garry Benson still influence our present day B.A.I. and I sincerely hope that they always will.

•George Buller (1st U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Chairman): George was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the U.K.B.G. the first bartender to hold this honour and was the B.A.I.'s first official member later elected to B.A.I. Honorary Life Membership.

George's words: "Congratulations to the B.A.I. I had the honour of being present at the first I.B.A. meeting in Torquay, England in 1951 and have had pleasure of seeing the I.B.A. grow up to its present membership and also it is with great satisfaction that I now see Ireland playing its part in the I.B.A. family".



1982: I.C.C. Cocktail Competition, Portugal. Competitor John Fitzpatrick of Parks Hotel, Stillorgan, Dublin.

Chapter 7

B.A.I. 1983– 1990

1983

Major Events:

***Martini Grand Prix:** National winners Patrick Conroy and Paul Kearns represented the B.A.I. in Italy. David Strahan also qualified for the World Finals as winner of the "John Whyte Cup".

***Garry Benson Scholarship:** Sponsored by I.D.L. – Powers Irish Whiskey was awarded to Southern Area Member David Strahan who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre, Portugal organised by the A.B.P. (Portugese Bartenders Association). David was selected as the best overall student and awarded the famous "John Whyte Cup" a first for the B.A.I.



1983: Left to right Peter Moloney, Chairman B.A.I. Western Branch. Johnny Heffernan, Chairman B.A.I. Southern Branch. Johnny Johnston, Chairman B.A.I. Northern Branch. John Fitzpatrick, President B.A.I.

***B.A.I. 10th Anniversary:** Special anniversary issue of B.A.S.I.L. was printed to celebrate the occasion which recalled special moments, past events and historical feats.

***International Amaretto di Saronno:** Competition entries were all sent to Italy. Winners prize was a 2kg Solid Gold Amaretto Bottle to be presented at the I.B.A. Meeting in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. in November.

***Billy Connaughton:** 16th All Ireland Cocktail Champion with his famous "Galway Grey" Cocktail. Billy Connaughton good B.A.I. member sadly passed away.

***I.B.A. Convention & Competition:** The venue was Los Angeles. John Fitzpatrick, John McLoughlin, Paul McAuley and Frank O'Reilly represented the B.A.I., Richard Burrows of Irish Distillers sponsored one ticket to Los Angeles for the B.A.I.

***U.K.B.G. (United Kingdom Bartenders Guild) 50th Anniversary:** John Fitzpatrick (President B.A.I.) and his wife on an invitation travelled to U.K.B.G. 50th Anniversary Dress Dance.

Other major News Stories from 1983:

***B.A.I.G.S. (Bartenders Association of Ireland Golf Society):** B.A.I.G.S. inaugural outing was sponsored by Guinness Group Sales and was played at Stackstown Golf Club, Rathfarnham, Dublin. 1st Captain John Murphy, Gresham Hotel took care of events.

***B.A.I. Sword of Office:** A presentation of the B.A.I. Sword of Office was made to John Fitzpatrick (President B.A.I.) at the B.A.I. Northern Dress Dance.

***B.A.I. Trophies Estimates:** In 1983 all B.A.I. Trophies were estimated to be valued at £12,000 cost with The Buttery Cup (C.D.C. Gin) worth £4,000 value.

***Old U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Film:** Joe Casey (Past President B.A.I.) passed over to the B.A.I. Executive from Terry Dunne (Past Chairman U.K.B.G. Irish Branch) members trip to Spain in 1962 on Projector film.

***B.A.I. National Dress Dance 1983:** Returned a record loss of £1,600 to the Association which included 110 free dance tickets given out. An intolerable situation – one to learn from.

***19th All Ireland Cocktail Competition:** (Sponsored by Cork Dry Gin – I.D.L.) Overall winner was Joe Mahon from Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh with his cocktail called "Scarlet Lady". Joe was presented with the Buttery Perpetual Challenge Cup, Engraved Silver Plated Cocktail Shaker and a cheque for £150. Runners up were 2nd Declan O'Connor, Jurys Hotel, Dublin and 3rd John Bell, Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry.

***I.B.A. Training Course 1983 Best Student:** was awarded to B.A.I. member



1983: Cork Dry Gin 19th All-Ireland Cocktail Competition. Michael Cummins, Director of Sales and Marketing for Irish Distillers, on left, chatting with the winners after the presentation of prizes at the Cork Dry Gin 19th All-Ireland Cocktail Competition. Left to right: Michael Cummins, John Fitzpatrick, President, Bartenders Association of Ireland, Joe Mahon, Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh (winner), Declan O'Connor, Jury's Hotel, Dublin (runner-up), John Bell, Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry (3rd), John McLoughlin, Vice-President, B.A.I.



Frank O'Reilly handing over the Chain Of Office to John Fitzpatrick in 1983. Also in photo Bobby Howick, Guinness Group Sales.

David Strahan from Jurys Hotel in Cork who was awarded the John Whyte Trophy. I am sure Garry Benson (RIP) would have been very proud of David's achievements as the first B.A.I. member to win this award. The Scholarship which enabled David and other B.A.I. members to travel to the I.B.A. Training Centre is sponsored by I.D.L. Powers Whiskey and named "The Garry Benson Memorial Scholarship".

B.A.I. Officers 1983:

President: John Fitzpatrick
Vice-President: John McLoughlin
Honorary Secretary: Willie Manning
Honorary Treasurer: Denis Fitzpatrick

B.A.I. – Southern Area

Chairman: Pat Shine
Area Secretary: John Pearson

B.A.I. – Northern Area

Chairman: Johnny Johnston

B.A.I. – Western Area

Chairman: Peter Maloney
Area Secretary: Mary Corkery
Area Treasurer: Michael Kelly
New Education Officer: Peter Cooke

*All other officers remained unchanged for 1983.

*Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents.



"1983 Guinness Luncheon": Left to right: Paddy Flahive, Martin Judge, John Fitzpatrick (President B.A.I.), Tom Blake, Eamonn Preston.

1984

Major Events:

***B.A.S.I.L. Magazine:** Willie Manning took over as the new Editor and changed the magazine to a new green cover. The first issue cost £350 to print.

***Martini Grand Prix Success for Ireland:** National winners were Cathy McDonagh and David Egan. Cathy went on to become the first B.A.I. bartender and first female ever to win the overall international title in Italy.

***New B.A.I. Constitution:** was printed in full for members approval in the B.A.S.I.L. Magazine.

***1984 Garry Benson Scholarship:** Sponsored annually by Irish Distillers – Powers Irish Whiskey was awarded to P.J. Conroy of the Imperial Hotel, Cork who will travel to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Portugal organised by the A.B.P. (Portugese Bartenders Association).

***32nd I.B.A. Convention and International Cocktail Competition:** The venue was Hamburg, Germany. Organised by the D.B.U. (Deutsche Bartender Union) to also celebrate their 75th anniversary. David Strahan, John Murphy and Pat McAnearney represented the B.A.I. team.

***Bobby Howick – Guinness Group Sales Retires:** Great Associate and Honorary Life Member of the B.A.I. Mr. Bobby Howick retired in 1984. His support for the B.A.I. was always invaluable. Bobby was also the B.A.I. Guest of Honour at the B.A.I. National Dress Dance in 1984.

Other major News Stories from 1984:

•**Southern Comfort Cocktail Championship 1984:** This event was held on the 16th of October at the Forum Hotel (formerly known as the Europa Hotel, Belfast). Sponsors Hollywood & Donnelly M.D. Jim O'Neill aided by Mick Wilson (Marketing Manager Hollywood & Donnelly) and Mike Collings (M.D. Saccone & Speed). Overall winners were 1st John Sloan – Cultra Inn, 2nd Peter McIlwaine – Stage Coach Inn, Derriaghy, 3rd Pat Gawley – Anchor Bar, Kilkeel, 4th Martin Comiskey – Robins Nest, Lisburn.

Johns winning Cocktail was:

Cocktail Name: "Birthday Surprise"

Ingredients: 5cl Southern Comfort
 4cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 4cl Coconut Liqueur – Malibu
 15cl Orange Juice
 1cl Blackcurrant Cordial
 1cl Egg White.
 Shaker.

***Gordons Dry Gin:** In 1984 Gordons decided to change its green bottle and label to white bottle and yellow label traditionally used as its International Package.

***West Coast Cooler Launched:** A new wine based beverage from California – West Coast Cooler – was launched by I.D.L.

***Milestone Wine Scholarship Ceases:** Unfortunately this Prestigious Scholarship ceased in 1984 due to the company's closure.

***Martini Grand Prix:** National winners Cathy McDonagh – Cooke's Thatch Bar, Galway and David Egan – Burlington Hotel, Dublin – represented the B.A.I. in Italy where Cathy went on to become the B.A.I.'s first International Winner and only female winner of this prestigious title.



1984: Martini Magnificence – (Left to right) Andy O'Gorman, Cathy McDonagh – Cooke's Thatch Bar, Galway – 1st place, David Egan, Burlington Hotel, Dublin 11th place at the World Finals held in Italy.

***Irish Distillers Group New Sales Company:** I.D.G. announced the formation of a new sales company in the Republic of Ireland. The company will trade from March 1st 1984 as Fitzgerald & Company Ltd. and will initially distribute the Domecq range of Sherries and Grahams Ports. Leo Gately has been appointed Sales Director.

***Galway Bartenders of the Year:** Sponsored by Coca-Cola Western Bottlers. Congratulations to Jim Flanagan a young barman who has been chosen as the 1984 Bartender of the Year for Galway. Jim was presented with a Perpetual Trophy at the Bartenders Social in the Ardilaun House Hotel, Galway. Judges were from Coca-Cola, Galway R.T.C. and Guinness Group Sales.

***B.A.I. Cocktail Entries for the I.C.C. Competition in Hamburg, Germany 1984 – 19th to 24th October:**

Pre-Dinner Section.

Competitor: John Murphy – Gresham Hotel, Dublin (6th)
Cocktail name: "Murphy's Law"
Ingredients: 3cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 2cl Vermouth – Dry Martini
 1cl Kummel – Bols
 1cl Lime Cordial – Roses
 Mixing Glass – Stir.
Decoration: Twist Lemon.

After-Dinner Section.

Competitor: Pat McAnearney – Robins Nest, Lisburn (5th)
Cocktail name: "Irish Dream"
Ingredients: 3cl Asbach Brandy
 1cl Tia Maria
 1cl Royal Mint Chocolate Liqueur
 1cl Fresh Cream (Float Cream)

Long Drink Section.

Competitor: David Strahan – Jurys Hotel, Cork (10th)
Cocktail name: "Dave's Dream"
Ingredients: 5cl Jameson Irish Whiskey
 2cl Cointreau
 2cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 10cl Orange Juice – Britvic
 1cl Egg White
 10cl Perrier Spring Water.
Decoration: Slice Orange – Green & Red Cherries.

Bartley Reaney was the B.A.I. Judge at the I.C.C.
B.A.I.'s overall team place was 4th.

John Feeney of "The Evening Herald" newspaper travelled with the B.A.I. Team to the I.C.C. in Hamburg.

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Vice-President: John McLoughlin
Honorary Secretary: Willie Manning
Honorary Treasurer: Denis Fitzpatrick

B.A.I. – Southern Area

Chairman – Pat Shine
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B.A.I. – Northern Area

Chairman: Johnny Johnston

B.A.I. – Western Area

Chairman: Peter Maloney

**Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice-Presidents
 All other officers remained unchanged for 1984.

***B.A.I.G.S. Inaugural Golf Outing:** The Bartenders Association of Ireland Golf Society held its inaugural golf outing at Stackstown Golf Club. First B.A.I.G.S. Captain John Murphy declared his delight and hoped for a good future with B.A.I.G.S. Ailbe Brennan of The Killiney Court Hotel who was overall winner.

1985

Major Events:

***Martini Grand Prix:** National winners were Cathal O'Neill and Ulick O'Halloran. 23 year old Cathal of Henry T's Newry went on to 8th Place in the International Finals held in Italy.



1985 Cork Dry Gin All Ireland Cocktail Competition. Left to right: John Fitzpatrick, President B.A.I., Peter Greaney, Irish Distillers presenting the winner David Strahan, Jurys Hotel Cork with the trophy, Michael O'Shea, Chairman Southern area B.A.I.

***Cork City 800th Anniversary:** The 1985 All Ireland Cocktail Competition moved to Cork City to celebrate its 800th anniversary. Local man David Strahan was the overall winner.

***1985 Garry Benson Scholarship:** (Sponsored annually by Irish Distillers – Powers Irish Whiskey) was awarded to Cathy McDonagh from the Western Area B.A.I. who will travel to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Portugal organised by the A.B.P. (Portugese Bartenders Association).

***All-Ireland Cocktail Competition:** Sponsored by Cork Dry Gin Irish Distillers: The venue was Jurys Hotel, Cork. Irish Distillers brought the All-Ireland for the first time to Cork to coincide with the 800th Anniversary of Cork City. Overall winners were **1st** David Strahan – Jurys Hotel Cork, **2nd** Paddy McAnearney – Dunadry Inn Belfast, **3rd** John Sloan – Cultra Inn, Hollywood, Co. Down, **4th** John Gallagher – Gresham Hotel, Dublin.

Other major News Stories from 1985:*** "Joe Kelly – An Appreciation" by John Pearson**

Joe Kelly late of the Metropole Hotel, Cork worked there as Head Barman for 28 years. I was fortunate to have been his first apprentice. He always epitomised for me what every customer wanted to see in a bartender. Mannerly, pleasant, good humoured, punctual, never over-familiar were some of his qualities. To Delia, daughter Brenda, sons Brendan and James we send our sincere sympathy.

***Nothern Branch B.A.I. Tee off with Dillons Wines & Spirits:**

The inaugural Golf Competition of the Northern Branch took place at Dunmurray Golf Club. Paul McKeivitt of Henry T's Newry was the overall winner. A wonderful lunch was served in the Greenham Lodge Hotel to all competitors.

***Caffreys Ale Launch – Dublin:** Tennents Ireland are this week launching Caffreys Ale – a new carefully researched draught ale for the Irish Market brewed at 1036 degrees gravity to International Standards by Ulster Brewery Belfast.

***Fitzgeralds Wine & Spirit Company:** In 1985 Fitzgeralds gained the agency and distribution for all the "BOLS LIQUEURS" in Ireland.

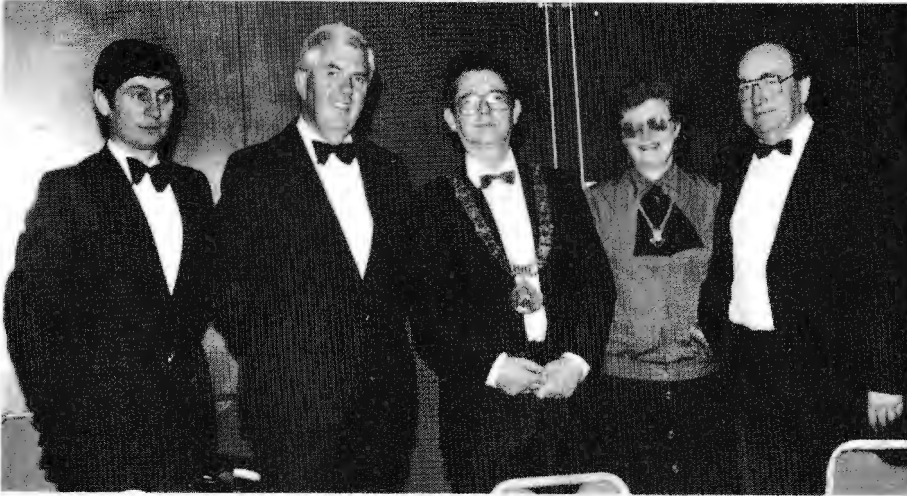
***B.A.I. (South) Associates Cocktail Competition:** The overall winner was Dermot O'Leary (Irish Distillers) with "Dermot's Delight"

Cocktail Name: "Dermot's Delight"

Ingredients: 2cl Mulligan
 2cl Grand Marnier
 1cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 1cl Orange Cordial.
 Mixing Glass. Stir.
 Topped with Fresh Cream.

Decoration: Slice Orange, Cherry.

***Midleton Very Rare:** In 1985 Midleton Very Rare was launched, the most exclusive and prestigious whiskey ever produced in Ireland. Master Distiller Barry Crockett carries out a family tradition of distilling at Midleton. The individual number on each bottle is recorded in Midleton Very Rare Connoisseurs Hall in the Museum of the Irish Whiskey Heritage Centre.



National Dress Dance, B.A.I. 1985. Left to right: Andrew O'Gorman, College of Marketing & Design, Noel Howell, Beamish & Crawford, Cork, Michael O'Halloran, Lord Mayor of Dublin, and his wife, Jack Barnes, Beamish & Crawford, Dublin.

***Smirnoff East of Ireland Cocktail Competition:**

53 Participants took part in the event. Guest of Honour was The Right Honourable Alderman Michael O'Halloran, Lord Mayor of Dublin. Overall winner was John Murphy from the Gresham Hotel.

John's Cocktail:

Cocktail Name: "Wide Eyed and Legless"
 Ingredients: 2cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 2cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 1.5cl Lime Cordial – Roses
 1.5cl Fresh cream (Topped)
 Mixing Glass, Stir

Runners up were Robert Mulvaney – Westbury Hotel and David Kelleher. Paul Pratt, Branch Manager Gilbeys, complimented a great competition.

***Galway Bartender of the Year 1984/85:** Sponsored by Coca-Cola Western Bottlers. Congratulations to Gerry Gibbons of the Ardilaun House Hotel who has been chosen as the 1985 Bartender of the Year. Gerry manages the bar in the Ardilaun House Hotel. Presentations were made by Mr. Dick Keane of Coca-Cola.

***1st De Kuyper Cocktail Competition:** Sponsored by the Irish Bonding Group Spirits and Wines. The venue for the competition was the Lansdowne Court Hotel, Belfast. 30 Competitors took part and the winner was Paddy Gawley from Kilkeel, Co. Down and runner up was Johnny Johnston.

Paddys Cocktail:

Cocktail Name: "P.G.'s Delight"
 Ingredients: 4cl Cognac – Martell
 3cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 3cl Liqueur 43
 1cl Grenadine Syrup – Bols
 4cl Orange Cordial
 12cl Lemonade White
 3cl Fresh Cream (Topped).

***B.A.I. Trip to Grand Parade (P.J. Carroll Cigarettes):** A large party of B.A.I. members and their friends turned up to P.J. Carroll for what has now become an annual event, the film show. Our old friend, Jim Gibbons greeted us and Damien Murray, also from Carrolls Cigarettes ably assisted.

B.A.I. Officers 1985:

President: John Fitzpatrick
Vice-President: John Murphy
Honorary Secretary: Willie Manning
Honorary Treasurer: Denis Fitzpatrick.

B.A.I. – Northern Area
Chairman: Johnny Johnston
Area Secretary: Eamonn McCusker.

B.A.I. – Southern Area
Chairman: Michael O'Shea
Area Secretary: John Pearson
Area Treasurer: David Strahan.

B.A.I. – Western Area
Chairman: Martin McGonagle
Area Secretary: Gerry Gibbons
Area Treasurer: Cathy McDonagh.

**All other officers remained unchanged for 1985.*

**Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice-Presidents.*



1985: Visit by the I.B.A. President Michel Bigot and his wife to Ireland with his friends from the B.A.I. and Guinness Brewery.

1986

Major Events:

• **B.A.S.I.L. Magazine:** Donal Conroy B.A.I. member becomes the new Editor of B.A.S.I.L.

• **Glayva Liqueur:** The famous Scottish Liqueur sponsored the First International Cocktail Competition between the U.K.B.G. areas and the B.A.I. Northern Area. The Scottish team were overall team winners. The B.A.I. Northern Branch team were Pat Gawley (Long Drink), Eamonn McCusker (Pre-dinner Drink), Pat McAnearney (Sweet Drink), Gareth Jones – Team Manager.

• **Milestone Wine Scholarship:** This famous Wine Scholarship hosted annually by Milestone started in 1979. Unfortunately the Scholarship ceased but our sincere thanks from the B.A.I. to Mr. O'Gorman and Milestone.

• **Martini Grand Prix:** National winners were Seamus McCusker – The Beaten Docket Belfast – and Paul Lawless – Burlington Hotel, Dublin. Paul went on to a 5th place in the International Finals held in Italy.

• **1986 Garry Benson Scholarship:** (Sponsored annually by Irish Distillers – Powers Irish Whiskey) was awarded to Joe Mahon from the Northern Area B.A.I. who will travel to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Portugal organised by the A.B.P. (Portugese Bartenders Association).

• **1986 35th I.B.A. Convention:** The venue was the Hotel Hilton, Deauville, France, organised by the A.B.F. (French Bartenders Association).

Other major News Stories from 1986:

• **1986 B.A.I. Galway Bartender of the Year:** Maria Corbett from the Meadow Court Hotel, Loughrea is the new Galway Bartender of the Year.

• **1986 East of Ireland Smirnoff Competition:** Took place in Jurys Hotel, Dublin on the 6th February. A field of 66 competitors took part and after a very close contest David Nulty of Lowes Pub, Dean Street, Dublin was the winner.

David's Cocktail:

Cocktail name: "Banana Shake"

Ingredients: 5cl Vodka – Smirnoff
4cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
15cl Pineapple Juice
2cl Grenadine Syrup – Bols
4cl Fresh Cream.
Cocktail Shaker.

Runners up were Sean Malone – The Gresham Hotel, Tommy O'Neill – Jurys Hotel, Cormac Rose – Skylon Hotel.

*1st 7-Up All Ireland Colleges Competition 1985/86:

This is the first time that a Non-Alcoholic Cocktail competition has been run in this country. It is also the first time that a number of Regional Colleges throughout the country have come together in such a competition. The competition was run under the auspices of the Licensed Trade Department of the College of Marketing & Design, Dublin and was sponsored by the 7-Up Bottling Co. (Dublin) Ltd. The final was held on 25th November 1985 and was judged under the following headings:

Hygiene – Efficiency – Cocktail Taste/Presentation

The 1st winning competitor and cocktail was:



1985/86: First 7UP All Ireland Colleges Cocktail Competition held in the College of Marketing and Design. Left to right: Jemma Hussey T.D., Minister for Education, Tom Duffy, 7UP, (now with Edward Dillon & Co. Ltd), June Brogan, Cert Killarney (winner), Andrew O'Gorman, Head of licensed trade department, College of Marketing & Design.



1985 College Cocktail Competition held in Marlborough Street School of Retail Distribution. Behind bar counter Left to right: Pat Ward, Emmet House, Inchicore (3rd), Paul Lawless, Burlington Hotel (2nd), James Murphy, Cassidy's, Camden Street (1st). Foreground: Anne Mack, College of Marketing & Design, John Fitzpatrick, President B.A.I., Aine Rea, College of Marketing & Design, George Birmingham, Minister of State at the Department of Labour.

Competitor: June Brogan – CERT, Killarney, Co. Kerry
Cocktail name: "7th Heaven"
Ingredients: 4cl Lime Cordial
 12cl 7-Up
 14cl Ballygowan Mineral Water
 Mixing Glass, Stir.

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Area Treasurer: Pat McAnearney.

B.A.I. – Southern Area
Chairman: Michael O'Shea
Area Secretary: John Pearson
Area Treasurer: David Strahan.

B.A.I. – Western Area
Chairman: Gerry Gibbons
Area Secretary: Peter Moloney
Area Treasurer: Michael Kelly.

**Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice-Presidents.*

**All other officers remained unchanged for 1986.*



John Fitzpatrick handing over the Chain Of Office to Pat Boles in 1986

1987

Major Events:

***B.A.S.I.L. Magazine:** 1st time ever five issues of B.A.S.I.L. appeared in one single year.

***Tom Blake:** Past U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Executive and staunch B.A.I. Member and Executive. "Our Sports Minister" as we affectionately called him sadly passed away.

***Martini Grand Prix:** National winners were James Murphy – Bowes Lounge, Fleet Street, Dublin and Martin Sowney – Springfellows, Belfast. Both men represented the B.A.I. in Italy.

***1987 Garry Benson Scholarship:** (Sponsored annually by Irish Distillers – Powers Irish Whiskey) was awarded to Gerry Brown from the Eastern Area B.A.I. who will travel to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Portugal organised by the A.B.P. (Portugese Barternders Association).

***International Cocktail Competition – I.C.C.:** was held in Rome, Italy. Philip Foran, Damien Ecock and Paul Lawless represented the B.A.I.

***Smirnoff East of Ireland Cocktail Competition:**

After a well fought contest Cormac Rose from the Skylon Hotel, Dublin was overall winner.

Cormac's Cocktail:

Cocktail name: "The Rancher"
 Ingredients: 5cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 5cl Melon Liqueur – Midori
 9cl Pineapple Juice
 9cl Orange Juice
 2cl Fresh Cream (Floated).
 Cocktail Shaker.
 Decoration: Pineapple, Cherries.

Runners up were Paul Lawless – Sachs Hotel, Pat Connery and Brian Duggan.

Other major News Stories from 1987:***The College of Marketing & Design Changes Home:**

The house of so many B.A.I. Scholarships, Cocktail and Education Courses, The College of Marketing & Design, Marlborough Street, moved to their new premises at 40/45 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1.



1987: B.A.I. Team for the International Cocktail Competition, Rome, Italy. Left to right: Gareth Jones, College of Business Studies Belfast – International Judge. Philip Foran, Imperial Hotel, Cork – competitor. Paul Lawless, Sachs Hotel, Dublin – Competitor. Damien Ecock, Champers, Dublin – Competitor. John Murphy, President B.A.I., Michael Murphy, Home Trade Director, Irish Distillers Ltd.



1987: B.A.I. Trip to the Whiskey Corner Museum, Bow Street, Dublin. Members from the Western, Southern and Eastern Areas were present.

***Irish Distillers Introduces New Concept in Drinking:** Irish Distillers Sales Company recently launched a new product on the Irish Market – Unislim Spritz – a delicious blend of white wine and sparkling water containing 20 calories per 100ml.

***Martell Cognac:** In 1987 Gilbeys of Ireland gained the agency for the distribution of Martell Cognac in Ireland.

E.D.C. Council is formed: At the I.B.A. Convention in Rome in 1987 the Educational Development Council was appointed and set up by the I.B.A. Members of the council are A.B.F. – France, B.A.I. – Ireland, A.I.B.E.S. – Italy, U.K.B.G. – United Kingdom, A.B.P. – Portugal. The objective of the Council was to create and thereafter develop an Education Course that is acceptable to all I.B.A. member countries that will be internationally recognised and certified. Seventy five per cent of good bartending is international, the other twenty-five per cent is local knowledge and practices. This is where the R.E.O.'s (Regional Education Officers) come in.

***B.A.I. Cocktail Recipes for the I.C.C. Competition in Rome, Italy 1987:**

Pre-Dinner Section.

Competitor: Philip Foran – Imperial Hotel, Cork.
Cocktail name: "Imperial Dry"
Ingredients: 3cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 1.5cl Port – White
 .5cl Lime Cordial – Roses
 1cl Cointreau.
 Mixing Glass, Stir.
Decoration: Rind Lemon, Olive, Pearl Onion.

Long Drink Cocktail Section.

Competitor: Paul Lawless – Sachs Hotel, Dublin
Cocktail Name: "Georgian Special"
Ingredients: 4cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 3cl Creme de Banana – Bols
 3cl Melon Liqueur – Midouri
 3cl Lime Cordial – Roses
 17cl Mineral Water – Ballygowan.
 Mixing Glass, Stir.

After Dinner Section Competitor: Damien Ecock – Champers Bar, Dublin

Cocktail name: "The Thatcher"
Ingredients: 3cl Irish Whiskey – Jameson
 1cl Amaretto di Saronno

1cl Orange Cordial
 1cl Fresh Cream.
 Cocktail Shaker.
 Orange Slice and Cherries.

Decoration:

Also travelling to Rome representing the B.A.I. will be John Murphy (President B.A.I.) Denis Fitzpatrick, Johnny Johnston, Donal Conroy, William McElroy, Gareth Jones.

B.A.I. Officers 1987:

President: John Murphy
Vice President: Willie Manning
Honorary Secretary: Paul Lawless
Honorary Treasurer: Denis Fitzpatrick

B.A.I. – Northern Area
 Officers unchanged
 *New E.D.C. Member Gareth Jones

B.A.I. Southern Area
 Officers unchanged

B.A.I. – Western Area
Chairman: Ulick O'Halloran
Area Secretary: Christy Gannon
Area Treasurer: Michael Kelly

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 All other officers remained unchanged for 1987.



1987: Prizewinners at the Guinness Group Sales Golf outing to Donabate. Left to right: Kevin O'Connor, Guinness Group Sales, Seán Keating, Tommy Comerford, Capt. B.A.I. Golf Society, Michael Nolan, Ailbe Brennan, John McLoughlin and Tony Kavanagh, Guinness Group Sales.

***Jim Barry (I.D.L.):** Mr. Jim Barry P.R.O. Executive Irish Distillers and the B.A.I. Southern Area Trustee since its inception in 1978 has retired from I.D.L. He has organised several interesting trips to Middleton. He also gave talks to our Bar Students at the Cork R.T.C. and Killarney Bar Students. The only way to describe him is as "Gentleman Jim". We thank Jim for all his past contributions and look forward to his continued support.

***Imperial Huzzar Vodka Launch:** Irish Distillers Sales Company have launched "Imperial Huzzar", a premium Vodka of supreme quality. Imperial is available on the domestic market at 41% Vol. and in the Duty Free at 50% Vol. Imperial is created by the triple distillation of the finest grain together with pure clear water.

1988

Major Events:

***Dublin Celebrates its "Millenium":** To mark Dublin's 1000th Birthday the All Ireland Cocktail Competition was held in Dublin's "Mansion House" and Joe Mahon, from Irvinestown, Fermanagh won with his cocktail called "Mist of Erne".

***Martini Grand Prix:** National winners were Christy Kelly – Sachs Hotel, Dublin – and Stephen Beausang – Imperial Hotel, Cork. Christy and Stephen went on to gain 10th and 2nd places at the World Finals in Italy.

***B.A.I. Western Area:** After many great years for Irish Bartending in the West of Ireland sadly the area had to close due to lack of leadership and commitment.

***1988 Garry Benson Scholarship:** Sponsored annually by Irish Distillers – Powers Whiskey, was awarded to David Riordan from the Southern Area B.A.I. David will attend the I.B.A. Training Centre in the Grand Hotel, Lake Garda, Italy organised by A.I.B.E.S. (Italian Bartenders Association).

***1st Smirnoff – South of Ireland Competition:** was held in Jurys Hotel, Cork and P.J. Conroy from the Imperial Hotel, Cork, was the overall winner with his cocktail called "Up Cork".

***Des Heather:** Honorary Trustee and Honorary Life Member of the B.A.I. retired from Irish Distillers Limited.

***P.V. Doyle:** Top Irish Hotelier Mr. P.V. Doyle, sadly passed away.

***John Cole B.A.I.:** takes 2nd place at the I.B.A. Convention Young Bartenders Competition in Paris, France.

***I.B.A. Convention 1988:** was held in Paris, France. John Murphy, Cormac Rose, Gareth Jones and John Cole represented the B.A.I.

Other major News Stories from 1988:

***1988 Southern Comfort Cocktail Competition:** This years competition for the first time in many years moved from its usual venue at the Europa Hotel to the Wellington Park Hotel on Belfasts Malone Road. Overall winners were: 1st Eamonn McCusker – Beaten Docket, 2nd David Craig – Shorts Bros. P.L.C. Social Club, 3rd Billy Kerr – Fir Trees Hotel. Since the last Southern Comfort Competition the agents have changed from Hollywood & Donnelly to W. & A. Gilbey (Trevor McClintock).

***I.B.A. Cocktail Book:** The International Bartenders Association released a small cocktail book containing the top 50 Classic Cocktails, sponsored by Martini & Rossi.

***B.A.S.I.L.** The printing costs of BASIL the official journal of the B.A.I. went from £450 to £600 for each issue.



1988: 21st All Ireland Cocktail Competition Final in Dublin's Mansion House. Left to right: John Sheridan Dunloe Castle Hotel, Killarney – 2nd place, John Murphy – President B.A.I., Michael Murphy – Home Trade Director I.D.L. Sponsors, Danny Toland – Dublin Airport – 4th place.

***New Licensing Laws:** The Department of Justice noted that the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1988 was signed into Law, the precedent with effect from the 22nd of June 1988 in the Republic of Ireland. The main points of change are:

1. The old "Holy Hour" 2.30pm-3.30pm is abolished.
2. On Sunday serving will be from 12.30pm-2.00pm (Morning) and 4.00pm to 11.00pm (1 hour extra).
3. Clubs: are now forbidden to advertise functions except games, sporting or physical recreation.

***The "Millenium" All Ireland Cocktail Competition:** was held on 4th February 1988 in the Mansion House, Dublin to celebrate Dublin's 1000th Birthday. Irish Distillers Sponsors marks this special occasion by also presenting past All-Ireland winners with special presentations. The overall winner was Joe Mahon - Mahon's Hotel, Fermanagh with his cocktail "Mist of Erne". Runners up were John Sheridan - Dunloe Castle Hotel, Killarney, Robert Dooley, Jurys Hotel, Cork and Danny Toland - Dublin Airport.

***Smirnoff East of Ireland Cocktail Competition 1988:** This event was held on Thursday 21st April 1988 at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin. A strong field of 53 Bartenders took part. After an extremely close fought contest Gerard Kavanagh from Cassidy's Pub, Camden Street was overall winner:

Gerards cocktail was:

Cocktail name: "Amazulu"
 Ingredients: 4cl Smirnoff Vodka
 4cl Safari Liqueur
 4cl Creme de Bananes - Bols
 18cl Orange Juice.
 Cocktail Shaker.

Runners up were Ray Tobin - Howth Yacht Club, George Duffy - Shelbourne Hotel and Brian Figgis - Cassidy's Pub, Camden Street.

***1988 Martini Grand Prix National Final:** Sponsored by Grants of Ireland. Christy Kelly and Stephen Beausang were joint winners and represented the B.A.I. in Italy where they were placed 2nd and 10th in the World Final.

***1st South of Ireland Smirnoff Cocktail Competition:** This event was held in Jurys Hotel, Cork and P.J. Conroy from the Imperial Hotel, Cork was overall winner.

P.J.s Cocktail was:

Cocktail name: "Up Cork"
 Ingredients: 3cl Vodka - Smirnoff
 3cl Cointreau
 3cl Malibu
 3cl Creme de Cassis - Bols
 18cl Pineapple Juice.
 Cocktail Shaker.
 Decoration: Radish - Apple.

Runners up were David Strahan - Jurys Hotel, Cork, John Pearson - R.T.C. Cork and Richard McGrath - Jurys Hotel, Cork.

B.A.I. Officers for 1988:

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Honorary Secretary: Willie Manning
Honorary Treasurer: Denis Fitzpatrick
***New Education Chairman:** Paul Lawless.

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Area Treasurer: Pat McAnearney.

B.A.I. - Southern Area
Chairman: David Strahan
Area Secretary: John Pearson
Area Treasurer: Frank Molloy
Honorary Trustee: Dermot O'Leary
 (I.D.L.).

B.A.I. - Western Area
Chairman: Michael Kelly
Area Secretary: Peter Maloney
Area Treasurer: Bartley Reaney
Honorary Trustee: Michael Whelan
 (G.G.S.I.).

**All other officers remained unchanged for 1988.
 Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents.

1989

Major Events:

***Pat O'Kane Retires:** Managing Director of Hollywood & Donnelly Pat O'Kane, a great B.A.I. supporter, sponsor of the Southern Comfort and lately the Canadian Club Cocktail Competitions has left the licensed trade.

***Paddy Flahive:** Past U.K.B.G. Irish Branch Chairman, a hard and committed worker who motivated some members who later became Presidents of the B.A.I., Paddy sadly passed away in 1989.

***Martini Grand Prix:** National winners were James Murphy - Bowes Lounge, Fleet Street, Dublin and Robert Dooley - Jurys Hotel, Cork, who represented the B.A.I. in Fecamp, Normandy in France. This year became the first time the World Final was held outside Italy.

***Sheila Hackett (Guinness):** Former Correspondence Secretary of the B.A.I. Sheila Hackett was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the B.A.I.

***Beamish Irish Stout:** This famous Irish stout won the gold Medal at the Prestigious Monde Selection 1989 – The World Championship of Beers.

***John Pearson:** steps down as Southern Branch Secretary after 12 years service on the Executive.

***Eamonn Preston:** Great member of the B.A.I. Eamonn “Mr. Santa Claus” Preston as he is affectionately known retires after 43 years in the business.

***1989 Garry Benson Scholarship:** (Sponsored annually by Irish Distillers – Powers Whiskey) was awarded to Martin Sowney from the B.A.I. Northern Area who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in the Grand Hotel, Lake Garda, Italy organised by A.I.B.E.S. (Italian Bartenders Association).



1989: B.A.I.G.S. Captains Prize. (Left to right) Denis Fitzpatrick – President B.A.I., Danny Toland – Captains B.A.I.G.S., Barry Wyse – Grey Door Restaurant, Dennis Markey, Guinness Group Sales.

***1989 I.B.A. Convention:** was held in Helsinki, Finland, Denis Fitzpatrick and Joe Connolly represented the B.A.I.

Other major News Stories from 1989:

***B.A.I. Decision:** It was decided to hold at least two Area Chair Meetings per year.

***Southern Branch Dinner Dance:** Held on 20th November in Jurys Hotel, Cork. 300 people attended the event. Guest of Honour was Mr. John Kershaw, Sales Manager, Deasy & Co. Presentations made on the night included one to Michael Grace, Young Bartender of the Year Southern Area B.A.I.

***1989 Martini Grand Prix:** Sponsored by Grants of Ireland. The venue was Jurys Hotel on 15th May 1989. Liam Mathews (Product Group Manager Grants) said “he was delighted to be involved with the Martini Grand Prix competition which focuses on the professional skills of the younger members of the profession”.

***Cantrell & Cochrane Non-Alcoholic Cocktail Competition:** Held amongst the Southern Area B.A.I. members. This Non-Alcoholic Cocktail competition was a great success. David Strahan of Jurys Hotel, Cork was overall winner.

Dauids Cocktail was:

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| Cocktail name: | “Jurys Jewel” |
| Ingredients: | 12.5cl club Orange Juice 12.5cl Pineapple Juice 2cl Coconut Syrup 3cl Fresh Cream. Cocktail Shaker. |
| Decoration: | Strawberry, Mint Leaf. |

Runners up were John Sheridan, John Pearson and Michael Maye.

***The Dubliner Bar wins Hotel Bar of the Year 1989:** Sponsored by Edward Dillon, The Black & White Pub Awards confirmed The Dubliner Bar in Jurys Hotel, Dublin as the Hotel Bar of the Year 1989. Congratulations to all the lads on this award.

***The All Ireland Cocktail Competition:** (Sponsored by Irish Distillers – Cork Dry Gin). The venue for the final was the Stormont Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland on Wednesday 8th November 1989. The overall winner was David Strahan of Jurys Hotel, Cork, his second All Ireland win. Runners up were Kevin Campbell – Burlington Hotel, Dublin, Billy McIlroy – Quarry Inn, Dundonald and Lena Deasey – Doughcloyne Inn, Cork.

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Area Treasurer: Pat McAnearney.

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Area Secretary: Stephen Beausang
Area Treasurer: Frank Molloy
Education Officer: John Pearson.

B.A.I. – Western Area
Area Closed.

- *All other officers remained unchanged for 1989.
- *Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice-Presidents.

1990

Major Events:

***Grants of Ireland Wines & Spirits:** Celebrates their Centenary in 1990.

***Lena Deasey and Eileen Lynch both B.A.I. Members:** Both ladies represented the B.A.I. at the International Bar Ladies Competition in Germany. Lena won the Silver Medal and Eileen won the Bronze Medal, a fabulous double result from a field of 44 international competitors.

***Smirnoff Vodka – Gilbeys of Ireland:** Gilbeys decide after many years of sponsoring the East, South and North of Ireland Regional Competitions to go All-Ireland. This Inaugural Long drink All Ireland Cocktail Competition will be held every second year. 1990 1st winner was David Strahan with his cocktail called "Kathy's Delight".

***Sandeman Port:** Celebrates its 200th Anniversary.

***1990 Garry Benson Scholarship:** sponsored annually by Irish Distillers – Powers Whiskey, was awarded to Sean Flynn from the B.A.I. Eastern Area who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in the Grand Hotel, Lake Garda, Italy organised by A.I.B.E.S. (Italian Bartenders Association).

***Ben O'Beirne Honorary Auditor B.A.I.:** After many years of dedicated service auditing the B.A.I.'s accounts Ben O'Beirne stepped down. Ben has been promoted to Group Financial Controller with Irish Distillers. The B.A.I. wish him every success.

***B.A.I. – Western Area Reforms:** The Western Area reformed again with Kevin Bracken, Christy Gannon and Matt Groarke elected as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.



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1990: B.A.I.G.S. outing to Hermitage sponsored by Guinness Group Sales. Prizewinners (Left to right): Frank O'Neill, Des Heather, Damien Flood, Area Sales Manager Guinness Group Sales, Danny Toland Vice-Captain B.A.I.G.S., Paul Walsh and Cormac Rowan.

***John Pearson:** is elected to Honorary Life Membership by the B.A.I. for his dedicated years of service. John also became National Education Chairman of the B.A.I.

***Liam Walsh (Waterford):** Liam Walsh, Bar Manager of the Waterford Castle Hotel, Waterford sent a request to the B.A.I. on the feasibility of starting a South Eastern Area B.A.I.

***Formation of United Beverages:** Savage Smyth of Dublin, J.E. Smyth (Trim), H. McCann (Drogheda), Corcorans (Carlow), Amalgamated Bottling (Dundalk) and Sean Byrne (Kilkenny), all merged to form United Beverages.

***International Cocktail Competitions (I.C.C.):** was held in Mexico City, Mexico. Cormac Rose, Eamonn McCusker and John Sheridan represented the B.A.I.

Other major News Stories from 1990:

***Garry Benson Scholarship Winner 1990** sponsored annually by Irish Distillers - Powers Whiskey: Sean Flynn of O'Neills, Thomas Street, Dublin, has been awarded this scholarship to attend the I.B.A. Training Centre in Italy.

***The Inaugural All Ireland Long Drink Cocktail Competition** sponsored by Smirnoff Vodka. The venue was the R.D.S. Ballsbridge, Dublin during the Vintners 90 Fair. 94 competitors took part and after a very good competition the Inaugural winners were 1st David Strahan, 2nd John McLoughlin, 3rd Lena Deasey, 4th Derek Meaney with the best young bartender going to Brian Figgis – Norseman Pub.

***Bisquit Cognac:** This famous Cognac born in Jarnac in 1819 and sold to Paul Ricard, owner of Ricard Pastis, Bisquit will now be distributed in Ireland by Irish Distillers Limited.

***“STOLI” launched:** At a reception held in the Stillorgan Park Hotel, Fitzwilliam McCullagh launched “*Stolichnaya Vodka*” – a Russian classic vodka.

***1990 Martini Grand Prix National Finals** sponsored by Grants of Ireland. The venue was Jurys Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin on May 14th. Joint winners were Brian Jones – Georgia Browns Bar, Cork and Sean Flynn of O’Neills Pub, Thomas Street, Dublin. Both men will travel to the World Finals to be held in Portugal.

***The C & C (Munster) 1990 Non-Alcoholic Cocktail Competition:** The venue was the Imperial Hotel, Cork. Mr. Tom Walsh C & C (Area Manager) praised the competition organisation and announced the winners. 1st John Sheridan – Dunloe Castle Hotel, Killarney, 2nd Philip Foran – Imperial Hotel, Cork, 3rd Joint Winners were Ann Shanahan and Lena Deasey of the Doughcloyne Inn.

***B.A.I. Cocktail Recipes for the I.C.C. Competition in Mexico City, Mexico 1990 1st to 4th November:**

Pre-Dinner Section.

Competitor: Eamonn McCusker – Stringfellows, Belfast.

Cocktail Name: “*Rosie O’Grady*”
 Ingredients: 3.5cl Dry White Wine
 1.5cl Glayva Liqueur
 .5cl Lemon Juice
 .5cl Egg White.
 Cocktail Shaker.
 Decoration: Wafer Rose, Mint Leaf.

Long Drink Section Competitor: John Sheridan – Dunloe Castle Hotel, Killarney

Cocktail Name: “*Killarney Creation*”
 4cl Vodka – Huzzar
 4cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 4cl Malibu
 3cl Fresh Cream
 15cl Pineapple Juice.
 Cocktail Shaker.
 Decoration: Pineapple Leaf, Strawberry.

After Dinner Section Competitor: Cormac Rose – Skylon Hotel, Dublin

Cocktail Name: “*Mexicali Rose*”
 Ingredients: 2.5cl Rum – Bacardi
 2.5cl Pisang Ambon Liqueur
 .5cl Creme de Cacao – White
 .5cl Float Fresh Cream.
 Mixing Glass, Stir.
 Decoration: Mint Leaf, Zest Orange.

Also travelling with the competitors are Denis Fitzpatrick (President B.A.I.) Joe Connolly (Vice President B.A.I.) Eamonn Lawlor (International Judge) George Duffy (Press Officer). The B.A.I. competitors for Mexico I.C.C. before departure appeared on “Kenny Live” TV Show demonstrating their cocktails.

B.A.I. Officers for 1990:

President: Denis Fitzpatrick
Vice President: Joe Connolly
Honorary Secretary: Cormac Rose
Honorary Treasurer: Willie Manning
***New Honorary Auditor:** Kay Fitzsimons (I.D.L.)
L.E.O.: – James Murphy.

B.A.I. – Northern Area
 Officers unchanged
L.E.O.: – Michael Dougal.

B.A.I. – Southern Area
Chairman: David Strahan
Area Secretary: Stephen Beausang
Area Treasurer: Frank Molloy
***New National Education Officer:**
 John Pearson (R.T.C. Cork).

B.A.I. – Western Area
Chairman: Kevin Bracken
Area Secretary: Christy Gannon
Area Treasurer: Matt Groarke
L.E.O.: Peter Cooke Senior.

***All other officers remained unchanged in 1990.**
***Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice-Presidents.**

***Grants of Ireland Celebrate Centenary:** This being Grants of Ireland Centenary Year we in the B.A.I. wish to extend our sincerest congratulations and felicitations on what must be a more satisfactory milestone in the (corporate) life of any company. Mention of certain brands most certainly evoke memories for many of us. CAIRNS ALE immediately springs to mind. In recent years particularly, Grants and ourselves have had an excellent relationship principally by the Martini International Competition for young bartenders. Grants of Ireland has evolved from the Castlebellingham and Drogheda Breweries Limited which was officially incorporated on 25th April 1890. The company was founded by Mr. Thomas Plunkett Cairnes a Director of the Bank of Ireland. More recently in 1970 the C & C group purchased Grants and in 1983 Grants moved to its Dublin offices in Chapelizod.

Chapter 8

The Bacardi Martini Grand Prix

The Bacardi Martini Grand Prix started in 1966 and was at first called "The *Pensiero Paissa Prize*". It was instituted by Martini & Rossi, in memory of Mr. Pierluigi Paissa, a member of the Martini & Rossi staff who died at an early age, tragically killed in a car accident. Mr. Paissa had been very interested in the welfare and progress of young Bartenders. At the beginning the competition was restricted to young A.I.B.E.S. members. In 1970 it was extended to bartenders world-wide. Qualification for the world finals are done through a national contest, currently sponsored by Edward Dillon Wines & Spirits. Listed below are all the Irish recipients of the scholarship and their known placings. Bartenders are required to master technicalities and foreign languages alike and to exhibit all the essential qualities of great bartenders – agreeableness, tact, and a good communicator.

| Year | B.A.I. National Winners | International Placing |
|------|---|-----------------------|
| 1973 | Con McCullagh | |
| 1974 | Declan Foley | |
| 1975 | Arthur Hook | Joint 2nd |
| 1976 | Brian O'Mara | |
| 1977 | Billy Roche | |
| 1978 | Paul Yaverbaum, Tom Murphy | |
| 1979 | Michael Dougal, Michael Crossan | |
| 1980 | Pat Burke, John Cronin | |
| 1981 | Michael O'Donoghue, David Strahan | |
| 1982 | David O'Neill, Philip McClean | 8th |
| 1983 | Paul Kearns, Patrick Conroy, David Strahan* | 11th |
| 1984 | Cathy McDonagh, David Egan | 1st, 11th |
| 1985 | Cathal O'Neill, Ulick O'Halloran | 8th, 15th |
| 1986 | Paul Lawless, Seamus McCusker | 5th |
| 1987 | James Murphy, Martin Sowney | 13th, 14th |
| 1988 | Stephen Beausang, Christy Kelly, | 2nd, 10th |
| 1989 | James Murphy, Robert Dooley | 14th, 23rd |
| 1990 | Sean Flynn, Brian Jones | 14th, 24th |
| 1991 | Joanna Murphy, John Olden | 23rd +F*, 16th |
| 1992 | Brian Jones, Paul Heffernan | 18th, 14th |

| | | |
|------|---|----------------|
| 1993 | James Murphy*, Martin Meade, Kieron McDermott | 1st, 2nd, 10th |
| 1994 | Trevor Fowler, Barry O'Leary | 9th, 15th |
| 1995 | Brian Jones*, Paul Heffernan, Martin McHugh | 2nd, 5th, 17th |
| 1996 | William Coughlan, Declan Byrne | 5th, 12th |

*Qualified by winning I.B.A. Training Course (Best Student).
 F* Outright Fancy Cocktail winner at the world finals.



1973: Martini International Paissa Prize – Irish Final. Venue: The Bar Classroom School of Retail Distribution 75/76 Marlborough Street, Dublin. Left to right: Declan Foley, next 2 unknown, Garry Benson, Digby Welch, Grants of Ireland, Con McCullagh, John Fitzpatrick, Pat O'Neill and Andy O'Gorman, School of Retail Distribution, Brian Cunningham.



1988 Martini Grand Prix Irish Final. Christy Kelly, Sachs Hotel, Dublin with the Italian Ambassador, Sig. Francesco Carlo Gentile.



1995 June: Bacardi Martini Grand World Final Hamburg, Germany. Left to right: Martin McHugh, James Murphy (President B.A.I.), Paul Heffernan, Brian Jones.



1993: Martini Grand Prix National Finals. Eastern Area qualifiers.

Garry Benson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was formerly known as the Powers Gold Label Whiskey Scholarship from 1972 up until 1980. Irish Distillers Limited, the sponsors of this scholarship decided in 1980 to rename it to commemorate B.A.I. Honorary member and co-founder Garry Benson. The scholarship enables the recipient to participate in the International Bartenders Training Centre. Listed below are all Irish Recipients.

| Year | Recipients |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 1972 | Damien Benson |
| 1973 | Paul McNally, Brian Cunningham |

| | |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 1974 | Joseph Connolly, Declan Foley |
| 1975 | Jimmy Woulfe |
| 1976 | Eamonn Preston |
| 1977 | Paul McAuley |
| 1978 | Harry McQuaid |
| 1979 | Christy O'Sullivan |
| 1980 | Dermot Burke |
| 1981 | Desmond McNally |
| 1982 | David J. Kelleher |
| 1983 | David Strahan – I.B.A. Course Winner |
| 1984 | P. J. Conroy |
| 1985 | Cathy McDonagh |
| 1986 | Joe Mahon |
| 1987 | Gerry Brown |
| 1988 | David Riordan |
| 1989 | Martin Sowney |
| 1990 | Sean Flynn |
| 1991 | Ian Ferguson |
| 1992 | Paul Quinn |
| 1993 | James Murphy – I.B.A. Course Winner |
| 1994 | Barry O'Leary |
| 1995 | Brian Jones – I.B.A. Course Winner |
| 1996 | No course held |
| 1997 | Paul Heffernan |



1993 I.B.A. John Whyte Cup Winner: Right to left: Joe Connolly President B.A.I. James Murphy J.W.C. Winner 1993, Deirdre Farrell P.R. Executive Irish Distillers, Scholarship sponsors.

Chapter 9

B.A.I. – the 1990s

1991

Major Events

- **B.A.I. South Eastern Area:** Liam Walsh presents the first batch of application forms to the B.A.I.'s A.G.M. from Waterford.
- **1991 Garry Benson Scholarship** sponsored annually by Powers Whiskey – Irish Distillers, was awarded to Ian Ferguson – Joxer Bar, Belfast – who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Lake Garda, Italy, organised by A.I.B.E.S.
- **International Bartenders Association (I.B.A.):** The I.B.A. founded in 1951 in Torquay, England, celebrates its 40th anniversary.
- **The Tom Blake Perpetual Trophy:** A new trophy was donated by the Blake family for the most efficient, hygienic bartender during the future Annual All Ireland Cocktail Competitions. Alan Campbell – Green Isle Hotel, Dublin was the first winner.
- **Martini Grand Prix 1991:** National Finals are sponsored annually by Grants of Ireland. The joint winners, both from Cork, were John Olden and Joanna Murphy who both represented the B.A.I. at the World Finals in Scotland where Joanna Murphy won the Best Fancy Drink-Cocktail section.
- **Gareth Jones:** Northern Area Education Officer and member of the I.B.A. E.D.C. Council Mr. Gareth Jones, was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the B.A.I.
- **Kay Fitzsimons (Irish Distillers Ltd.):** Kay becomes the new B.A.I. Honorary Auditor.
- **New B.A.I. Northern Members:** The City of Derry's Bartenders took their place in the B.A.I. in 1991.
- **Education:** John Pearson, National Education Officer, presents Denis Fitzpatrick, President, B.A.I., with the new B.A.I. Education Course.

Other major news stories from 1991:

- **'JUST BELONG' – A Message to all Bartenders and B.A.I. Members:** The comparative newcomers have a tremendous opportunity to broaden their horizons and extend their experience by playing as full a part in their Association as the time permits, as the poem goes:

'JUST BELONG'

*"Are you an active member the kind that would be missed
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meeting and mingle with the crowd
Or do you stay at home and grumble long and loud?
Do you ever go and visit a member who is sick
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
Come to the meetings more often and help with hand and heart
Don't just be a member but take an active part!
Think this over members, you know the right from wrong
Are you an active member or do you just belong?"*

- **Canadian Club Open Cocktail Competition:** Sponsored by Hollywood & Donnelly the venue was Eamonn McCuskers "Springfellows". The overall winners: 1st Billy McIlroy – Quarry Inn, 2nd Michael Callaghan, Sports Bar, Lisburn, 3rd Martin Comiskey, Matts Bar, Ballinahinch, 4th Ian Ferguson, Joxer Bar, Belfast.

Billy McIlroys winning cocktail:

| | |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Cocktail Name: | "Canadian Boomerang" |
| Ingredients: | 4cl Canadian Club Whiskey |
| | 3cl Melon Liqueur |
| | 3cl Banana Liqueur |
| | 15cl Snowball |
| | 1cl Lime Cordial. |
| | Build over Ice. |

- **Glavya International Challenge 1991:** U.K.B.G. Scotland–v–B.A.I. Northern Branch at Cocktails. Congratulations to Team Captain Pat Gawley and team members of the B.A.I. for bringing home the Glavya Liqueur Team Trophy from Glasgow, Scotland.

- **International Cocktail Festival:** The venue was Bulgaria. David Strahan and Cormac Rose represented the B.A.I. and they placed 2nd in the team competition and David won the Short Drink Cocktail section in Bulgaria.

- **The All Ireland Cocktail Competition:** Sponsored by C.D.C. Gin – Irish

Distillers. The venue was Jurys Hotel, Dublin. After a great competition David Strahan – Jurys Hotel, Cork, was overall winner, 2nd Maura Boyd – Joxer Bar, Belfast, 3rd Eileen Lynch, Mitchells Restaurant, Kildare Street, Dublin, 4th Martin Sowney – Joxer Bar, Belfast. This was the first time the new Annual Tom Blake Efficiency Trophy was awarded, which was won by Alan Campbell, Dublin. This year Technical Efficiency points were added to cocktail marks for every round in competition.

- **Liam Meaney New Position:** Current Sales Director of Grants of Ireland and great supporter and friend of the B.A.I. Liam Meaney has been appointed Managing Director of Tennents Ireland. We wish Liam well.

- **Drambuie Northern Area B.A.I. Bartender of the Year:** The presentation made by Andy Montgomery of James McCabe and Max Niven (Drambuie) to Billy McIlroy (1991 winner) from the Quarry Inn, Belfast.

B.A.I. Officers for 1991:

President: Denis Fitzpatrick
Vice-President: Joe Connolly
Honorary Secretary: Cormac Rose
Honorary Treasurer: Willie Manning
L.E.O.: Derek Meaney.

B.A.I. – Northern Area
Chairman: Johnny Johnston
Area Secretary: Eamonn McCusker
Area Treasurer: Pat McAnearney
L.E.O.: Michael Dougal.

B.A.I. – Southern Area

Chairman: John Olden
Area Secretary: Brian Jones
Area Treasurer: Frank Molloy
L.E.O.: Tom Kent
Honorary Trustee: Dermot O'Leary (I.D.L.).

B.A.I. – Western Area
Area Closed.

- *All other officers were unchanged for 1991.
- *Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents.

1992

Major Events

- **B.A.I. South Eastern Area:** This new area is formerly received at the B.A.I.s A.G.M. February 16th 1992.

- **John Sheridan:** Numerous Competitions Winner, B.A.I. Competitor at the I.C.C. in Mexico 1990, great worker and character, John Sheridan sadly passed away.

Beamish & Crawford Company: In 1992 Beamish and Crawford celebrated its bi-Centenary.



Beamish & Crawford 200th Anniversary Celebrations 1992: Special cake cutting ceremony by Steve Davis – World Snooker Champion, and Mr. Richard Beamish.

• **The Original Bisquit Cognac Cocktail Trophy:** This famous old Trophy was revamped and used for the New B.A.I. Inter-Areas Cocktail Competition. The venue for the Inaugural Inter-Areas Competition was Waterford and the first winner was Kieron McDermott (Southern Area).

• **1992 I.B.A. Convention:** Canada, Toronto City was the venue. Gerry McLoughlin – Spa Hotel, Lucan, represented the B.A.I. in the I.B.A. delegates cocktail competition.

• **Jerry Fitzpatrick:** First B.A.I. President and Honorary Life Member retired from Irish Distillers Whiskey Corner reception centre.

• **Powers Irish Whiskey:** Celebrates its 200th Anniversary.

1992 Garry Benson Scholarship sponsored annually by Powers Whiskey – Irish Distillers: was awarded to Paul Quinn, Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Oslo, Norway organised by the N.B.F. (Norwegian Bartenders Association).

• **1992 Martini Grand Prix:** National finals are sponsored annually by Grants of Ireland, the joint winners were Paul Heffernan, Kielys Pub, Donnybrook, Dublin and Brian Jones, Ballyvolane, Cork who both represented the B.A.I. at the world finals in Cognac, France.

• **Eamonn Preston:** Great B.A.I. member “Mr. Santa Claus” Eamonn Preston was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the B.A.I. at the 1992 A.G.M.

Other major news stories from 1992:

• **Kronenbourg 1664 Lager Launch:** Beamish & Crawford launched Kronenbourg 1664 Lager. The first pint was pulled in Davey Byrnes Pub, Dublin.

• **1992 Tia Maria Cocktail Competition:** Sponsored by Hollywood & Donnelly, the venue was “Pips International” Belfast. Overall winners were: **1st** Paula McCaffrey, Dickens Bar, Hollywood. **2nd** Paddy Gawley, Warren Point Golf Club. **3rd** Samuel Callaghan, Sports Bar, Lisburn. **4th** David Ritchie, The Joxer Bar, Belfast.

• **United Beverages New Premises:** Our good friends and supporters United Beverages have moved to their new premises which are located at “The Finches Industrial Estate” on the Long Mile Road, Dublin. The B.A.I. were honoured to be invited as the first group to visit and hold a B.A.I. Area-Chair meeting in U.B.’s new premises.



1992: Heineken Presidents Day B.A.I. Golf Society: The venue was The Athlone Golf Club on June 29th 1992 sponsored by Murphy Ireland (Heineken). Thanks to Peter Kelly.



1992: Baileys Sponsor German Language Course: At a special luncheon to mark £1000 Sponsorship to the B.A.I. Language Course. Left to right: John Fannin, George Duffy, Kevin Campbell, Eileen Lynch (all B.A.I.) Tom Keaveney (Managing Director Gilbeys) Joe Connolly (President B.A.I.) Michael Hayes (Marketing Manager Baileys) Cormac Rose (Vice President B.A.I.) Frank O'Connor (Sales and Trade Marketing Director, Gilbeys Ireland).

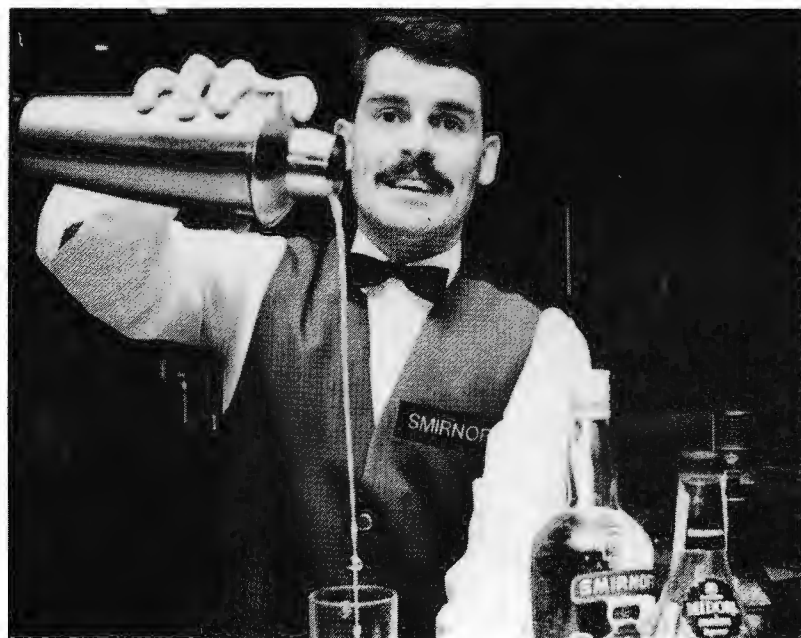


1992: Group photo from the Eastern Heats of the Martini Grand Prix, held in the Dublin Institute of Technology, Mountjoy Square, Dublin.

- **Paul McNally's New Bar:** Past B.A.I. President and great supporter Paul McNally along with Paddy Cullen opened their new bar called "The Manor Inn" in Swords, Dublin.
- **Galliano "Hot Shot":** Members of the B.A.I. were recently treated to a display of this unique mixture of Galliano, coffee and fresh cream presented by Corrado Prisco (International Public Relations Manager – D.R.L. Sp.A) in the Clarence Hotel, Dublin, ably assisted by Remy Ireland's, Henry Anderson.
- **I.B.A. Plaque Presentation:** Denis Fitzpatrick outgoing President B.A.I. presents the I.B.A. Plaque to Pat McCann, General Manager, Jurys Hotel, Dublin for their continued active support of the B.A.I.
- **All Ireland Cocktail Competition** sponsored by Smirnoff Gilbeys of Ireland: After a well contested competition, a new member in his first cocktail competition John McDonnell, Killiney Castle Hotel, with his cocktail "Tall Stranger" becomes the new champion. Runners up were Robert Dooley, Michael Healy and Paul Heffernan.
- **South Eastern Area Heat All Ireland Cocktail Competition:** In 1992 for the first time Waterford City hosted the prestigious area heat, the first cocktail competition run by the B.A.I. in this new area.



1992: South Eastern Area Heat All Ireland Cocktail Competition: In 1992 for the first time Waterford City hosted the prestigious area heat, the first cocktail competition run by the B.A.I. in this new area. Included: Liam Heafey, Damien Connolly, Martin Stafford, Robert Higgins, John Rockett and Billy Murphy.



1992: 25th All Ireland Cocktail Champion John McDonnell – Killiney Castle Hotel, Dublin makes his Smirnoff cocktail "Tall Stranger".

B.A.I. Officers for 1992:

President: Joe Connolly
Vice President: Cormac Rose
Honorary Secretary: Derek Meaney
Honorary Treasurer: George Duffy.

Inaugural Officers

B.A.I. – South East Area
Chairman: Liam Walsh
Area Secretary: Michael Stafford
Area Treasurer: Billy Murphy
L.E.O.: John Rockett
Honorary Trustee: Martin Stafford.

B.A.I. – Southern Area

Chairman: John Olden
Area Secretary: Brian Jones
Area Treasurer: John Flynn
L.E.O.: Tom Kent.

B.A.I. – Northern Area

Chairman: Johnny Johnston
Area Secretary: Eamonn McCusker
Area Treasurer: Alan Hughes
***New Hon. Trustee:** Michael Dougal
L.E.O.: Billy McIlroy.

**All other officers were unchanged for 1992.*

**Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents.*

1993

Major Events

• **Major George Semple:** Ex Grants of Ireland – great supporter of the B.A.I. always involved in raising bartending standards. Sadly George passed away.

• **B.A.S.I.L. Magazine:** John McLoughlin became the new Editor of the magazine.

• **1993 Garry Benson Scholarship** sponsored annually by Powers Whiskey – Irish Distillers: was awarded to James Murphy, Bowes Pub, Fleet Street, Dublin who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Oslo, Norway organised by the Norwegian Bartenders Association. James was selected The Best Overall Student and awarded the famous "John Whyte Cup".

• **Martini Grand Prix 1993:** National winners were Martin Meade and Kieron McDermott who represented the B.A.I. in Budapest, Hungary. James Murphy also qualified for the World finals as winner of the "John Whyte Cup". James, Martin and Kieron swept the boards in Hungary taking 1st, 2nd and 10th places for the B.A.I.

• **The Second B.A.I. Inter-Areas Cocktail Competition 1993:** The venue for the competition was Jurys Hotel Cork and the overall winner was John Rockett from the South Eastern Area (Waterford).

•**B.A.I. Area Chair Meetings:** A decision was made in 1993 to hold four area chair meetings yearly.

•**All Ireland Cocktail Competition:** A decision was made to use four cocktails per round throughout the rounds and final of the All Ireland. Billy Kerr – Everglades Hotel, Derry, becomes the 1993 All Ireland Cocktail Champion.

•**Gareth Jones:** Resigned the B.A.I.'s place on the Education Development Council (E.D.C.) of the I.B.A. and after six months of negotiations Joe Connolly and James Murphy are successful in securing a new place on the E.D.C. council for John Pearson who became the B.A.I.'s New E.D.C. council member.

Other major events from 1993:

•**Gayva Liqueur International Team Results so far:**

1993 was the sixth year the B.A.I. Northern Area versus U.K.B.G. Scotland took place. The competition results so far:

| Year | Venue | Winner |
|------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1986 | ROSLIN, Scotland | NORTHERN AREA B.A.I. |
| 1987 | DUNADRY, Northern Ireland | SCOTLAND U.K.B.G. |
| 1988 | GLASGOW, Scotland | NORTHERN AREA B.A.I. |
| 1989 | BELFAST, Northern Ireland | NORTHERN AREA B.A.I. |
| 1991 | GLASGOW, Scotland | NORTHERN AREA B.A.I. |
| 1993 | BELFAST, Northern Ireland | NORTHERN AREA B.A.I. |

•**Dublin Airports Top Bartender:** Dublin Airport Restaurants responsible for their Bars inaugurated a competition amongst its bar staff in Dublin. Criteria was Greeting, Quality of Service, Friendly Attitude, Professionalism, Product Knowledge, Local Information and Personal Appearance. Judges were Airport and Airline Personnel, Representatives from the Travel Trade and Mystery Shoppers. The eventual winner (and a proud and long time B.A.I. member) was Don Lawlor. Don is a supervisor in the Gateclock Bar, Departure Area, Dublin Airport.

•**B.A.I. Golfer of the Year 1993** sponsored by Becks Beer – United Beverages. This year the overall winner was Darren Sutherland who was presented with the trophy by John McLoughlin, Captain B.A.I.G.S. and John McKernan Sales Manager, United Beverages.

Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin

This famous Hotel became the new venue for the B.A.I. Eastern Area monthly meetings.

New Guinness 3 Year Sponsorship of the B.A.I. Education Courses: After negotiations between the B.A.I. and Guinness, Dennis Markey, Regional Manager, Guinness and Mary O'Reilly, Education Officer, Guinness, confirmed a three year new sponsorship of £3000 towards the B.A.I. Education Fund to run the New I.B.A. Courses.

•**The New B.A.I. Presidents Pins:** Murphy Brewery Ireland recently marked the 21st anniversary of the B.A.I. by the presentation of the B.A.I. Presidential Gold Pin. The Pin was presented to the ten Presidents of the B.A.I. who have held office since the formation in 1972. Charles Blythe, Commercial Director Murphy Brewery, said: "This pin is in recognition of the achievements of each President who has held office and I hope this will cement our very close relationship with the B.A.I."

•**German Course for B.A.I. Members** sponsored by Gilbeys of Ireland: The duration of the course was 10 weeks. Sean Flynn, Local Education Officer (L.E.O.) for Dublin explained there would be comprehensive hand-outs with every lecture.

Tutors were: Nicholas Hughes B.A., H.Dip.
Martin Meade B.A.I. Member

Frank O'Connor, Sales and Trade Marketing Director Gilbeys of Ireland presented the German course certificates at Gilbeys new premises "Gilbey House".

•**1993 Martini Grand Prix – International Finals:**
The venue was Budapest, Hungary on July 1st 1993.
B.A.I. Ireland Competitors Results:

| | | |
|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| James Murphy | Bowes Lounge Fleet St., Dublin | (1st Place "Diploma D'or) |
| Martin Meade | Bon Appetit Restaurant, Malahide, Dublin | (2nd Place Diploma D'argent) |
| Kieron McDermott | Clancy's Bar, Cork | (10th Place Diploma) |

Original I.B.A. Pennant Presentation:

President Joe Connolly presents a framed copy of an original I.B.A. pennant commemorating the I.B.A. foundation in 1951 to Michael Murphy Home Trade Director I.D.L. B.A.I.'s founding President Jerry Fitzpatrick was also at the presentation.

•**B.A.I. Cocktail Recipes for the I.C.C. Competition in Vienna, Austria 17th–21st November 1993:**

Pre-Dinner Section.

Competitor: Harry McQuaid, Garage Bar, Clarence Hotel, Dublin
Cocktail Name: "On Golden Pond"
Ingredients: 2cl Gin – C.D.C.
 1cl Cointreau Liqueur
 1cl Vermouth Dry – Martini
 2cl Apple Juice.
Mixing Glass, Stir.
Decoration: Twist of Lemon/Lime.

Long Drink Section.

Competitor: Paddy Gawley
Cocktail Name: "Sullivan's Star"
Ingredients: 7cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 4cl Gilbeys Sullivans Liqueur
 3cl Peach Schnapps – Archers
 15cl Pineapple Juice (Top up)
 1cl Egg White.
Cocktail Shaker.
Decoration: Slice of Star Fruit.

After-Dinner Drink Section.

Competitor: David Strahan – Jurys Hotel, Cork
Cocktail Name: "Green Bird"
Ingredients: 1cl Vodka – Smirnoff
 1cl Malibu Liqueur
 1cl (Green) Creme De Menthe – Bols
 2.5cl Pineapple Juice
 .5cl Lightly Whipped Cream (To float).
Cocktail shaker. Top with Cream.
Decoration: Strawberry, Mint Leaf, Lemon Peel.

Also travelling with the competitors are Joe Connolly (President B.A.I.) James Murphy (Vice-President B.A.I.) David Craig (Fancy Drink Competitor) Liam Heafey (Fancy Drink Competitor) Andy O'Gorman, Johnny Johnston, Michael Callaghan, Jacinta Murphy, Kay Connolly, Liam Greenan, Marie Mangan (all B.A.I. supporters).



1993: B.A.I. Delegation to the I.C.C. at the State Hall Vienna, Austria. Back row left to right: Michael Callahan, Andy O'Gorman, David Strahan, Kathleen Connolly. Middle row: Liam Heafey, Paddy Gawley, Johnny Johnston, Liam Greenan, Harry McQuaid. Front row James Murphy, Jacinta Murphy, Joe Connolly (President B.A.I.), David Craig.

B.A.I. Officers for 1993:

President: Joe Connolly
Vice-President: James Murphy
Honorary Secretary: Derek Meaney
Honorary Treasurer: George Duffy
R.E.O. Sean Flynn.

B.A.I. – Northern Area

Chairman: Johnny Johnston
Area Secretary: Eamonn McCusker
Area Treasurer: Alan Hughes
R.E.O. Billy McIlroy.

B.A.I. – Southern Area

Chairman: Cathal O'Dowda
Area Secretary: Brian Jones
Area Treasurer: Philip Foran
R.E.O.: Tom Kent
NEO & EDC Council Member: John Pearson.

B.A.I. – South Eastern Area

Chairman: Liam Heafey
Area Secretary: Billy Murphy
Area Treasurer: Martin Stafford
R.E.O.: John Rockett.

*All other officers remained unchanged for 1993.

*Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents.

•**All-Ireland Cocktail Competition** sponsored by Cork Dry Gin – Irish Distillers: 18th October 1993. The venue was Jurys Hotel, Dublin. R.T.E.s Thelma Mansfield was one of the many judges, after a well contested competition. Overall winner was Billy Kerr, Everglades Hotel, Derry, 2nd Don Lawlor, Pavillion Gateclock Bar, Dublin Airport, 3rd Gerry Brady – Metro Bar, Derry, 4th Anthony Steers, Dubliner Bar, Jurys Hotel, Dublin.

1994

Major Events

• **COCKTAIL COMPETITION RULES:** The B.A.I. revised and updated their standard rules for cocktail competitions to reach I.B.A. Standards in June 1994. Also in January 1994 a new Efficiency Criteria Judges Sheet was introduced for use at all B.A.I. cocktail competitions.

• **B.A.I. Galway:** After initial correspondence a formal B.A.I. meeting with the Galway Bartenders took place on June 12th and twelve members were recruited with Kevin Bracken as Chairman of the area.

• **Martini & Rossi Takeover:** The house of Martini & Rossi is bought over internationally by Bacardi Rum. The I.B.A. are informed that the Martini Grand Prix will be renamed "The Bacardi Martini Grand Prix".



1994: "Handbook for the Licensed Trade Book" is launched. Left to right: Andy O'Gorman, Honorary Life Member B.A.I. and Author of "Handbook for the Licensed Trade" with Mr Bertie Ahern, T.D., Tainiste and Minister for Finance.

• **Prague 1st International Hot Drinks Festival:** Organised by the Czech Republic Bartenders Association. B.A.I. competitor Joe Connolly won first prize for "Best Creative Cocktail". Joe's prizewinning cocktail was based on Jameson Irish Whiskey.

• **Paddy Gawley:** Northern Area member Mr. Paddy Gawley is elected to Honorary Life Membership of the B.A.I. for his dedicated work.

• **Tennents Ireland:** Liam Meaney organised and sponsored the 1st Eastern Area Trip to the B.A.I. Northern Area Dress Dance.

• **Andy O'Gorman:** Launched his new book "Handbook for the Licensed Trade" on 17th November 1994.

• **Finnish Bartenders Association (F.B.S.K.):** In 1994 celebrated their 40th Anniversary.

• **1994 Garry Benson Scholarship** sponsored annually by Powers Whiskey – Irish Distillers was awarded to Barry O'Leary. Jurys Hotel, Waterford who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Oslo, Norway organised by the Norwegian Bartenders Association.

Other major news stories from 1994:

• **31st B.A.I. Associates Eastern Area Cocktail Competition:** The venue was Blooms Hotel, Dublin and the overall winner was Steve Lynch of Beamish & Crawford with his cocktail "Moonlight Serenade".

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| Competitors Name: | Steve Lynch |
| Cocktail Name: | "Moonlight Serenade" |
| Ingredients: | 4cl Bacardi Rum |
| | 4cl Midori – melon liqueur |
| | 4cl Creme de Bananes – Bols |
| | 18cl Orange/Pineapple Juice. |
| | Cocktail Shaker. |

Runners up were Syl Kavanagh of United Beverages and Noel O'Donoghue of Dublin Airport.

• **1994 Bacardi Martini Grand Prix** jointly sponsored by Grants of Ireland & Edward Dillon: National winners both from the B.A.I. South Eastern area were Trevor Fowler and Barry O'Leary who both work in Jurys Hotel, Waterford. The lads will travel to the International Final in Pessione, Italy.

•**1994 I.B.A. Convention and Delegates Competition:** Hosted by the Italian Bartenders Association. The venue was Montegrotto Terma, Northern Italy. Representing the B.A.I. were Joe Connolly President B.A.I., John Pearson E.D.C. Council Member, James Murphy, Vice President B.A.I. and Competitor.

James' Cocktail:

Cocktail Name: "Red Star"
 Ingredients: 2cl Baileys Irish Cream Liqueur
 2cl Cointreau Liqueur
 2cl Fraise Liqueur.
 Cocktail Shaker.
 Decoration: Mint Leaf, Strawberry, Chocolate Flake.

Also at this Convention The Polish Bartenders Association (P.B.A.) were accepted into the I.B.A. family as its 37th I.B.A. member. The B.A.I.'s new I.B.A. membership annual fee is now 1000 D. Marks.

•**Kahlua Cocktail Competition 1994:** The venue was the Joxer Bar, Belfast. Sponsored by Hollywood & Donnelly the overall winners were 1st David Craig, Shorts Sports Club, Belfast, 2nd Maura Boyd, Joxer Bar, 3rd Simon Fothergill, Stormont Hotel, 4th Ian Ferguson – Joxer Bar.

•**New Changes at the I.B.A. Training Centre:**

- (a) Name Change: The John Whyte Course will be renamed "The I.B.A. Education Course Level 3".
- (b) Level 3: Participants must have passed Level I and II already.
- (c) Level 3: Advanced Practical Testing: There will be no age restrictions for participants at this course.

•**B.A.I. National Dress Dance 1994:** The venue was Jurys Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin. Principal guests were Mr. Claes Fick from Absolut Vodka, Sweden and Mr. James Slavin (President U.K.B.G.). The Guinness Student of the Year Awarded on Level 1 of the I.B.A. course was to Paul Heffernan, Kielys Pub, Donnybrook. This National Dance generated a profit after all expenses were paid, the first profit in 9 years.

•**Harp Launches World Cup Celebration Brew:** Harp Lager has launched a World Cup Celebration Brew to commemorate Ireland's participation in the World Cup U.S.A. 1994. The beer is lighter in colour and the taste is a new blend of Hallertau hops, finest Irish Barley Yeast and spring water direct from the Cooley Mountains.

•**Grants declares its Spirit:** To coincide with the major re-launch of Tullamore Dew, Grants of Ireland (Sales) Limited has just introduced its most dramatic advertising campaign ever.

•**1st Jim Beam Cocktail Competition 1994** sponsored by Barry & Fitzwilliam Limited: The venue was Wynns Hotel, Abbey Street, Dublin on Tuesday 6th December. Overall winners were 1st Derek Meaney, Irish House, Harolds Cross, Dublin, 2nd Pat O'Brien, Buskers Bar, Temple Bar Hotel, 3rd John McDonnell, Brazen Head, Dublin, 4th James Murphy, Bowes Lounge, Fleet Street, Dublin.

•**B.A.I. Treasurers Report:** It was decided that from now on the B.A.I. Treasurer, National and Area Treasurers should give a financial report at every monthly, area chair and A.G.M. meetings.

•**All Ireland Cocktail Competition** sponsored by Smirnoff, Gilbeys of Ireland: The venue was Jurys Hotel, Dublin, Tuesday 11th October 1994. The overall winner was John Hurley, Jurys Hotel, Cork, 2nd Richard Maloney, Jurys Hotel, Cork, 3rd Pat Gawley, Archways Lounge, Kilkeel, Co. Down, 4th Michael McCarthy, Metropole Hotel, Cork.

•**Prague 1st International Hot Drinks Festival – 8th-11th December:** The venue was the 5 Star Hotel Intercontinental in Prague organised by the Czech Bartenders Association. Award winners were the Czech competitors – Viktorie Piskacova, the Overall Best Taste Award – Charles Rendes, Canadian Bartenders Association and the Overall Best Creativity award, Joe Connolly, President B.A.I. with his Jameson Irish Whiskey based cocktail.

B.A.I. Officers for 1994:

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Vice President: James Murphy
Honorary Secretary: Derek Meaney
Honorary Treasurer: George Duffy
R.E.O.: Tony Steers.

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Chairman: Johnny Johnston
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1994: International Bartenders Convention delegates competition. James Murphy – B.A.I. receives his diploma from the Mayor of Montegrotto Terme, Italy.



1994: 27th All Ireland Cocktail Competition: left to right: Michael McCarthy – Metropole Hotel Cork (4th), Richard Moloney – Jurys Hotel, Cork (2nd), Frank O'Connor – Sales and Trade Marketing Director, Gilbeys (sponsors), Pat Gawley – Archways Lounge, Killeel, Co. Down (3rd), John Hurley – Jurys Hotel, Cork, winner.



1994: All Ireland Cocktail Champion John Hurley, Jurys Hotel, Cork, celebrates with members of the Southern area B.A.I.



1994: 1st International Hot Drinks Festival, Prague, Czech Republic. Award winners left to right: Viktorie Piskacova (Czech Award), Charles Rendes (overall Taste Award), Joe Connolly – B.A.I. (overall Creativity Award).



1994: International Bartenders Convention – Bols Liqueurs Golf Day. The B.A.I. winning team are presented with their prizes by Marlo H. Strumphler – Bols Royal Distilleries (far left), Jan van Hagen – President I.B.A. (far right).



1994: Kahlua Cocktail Competition. Over thirty of the province's top shakers and stirrers took part in the Kahlua Open Cocktail Championship at The Joxer Bar, Brunswick Street, Belfast. The four finalists all came from the Belfast area – left front and back are Ian Ferguson and Maura Boyd from the Joxer, front right is Simon Fothergill of the Stormont Hotel and centre right is David Craig from Shorts Recreation Club, the eventual champion. With them are Norman Trotter, Sales and Marketing Manager and Elizabeth Curlett, Brand Manager with Hollywood & Donnelly.

1995

Major Events

- **E.D.C. Meeting in Ireland:** The Education Development Council of the I.B.A. held its annual meeting in Cork, Ireland. From there the E.D.C. Council were invited to the B.A.I. National Dress Dance in Dublin.
- **Trevor McClintock Retires:** Mr. Trevor McClintock, Managing Director Gilbeys Northern Ireland, great friend and supporter of the B.A.I. retired in 1995. B.A.I. Northern Executive Eamonn McCusker made a presentation to Mr. McClintock for his continued support over the years.
- **1995 Garry Benson Scholarship** sponsored annually by Powers Whiskey – Irish Distillers was awarded to Brian Jones of Elroys, Westimers Bar, Cork, who travelled to the I.B.A. Training Centre in Oslo, Norway, organised by the Norwegian Bartenders Association. Brian was selected as The Best Overall Student and awarded the famous “John Whyte Cup”.
- **1995 Bacardi Martini Grand Prix:** National winners were Paul Heffernan – The Barristers Refreshment Bar, Dublin and Martin McHugh, McHughs Bar, Belfast, who represented the B.A.I. in Hamburg, Germany. Brian Jones also qualified for the World Finals as winner of the “John Whyte Cup”. Brian, Paul and Martin swept the boards in Hamburg taking 2nd, 5th and 17th places for the B.A.I.
- **Sheridans Irish Liqueur:** Sheridans Liqueur, the beautiful black and white liqueur wins a Gold Medal at the Monde Selection.
- **1995 I.B.A. Convention & Delegates Competition:** The venue was the Regal Constellation Hotel, Toronto, Canada. James Murphy, President, Derek Meaney, Competitor, Andy and Mary O’Gorman, Jacinta Murphy, supporters, John Pearson, E.D.C., Billy Murphy, B.A.I., South East, all represented the B.A.I.
- **1st B.A.I. Havana Club White Rum Competition:** The venue was The Harcourt Hotel, Dublin, sponsored by Camillus Dwane, Marketing Manager of Irish Distillers. The winner was Kieron McDermott, Clancys Bar, Cork.

Other major news stories from 1995:

- **C & C Establishes Major National Wholesale Company:** This wholesale company will offer comprehensive and effective nationwide distribution and service. Colin Gordon has been appointed Managing Director which combines C & C Dublin, C & C Munster with Dwans, Allied Bottlers Dublin, Lennons Athlone and O’Sullivans Waterford.



1995: Pictured at the inaugural Havana Club All-Ireland Cocktail Competition which took place in the Harcourt Hotel were (from left): South Eastern Region Finalist, Liam Wall, Jurys Hotel, Waterford, Eastern Region Finalist, Niall Burke, Howth Lodge Hotel, Kieron McDermott, winner of the Havana Club Cocktail Competition from Clancys Bar and Bistro, Cork; Camillus Dwane, Marketing Manager, Irish Distillers Ltd., James Murphy, President, Bartenders Association of Ireland and Eamonn McCusker, Joxer 2 Bar Belfast, the Northern Region Finalist.

- **2nd Jim Beam Cocktail Competition** sponsored by Barry & Fitzwilliam Ltd. – David Berrie. The venue was the Harcourt Hotel, Dublin on Tuesday December 12th. Overall winners were 1st James Rice, Jurys Hotel, Dublin, 2nd James Murphy, Bowes Lounge, Dublin, 3rd James Langan, Rialto House, Dublin 4th John McDonnell – Brazen Head, Dublin.
- **44th I.B.A. Congress 1995:** Toronto, Canada, organised by the Canadian Bartenders Association. Gordon Hardie I.D.L., sponsored the B.A.I.s Cocktail Entry made by Derek Meaney, Irish House, Harolds Cross, Dublin.

Cocktail Name: “Jameson Julep”
 Ingredients: 6cl Jameson Irish Whiskey
 3cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
 10cl Orange Juice
 1cl Raspberry Cordial (Top Up).
 Cocktail Shaker.
 Decoration: Cherry, Mint Leaf, Slice Lemon.

Also at this convention major events which took place were:

1. The Bartenders Association of Taiwan, B.A.T., Turkish Bartenders Association, T.B.A. and The New Zealand Bartenders Association, N.Z.B.G., were accepted into the I.B.A. family as members.
2. The new I.C.C. International Cocktail competition system solely sponsored by I.B.A. associate members is to be held annually, one competition per country, the first to be held in 1997 in the Czech Republic.
3. That all cocktail recipes shall be expressed in centilitres (cl), no use of fractions or percentages anymore.

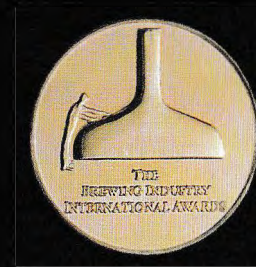
• **1st B.A.I. Havana Club Cocktail Competition** sponsored by Irish Distillers. Mr. Camillus Dwane announced that this authentic Cuban White Rum is now available from Irish Distillers. Overall winners were 1st Kieron McDermott, Clancys Bar, Cork, 2nd Eamonn McCusker, Joxer 2 Bar, Belfast, 3rd Liam Wall, Jurys Hotel, Waterford, 4th Niall Burke, Howth Lodge Hotel, Dublin.

Kieron's Recipe:

Cocktail Name: "Havana Supreme"
Ingredients: 4cl Havana Club – Rum
3cl Pisang Ambon
3cl Creme de Bananes – Bols
10cl Pineapple Juice
10cl Orange Juice.
Cocktail Shaker.
Decoration: Starfruit, Stem Cherries, Lemon Twist.

• **B.A.I.G.S. Golf Classic 1995:** The annual event run by the B.A.I. Golf Society is to help raise funds towards our travel fund. B.A.I.G.S. Committee: John McLoughlin, Ollie Stafford, Niall Burke, Captain B.A.I.G.S. presented a £1,000 cheque to James Murphy, President, B.A.I., towards the travel fund.

• **All Ireland Cocktail Competition 1995** sponsored by C.D.C. Gin – Irish Distillers Ltd. The venue was Jurys Hotel, Dublin and the overall winners were 1st Joe Connolly, Jurys Hotel, Dublin, 2nd Philip Foran, Imperial Hotel, Cork, 3rd Liam Wall, Jurys Hotel, Waterford, 4th Trevor Fowler, Jurys Hotel, Waterford.



OUR GOLD MEDAL WINNER

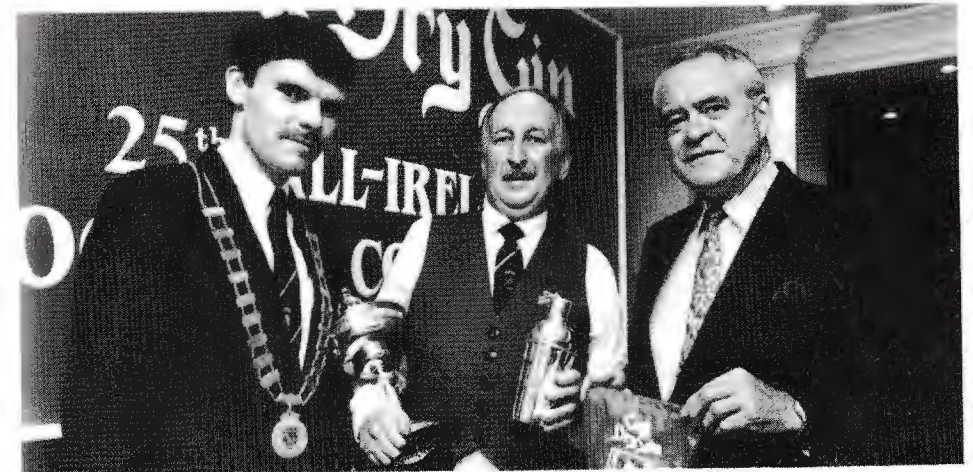
At this year's
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around the world came to a unanimous decision.



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1995: B.A.I. Matchplay Final Bols Liqueurs Perpetual Cup 1995. Winner Eddie de Barra with the trophy and B.A.I. members at Lutterelstown Golf Club.



1995: Pictured at the Cork Dry Gin 25th All-Ireland Cocktail Competition were (from left); James Murphy, President, Bartenders Association of Ireland, Joe Connolly, winner, Jury's Hotel, Dublin and Michael Murphy, Home Trade Director, Irish Distillers Ltd. The Final was held in Jury's Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin on Tuesday, 24th October.

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1995 March: New B.A.I. President. Left to right: Joe Connolly (outgoing President) hands over the Chain of Office to James Murphy (new President) while Peter Wallis (Managing Director Edward Dillons) looks on.

**All other officers remained unchanged for 1995.
 Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents.

•**B.A.I. Southern Branch Visit to the Guinness Brewery:** During February, a group of 34 members travelled by first-class train to Dublin to pay a visit to the Guinness Brewery. At the Hopstore Museum the history and making of Guinness was demonstrated from the beginning to the present day. A big thanks was given to Mr. John Kershaw, Regional Sales Manager G.G.S.I. for organising this trip.

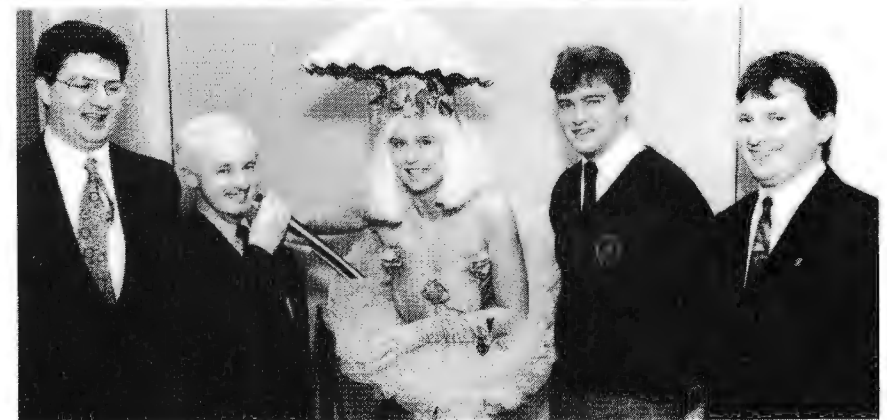
•**I.B.A. Associate Membership Requirements c/o J. Murphy 1995:** No official form is available from the I.B.A. at present.



1995: Education Development Committee – Irish Meeting. Left to right Luigi Parenti (A.I.B.E.S.), Bucky Aitken (U.K.B.G.), Ian Burt – Allied Domecq, James Murphy – President B.A.I., Jorge Pereria (A.B.P.), Denis Fitzpatrick, Joe Connolly, John Fitzpatrick.



1995: B.A.I.G.S. Presidents Prize: (Sponsored annually by Murphy Brewery): Left to right: Mark Skelton (Eastern Sales Manager Murphys), James Murphy (President B.A.I.) and Kevin Behan (Edward Dillon & Prize Winner).



1995: 10th 7-UP Colleges Cocktail Competition. The overall winner was Ciaran Kelly – CERT, Killarney. All B.A.I. Education Officers Tom Kent, John Pearson, Tony Steers, Liam Wall. The competition has been run by Honorary Life member Andy O’Gorman since its inception.

Whats required by Multi-Nationals or Companies wishing to join the I.B.A. Family?

1. Annual subscription fee payable to the I.B.A. – DM 5000
2. As an associate member, undertaking to co-sponsor the annual I.B.A. Convention and I.C.C. World Cocktail Competition with all other associate members. At present there are 16.

What do you get in return?

Only associate members products will be allowed after 1996 in:

1. Cocktail recipes for I.C.C.
2. Reception suites at I.B.A. Convention.
3. Served during lunches and dinners at I.B.A. Convention.
4. On leaflets to be distributed with the World Products annually.

*The Inaugural John Sheridan Memorial Cocktail Competition:

Open to B.A.I. Southern Area New Members, the winner was Colette Tynan from Westimers Bar, Cork.

*Irelands First Pub Management Manual launched: sponsored by Murphy Brewery for the Vintners Federation of Ireland Members, was written by Andy O'Gorman and Paudie O'Donnell, D.I.T. Marketing & Design, Dublin.

•**Brian O'Mara:** Past Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the B.A.I., Representative at the 1976 International Pensiero Paissa Prize, now known as the Bacardi Martini Grand Prix and Bronze Medal Winner at the 1979 I.C.C. International Cocktail Competition held in the former Yugoslavia. Sadly in 1995 Brian passed away.

1996

Major Events

- Galliano:** Celebrates its 100th Birthday.
- Gancia:** Celebrates its 150th Birthday.
- New (National) Executives:** Harry McQuaid Treasurer. (South East), Tony McGrath Chairman, Jimmy Fortune Vice-Chairman, Paul Brennan Treasurer, Ruth Brennan and Geraldine Phelan Joint Secretaries.
- Inter Areas Competition:** Venue was Jurys Hotel, Waterford. Winner was James Rice, B.A.I. Eastern Area.
- Martin Judge:** B.A.I. Honorary Life Member and staunch worker in the B.A.I. foundation years, sadly passed away.

•**Michael O'Shea, Cork and Danny Toland, Dublin** received B.A.I. Honorary Life Membership for their dedicated work and active interest in our Association.

•**Carmel Benson:** B.A.S.I.L. co-editor and typesetter for many years, a fabulous worker for the B.A.I. and wife of the late Garry Benson, sadly passed away.

•**1st Sheridans Cream Liqueur Competition** was won by newcomer James Hogan, Lansdowne Tennis Club, Dublin.

•**I.B.A. News:** Mr. Charles Chop I.B.A. Vice-President for North America for 21 years decided to step down.

•**Bacardi Martini Grand Prix:** National winners William Coughlan, Cork and Declan Byrne placed 5th and 12th respectively at the World Finals in Malaga, Spain.

•**Garry Benson Scholarship** sponsored annually by Powers Whiskey I.D.L. was not awarded due to the 1996 course being cancelled.

•**45th I.B.A. Meeting and 21st I.C.C.:** The venue was the New Takanawa Prince Hotel, Tokyo, Japan. The B.A.I. was represented by James Murphy, President, Derek Meaney Delegate, Paul Heffernan, Competitor, Margaret Hayes, Competitor, Michael Callaghan, Competitor, William Coughlan, Competitor.



1996: B.A.I. Delegation for the World Cocktail Championships in Tokyo, Japan. Left to right: Margaret Hayes (competitor), William Coughlan (competitor), Derek Meaney (Vice President B.A.I.), James Murphy (President B.A.I.), Paul Heffernan (competitor), Michael Callaghan (competitor).



1996: 29th All Ireland Cocktail Competition B.A.I. Southern Area finalists.



1996: 29th All Ireland Cocktail Competition B.A.I. Northern Area finalists.

•**29th All-Ireland Cocktail Competition Sponsored by Gilbeys (Smirnoff)** was won by David Craig, 2nd George Duffy, 3rd John McDonnell, 4th Brian Jones.

Other major news stories from 1996:

•**1st Sheridans Liqueur Cocktail Competition:** The venue was the R.D.S., Simonscourt, Dublin on Monday February 26th to correspond with the Vintra Exhibition. After a well contested Inaugural Competition, James Hogan, Lansdowne Tennis Club, was the overall winner followed by 2nd Eamonn Lawlor, Jurys Hotel, Ballsbridge, 3rd James Rice, The Barge Pub, Dublin, 4th John McLoughlin, Stackstown Golf Club. Prizes and presentations were made by Patrick J. Rigney International Brand Manager, Sheridans liqueur.

•**Guinness Luncheon 1996:** The venue was the Guinness Reception Centre, St. James Gate, Dublin, where, amongst the excellent lunch and hospitality shown to all, Mr. Dennis Markey presented the B.A.I. with the last £1000 cheque towards our Education Fund to James Murphy, President B.A.I. This brings the Guinness Sponsorship to the B.A.I. Education Course up to £3000 since 1993.

•**Product Launches in 1996:**

Irish Distillers launched
 Guinness launched
 C. & C. launched
 Grants launched
 Gilbeys launched
 Edward Dillons launched
 Beamish & Crawford launched
 Murphys launched
 Tennents launched

Polo – an exotic tropical fruit drink.
 Kilkenny Irish Beer and Hudson Blue Cider.
 Corkys Range of Alcoholic Lemonades.
 Dublin Dry Gin.
 Smirnoff Moscow Mule.
 Bacardi Breezer Fruit Drinks.
 Beamish Red and Miller Beer.
 Murphys Red Beer.
 Hooch Alcoholic Lemonades and
 Tennents Smooth Draught Lager.

•**Absolut Academy Comes to Dublin:**

On April 23rd, 1996 at the D.I.T. College of Marketing & Design, Mick McDonagh, Marketing Director, Remy Ireland with Matts Persson and Catarina Lindgren, Absolut Vodka, presented a half-day course on Absolut Vodka to the B.A.I.

•**Edward Dillon begin Martini Distribution:** From July 1996 Dillons began to distribute Martini Products which ended an era of distribution by Grants. The Bacardi Martini Grand Prix under Grants had run for 24 years and special thanks were given to Digby Welch, Major George Semple (R.I.P.), Des Drumm, Liam Mathews. Maurice Dorney, Liam Meaney and Jim Farrelly all from Grants of Ireland. All these men throughout the many years of organising the Bacardi

Martini Grand Prix B.M.G.P. Irish Final did so much. Edward Dillon pledged to continue to promote and support the B.M.G.P.



1996: Pictured at the Absolut Academy which took place recently (April 23, 1996) in the College of Marketing and Design, Mountjoy Square, Dublin were Mick McDonagh, Managing Director, Remy Ireland, Matts Persson, Director of Europe and Africa with The Absolut Company and members of the Bartenders Association of Ireland.

I.C.C. Tokyo B.A.I. Cocktails:

•Pre-Dinner Section Competitor:

William Matthew Coughlan
 Christy's Hotel, Blarney, Co. Cork.
 Cocktail Name: "Absolut Beginning"
 Ingredients: 3cl Absolut Vodka
 3cl Fonseca White Port
 3cl Suntory Melon Liqueur.
 Decoration: Melon Balls, Lemon Peel. Mixing Glass (Stir).

Long-Drink Section, Competitor:

Paul Heffernan
 The Law Courts Bar, Dublin
 Cocktail Name: "Jamesons Jewel"
 Ingredients: 2cl Jameson Irish Whiskey
 4cl Archers Peach Schnapps
 6cl Britvic Pineapple Juice
 Shake All – Top up 10 cl Finches
 Bitter Lemon
 1cl Blue Curacao – Bols.
 Decoration: Lemon Wedge, Lime Peel,
 Physalis.

After-Dinner Section, Competitor:

Michael Luke Callaghan
 The Sports Bar, Lisburn, Northern Ireland
 Cocktail Name: "Glenrow"
 Ingredients: 3cl Courvoisier Cognac
 2cl Kahlua Liqueur
 2cl Royal Chocolate Mint Liqueur
 1cl Fresh Cream (floated).
 Mixing Glass (Stir).
 Decoration: Orange Peel.

BAR Ladies Section, Competitor:

Margaret Hayes
 Christy's Hotel, Blarney, Co. Cork
 Cocktail Name: "Jamies Delights"
 Ingredients: 2cl Jameson Irish Whiskey
 2cl Grand Marnier Liqueur
 1cl Combier Fraise Liqueur
 .5cl Bols Grenadine Syrup
 .5cl Club Soda.
 Mixing Glass (Stir).
 Decoration: Physalis.

•**Irish Distillers Sell Stake in Edward Dillon:** I.D.L. sold its 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % stake in Edward Dillon & company to Brown Forman and Bacardi Martini. Both companies purchased the shares equally. Edward Dillon will continue to distribute Bushmills Irish Whiskey.

•**Dublin gets its first Microbrewery:** The Porterhouse, Parliament Street became Dublins first Microbrewery. Renovating the Pub section cost £1.1 million and setting up the Microbrewery cost £220,000.



1996: Derek Dunne, Trade Development Executive, Guinness Learning Centre presents Helen Doyle, B.A.I. member winner of the Guinness Beer Management Award for 1996 at the Dublin Institute of Technology, Mountjoy Square. Also in photo Brian Ledwidge (far right) and Paul Mangan (far left).

• **Harveys 200th Birthday:** Harveys Bristol Cream Sherry celebrated its 200th Birthday in 1996.

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Vice President: Derek Meaney

Honorary Secretary: Paul Heffernan

Honorary Treasurer: Harry McQuaid

R.E.O. Eastern Area: Declan Byrne.

B.A.I. South Eastern Area

Chairman: Tony McGrath

Joint Area Secretary: Ruth Brennan and

Geraldine Phelan

Area Treasurer: Paul Brennan

R.E.O.S. East Area: Trevor Fowler.

B.A.I. Southern Area

Chairman: Rory O'Neill

Area Secretary: William Coughlan

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1997

Major Events

• **“Cointreau S.A. International Pre-Dinner Cocktail Competition” –Irish Final.** Organised by the Bartenders Association of Ireland this competition was sponsored by Cointreau S.A. and Remy Ireland. The venue for the competition was the new Herbert Park Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin, March 25th 1997. The competition was run along the International Cocktail Competition I.C.C. guidelines using I.C.C. Cocktail Taste and Technical Jury efficiency sheets officiated over by Andy O’Gorman – Dublin Institute Technology, Dublin, the Irish Guild of Sommeliers and John Pearson – Regional Technical College Cork After a well organised competition the finalists were Derek Meaney – Oil Can Harrys Bar, Mount Street, Dublin, John McLoughlin – Stackstown Golf Club, Dublin and Paul Heffernan – Barristers Refreshment Rooms, Law Courts Dublin. The overall winner was Derek Meaney who will represent the B.A.I. in the International Cocktail Competition in the Czech Republic, November 1997. Many thanks were made to Mr Wladimir Hagondokoff – International spokesman – P.R. for Cointreau S.A., Mick McDonagh – Marketing Director Remy Ireland and Chris Stewart – Sales Manager Remy Ireland who all made this competition a reality.



1997: “B.A.I. 25th Anniversary: B.A.I. past Presidents”. Left to right back row: Denis Fitzpatrick, John Fitzpatrick, Pat Boles, Joe Connolly, Paul McNally. Front row: Joe Casey, Richard Burrows (guest of honour), James Murphy (President B.A.I.), Jerry Fitzpatrick.

Derek's winning cocktail

Cocktail Name: "Grapes of Wrath"
 Ingredients: 2cl Cointreau
 2cl Dry Orange Curacao – Bols
 1cl Dry Gin – Bombay Sapphire
 2cl White – Grape Juice.
 Garnish: Kumquats and Lime Rinds.
 Method: Mixing Glass, Stir.

The B.A.I. team for the I.C.C. to be held in the Czech Republic in 1997 was officially announced. Travelling will be James Murphy – President B.A.I. and delegate, John McLoughlin – International Judge, Derek Meaney – International Competitor and delegate.



1997: B.A.I. 25th Anniversary: B.A.I. Honorary Life members. Back row left to right: Phil Smith, Des Heather, Richard Burrows, Jerry Fitzpatrick. Front row: Gareth Jones, Paddy Gawley, James Murphy (President B.A.I.), Johnny Johnston, Eileen Lynch representing her father Tom Blake – R.I.P.

25th Anniversary B.A.I. National Dress Dance: The venue was Jurys Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin on March 3rd 1997 celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Bartenders Association of Ireland. Guest of Honour was Mr Richard Burrows – Chief Executive Irish Distillers Limited and special presentations were made to the full list of B.A.I. Honorary Life Members and to Mr. Des Heather who retired after 25 years served as B.A.I. Honorary Trustee.

B.A.I. Officers 1997:

President: James Murphy
Vice-President: Derek Meaney
Honorary Secretary: Paul Heffernan
Honorary Treasurer: Harry McQuaid
Honorary Trustees: Phil Smith
 (United Beverages),
 Sean O'Neill
 (Irish Distillers)
Honorary Auditor: Kay Fitzsimons
 (Irish Distillers)

Honorary Solicitor: Daire Walsh

B.A.S.I.L. Editor: John McLoughlin.

B.A.I. Northern Area

Chairman: Johnny Johnston
Area Secretary: Eamonn McCusker
Area Treasurer: Alan Hughes
R.E.O.: Billy McIlroy
Area Trustee: Michael Dougal
 (Bulgarian Vintners).

B.A.I. Southern Area

Chairman: Joe O'Shea
Area Secretary: Pat Woods
Area Treasurer: Mervyn Horgan
R.E.O.: Tom Kent
N.E.O. - E.D.C.: John Pearson
Area Trustee: Dermot O'Leary (Irish Distillers).

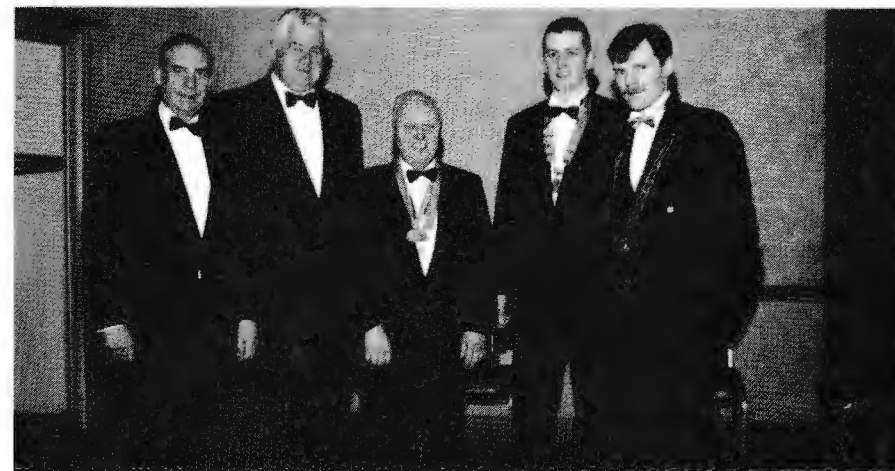
Inaugural Officers

B.A.I. Eastern Area

Chairman: James Murphy
Area Secretary: Paul Heffernan
Area Treasurer: Harry McQuaid
Area Trustees: Phil Smith
 Sean O'Neill.

*All other Officers remained unchanged for 1997.

*Area Chairpersons are de facto Vice Presidents.



1997: B.A.I. 25th Anniversary: B.A.I. Officers. Left to right: Jerry Fitzpatrick – Foundation B.A.I. President, Richard Burrows – B.A.I. Honorary Life Member, Johnny Johnston – B.A.I. Northern Area Chairman, Joe O'Shea – B.A.I. Southern Area Chairman. James Murphy – president B.A.I. and B.A.I. Eastern Area Chairman.

The International Bartenders Association (I.B.A.)

It was founded on the 24th of February 1951 and its first meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Torquay, England. U.K.B.G. Irish Branch members John O'Farrell Jammets Restaurant, Dublin and George Buller of the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin were present at this historic meeting. The next meeting in 1953 was held in Venice. The 1954 and 1955 meetings were held in Amsterdam with representatives from 12 member countries. From that time meetings were held on an annual basis, usually in the autumn, and organised by member guilds spread over four continents. The first International Cocktail Competition was organised by the Netherlands Bartenders Guild in Amsterdam, in 1955. The first winner was Guiseppe di Neri from Italy.

In 1965 at the Annual General meeting in Italy it was proposed to do something for young bartenders. The result of this was the founding of the I.B.A. Training Centre. The Hotel school facilities in Diekirch, Luxembourg were chosen. The President of the Luxembourg guild was a teacher at the same school and this proved to be an important factor in the allotment of the I.B.A. Training course to Luxembourg.

In 1972 the course was moved to Blackpool's College of Art and Technology in England. In 1977 it was transferred to Italy and called the John Whyte course and was held in the Stressa Hotel School and run by the Italian Guild (A.I.B.E.S.). From 1982 until 1987 the John Whyte course moved to the Algarve in Portugal and was run by the Portuguese Bartenders Guild (A.B.P.). In 1988 the course went back to Italy, this time to Gardone. From 1992-96 the course moved again to Oslo, Norway and was organised by the Norwegian Bartenders Guild (N.B.F.). Today in 1997 under a new name The I.B.A. Training Course for Bartenders is run in the Czech Republic by the Czech Bartenders Association (C.B.A.). In 1993 due to ever increasing travel expenses for the course students the I.B.A. Far East Course was developed and is currently run at the Shatec Hotel school in Singapore.

At the 1975 I.B.A. meeting the board was increased to 4 Vice Presidents, one for Europe, one for North America and Canada, one for South America, one for Asia and the Pacific. Also in 1975 Lady Bartenders were accepted into the I.B.A. as members.

Ireland joined the I.B.A. in 1972 and since that date has competed in International Cocktail Competitions under the Bartenders Association of Ireland (B.A.I.) Since 1972 the B.A.I. have won 2 Bronze and 1 Gold medal for Ireland.

A very important event for young bartenders (under 28 years of age) is the Bacardi Martini Grand Prix. This international competition is open to all I.B.A. member Guilds and in 1984 and 1993 the Irish entrants were the outright winners in Italy and Hungary. The I.B.A. has 39 member guilds spread over four continents at present.

THE OFFICIAL I.B.A. COCKTAILS

Alexander – 1/3 Cream – 1/3 Crème de Cacao brown – 1/3 Brandy – Sprinkle nutmeg on top (optional). *Shake. Cocktail glass.*

Americano – 5/10 Sweet red Vermouth – 5/10 Campari. *build over ice and top up with soda water. Add a twist of lemon or a slice of orange. Old Fashioned glass.*

Bacardi Cocktail – 6/10 Bacardi Rum – 3/10 Lemon or lime juice – 1/10 Grenadine syrup. *Shake. Cocktail glass.*

Banana Daiquiri – 6/10 White rum – 3/10 Crème de Bananes Liqueur – 1/10 Lemon or Lime juice – A half fresh banana. *Blend with crushed ice and pour unstrained into a goblet. Garnish with banana. Serve with short straws. Note: other frozen daiquiris may be prepared using a variety of fruits and an appropriate liqueur i.e. Strawberry Daiquiri, Peach Daiquiri, Melon Daiquiri.*

Bellini – 7/10 Chilled Champagne (or sparkling wine) – 3/10 Peach juice. *build into a Champagne flute. Pour peach juice first.*

Black Russian – 7/10 Vodka – 3/10 Coffee liqueur (Kahlua). *Build into an ice filled Old Fashioned glass.*

Bloody Mary – 3/10 Vodka – 6/10 Tomato juice – 1/10 Lemon juice. *Worcester sauce, Tabasco sauce, Celery salt. Salt and Pepper to taste. Build, Shake or Stir Highball glass.*

Brandy Egg Nog – 4/10 Brandy – 5/10 Fresh Milk – 1/10 Gomme syrup – 1 Egg yolk. *Shake. Strain into an ice filled Highball glass. Add grated nutmeg.*

Bronx – 4/10 Gin – 2/10 Sweet red vermouth – 2/10 Dry vermouth – 2/10 Orange juice. *Shake. Cocktail glass.*

Buck's Fizz (Mimosa) – 6/10 Chilled Champagne – 4/10 Orange juice. *Build into a Champagne flute. Pour orange juice first.*

Bullshot – 3/10 Vodka – 6/10 Condensed Consommé or Beef Bouillon – 1/10 Lemon juice. *Worcester Sauce, Tabasco sauce, Celery salt, Salt and Pepper to taste. Shake. Serve over ice in a Highball glass (In cold weather may be served hot).*

Champagne Cocktail – 2 dashes of Angostura bitters over a small sugar cube in the bottom of the glass. 9/10 Chilled Champagne – 1/10 Brandy. *Build. Garnish with a slice of orange and a cherry. Champagne flute or Champagne saucer.*

John Collins – 3/10 Gin – 2/10 Lemon juice – 1/10 Gomme syrup – 4/10 Soda water.

In some countries a dash of Angostura bitters is added. Build into an ice filled Highball glass stirring in the soda last of all. Garnish with a slice of lemon and a cherry. Serve with straws. Note: a Tom Collins was made to the same recipe using Old Tom gin. However in some countries it is now common practice to make a John Collins with whiskey and a Tom Collins with gin. Other spirits may be substituted i.e. Vodka Collins, Rum Collins, etc.

Daiquiri – 6/10 White rum – 3/10 Lemon or Lime juice – 1/10 Gomme syrup. *Shake. Cocktail glass.*

French Connection – 5/10 Cognac – 5/10 Amaretto Liqueur. *Build into an ice filled Old Fashioned glass.*

Frozen Daiquiri – 6/10 White rum – 3/10 Fresh lime juice – 1/10 gomme syrup. *Blend with crushed ice. Pour into a large goblet. Serve with straws. Note: fruit based frozen daiquiris may also be made (see Banana Daiquiri)*

Garibaldi – 7/10 Orange juice – 3/10 Campari. *Build into an ice filled Highball or Old Fashioned glass. Garnish with a half slice of orange.*

Gin Fizz – 3/10 Gin – 2/10 Lemon juice – 1/10 Gomme syrup – 4/10 Soda water. *Shake all but the soda water. Strain into a Highball glass. Stir in the soda water. Garnish with a slice of lemon and a cherry.*

Gin and It – 7/10 Gin – 3/10 Sweet Italian red vermouth. *Pour unchilled into a cocktail glass. Add a cherry.*

Golden Cadillac – 1/3 Galliano Liqueur – 1/3 Crème de Cacao Liqueur white – 1/3 Fresh cream. *Shake. Cocktail glass.*

Golden Dream – 1/4 Galliano Liqueur, 1/4 Cointreau, 1/4 Orange Juice, 1/4 Fresh Cream, *Shake, Cocktail Glass.*

Godfather – 7/10 Scotch whisky – 3/10 Amaretto Liqueur.
Build into an ice filled Old Fashioned glass.

Godmother – 7/10 Vodka – 3/10 Amaretto Liqueur.
build into an ice filled Old Fashioned glass.

Grasshopper – 1/3 Crème de Menthe Liqueur – green – 1/3 Crème de Cacao Liqueur – white – 1/3 Fresh cream. *Shake, cocktail glass.*

Harvey Wallbanger – 3/10 Vodka – 1/10 Galliano – 6/10 Orange juice. *build all but the Galliano into an ice filled Highball glass. Top with the Galliano. Garnish with a slice of orange and a cherry. Serve with straws.*

Horses neck – 2/10 Brandy – 8/10 Ginger ale – Dash of Angostura bitters (optional). Peel the rind of a lemon in a spiral. Place the end of the spiral over the edge of the highball glass allowing the remainder to curl inside the glass. Fill with ice. Pour in the brandy and ginger ale. If using bitters add last of all.

Irish Coffee – 3/10 Irish Whiskey – 2/10 Fresh double cream – 5/10 Hot coffee – 1 Barspoon of Demerara sugar.
Stir the whiskey, hot coffee and demerara sugar together in a special Irish Coffee glass or a goblet to dissolve the sugar. Float the cream on top by pouring over the back of a warmed bar spoon. Do not restir.

Kir – 9/10 Dry white wine – 1/10 Crème de Cassis Liqueur.
Pour the wine into the Crème de Cassis in a wine goblet.

Kir Royale – 9/10 Chilled Champagne – 1/10 Crème de Cassis Liqueur.
Pour the Champagne into the Crème de Cassis in a Champagne flute.

Manhattan – 7/10 Rye whiskey – 3/10 Sweet red vermouth – 1 dash of Angostura bitters. *Stir. Cocktail glass. Add a cherry.*

Dry Manhattan – 7/10 Rye whiskey – 3/10 Dry vermouth – 1 dash of Angostura bitters. *Stir. Cocktail glass. Lemon zest.*

Perfect Manhattan – 6/10 Rye whiskey – 2/10 sweet red vermouth – 2/10 Dry vermouth. *Stir. Cocktail glass. Add a cherry.*

Margarita – 5/10 Tequila – 3/10 Cointreau – 2/10 Lemon or lime juice. *Shake. Strain into a cocktail glass that has been rimmed with salt.*

Dry Martini – 8/10 Gin – 2/10 Dry vermouth. *Stir. Serve straight up or on the rocks. Add a zest of lemon or an olive.*

Vodka Martini – As a Dry Martini but substitute vodka for gin.

Sweet Martini – As a Dry Martini but substitute sweet red vermouth for dry vermouth and a cherry or zest of lemon or an olive.

Perfect Martini – 8/10 Gin – 1/10 Dry vermouth – 1/10 Sweet red vermouth.
Stir. Lemon zest or cherry.

Gibson – 9/10 Gin – 1/10 Dry vermouth. *Stir. Serve straight up or on the rocks. Add a silverskin (pearl) onion.*

Negroni – 1/3 Gin – 1/3 Sweet red vermouth – 1/3 Campari.
Build over ice in an Old Fashioned glass. Garnish with a half slice of orange. Serve with a stirrer. Note: in some countries it is normal to offer the option of soda water in addition.

Old Fashioned – 1 measure (5cl/2 ounces) of Bourbon, Rye or Scotch whisky (as requested) – 1 Small cube of sugar – 2 or 3 dashes of Angostura bitters. In an Old Fashioned glass saturate the sugar with the Angostura bitters, add a dash of soda water, muddle together to dissolve the sugar. Fill the glass with ice, add the whisky. *Garnish with a half slice of orange, a twist of lemon and a cherry. serve with a stirrer.*

Paradise – 5/10 Gin – 3/10 Apricot brandy – 2/10 Orange Juice.
Shake. Cocktail glass.

Pina Colada – 3/10 White rum – 2/10 Coconut cream – 5/10 Pineapple juice.
Blend with crushed ice. Pour unstrained into a large goblet. Garnish with a wedge of pineapple and cherries. Serve with straws.

Planters Punch – 6/10 Dark (or mixed) rum – 3/10 Lemon juice – 1/10 Grenadine – Soda water.
Shake or build into an ice filled Highball glass all but the soda water. Stir in the soda water. Garnish with slices of lemon and orange.

Porto Flip – 2/10 Brandy – 6/10 Red Port – 2/10 Egg yolk.
Shake. small goblet. Sprinkle grated nutmeg on top.

Rob Roy – 6/10 Scotch whisky – 4/10 Sweet red vermouth – 1 Dash of Angostura bitters. *Stir. Cocktail glass. Add a cherry.*

Rose – 6/10 Dry vermouth – 2/10 Kirsch Liqueur – 2/10 Cherry Brandy Liqueur.
Stir. Cocktail glass. Add a cherry.

Rusty Nail – 6/10 Scotch whisky – 4/10 Drambuie Liqueur. *Build into an ice filled Old Fashioned glass. Add a twist of lemon.*

Screwdriver – 3/10 Vodka – 7/10 Orange juice. *Build into an ice filled Highball glass. Add a slice of orange.*

Sidecar – 6/10 Cognac – 3/10 Cointreau – 1/10 Lemon juice.
Shake. Cocktail glass.

Singapore Sling – 3/10 Gin – 1/10 Cherry Brandy Liqueur – 2/10 Lemon juice – 4/10 Soda water. *Shake all but the soda water. Strain into an ice filled Highball glass. Stir in the soda water. Garnish with a slice of lemon and a cherry.*