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**BARTENDERS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND**

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**INAUGURAL YEAR 1972**

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**National Organisers**

International Delegates:

- Gary Benson
- Mr. C. O’Grady, Mr. J. Walsh, Mr. J. Carvil
- Mr. C. Hogan, Mr. J. Duffern

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**Gresham Hotel**

**Dublin Airport**

**Shelbourne Hotel**

**International Airport Hotel**

**Dublin Airport**

**Hibernian Hotel**

**Irish Distillers Ltd.**

**Contrell & Cochrane**

**Edward Dillon & Co.**

**13 Batchelor’s Walk**

Head of Licensed Trade Dept., School of Retail Distribution, 75/76 Marlboro St.

**Intercontinental**

**BURLINGTON HOTEL**

**Shelbourne Hotel**

**Dublin Airport**

**DUBLIN HOTEL**

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LAUNCHING OF BARTENDERS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

For six months the B.A.I. Executive Committee met weekly — sometimes twice weekly — to mould ideas, aspirations policies and guide lines suited to the requirements of Irish Bartenders and the “Trade” in Ireland.

With the Rules and Constitution adopted, the various Committees elected and our Pennant designed (by Vincent Doyle) everything was set for our Official Launching in the Martello Room, International Hotel, Dublin by Mr Joseph Brennan, T.D. Minister for Labour and Social Welfare.

The Minister warmed to the occasion amid nods and beaks from Mr Michael Mullen, Mr Lawrence Jones, Director C.E.R.T. Mr Michael Marley, Training Advisor C.E.R.T. Mr James A Flannery, Controller Accm. Standards Bord Failte, Mr P J O’Neill, Head of Licenced Section, School of Retail Distribution, Mr J Bacon deputising for Mr A Mulligan, Chairman Guild of Sommeliers. Mr A L Pratt, President I.N.V.F. Mr R Burrows, A.C.A. Ed. Dillon & Co Ltd. Mr D G Heather, Irish Distillers Ltd., Mr M Brosnan, Cantrell & Cochrane Ltd. Mr M McNulty, Bord Failte, Mr Jerry O’Sullivan and Mr John Rowley, Evening Press, Mr Tom Hennigan, Evening Herald, Miss Colette Redmond Guinness Harp, Miss Maire Moore, Bemba Review, Mr Malachy Magee, Licenced Vitner, Mr Jack Fitzpatrick and Mr Frank Grennan, Man. Dir. and Editor. Irish Licencing World, Mr Donal H Doherty, Irish Independent, Miss Moira Prone standing in for Miss Terry Prone, Irish Press and Committee Members of B.A.I.

Founder Member Sean Kavanagh and his capable staff ensured that all arrangements in this exquisite room were A.I. Members Ted., Edwards and Brian Cunningham expertly produced the first cocktails under the B.A.I. Pennant.

Mr Brennan endeared himself to all present especially the Bartenders when he scrapped his prepared address and spoke from his heart sincerely and effortlessly he expounded the role of the Berman in all its aspects, and it was very evident he had first hand knowledge of the trials, frustrations and difficulties encountered in our “Trade”. For 29 years, Mr Brennan catered for the thirsty needs of Donegal Folk.

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Dear member,

I am delighted to be able to report that our membership is now over the one hundred mark and still growing and I have great hopes that by the end of 1972 we will be two hundred strong. The wonderful support and encouragement which the trade continues to give the B.A.I. leaves no doubt that our formation was eagerly awaited and indeed long overdue. The many letters from members of the International Bartenders Association congratulating the B.A.I. and promising their wholehearted support of our forthcoming application for membership of the I.B.A. is most heartening and I feel sure each of you will join me in thanking all concerned.

May I close by reminding you that our next meeting will take place on the last Sunday of September and to please try and attend, as its only by constant getting together that all of us can make the Bartenders Association of Ireland the great movement it deserves to be.

Yours faithfully,

JERRY FITZPATRICK
PRESIDENT,
B.A.I.

THE NEW BURLINGTON HOTEL.

B.A.I. member Damien Benson and I went to visit the new Burlington Hotel, where we met member Herb Whiston, who very kindly brought us on a tour of this luxurious hotel. He was an excellent guide and we found it all very impressive.

This hotel will have over 500 bedrooms, a conference room which has every modern convenience and a ballroom that can accommodate 3,000 people. The Pool Bar which overlooked the swimming pool was most unusual and was a most delightful way of spending an evening.

Ladies! you will be absolutely delighted with the facilities regarding the Ladies Hairdressing Salon, Boutique and Bijouterie, and while the men can talk shop in the bar, you have plenty to interest you. I must say I enjoyed the continental flavour of this hotel.
The three-year Apprentice Bar Course for employees of the Hotel industry will commence in September, 1972.

The Course was devised by a Sub-Committee of C.E.R.T. Ltd., which comprises representatives of C.E.R.T. Ltd., The Dublin Vocational Education Committee and B.A.I. founder members, specifically for apprentices to the hotel bar trade.

The subjects covered are:

- Communications and Speech Training
- Business Methods
- Accounting
- Commercial Calculations
- Commodities
- Legal Aspects of Bar Service.

Visits to breweries, distilleries, wine cellars and other places of relevant interest are arranged throughout the country.

There is no fee for this course.

Enrolment will take place on Thursday, 7th September, 1972 at 3.00 p.m.

Further particulars from C.E.R.T. Ltd., Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, or Head of Licensed Trade Department, School of Distribution, 75/6, Marlboro' Street, Dublin 1.

Shrinkage is the polite word used by the retail trade to describe discrepancies in the paper-work caused by shoplifting, downright dishonesty and genuine error. What goes where or how the money disappears is the subject of a new service devised by a U.K. detective agency.

Shoplifting accounts for only about 25-30 per cent and the detectives believe the same amount goes through dishonesty or error. That’s why they will be watching cash transactions in shops, pubs, hotels and garages. Called test purchasing, ‘detectives’ will pinpoint shrinkage; shop assistants who make too many mistakes will be retrained; and the dishonest ones or customers caught.

A boon to the retail trade it might frighten even the most honest shopper off, but say the experts: “There is no question as all of people being suspected of, or charged with, a theft offence without proper evidence. Shoppers have nothing to fear from detectives — provided they steal nothing.”
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES

A monthly series of Short Courses, each of 2 - 3 days duration, will take place in the School of Distribution, 75/6, Marlboro' Street, Dublin 1. Each 2 - 3 day module will be devoted to a particular aspect of bar training and the following subjects will be dealt with:-

- Stock
- Cocktails
- Spirits
- Wines
- Beers
- Communications
- Accounting
- Business Documents

When
The modules will commence in October, 1972 and will continue each month until March 1973.

Who for
Attendance at all modules is compulsory for provisional members of the B.A.I.

At the completion of the series an examination in all aspects of the Course will be held. Prospective B.A.I. members will have to achieve the required standard in all subjects.

Exemptions may be granted in certain subjects to suitably qualified applicants.

Applications for the courses will be welcomed from all other senior bartenders throughout the country who may wish to attend all or some selected modules.

Further details will be available in September 1972 and applications should be made then to the Head of the Licensed Trade Department, School of Distribution, 75/6, Marlboro' Street, Dublin 1.

R. TURBETT & SONS

Our Associate member at 123 Abbey Street, Mr J. Ward has a demonstration of Rum, racking and bottling in the pipe line soon.
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And so to B.A.I.'s big moment of becoming members of the I.B.A. at 09.05 on the 16th September 1972. Brazil were initiated with us.

Other points of interest were - the idea of three zones with an I.B.A. vice president for each was explained and MR. LEONARD CASTEL was elected vice president of the Americas. MR. BRUNO WINTER was elected vice president of Europe and the African countries. MR. KISHIGAMI was elected vice president of the Asian countries. MR. ANGELO ZOLA held the presidency uncontested. MR. CHARLES TUCK is again vice president I.B.A., treasurer MR. ROGER LEHET, secretary MRS. SILVIA FOGLING, Milan.

Successful International Team

Left to Right: President of the Bartenders Association of Ireland Jerry Fitzpatrick, with Carmel and Garry Benson, Vice-President and International Delegate B.A.I. on their return from I.B.A. '72 in Stockholm.

I.B.A. Training Centre.

An item that aroused great interest was the U.K.B.G. proposal to transfer the I.B.A. training centre from Luxembourg to Blackpool. MR. JOHN WHITE in an impressive manner presented the U.K.B.G. case with the aid of slides, charts, brochures, syllabus etc.

In seeking the I.B.A. course for Blackpool for a two year period he submitted that other guilds would have the opportunity to have it for two year sessions and if the same course was being produced in the three I.B.A. zones simultaneously then this would be progress. To do the U.K.B.G. and I.B.A. course would be progress.
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We have great pleasure in announcing that our new Benevolent Society has got off the ground. It has been approved by the President and committee of B.A.I. and we hope it will be accepted generally by members. In future years we hope to be in a position to improve benefits depending on our financial position.

We have laid down certain rules for the Board of Management to protect Association funds, also for application of benefits. The following rules are of most interest to members.

(4) The board of Management shall consist of the President of the Association, Hon. Treasurer of the Association and one other member who shall be elected annually at the A.G.M. of the Association.

(7) Funds available for relief purposes and Prescribed Benefits. The sum available for relief by way of donations, annuities, loans or otherwise shall consist of the funds of the Society after providing for its expenses. Sickness benefit shall be paid at the rate of £7 per week for a maximum period of three weeks in any one calendar year. In order to qualify for benefit, members must have been continuously absent from work due to illness for three weeks and a medical certificate covering the relevant period of illness must be produced when the claim for benefit is being submitted. Benefit, therefore, will be paid for the THIRD, FOURTH and FIFTH week provided a medical certificate is furnished for the said period.

In addition to our set rules consideration will be given to special cases of hardship. We would also hope to visit members in hospital.

We appeal to members to support functions etc. run for our Benevolent Society as they are run for members benefit.

DANNY TOLAND

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[Minutes from the first annual general meeting held in the Hibernian Hotel on Sunday 25th March 1973.]

This meeting was held before an attendance of 50 members which included the President of the U.K.A.B.C. MR. PETER BRENNAN.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G. Fitzpatrick opening the meeting welcomed all the members and said he was very happy to see such a large gathering, it was going from strength to strength and it is hoped to increase the membership in the coming year.

The year had been a very active one and the many functions were well attended by the members. The most outstanding occasion was on being elected full membership of the I.B.A. It was no secret to say that without the wonderful backing of all in the Trade we would not be as well established as we are now.

I wish to thank all those who in anyway contributed to our success. In conclusion I would like to thank all the officers especially Gary Benson who was the man who really started the B.A.I.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the Statement were distributed to members, which showed a sound financial position. S. Keating proposed the adoption of the report and was seconded by D. Toland. He also congratulated J. Doyle and Mr. R. Burrows on their wonderful work. Questions on the Statement were answered by the auditor who also hoped to have copies sent out to those members who were unable to attend the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

PRESIDENT - G. Fitzpatrick
Vice President - C. Benson
Secretary - S. Keating
Treasurer - P. McNally
Accountant - Mr. R. Burrows
Treasurers - Mr. D. Heaver, Mr. N. Brosnan
Licence Scheme - D. Toland
Committee - J. Kelly, E. Preston, J. Casey, Mc Cullagh, A. Walsh

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from L. Castell, Californian Bartenders U.S.B.G. association giving full details of the American trip.

ARRIVAL OF P. BRENNAN PRESIDENT OF U.S.B.G.

G. Fitzpatrick welcomed P. Brennan saying he was very happy to have him.

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Powers Gold Label Scholarship 1973

Picture shows from L. to R. Mr. Gerry Fitzpatrick, President of the Bartenders Association of Ireland; Paul McNally, one of the Scholarship Winners receiving his cheque from Mr. G. D. Heather, Marketing Operations Manager, Irish Distillers Limited; and on extreme right, Sean Keating, Secretary of the Bartenders Association of Ireland.

Mr. Digby Welch, Grants of Ireland Ltd. congratulates Con McCullagh winner of the Martini Scholarship to Turin. 1973

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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 men were lucky to be included on a Carlsberg Jumbo Jet for a one day trip to Copenhagen.

The Officers of the Bartenders Association of Ireland and Council of Bamba Hall were special Guests and received Carlsberg "special" treatment all the way as only the kind people of Beamish and Crawford can dispense.

Leading the group was Mr. D. Broome Managing Director of Beamish & Crawford Ltd., and close by was President of the Co., Mr. R. Beamish, a delightful gentleman.

At the crack of dawn Aer Rianta staff led by Head Chef Jimmy Doyle and Captain Pat. Hayden "stopped that gap" with light refreshments and a lot of not so light stuff too. Aer Lingus ushered us aboard the Boeing 747 and in as long as it takes to find out that A. McCormack is President of the Union and that Andy Byrne is manager of the Cedars Lounge, Raheny, we were in Copenhagen.

Kind Carlsberg Colleens and cultured Couriers commented on all facets of the world famous Brewery, a brief break for refreshments and an interesting tour of the city followed. We were free for a few flicks of an eye-lid to look-see! Friends for life who kept a fatherly eye on us were Messrs. G. Wallace, Noel Howell, Peter Owens, Martin Ryan and partners, bless them.

On the return journey we had a full load—stop the lights and more B & C hospitality, it was wonderful wonderful all the way. Many thanks Beamish & Crawford Ltd.
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C & C == Cathy & Con.

As for Cathy, Temple Hill, Dublin is the only place in Ireland where one can train as a children's nurse. The course takes two years in residence there and a further year outside getting practical experience with a family. Cathy herself was one of thirteen and she was well used to caring for babies before taking it up as a profession.

However, what was Princess Grace's line was Mrs. Connolly's gain, for Cathy has been with her for the last six years. In fact it was Mrs. Connolly who rang me about her engagement. She says Cathy is a real treasure and Con a very lucky man.

Food and Drink Fair

The Guild of Wine Waiters in Ireland shared the French Wine Committee's Stand at the recent Food and Drink Fair in Dublin. There were many inquiries and some new members enrolled. I hear there was a hospitable Guinness stand and Private Bar adjacent too.

Wings of Song

The Aer Lingus Musical Society have released an L.P. record under the AAA label called "Wings of Song".

Arrangements by Dr. Tadhg de Brun ranging from Róisín Dubh to the Flying Machine.

Whether you have an ear for Irish music or not, best group members you will find a pleasant Musical Cocktail here. It would be a welcome gift to our friends abroad at Xmas or anytime. Price: Less than £2.
Report from B.A.I. Education Committee.

On the results of the Special Course for senior Barmen, the Irish Distillers Scholarship and the Martini Scholarship we recommend that the following Members who are not full Members would now qualify for promotion to that status if they are not already in that class.
Declan Foley, Con McCullagh, Sean Norton, Jim Gogarty, Paul McNally, Brian Cunningham, Noel Graham, Alby Brennan and Noel Murphy.

May we remind Members that there is little time left for enrollment for senior or apprentice courses for 1973/74.

COURSES FOR APPRENTICES.

Apprenticeship courses are run in the School of Distribution, 75 - 76 Marlboro Street, Dublin. This is part of the City of Dublin Vocational Education service and are free of charge.

First year students will attend at the School for four X 4 day periods between September and May. During each four day period he will be released on two days by his Employer and attend two days on his own time.

The four days of attendance will Monday to Thursday inclusive. Time of attendance on each day will be 9-45 to 1 p.m. and 2-15 to 5 - 30 p.m.

Each student will be advised as to his dates of attendance for the year.

Already there are seven full classes enrolled so please hurry or it may be too late.

Applications to:-
Mr. P. J. O’Neill B. Comm.
Chairman B.A.I. Education Committee,
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### Short Courses for Senior Bar Personnel

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The delegations from Canada and Ireland

The team from Yugoslavia and Ireland placed 4th I.C.C. 1973

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I, Associate Member Mr T P Whelehan who is Chairman of Irish 
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Whelehan's and our mutual friend Jimmy Beggan gave sound advice on 
E. programme Tangents recently.

Murphy, Marketing Manager D.E.W, one of the main driving forces 
Mr W Jaffray behind the new range of Royal Irish liquors, supplied 
B. A. I. team with ingredients to meet the strict standards of 
I. food laws. Many thanks, and success Royal to Royal Irish. 

I. the F. A. I. Globetrotters required butter they call out 
as the Log Eglish Please " 

he Casey would say " Thanks for the fab Tin of Fruit " 

SONG OF THE I.B.A. 

LYRICS: Charles J Chop 

MUSIC: Henryk Reiss and Peter Zanuto 

Here's to members we hold so dear to them we 

raise our cups of cheer. To them from near and far a-

way. To the members of I - B - A. De-

\( \text{Moderato} \) 

\( G \) \( m \) \( G \) \( F \) \( F \) \( B \) \( B \) \( D \) 

betered and true are we - To serve our fellow men Roy-

\( E \) \( b \) \( B \) \( b \) \( C \) \( C \) 

\( E \) \( b \) \( C \) \( F \) 

ly. Let's all raise our cups on this day to us 

\( F \) \( G \) \( B \) 

men of the I - B - A.
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The second B.A.I. Dinner-Dance was held in the Collar of Gold Restaurant, Dublin Airport. There were "panic-stations" earlier in the week, before the Dance, as there was a limited number of tickets available and the demand was great. The night was fantastic from the beginning, the Reception was attended by a crowd of over 300. It went off very smoothly. It must have been the busiest bar at 8.30 in Dublin that night.

The Dinner started promptly at 9 p.m., with a few stragglers still coming in. The meal was beautiful - congratulations to Chef Doyle and crew - and was highly praised by everyone. Certainly the best meal I have ever seen presented at a function. The Guest of Honour was Mr. Ben Kenny, I.D.L. Ben told a few nice jokes and was well received. All the companies were well-represented, Mr. Richard Burrows and his wife came down from the North, Mr. Gay Quinlan represented the U.K.B.G., Mr. Pat O'Neill and his lovely wife, Ann, were there, also Mr. & Mrs. John Loftus, Clarence Hotel and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Giblin representing Bord Failte completed our Special Guests. Apologies for absence were received from Senator N.C. Mullen, Mr. Neil Fitzpatrick Aer Rianta, Mr. B. Daly Lock Eglish, Mr. Colm Galligan, Mr. John Lombard G.G.S., Mr. Leo Smith Coca-Cola, Mr. D. Howell, Mr. W. Jeffrey and Mr. L. Jones, C.E.R.T.

Later there was a draw which was warmly subscribed to. Some very nice prizes were given and the running commentary was by Paul McNally. The band were great and dancing was interrupted for half-an-hour while David Beggan kept everybody entertained. The night was enjoyed by everybody.

Mick Stratford and Brian Cunningham did a great job of organizing and Paul McNally - a versatile Master of Ceremonies.

A special word of Thanks is due to Aer Rianta's Manager of Catering, Mr. Neil Fitzpatrick and his assistants who foresaw and solved every little problem. Their organization of the evening and direction was superb. Nowhere could one expect to receive such V.I.P. treatment for such a large party. The service under the experienced eye of Mr. D. Lord had a stately tone, and warm friendship attached.

As anticipated, the bar service, fluid, frightening and first class - B.A.I. style, of course!

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On Monday the 1st April 1974 a large party of B.A.I. sporting members accompanied by their wives and sweethearts accepted the kind invitation of P. J. Carroll & Company to attend a golf film and reception in their beautiful Head Office at Grand Parade on the banks of the Grand Canal.

We were met on arrival by our hosts and great friends of B.A.I. Mr Pat Rossi and Mr Jim Gibbons. Mr Gibbons was patiently explaining that he never was in charge of Agriculture in Ireland. Guests sampled various brands from Carrolls No.1 to Afton Major and repaired to the beautifully appointed Carrolls Theatre to watch Lee Trevino explain how easy the most difficult golf shots are to play. Not alone is Lee Trevino a great golfer but he must be the games No.1 comedian too. He showed us how simple it was to putt downhill, put uphill. How to get out of the rough and even how to blast out of a sand bunker with your head, I mean ball buried in the sand. The following film was the famous British Open classic. All the world famous golfers competed and we were delighted our by now friend Lee Trevino reached the final, only to lose to Weiskoff, another great U.S. golfer.

After our President, Mr Garry Fitzpatrick thanked Messrs Carrolls on our behalf for the very pleasant evening, Mr Gibbons and Mr Rossi invited us to sample both the liquid and food refreshments.

A wonderful evening was had by all and it was a pleasure to watch the best of the world’s golfers in the comfort of Carrolls Grand Parade. We noticed member Joe Kelly enthusiastically practising his putt, putting like a professional sometime after the film.

Many thanks to P J Carroll and our hosts Mr Jim Gibbons and Mr Pat Rossi for a most enjoyable evening.

Old Bushmills

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Irish Distillers Ltd have the interest of young bartenders at heart as again this year they have awarded two scholarships to the International Bartenders Association Training Centre in Blackpool. We in the B.A.I. are fortunate indeed to have a sponsorship such as this because through it we are achieving one of our principle aims namely to "promote higher standards among our members".

Mr. D. N. Hetherington on behalf of Irish Distillers Ltd, congratulated the winners and said he was very pleased with our two members; they would be worthy ambassadors for the B.A.I. and for Ireland. He thanked Mr. J. O'Connell for making the School of Retail Distribution available for the occasion and the judges for their attendance.

Mr. Norman O'Leary, in producing disturbing figures last night about drink asked: "How would one characterise a society that spent up to £200m. on alcoholic beverages last year?"

This expenditure represented 11% of total consumer spending and was the highest ratio of all countries which keep similar statistics.

"If we were to combine this figure with the annual immediate amount spent on tobacco, the cost of the smoke and the drink and amount to more than half of total Government expenditure in the coming year."

Special attention had been given by the Tanner and by the Government to the great problem of alcoholism and excessive drinking, and the Minister.

A substantial part of the Department of Health's publicity and education budget had been allocated to the promotion of a campaign to inform people of the nature of alcoholism.

"Drink dominates the leisure time of our people. The nearest bar was with the livingroom as the venue of family reunions."

"I do not wish to join those who bemoan the depravity of the times we live in and the increase in family reunions."

"We are not on the point of becoming gourmets, indeed, have become, to paraphrase Michael Collins, 2..."
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Observe this:—

B.A.I. Honorary Member Mr Richard Burrows launched his 29 yacht in the 1974 Royal Western/Observer 2000 mile race around the British Isles and Ireland. At the helm with RB was brother Johnny Burrows who served in the Merchant Navy. They were the only Irish entries and they plunged their energies and resources against the best Big Boys in the Yachting circles, such as — British Oxygen, Cherry Blossom, and Galway Blazer.

No doubt one luxurious item tucked away in the hold was one precious bottle of Old Bushmills whiskey, because as we all know, Richard Burrows is Chief Executive of the Old Bushmills Distillery Co Ltd. where stocks are coming back on an even keel after a long period in the Doldrums due to world wide demand and local hi-jackings. (The last lot that was commandeered has been recovered T.G.)

Another interesting "Point" is the fact that the Lions Rugby player — MIKE GIBSON — has gone on board the Old Bush Co. and this no doubt has given them a kick ahead! (in other words a Garryowen).

Let me drag you back on tow again; Sir Richard did most of his Yachting with the Malahide Club, he got ducked several times, plays Rugby with Coleraine and enjoys Squash in his spare time.

The brothers — Burrows, set sail from Plymouth and were washed ashore at Crosshaven, Isle of Barra, Lerwick and Lowestoft to cast an eye around for Eight Bells or Ship Ahoy or to sip Bushmills on the Rocks or something! However, we guaranteed that Sir Richard and Johnny would be back in Bushmills on August 9 with great expectations for the second Burrows Heir!

We wish the B.A.I. King Neptune continuous fair weather and our Best Regards to Mrs Burrows. 'CONGRATULATIONS ALL AROUND!'

Garry.
HENNESSY HANDICAP  
By GARRY BENSON

Let me state straight away that Hennessy is no handicap; on the contrary on a wet dull day it can warm the cockles of one’s heart as it did mine in Leopardstown for this grand equestrian occasion.

The Bookies took all my money (20p each way) "they have no regard for the poor", said Joe Casey when I told him my tale of woe. My wife Carmel had better luck, getting a free entry ticket for the Tate and nearly winning a case of Hennessy if we only had known the number of countries in which Hennessy is the Brand Leader. But Martin Judge gave us ALL the winners — but the prices were sub-zero.

My wife and I were privileged to represent the B.A.I. with Vice President Joe Casey at this Annual event. There was a huge crowd present including our Taoiseach Mr Liam Cosgrave. I counted five Ministers of State and many stately Ministers. Every visitor to Ireland seemed to be present for the Hennessy Handicap and patiently mixing and greeting his many friends was Nigel Beaumais B.A.I. of Ed Dillon and Co. Ltd. the agents in Ireland for this ever popular Cognac. Accompanying Mr Beaumais was his charming wife dressed like a queen in a delightful lilac ensemble, not alone did the lady look like a queen I felt I should address her during my brisk audience, with "Your Highness" or at least "Your Grace".

Mr M Hennessy was present to present the deserving winner with his trophy.

Many thanks for including the B.A.I. representatives on your Honours List.

Many punters at the Hennessy Handicap hoped to win a bottle of Bras Arme by answering three questions Joe, Martin and Garry had all the answers:

(1) The Hennessy Handicap was introduced in 1962.

(2) Capt Hennessy left Cork about 200 years ago.

(3) Hennessy is the largest selling brandy in 52 counties.
ANCIENT TIMES:  MODERN TIMES:  THE FUTURE:

My first introduction to vodka was in 1950 approximately when I used the one and only vodka in stock namely Wolfschmidt. Vodka was then practically unknown and therefore was the slowest moving spirit on our shelves.

Poland claims that vodka originated in their country and so does Russia, rather like the Irish and Scotch in relation to whiskey. In Poland small family owned distilleries produced the fiery spirit and usually added herbs for flavouring sometimes it was left to nature in wood for a few years. It was mostly consumed for medicinal purposes and it is believed that a Pole never has to have his tonsils removed!

The last Czar of Russia banned the production of vodka as the populus were continuously in good spirits. So he was the last Czar in Russia. One could draw a parallel to that when an Irish Minister for Industry & Commerce banned the export of Irish whiskey at a crucial time of our export drive. However, our good neighbours Scotland admirably filled the gap!

Now-a-days a State monopoly in Russia produce all Russian vodka while in Poland many of the old family names have lived on in the "Trade" and their products are widely appreciated in Eastern Europe. While your President and I were in Stockholm last year we savoured many of these vodkas such as Wyborowa and they are very different from our anemic spirits, they had flavour and character, were served neat and well chilled. They would sure make your toes open and shut.

In modern times vodka has taken over in popularity from gin, this trend commenced in America then Canada now Europe and Australia. Instead of the famous dry martini cocktail one is asked for a vodkatini which is 2/3 vodka (or more if requested) to 1/3 dry vermouth. The Bloody Mary with its many local additions, drops and shakes is more popular than ever. Any new mineral water, juice or cranial will readily "marry" vodka. One of the advantages?? of English or Irish produced vodkas at 65.5° proof is that it leaves one breathless:

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They are described as pure, smooth, subtle, light, unsweetened, dry unflavoured etc. I believe there are approximately 30 brands of vodka on the Irish market to name a few Smirnoff, Huzzah, Nordorf, Saratov, Cossack, Vladivar, Reman off Zhivago, Calverts, Borzoi etc.

For future reference BAI members should note that vodka distilled from grain has always been regarded as being best. Vodka can also be distilled from molasses or potatoes or almost anything. Ireland is ideally suited for growing corn for brewing and distilling - that is a fact and that is one of the reasons why we can and do produce the best whiskey, gin, vodka and stout, ale and lager in the world.

The best vodkas are twice or three times distilled, and filtered through special activated charcoal for filtering. As is generally accepted vodka produced from pure grain spirit is best. It is now up to you to be more discerning, aware of the facts and be in a position to recommend the best to your customers.

Slainte.
At an excellent luncheon in Guinness Brewery on Wednesday 10 July, Mr. John Lombard, Regional Manager of Guinness Group Sales (Ireland) Ltd., presented Mr. Gerry Fitzpatrick President of the Bartenders Association of Ireland (B.A.I.) with a magnificent silver chain and medallion to represent the B.A.I. Chain of Office.

Mr. Gerry Fitzpatrick on acceptance of the Chain gave the following address:

"It is a very great honour for me to accept this wonderful gift from Guinness Group Sales 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. This Friendship has always existed between us and I have no doubt that it will continue to grow even stronger. 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 on behalf of all Members of the B.A.I."

The President took this occasion also to wish Mr. John Lombard a happy retirement and hoped that he would be able to spend some leisure hours visiting the B.A.I. members who would also be delighted to see him.

A presentation of two drinking goblets were presented to Mr. Lombard on behalf of all B.A.I. members and Honorary Membership was bestowed also on Mr. Lombard.

Those present at the Luncheon were:

Mr. H. B. Howick, Sales Director, Mr. John Lombard, Mr. Gerry Neville, Mr. Don Mooney, Mr. H. Roycroft, Mr. Justin Collins, Mr. Greg Connors, Mr. D. O’Kavanagh, Miss Sheila Nugent and Miss Kathleen Bolger and the B.A.I. party was Mr. Gerry Fitzpatrick - President, Mr. Con McCullagh, Secretary and Committee Members - Mr. Sean Keating, Mr. Paul McNally and Mr. Joe Casey

Birr Vintage

Up at Guinness’s one afternoon last week, among the village cars and the Birr worthies in period costumes who came along to announce Birr Vintage Week, there was a citizen from Birr in vintage costume who bore down on a beautiful young thing from the brewery who was acting as one of the hostesses, bearing in an admirably way.

He posed at the dance in a manner styled over the young lady’s left breast and inquired, “Tell me, love, what do you call the other one?”
THE ‘MIXOLOGIST OF LIFE’

Our lives are a conglomeration of many a thing
Out so long as man never forgets to sing
He'll survive the conflict of our world of today
And elevate himself onwards along the way.
The doctor, with his stethoscope, has proven it to us.
The psychiatrist, with his couch, is also a must.
But have you ever thought of the “mixologist of life”
Who has surmounted these trials of daily strife?
He stands alone amidst the crowd.
He hears the multitudes yell good and loud
With his weapon of the tongue, he answers them all.
While they’re busy drinking from glasses tall.
Some keep their arrows away
In the darkness of the day.
The young tell him of their experiences with L.S.D.
The lawyer says it’s how he’d love to flee.
The prostitute reveals her love for a writer
Who weakened in the bottle and is no longer a fighter.
The professor carries his very tall glass
As if it’s his last hold the silly ass.
The millionaire escapes to the bar with his money
Seizing control of the world that he lost his honey.
He tells the mixologist that his wife left his big home.
To live in poverty in a village near Rome.
Amidst these surroundings the mixologist makes the drink
For these human beings, who are ready to sink.
With water in his glass, he turns to them all.
And while sipping away, he talks of their fall.

Mary, a B.A. degree
The Professor there, has his B.A.
To you and your circle, this was the greatest wealth.
But along the way, you lost your health.
You also lost the meaning of life.
And you, Mr. Millionaire lost your wife.
You forget the rule of the “survival of life”
And have escaped to my bar before you took to the knife.
Look upwards, dear friends, and see the star
Glittering with brightness, though very far
It’s a guiding light for your little soul.
And will lead you onwards to make your life whole.
If you follow it faithfully, it will lead you to your shore
Where you will be welcomed gladly by the “royal door.”
To you, Madame Prostitute, you’ll meet your writer.
And with this star to guide you, you’ll make him a fighter.

To you, Mr. Professor, with your Ph.D.
Look yonder ahead and brightness you’ll see.
To you, Mr. Millionaire, join your wife in Rome.
She has found peace and contentment in her humble home.
She left your money for peace of mind.
And with candlelight in her home, she knows how to dine.
This glowing candle is like the star above.
It emanates a brightness filled with love.
It’s “love” you are seeking.
And this “love” you will find.
But substitute your degrees and money for peace of mind.
My degree of life is being a “mixologist.”
And my best friend of life is a psychologist.
Her name has four letters and is known as “love”
Which was guided into my soul by the “star” above.

Dedicated to all Bartenders by: MISS IRENE SPEDDARDS, MONTREAL, CANADA

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Mr. Charles Chop,
President,
United States Bartenders Guild,
12034 Dewey Street,
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Dear Mr. Chop,

It is increasingly more evident that the bar and bartenders are a vital and important segment of the hotel and restaurant industry. A good bartender, then, is not only a necessity but a real asset to this important industry.

The United States Bartenders Guild significantly represents this important person. The Guild is the only organization in America which promotes increased efficiency at the bar level and increased popularity of the mixed drink with the general public. The image of the bartender is enhanced greatly because of your fine organization.

To obtain this optimum image, the credo of the Guild fulfills these obligations. Not only is the member a good bartender and a master mixologist, but he is a sober and conscientious employee with his employer's interests at heart.

Most distillers feel that the bartender is the greatest booster of nationally advertised brands, because he realizes that millions of dollars are spent by distillers in advertising their brands to the consuming public. It is important for all of us to work together to promote good drinks, friendship and conviviality in the cocktail lounge, and, more importantly, the sensible use of alcoholic beverages by everyone.

You, the Guild Members, are the pioneers for upgrading the industry to a level which it deserves. By upgrading the industry, you upgrade the bartender and everyone connected with the distilled spirits business.

National Distillers extends congratulations to you on this the Twenty Sixth Annual Cocktail Competition. The best of luck to you and your fine employers.

Sincerely,

A.J. Rizzo

April 26, 1974

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Cumann Tábarraite Éimeann
Bartenders Association of Ireland

Gresham Hotel, Dublin.

Dec, 1974.

Gentlemen,

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you the Compliments of the Season and Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous 1975. I also bring best wishes from Angelo Zola the I.B.A. President.

Vice-President Joe Casey and I attended the I.B.A. 23rd Convention in Copenhagen last November, a more detailed report will appear elsewhere in B.A.S.L. and to judge by the constant fast action of Joe's pen during the event it's quite possible the report might appear in book form? Congratulations are due to Hans Henriksen, the Danish Bartenders President and his hard working committee for the great success of this 1974 Convention.

I conclude by asking each of you to attend our meetings, check if your sub. is due, take a more active part in our affairs and live up to our "Motto" Be Always Interested.

yours faithfully,

Jerry Fitzpatrick,
President, B.A.I.

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I was chosen to represent the B.A.I. in Opatija, Yugoslavia, after a selection which proved to be controversial. I made up two cocktails to present there:

1. **Orange Copri.**
   4 ounces Orange Juice
   1½ ounces Coffee Liqueur (Royal Irish)
   1½ ounces Kiskadee
   Shake - add slice of orange.

2. **Royal Tara.**
   ½ ounce Vodka
   ½ ounce Citron Liqueur
   Dash of Lime Cordial.

DEWA DIAH of Irish Distillers Ltd., supplied me with enough Kiskadee to make cocktails for everyone over there. Unfortunately, this cocktail was not successful as there was no fresh orange juice to be bought in Opatija - only canned orange juice was available. I was not the only competitor without their ingredients the French and the Austrian Representatives were without grape fruit juice and orange juice respectively.

Well, luck did not leave me altogether. I came third in the short drink category. The continentals were amazed at the Citron Liqueur which Tom Mullet made available to me and Lime Cordial is also very hard to get in Yugoslavia. The overall winner was Mirko Rasic who we met in Los Angeles last year also used Lime Cordial in his winning drink. He had to smuggle it into the country. The contest was well organised with the Sponsors being in attendance all the time. The Yugoslavian had a great understanding of English and went out of their way to make us welcome. I brought along my wife Cathy to keep me company. While we were there we toured the country-side with Ernest Xi, Hofner and his wife who could speak the native language fluently. There are three spoken languages in Yugoslavia. We had a most enjoyable stay in the Ambassador Hotel which was situated on the sea-front.

I made a presentation of Waterford Glass to the President S.B.Y., Emil Jankovic. We also met Jose Faflik who is Secretary of S.B.Y. and is a very jolly man indeed. He was asking for Pat McConnell whom he met in Luxembourg.

I must say after our visit to Yugoslavia both Cathy and I have very happy memories of this wonderful country.

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B.A.I. TRAINING

P.J. O’NEILL,
Chairman,
Education Committee

At a recent meeting of the B.A.I. Education Committee it was decided that
1. Modular Courses of 1½ days duration each be arranged early in 1975
   in the School of Distribution, 75/6, Marlboro Street, Dublin 1.
2. Attendance at such courses be a prerequisite for anybody intending
   to become a fully-fledged B.A.I. member.

Three courses will take place. The subjects will be (a) Stock,
(b) Accounting, (c) Cocktails. These topics were chosen for
the following reasons:
(i) they had immediate practical application in that their content would
    be valuable in an on-the-job situation for each participant.
(ii) courses on these topics had already been run in the School and proved
to be successful, evidenced by the favourable feedback from participants.

The duration of each course will be 1½ - 2 days. There will be at least
a week’s interval between courses.
The content of courses is so designed as to render them beneficial to
existing as well as prospective members. It is hoped that all B.A.I. members
regardless of seniority will participate.

An approach was made to C.E.R.T. Ltd. through the good offices of
Mr. Harry Connolly, Head of Training, to seek financial assistance
in the running of the course. I understand the request is meeting
with a favourable response and that there is every possibility the
necessary finance will be forthcoming in the form of grants towards
fees and subsidy towards overnight accommodation for provincial
participants.

It is intended to circularise each B.A.I. member and prospective
member with details of the courses and application forms after
Christmas. We look forward to a deluge of applications.

Further Information available from me at (01) 786433 or (01) 786580.

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Signed: [Signature]

G. Fitzpatrick, President
P. McNally, Hon. Treasurer

Auditor's Report to the Members of the Bartenders' Association of Ireland. "I hereby certify that these Accounts are in accordance with the books and records of the Association."

Signed: [Signature]

Richard Burrows, Hon. Auditor
28 February, 1975

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CERT purchases school property for £150,000

In an important expansion move, the hotel and catering industries' training organisation, CERT, has paid some £150,000 for the former De La Salle Brothers school property at Roebuck Road, Dublin 14 (outlined in aerial picture on right), and a national training college is to be established on the site.

CERT was established in 1963. Its original brief, to look after the training and associated problems of the hotel industry, was last year extended to include catering and tourism.

The organisation has a permanent staff, at present, of 33. It is currently surveying elements of its enlarged sphere of responsibility. Hotels, catering and tourism are areas that have taken something of a beating in the recent economic past, but they are still living with the rapid physical expansion of the post-war tourism boom. CERT is dealing with a large and complicated sector, at multiple levels.

It is also a seasonal sector, with some 12,000 hotel employees in the off-season, and between 20,000 and 22,000 in the summer. There are many thousands of other potential CERT customers on the walls of restaurants, hotels, bars, and catering, and, ultimately, in catering.

For all of these people, Roebuck will assume national importance in the future. The plans now being finalised envisage a training complex at Roebuck which will effectively function as a national educational campus for hotel, catering and tourism staffs. While there are no specific plans for a residential college at this stage, such a move cannot be permanently ruled out, depending upon the availability of funds and the growth of the sector's needs.

CERT's secretary, Mr. Raymond O'Connor, emphasised that the Roebuck facility is not designed to supplant the Shannon hotel school. The two will be complementary.

Gibbeys' blend an award winner

As a reception in Dublin yesterday to announce the Amsterdam award, directors said the product had already begun a test launch in Britain and plans were in hand to introduce it to the Australian and American markets before long.

The significant factor about the launch is the inclusion of Gibbeys' "Redbreast" whiskey in the product. Gibbeys gets its whiskey supply from monopolistic producer Irish Distillers and at the moment has no guarantee of continuity of supply after the 1980s. A successful launch of the new product, it was felt, would go part of the way towards assuring this continuity.

The directors of Gibbeys a division of the British hotels and catering giant, Grand Metropolitan — explained that they chose Bailey's as the same of the subsidiary which would handle the new product because it was easy to pronounce in any language, including Japanese.
He re-entered the Hotel Business under Sean Kavanagh in the Banqueting Section at Jurys Hotel, where Declan Foley revealed the advantages of the B.A.I. to him. Declan counselled and encouraged him on the right lines so he became a Member last year. Jimmy says he received great tuition at Jurys and as he now presides in the Dubliner Bar, he gets many opportunities of promoting and mixing cocktails.

Jimmy is also engaged to a lovely young lass, May Lucas, but the date is not yet fixed. We wish you continued success Jimmy.

(Right) Mr. D.G. Heath, Irish Distillers Ltd presenting a cheque to the winner of the Powers Gold Label Scholarship Jimmy Woulfe, Jurys Hotel Dublin. B.A.I. President J. Fitzpatrick resplendent in Chain of Office looks on approvingly.
CARROLLS IRISH OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

After a lapse of 22 years Ireland will once again have an Irish Open Championship. Irish golf followers and enthusiasts will have the opportunity of seeing top international golfers, professional and amateur, vie with each other to become the first Irish Open Champion since Eric Brown won the title in 1953.

This was the news from Mr Des Ryan, Managing Director, P.J. Carroll and Company, Limited, at a Press Reception in Dublin on Monday 3rd February, when he announced that the Carrolls International Golf Tournament would be replaced by the Carrolls Irish Open Golf Championship.

"With our closer association with Europe", said Mr Ryan, "where countries like France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Scandinavia all have National Open Championships, the lack of a National Open in this country became very apparent and we are delighted and proud to play our part in reviving this great event. We are extremely grateful for all of the help and advice we have received from the professional and amateur golfing bodies."

The Carrolls Irish Open Championship will have a prize fund of £25,000 with a first prize of £5,000 and will be played at Woodbrook Golf Club, Co. Dublin, on 29th - 31st August. The Championship, a 72 hole stroke play event with a pre-qualifying round on Tuesday 26th, will be open to all members of the P.G.A. and amateurs with a handicap of scratch or better.

B.A.I. Members wish P.J. Carroll & Co. every success.
OBJECTIVES OF THE BARTENDERS’ ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

1. To promote generally the interests of the Trade in which the Members of the Association are engaged by encouraging a higher standard of competence and conduct.

2. To assist in the Training of Apprentices.

3. To provide for the registration of new Cocktails through the medium of the Association Cocktail Competitions and to organise such other events as the Committee may decide.

4. To keep members informed of trade and BAI news and events.

5. To do all such other lawful things as the Committee may deem to be in the interest of the Trade.

6. To organise such other events for the benefit of its Members, as the Committee decides.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is divided into 5 classes as under:

(a) FULL MEMBER

Any Male Cocktail Bartender who is over 21 on the date of election and actively engaged in the profession of Cocktail Barman and has had not less than 3 years' experience as such. Annual Subscription £7.

(b) PROVISIONAL MEMBER

Any Male Cocktail Bartender who is 18 years of age or over at the date of election and actively engaged in the profession of Bartending. Every Provisional Member must enrol for the BAI Education course. He must be proposed and seconded by two full members of the BAI. Annual Subscription £3.50.

Provisional Members with three years experience as a Cocktail Bartender and who are 21 years of age or over may apply for Full Membership, provided they are recommended, in writing by two Full Members.

(c) ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Any male person engaged in a professional or commercial capacity. Minimum Subscription £7.

(d) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

At their absolute discretion and only by their unanimous decision, the Committee may confer Honorary Membership upon any Member or person who has rendered distinguished service to the Association.

(e) INTERNATIONAL MEMBER

Any Male Cocktail Bartender who is actively engaged in the profession of Cocktail Barman and who is a member of his own National Bartenders' Association or Guild. Annual Subscription £4.

The Membership year runs from 1 March to the end of February. New Members pay a full year's subscription upon joining, irrespective of the date of entry.
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6TH BISQUIT COCKTAIL COMPETITION

Irish Vintners Ltd, under the leadership of Mr Donal Murphy General Manager, provided "the French spirit" at the Clarence Hotel aided and abetted by the BAI committee members.

Adjudications of international standards were recorded by TV personalities Tony Butler and Cathal O'Sullivan, Trade Press Representatives Mr & Mrs Kay Wharton Licensing World, Wine & Spirit Trade by Mr J Chalmey and Mr Edward G Robinson Williams, Travel Trades by Mr E Doyle and Mr John Hartnet, ILGWU by Mr & Mrs R Lennon.

Some new BAI members figured prominently in the early stages particularly Joe Mc Knight International Airport Hotel, Liam Walsh Ard Rí Hotel Waterford and John Murphy Europa Hotel Killarney.

Miss Sheila Nugent GGS and Mr Phil Smyth Savage Smith & Co. Ltd scrutinised all marks impartially. Proxi shaking was performed with precision and flare by J Casey, P Kelly and P McNally. MC of star quality was D Toland while Tom Blake was masterful marshall. Reigning supreme over all proceedings was BAI President Jerry Fitzpatrick.

Rare and randy creations were compounded, new products to the Irish palate were slipped, old favourites flourished and faded in the tides of an eventful evening.

At last the winner was announced, Ken Brennan Dublin Airport had performed the envious feat with his receipe named "Kendico"

Bisquit Cognac

1/4 Creme de Banane (Bols)

1/4 Lemon Squash

Dash Egg White

Shake, Add Sliced Orange

In the tension packed final Ken was tested to the last drop by his airport colleagues who finished in this order 2nd Danny Tolan's "Voodoo", 3rd Arthur Hook's "Brandy Hook" and 4th Paddy Kelly's "Acropost '72" a creditable performance indeed.

Our congratulations to each and everyone.

Ken filled the Bisquit Cup and spent a fair share of his £100 prize money during the most enjoyable social evening that followed.

BAI President thanked Bisquit, Irish Vintners Ltd, The Clarence Hotel and everyone who helped make the occasion such an outstanding success.

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Please note that all correspondence and application forms etc. should be posted to Miss Sheila Nugent, 63 Old Cabra Rd, Dublin 7. Your cooperation will speed up replies etc. and help the B.A.I. to run more smoothly.

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Mr. Eddie Clarke past President of the U.K.B.G. and his young wife Maureen spent a wee holiday in Sunny Newbridge away rom sunny Tenerife where they are now living in retirement. Both looked fit, relaxed and suntanned and thru B.A.S.I.L. send greetings to their many friends in the Bartending world.

Mr. Eddie Clarke is an authority on our Profession and wrote a Book on the subject which he christened "Shaking in the 60's " I'm sure he is mostly shaking in the 90's in Tenerife.

A group of Irish Bartenders dined at his world famous Albamarle Club in London as guests of Hiram Walker with Mr. Thompson in 1963. The happy memories are still fresh and vivid in my mind.

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Aer Lingus executive Mr. Maurice Kennedy wishes to thank thru B.A.S.I.L. Mr. Tom Keavney B.A.I. for free swimming lessons dispensed in Miami.

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Mr. Jerry Cronin has been rediscovered travelling "round" the ring of Kerry for Browns Mineral Waters Ltd. The B.A.I. wish him many hot long summers and sparkling winter seasons.

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Rocket --- Sparkling Cola packeted in England lor Savage Smyth in Merolite packs of 8.8 ill.oz is now on the Irish Market. This novel presentation is best described as a plastic bag in a cardboard sleeve approx 11 ins long and 2 ins diameter; its livery is mainly
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Early in 1975 at a monthly meeting it was decided that the Butler Challange Cup would not be part of the prise for the All Ireland Cocktail Competition so Irish Distillers increased the prize money to £100.00, £50.00 and £40.00; plus an engraved mounted cocktail shaker for first prise.

The scene was set in the Greshan Hotel where the decor and lay-out added to the exciting athmosphere. Guests and judges availed of the welcoming Irish Spirit provided by our Host and Sponsor Irish Distillers Limited.

Before the first contestants mounted the stage to inspect ingredients and equipment the "Tote" was in full swing operated by a real swinger - Joan Dunleavy Irish Distillers Limited. One punter dashed in the door at the bell and said £1.00 on Garry Benson but he was nearly three years too late (thanks pal all the same). Early betting showed ex champions Danny McLaughlin, Walter O'Hara, and Jerry Fitzpatrick firm favourites, and a few dark horses, young and perhaps not yet too well known, mark you I said yet because as events turned out later they performed magnificently. Some such talent was displayed by D. Hulgraine, the Club House; Pat Hanley, Sachs Hotel; and Paul McAuley, Jury's Hotel. Just at the "off" who dashed in the door only Joe Guinan from Monastervin, a man I had not seen for four years.
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Battling on into the semi-finals and final were hot favourites Joe Tyndall, Danny Toland, Brendan Meehan, Sean Keating, Paul McNally, Danny McLaughlin, John McGurk, Martin Judge, Joe Connelly, Gresham Hotel, who also found time and showed consideration for committee men who were tied to their stations. Many thanks Joe for your expert attention, it was greatly appreciated. D. Mulgraine, Jimmy Woulfe, Ivor Williams, Brian O'Hara, Eamon Preston, Paddy and Joe Kelly pressed on relentlessly.

CORK DRY GIN 15th. ALL IRELAND COCKTAIL COMPETITION

The final chapter in the above event with all 6 judges deliberating and the 5 finalists tidying-up behind the bar.

The final picture produced four experts using all their experience and unlimited talent in an exciting, traumatic, finale. There to judge their magnificent cocktails full of mystery, magic and mystique were Mr. Liam Stanley (well tutored by George Browke, President U.A.S. Brussels) Mr. Charlie Sinnett newly appointed General Manager Trust House Hotels Ireland; Mrs. G. Heather (protégé of D. G. Heather of Swedish Cocktail Competition fame and Honorary Member of E.L.G.) Mrs. Waddington, Miss L. Hulley and Mr. Kevin McCourt that grand maestro of all spirits, internationally known and respected, a man of great vision. Mr. Kevin McCourt who with great joy and sincere admiration, presented the premier award, to, that lovable genius, that stout hearted champion of 1977 the noble bartender who used all the artistry of Picasso, all the ingenuity of Voltaire and efficiency par excellence Joe Tyndall, a true and deserving winner. Joe deserved to win for effort, for presentation and taste. He obeyed all the basic rules of professional cocktail bartending, took the competition very seriously, experimented and came up with the winner, a work of art, it has to be seen and tasted to be believed. I sincerely hope he gets an opportunity to enter it in an International Competition - "it would do Ireland

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1st prize recipe  "Kis-Kesay"

½ Kiskadee White Rum - Irish Distillers Limited.
† White Creux de Cacao - Bols.
1/8th Lime Juice - Rosso
1/8th Blackcurrant - Ribadi

Stir and Strain - Top with 'Orange Cream' - Flavoured
with zest of Orange Peel. Twist Orange Peel.

"Kis-Kesay" is one of the most commercial prize winning cocktails
of recent years. Joe who is head Bartender in the Shelbourne
Rooms, Stephens Green, Dublin can concoct it profitably at 60p. Sláinte.

CORK DRY GIN ALL-IRELAND COCKTAIL COMPETITION 1975

Kevin C. McCourt, Managing Director, Irish Distillers Limited,
presenting the engraved cocktail shaker to J. Tyndall (Shelbourne),
the winner. In centre, G. Fitzpatrick, President, Bartender's
Association of Ireland.
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<td>Clarence Hotel</td>
<td>&quot;Irish Imperial&quot;</td>
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<td>Jury's Hotel</td>
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<td>D. Halgrimm</td>
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<td>P. McNally</td>
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<td>J. Cullane</td>
<td>Hazel Hotel, Monasterdavian</td>
<td>&quot;1412&quot;</td>
<td>¼ oz. Creme de Cacao, 1/6th. Tia Maria, 1/6th. Bols Cherry Brandy, Fresh cold cream (foam cream on top)</td>
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<td>12th</td>
<td>E. Preston</td>
<td>Wicklow Hotel</td>
<td>&quot;Stric&quot;</td>
<td>1 oz. Cork Dry Gin, 1 oz. Bols Creme de Banana, Galliano, 1 Dash Grapefruit Juice, Eggwhite and slice of Passion Fruit, Shake</td>
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BARMANS' LAMENT
by David Nolan.

At the start of the day, you open your bar,
Your first customer’s a drunk who calls for a jar,
You gently refuse him and then have to duck,
When he decides to give you a puck.

With a start like that you realise quite soon,
That the day could easily go to rack and ruin,
The busy time nears, and you learn with dismay,
Your commis just rang, he’s off sick to-day.

And so it goes on from bad to worse,
You begin to wonder if it’s a curse,
The draught is high, the bottles all flat,
If this keeps up you’ll be on the mat.

Your’e surrounded by people all quenching their thirst,
And if you’re not relieved soon, you feel that you’ll burst,
Alas and alack no help’s on the way,
You’re all on your own, you’ll just have to pray.

All things must finish and the end is near,
Thank God, here they come, the late shift is here,
You make your way home footsore and weary,
And when asked “Good day darling”? say \textit{JUST NORMAL} Dearies.
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BARTENDERS ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS for 1976.

Public Relations Officer and International Delegate: Paul McNally, Arrivals Bar, Dublin Airport.

Sickness Benefit Scheme: Jerry Fitzpatrick, Gresham Hotel, Dublin. Sean Keating, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin.

Sports Secretary: Tom Balke, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin.


BASIL Distribution Agents: Phil Reid, Joe Kelly, Pat McConnell, Arthur Hook (all of Dublin Airport).


Education Committee: Con McCullough, Madigans, Donnybrook. Garry Benson, Dublin Airport. Pat O'Neill, College of Marketing, 75/76 Marlboro Street, Dublin 1. Andy O'Gorman, ditto


MONTHLY MEETING:

Monthly meetings are held on the First Sunday of each month in the Clarance Hotel, at 12 noon.

NO MEETINGS - JULY OR AUGUST.
Budget Blues by David Nolan.

The pint is too dear, that's all I'm being told,
It seems the bold Ritchie, wants us out in the cold,
The pint is too dear, they grumble all night,
One drink per hour what a terrible plight.

A whiskey's too expensive is their constant groan,
"Will he ever take pity", they cry and moan,
When asked who "HE" is, they reply with a sigh,
"Ritchie Ryan of course, he'd make strong men cry".

To buy a glass of orange, take's a lot of money
It's gone beyond a joke, it's definitely not funny,
And as for a beer, your thirst which to quench,
From the pit of your pocket, some cash you must wrench.

Drink prices up again, what a bitter pill,
Now there's very little cash, coming into the till,
To the revenue men a warning I'll print,
If you keep upping prices, we'll start our own mint.

One of the thousands of visitors to Shannon Airport told me he visited the bar there for a pre-prandial drink after an arduous day's work. Bartender Sheehan suggested a Whiskey Sour and proceeded to shake after a nod from the jaded client: Fresh lemon juice, a dash of lemon squash (instead of the more troublesome sugar) dash egg white, Jameson, topped with bitter lemon. It was excellent, just what the doctor ordered - full of vitamins! Where did he get the recipe? From "Runway" the Aer Rianta staff magazine.
JACK LEE RETIRES

"I've been getting a pain in my back since I packed it in and d'you know why? It's all the sitting down after all those years standing up!"

So said Jack Lee (formerly of The Buttery) when he spoke to Quidnunc of the Irish Times. Jack retired early in May after 51 years on his feet. He started in Jammets (the old one in Andrew Street) in 1920 or 1921. He also spent some time in the Dolphin and the Metropole before joining the Hibernian Hotel in 1925.

According to Jack The Buttery was the first Cocktail Bar in Ireland catering for a "very posh clientele". The customers in the early days included well known artists, actors, diplomats and the cream of Dublin's society. One of the highlights of Jack's career was when he took part in a Buttery scene in the film "Another Shore" with Moira Shearer and Robert Beatty.

He was Hon Treasurer of the U.K.B.G. for twenty-one years.

On a parting note Jack commented "When I started in the Buttery we were twopence over the ordinary bar rates. So you paid half a crown for a glass of brandy and one and tenpence for a ball of malt. When I left, a glass of brandy was £1.10 and a ball of malt 80p... inflation how are ye?"

On behalf of all Jack's friends and colleagues in the Trade, we wish him many happy years of retirement.

CON MCCULLAGH

Congratulations to Con McCullagh, on his appointment at Madigans of Donnybrook, scene of the Campari Long Drink Competition. The "Guvner" of the Madigan Empire, Mr. Paddy Madigan is an associate member of the B.A.I. who appreciates the efforts of our members to attain the highest standards of practice and ethics.

Con had a brilliant scholastic career in the School of Retail Distribution (now renamed College of Marketing), where he won an Ed Dillon Scholarship to Spain in 1970. In 1971 he graduated winning the L.V.A. Presidents Gold Medal and in 1973 he won the Martini Scholarship. He was selected to the first team ever to represent Ireland in an I.B.A. International Cocktail Competition, where he was placed 2nd in his category. In 1974, Con dashed off to Yugoslavia for their competition and before settling in his native Dublin, he took a final trip to America. On his return he commenced part-time Training at his old "alma mater".

We wish him continued success.

AER LINGUS MUSICAL SOCIETY

presents

A Musical Review

in the Supper Room of
the Mansion House

on behalf of the Donegal Association - Dublin

on Tuesday, 1 June at 8 pm

Admission 80p

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NEW AUTO PINT MACHINE

This machine was primarily developed for the automatic dispensing of STOUT into Pint glasses, and can be readily adopted to dispense any type of liquid in measured amounts.

ADVANTAGES

- Machine will automatically fill glasses.
- Operates unattended.
- Automatically switches off when full.
- Switches on when full glasses are removed.
- Fills a single glass.
- Accurate filling, a consistently perfect pint a feature.
- Can fill up to 400 pints per hour.
- No waste.
- Hygienic.
- Easy cleaning.
- Multiple keg change over (optional).
- Setting of pour by electronic timers.
- Filling indicator lights fitted as standard.
- Digital counter (optional).
- Machine finished to suit customers requirements (optional).
- Demonstrations arranged.
- Leasing facilities available.

B.A.I. member Paddy Kelly (above) tries out the Auto. Capt. Paddy tells me "its fantastic" while Con says "Pints of stout are on the way out". There I leave ya!
Augustine Thwaites established an apothecary's business in Dublin in 1769 and a considerable part of his trade consisted of importing natural spring waters from Europe.

His son, Augustine Thwaites, Jr., while studying at Trinity College, Dublin, developed Soda Water, the same drink as we know it today. Father and son later formed a partnership in 1796. The Thwaites name is still associated with Soda Water and the Thwaites family must be credited with a major share of the development of the soft drinks industry. Their own personal involvement was small but it led to the formation of a major national industry.

Dr. Thomas Cantrell, an apothecary and surgeon, opened a shop in Belfast in 1852, where his business included the manufacture of aerated waters and sweet beverages.

In 1868 he went into partnership with Alderman Cochrane - later Sir Henry and Lord Mayor of Dublin - and they opened their Dublin factory in the following year.

Cantrell & Cochrane are best known for their perfecting the manufacture of Ginger Ale and for the development of the Club range of soft drinks. The name Club was first given to a range of products originally commissioned for the Kildare Street Club in Dublin.

1927 saw the amalgamation of Thwaites, Cantrell & Cochrane, Taylor Keith and several other old-established mineral water companies in the one company of Mineral Waters Distributors Ltd. The initial letters of this company title gave birth to the brand name Mi-Wadi, now synonymous with fruit squashes.

The company, now known as Cantrell & Cochrane (Dublin) Ltd. (including as well Schweppes Ire and Ltd.) moved to a new seven-acre site in Kylemore Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin in 1968 and their factory there contains some of the most modern bottling and distribution equipment in Europe.

C&G (Dublin) is a company with the Cantrell & Cochrane Group which has two other trading companies - Cantrell & Cochrane Ltd. in Belfast and Showerings (Ireland) Ltd./Grants of Ireland Ltd. in Clonmel.

C & G (Dublin) itself has two subsidiary companies - Taylor Keith (Munster) Ltd.
in Cork and Slainte Ltd. in Dublin.

The latest addition to the large range of C & C manufactured products is Schweppes Slimline range of mixers. This new concept in mixers has just been launched in Ireland and the one-calorie drinks come in four flavours, Tonic, Bitter Lemon, White Lemonade and Ginger Ale.

The Slimline range is selling at the same price as standard mixers and has received a very high level of acceptability by the drinking public. The launch is being supported by one of C & C's biggest advertising campaigns ever.

The other products in the C & C portfolio include Club mixers, Schweppes mixers, Thwaites, Club soft drinks, Pepsi-Cola, Mirinda, TK, Spike, Mi-Wadi and C & C Pure Fruit Juices.

C & C provides employment for over 650 people at its Dublin and Cork factories and at its distribution depots in Limerick, Waterford, Galway, Athlone, Sligo and Kells.

It has a fleet of 120 trucks distributing their products to 20,000 customers in the Republic of Ireland.

In later editions, BASIL hopes to LEAK information on POST MIX minerals and machines. Potter around with PRE MIX and squeeze out information on Squeez etc. A calorie countdown on 7 Up could benefit B.A.I. members also and to give BASIL his DEW he might reveal the secrets of "Three Stills".

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This historic meeting of the executive committee of the Bartenders Association of Ireland with B.A.I. Associate member and Trustee Mr. G. D. Heather of Irish Distillers, with our colleagues down South—John Pearson, Martin Bourke, Joe Kelly, Walter O'Hare and an invited number of Bartenders in Munster took place on schedule at 3 p.m. Wednesday 29th September in Irish Distillers Office, North Mall, Cork.

The idea of expanding the B.A.I. to all parts of Ireland was part of the plans of its founder members and our constitution and rules cater for that eventuality.

Our President Joseph Casey in his policy speech at his inauguration made it one of his main objectives, the expansion of the B.A.I. to all corners of Ireland and to have the B.A.I. flag flying proudly in all the best bars North, South, East and West. It was unanimously agreed by our Members that this was a healthy aspiration and would only do us good to be more broadly based and not Dublin orientated.

To this end Mr. G. D. Heather made his company’s offices in Dublin and Cork available for meetings with the B.A.I. Executive. Indeed he did trojan work himself, doing research work for this project. Down South Mr. Jim Barry of Irish Distillers issued invitations to a number of interested bartenders to attend a meeting at North Mall.

The President Mr. J. Casey, Vice President Paul McNally, Secretary D. Toland, Treasurer B. Cunningham and Mr. G. D. Heather travelled by train to Cork. We were welcomed by Mr. Jim Barry, Irish Distillers, B.A.I. members John Pearson and Martin Bourke and after a very pleasant lunch in the Silver Springs Hotel and an introduction to Tony Sherwin head barman who joined us at the meeting later. We were then escorted to the North Mall offices of Irish Distillers to start the meeting. There were about 25 very interested and enthusiastic bartenders present including Walter O’Hare and Joe Kelly, B.A.I. Members representing Cork and Kerry.

Mr. G. D. Heather formally opened the meeting explaining its purpose and said:

"Gentlemen, firstly, may I introduce myself. My name is Desmond Heather. I joined the Distilling Company of John Jameson in 1949 and I have been with them and I.D.L. since its formation..."
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Top From Left: Michael Fleming, Hotel Europa, Killarney, Noel Collins, Oyster Tavern, Cork, Neil Fitzgerald, Oyster Tavern, Jim O'Brien, Oyster Tavern, John Heffernan, Hotel Europa, Paul McNally, Vice-President. Centre From Left: Michael O'Shea, Cork Airport, Patrick O'Brien, Marlboro Bar, Cork, Patrick Shine, Douglas. Ground From Left: Jim Barry, IDL, Philip Linnihan, Tivoli Grill, Joe Kelly, Metropole Hotel, Walter O'Hare, Hotel Europa, Martin Burke, Tivoli Grill, Anthony Yehurton, Marlboro Bar, Tony Sheerin, Silver Springs Hotel, Danny Poland, Honorary Secretary, P J O'Brien, Imperial Hotel, Brian Cunningham, Honorary Treasurer, Michael Healy, Metropole Hotel, Joe Casey, President, Michael Pearson, Metropole Hotel, John Pearson, Metropole Hotel and Dee Heather, Honorary Trustee.
INTERNATIONAL COCKTAIL COMPETITION 1976

On Thursday 11 November 1976, Irish Distillers Ltd will host a press reception to afford the intelligentsia of the media an opportunity to meet the members of the Bartenders Association of Ireland team and to sample their exciting creations. The cocktails that the BAI team will present are those entered for the International Cocktail Competition which takes place in St Vincent, Italy. AIBES look after the organisation of the international event. Supremo, Angelo Zola, IBA President shall pontificate in his usual paternal way:

MIDDLETON:
2/3 Cork Dry Gin
1/3 Sherry
Dash Orange Bitters
Twist Lemon Peel
Mix

IRISH BLARNEY:
1/2 Jameson
1/4 Creme De Banane
Slice Orange, Cherry, Egg White
Shake

SILVER COOLER:
1/2 Vodka
1/2 Citron
1/2 Porta Branca
Juice of Half Lemon
Grenadine Syrup, Egg White
Perrier Water
Slice Lemon, Squizzle Stick, Straws, Mint

BAI team members are Danny Toland, Aer Rianta, Dublin Airport, Joe Tyndall, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin and Joe Kelly, Aer Rianta, Dublin Airport.

We have every confidence in this Irish team and wish them every success. The Irish delegation is comprised of President, Joe Casey, Vice-President and International Delegate, Paul McNally and International Judge, Sean Keating.

NAME: Joe Casey
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Clarence Hotel, Dublin
CAREER: Served apprenticeship in the Old Dolphin Hotel, Dublin where he worked to a position of Head Bartender. Moved to Clarence as Head Bartender and he is currently the Bars' Manager of this Hotel. COMPETITIVE SUCCESS: Winner of three All Ireland Cocktail Competitions in 1962, 1966 and 1969. Has represented Ireland on various teams in Bar Efficiency Contests. TRADE INVOLVEMENT: Long term member and former honorary officer of the Irish Branch of the UKGB. Presently President of the Bartenders Association of Ireland. PERSONAL: Married with two children. HOBBIES: Racing, talking and authority on Dublin's "Bar Lang."

NAME: Paul McNally
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Arrivals Bar, Dublin Airport

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NAME: Sean Keating  BUSINESS ADDRESS: Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin.  CAREER: Served his time in Royal Hotel, Bray. Moved to the Shelbourne Hotel in 1950.  COMPETITIVE SUCCESS: Twice 3rd in All Ireland Cocktail Competition.  TRADE IN Volvement: Very active in union affairs. Secretary of the Hotels and Restaurants Federation Golf Society. Former secretary of the Bartenders Association of Ireland. In 1971 received a 21 years membership pin from the UKGB.  INTERNATIONAL Judge for the Irish Delegation to St Vincent. Well qualified by virtue of his past involvement in the cocktail scene.  PERSONAL: Married with two children.  HOBBIES: Golf.

NAME: Danny Toland  BUSINESS ADDRESS: Cocktail Bar, Dublin Airport.  CAREER: Served his apprenticeship in his own town of Donegal. Worked in Claridges Hotel, London. Moved to Dublin Airport in 1955, presently working in the Cocktail Bar.  COMPETITIVE SUCCESS: Has been twice runner-up in the All Ireland Cocktail Competition and has won the Catering Exhibition Cocktail Cup presented by the Hotels and Restaurants Federation. Team leader for St Vincent.  TRADE IN Volvement: Active member of the Old Irish branch of the UKGB where he was honorary secretary for many years. Currently honorary secretary of the BAI. Lecturer on the Guinness Licensed Trade Management Courses.  PERSONAL: Married with four children.  HOBBIES: Amateur dramatics, football and horse racing.

NAME: Joe Tyndall  BUSINESS ADDRESS: Shelbourne Hotel.  CAREER: Served his time in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin 1952. Moved as bartender to the Dublin Intercontinental Hotel, later restyled the New Jury’s Hotel. Presently working in the Shelbourne Rooms of the Shelbourne Hotel as Head Bartender.  COMPETITIVE SUCCESS: Twice winner of the All Ireland Cocktail Competition and current holder. Has represented Ireland on several occasions on Inter Area Efficiency Competitions and was on the Silver Medal Winning Team on one occasion.  TRADE IN Volvement: Former representative of the Irish branch of the UKGB and committee member of the Bartenders Association of Ireland. Second member of the Irish Team for St Vincent.  PERSONAL: Married with five children.  HOBBIES: Gaelic Football.

NAME: Joe Kelly  BUSINESS ADDRESS: Cocktail Bar, Dublin Airport.  CAREER: Served his apprenticeship in the Red Bank Restaurant, Dublin 1958. Moved to Russell Hotel later to the Montrose Hotel, Dublin and worked in the Channel Islands. Returned to the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin in 1966 and later moved to Dublin Airport where he works in the Cocktail Bar.  COMPETITIVE SUCCESS: Winner of the Channel Islands Cocktail Competition. Third member of the Irish Team for St Vincent.  TRADE IN Volvement: PERSONAL: Married with four children.  HOBBIES: Association Football, tennis, badminton, squash, racing and polo. Recent winner of the Aer Lingus Darts Competition.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BAI President and Executive Committee extend their sincere thanks to the following companies and organisations who have donated either financial or other assistance towards the cost of sending the Bartenders Association of Ireland delegation to attend the International Bartenders Association Conference and Competitions in St Vincent, Italy. Irish Distillers Ltd, Ed Dillon Co Ltd, CEP, Coca Cola Bottling Co, Ed Doyle & Son, Gilbeys of Ireland Ltd, Guinness Sales Ltd, P J Carroll & Co Ltd, Lott Bros Ltd, ITGWU, Player/Wills, Murphy’s Brewery Ltd, Royal Irish Liqueur Co Ltd, B Parkes & Son Ltd, Savage Smyth & Co, Seagram Ireland Ltd.
CAMPARI FIRST ALL IRELAND LONG DRINK COMPETITION

Madigans of Donnybrook was the venue for the first All Ireland Campari Long Drink Competition which took place on Thursday 17 June. The competition was sponsored by Gilbeys of Ireland Limited who also provided the prizes for the winners.

As the heats progressed noticeable good marks went to Con McCullagh, Danny Toland (who also acted as MC for the evening), Brian O’Meara and Joe Tyr dall. However, the situation changed somewhat as the competition approached the final stages. Phil Reid, Dublin Airport, Joe Tivnan, New Jurys and Danny Toland, Dublin Airport were the three competitors who got through to the final. The first prize - a trip to the Campari Headquarters in Italy with £50 spending money - went to Phil Reid of Dublin Airport for his cocktail "Irish Rose" 1/4 glass Campari, 1/1 glass Galliano, 1/4 glass Orange Curaczo, top up with 7-UP and float fresh cream on top. Garnish with a slice of orange on the side and grated chocolate on the drink. John Tivnan of Jurys was awarded second place and Danny Toland, Dublin Airport won the third prize.

A number of well known personalities adjudicated the various heats of the competition. Among them were Miko Murphy, Brendan Balfe, Aine O’Connor, Valerie McGovern, Tom Doyle, Chris Curran, Noel Andrews, Sean Mac Ramon, Tony Butler and Senator Michael Mullen.

Prizes for the winning cocktails were presented by Mr David Dand, Managing Director, Gilbeys of Ireland.

The competition was a tremendous success and our thanks are due to Gilbeys of Ireland, Madigans of Donnybrook, particularly Manager, Niall Fleming and to Sheila Nugent, Correspondence Secretary BAI for their help and support throughout the competition.

GILBEYS OF IRELAND LTD

CAMPARI LONG DRINK COCKTAIL COMPETITION
What makes a good bar?

A good location...

A good staff...

And Smirnoff on optic.

Seriously though, you know that there are certain brands that every good bar is automatically expected to have. And you know that Smirnoff is one of them. The reason? Mainly, simple product quality. It’s that quality: the refinement of the spirit, the unique charcoal filtration, the exceptional control at every stage of production – that makes Smirnoff the Vodka that people ask for.

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At a meeting of the leading bartenders from the Golden Vale of Ireland on 2 February 1977 in Irish Distillers Offices, The Mall, Cork a branch of the BAI was formed.

Chairman: Walter O'Hare, Hotel Europa, Killarney
Hon Secretary: John Pearson, Metropole Hotel, Cork
Hon Treasurer: Tony Sheehan, Silver Springs Hotel
Trustee: Jim Barry, Irish Distillers Ltd, Cork

Twenty-three members were enrolled and two associate members, Jim Barry and Jerry Cronin, Browns Mineral Water Co.

Sub-committees will be elected - to handle promotional, financial and social activities.

The first committee meeting is being held today Sunday 6 February 1977 in the Silver Springs Hotel at noon, followed by a Press Reception.

There is great encouragement and support forthcoming from the "Trade" and the enthusiasm of the new members is dynamic and infectious. So success is assured.

Is go ní inherent an bothar linn.
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Reminiscences of Drinks Past

by MAUREEN CAIRNDUFF

An Irishman's Pub is his Club. An Irishwoman's Pub is still his Club.

Male dominated though they may be, we are well looked after, almost too well. Whatever aspirations I might have had to live dangerously, are quite deflated by the paternal care most Bartenders show towards lone ladies. Whilst I sit waiting for my husband to park the car, I am not left long alone, just long enough to get into mischief - which never happens. Rather like the girl in the cinema who told her friend that she had to change her seat three times. "Why?" asked the friend, "were you molested?" "Yes" was the reply, "Eventually".

I feel I should start with my earliest drinking memories, I don't mean at my mother's knee. I mean "Jammets", the old "Wicklow" and "Matt Smiths". I suppose our youth is always golden, perhaps it would be more accurate to say, that my boy friends' wallets were always golden. They were wonderful days, one would wander into Jammets on ones own, looking for a mythical friend, and a whole evening's revelry could and did follow. I loved the marble floors, polished mahogany and smooth smooth waiters. Far more sophisticated and worldly than the students he served, John knew everyone and everyone's parents. As well as the drink bar, there was that long curving stretch of mahogany with high stools, where culinary delights were dispensed. Oh for another of those steak Bernaise with their square fried potatoes. Even today, if I'm entertaining and make a bernaise sauce, it separates the Jammetsites from the phillistines, pass it to a Jammets' man and, with the first taste, he says "the back bar".

The Wicklow I usually went to with rugby playing enthusiasts. The custom seemed to be to wedge you in a corner with a drink while they replayed every match of the week and a few of last year's Internationals as well. They say a woman's best accessory is a handsome man, a rugby player's best accessory is a pint. There was always the hope that you could push your way out to make a telephone call and there meet a friend with "dinner" in his eyes.

The bona fide was Matt Smiths. Everyone crammed into tiny cars to get there, stretched for a moment, and then packed once again like sardines, forced our way into the bar. I don't believe I ever saw the place in daylight, come to that, I never really saw it at all, just a sea of friendly chatty faces, all trying to find out where the party was afterwards.

Gerry in the Cocktail Bar of the old Gresham must have witnessed most of our courtship. My husband's offices were just across the road. Many an early evening was planned there. "We'll just have a quicky on the way home". Temptation is easy to find, even with half an eye open. There was always the makings of a great night on the town.

At a later stage in my life there was the Airport - when it was all housed within one building. The Bar there gave us islanders our first touch of cosmopolitan living. Flights coming in and out from New York, London and Paris, and the two Danniys and Martin looking as smooth as jetsetters themselves. This Bar was a little like the Horse Show, here one saw friends from all over the country, and many a large country wedding party, stranded due to a flight cancellation.

Once the carnations start to droop, I think the wedding feast is over.
The drinks were normally a prelude to a delicious meal in the Restaurant which Johnny Boppermann had turned into one of the best in Ireland.

The Clarence was a less frequented spot, but none the less popular for that. We always enjoyed Joe’s cocktails whether he was plastered or not. I do mean his leg. The old racing crowd from the Dolphin followed him there – it was a Punters’ Heaven.

Christy in the Shelbourne’s Horseshoe Bar seems to have been popular with everyone. It was standing room only. Unfortunately it was one of our less frequented spots, unless we were having a drink there before going in to the Ballroom. I enjoyed the place tremendously, but then I liked it for the very reason my husband disliked it. It was always full of dashing single men, single in state if not in status.

When the Inter-continental opened we went there quite a bit, moving from the first tiny Bar, designed by foreign architects for Irish drinkers, to the enlarged one and now to the even larger one. I don’t go quite so often now but it is still my favourite place for a Pimms on a summer’s evening.

Everyone has their own particular favourite, ours was the Buttery in the Hibernian Hotel. No event in our lives was complete without a visit there, even on our wedding day. We almost missed our honeymoon flight. George and Jack were the Buttery, one never noticed the decor or the lighting and certainly not the service, it just happened.

I sound as if I’m confined to a wheelchair or turned teetotaller. The truth is, times and people have changed, some friends have gone and so have some Bars. There is one thing that carries on even better than ever, and that is the Irish Bartender. They are unique. They know everything about everyone and say nothing. They are unfailingly kind and good humoured. They are always well informed on such diverse matters as who won the 3.30 or what chance the Government have in the next election. They are the thoughtful servants of Bacchus and guardian angels of our morality – all this and drinks too.

**SHELBOURNE HOTEL**

We learn that the famous Shelbourne Hotel in Dublin is closing its Restaurant. This is sad news indeed but I guess it the “price of inflation”.

**VINTAGE YEAR**

Irish Distillers Limited have over two million pounds pre-tax profit for the year ending 30th September 1976. This is a tremendous performance and we wish I.D.L. continued success.

**INTERNATIONAL MEMBER?**

The presence of a true Irish bartender in Schiphol Airport Hilton has been brought to the notice of BASIL. Donal Gallagher is the name and he graduated through Intercon Dublin and Cathal Brugha Street. We look forward to establishing closer links with Donal.
Balanced Sheet as at 28th February 1977:

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Represented by:

- Capital Fund Surplus to date: 1,811
- Benevolent Society Fund: 151
- Subscriptions in advance: 112

Total: 1,962

NOTE: Membership of Association at 28th February 1977.

- Full Members: 68
- Associate Members: 68
- Provisional Members: 7
- Honorary Members: 35
- International Members: 4

Signed:

J. Casey (President)
B. Cunningham (Hon. Treas.)

Auditor’s Report to the Members of the Bartenders’ Association of Ireland.

“I hereby certify that these Accounts are in accordance with the Books and records of the Association.”

Signed:

Richard Burrows (Hon. Auditor)
2nd March 1977.
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SOUTHERN BRANCH

A meeting of the BAI members of the Munster Area was held at the Irish Distillers, North Mall on 2 February at 3.00pm to elect officers of the new proposed Southern Branch. It was suggested that Mr Jim Barry would chair the proceedings. The following were elected: Walter O Hare (Hotel Europe), Chairman, proposed by Michael O'Shea and seconded by J Kelly, Michael O'Shea (Clare Airport), Vice-Chairman, proposed by J Kelly and seconded by J Pearson, John Pearson (Metropole Hotel), Secretary, proposed by W O'Hare and seconded by Michael O'Shea, Tony Sheerin (Silver Springs), Treasurer, proposed by Michael O Shea and seconded by J Kelly.

The election of Trustee was unanimous in electing Mr Jim Barry, Irish Distillers, proposed by J Pearson and seconded by W O'Hare. Mr Barry was thanked for all his help in previous meetings for the co-operation he gave in forming the Southern Branch. Mr Barry Cronin, of Brownes Minerals, will be unique in that he will be our first associate member and that also Barry, when a member of the UKBG-Irish Branch, distinguished himself as one of our outstanding bartenders in winning a scholarship to Blackpool, another to Copenhagen. It was suggested that it would be a good incentive to our apprentice members. At a discussion regarding the education of our apprentices, also it was suggested that a committee of three be set up at our first meeting to be held at the Silver Springs Hotel on Sunday 27 February at 12.00 noon sharp.

The President, Mr Joe Casey, Trustee, Mr Heath, Vice-President, Poul McNally, Secretary, Danny Toolland and Treasurer, Brian Cunningham, who had waited in another room until such time as we had completed our election etc. They in the meantime had a tour of the Bottling Plant, this we are only led to believe.

The President, Joe Casey, congratulated the new officers as did Mr Heath and wished our branch every success. The President said they would start off our finance with £150.00 and that any spending etc could only be done through the Trustee and Treasurer working with a close liaison with each other signing cheques etc.

A further discussion started, firstly, requiring the education of our apprentices and the President said he would let it to our own discretion. Also that there should be a big drive towards new members and associate members. The officers elected were invited to the AGM, 5 March and informed that the Annual Dinner Dance date was Tuesday 9. The meeting closed, everybody in good spirits, thanks to the hospitality of Irish Distillers Ltd.
The inaugural meeting of the Southern Branch BAI was held at the Silver Springs Hotel on February 27 at 12.00 noon. The attendance included Chairman, W D Hare, Vice-Chairman, Michael O’Shea, Treasurer, Tony Sherwin, Trustee, Jim Barry and Secretary, J Pearson and Gerry Hogan, Michael Barry, Noel Daly, Christy O Sullivan. Apologies were received from Michael Daly, Jim Doyle and Tom Feely of Guinness’s and Dermott Hopkins, Coca-Cola.

The Chairman having signed the minutes of the meeting at which the officers were elected opened the inaugural meeting by welcoming everybody present and in particular Brian Cunningham, Treasurer, National Executive, BAI. The Chairman also stated this being our first meeting that it should be brief. A discussion followed regarding the education of our apprentices and delegated the Secretary to get some information from CCMT regarding same. John Butler, associate member, suggested that we should have a member on the National Executive. Jim Barry and Gerry Cronin also commented on the importance of this issue. The Chairman explained that the officers were invited to attend the AGM on 6 March in Dublin and would certainly put forward this proposal.

MARTINI PAISSA SCHOLARSHIP 1977

Grants of Ireland Limited / Bartenders Association of Ireland

Martini Scholarship: Mr Pat Lawless, Area Representative for Grants of Ireland presenting Mr Dave Quinlan (Vienna Woods Hotel) with his cheque as winner of the Southern Area Martini Scholarship Competition organised by the BAI at the Hotel Metropole, Cork. Also included are left to right Mr Michael Cowley (Cork Airport second and Christopher O’ Sullivan (Inniscannon Hotel) third and Mr John Pearse Hon Secretary, Southern Area, Bartenders Association of Ireland.
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WHEN DAY IS DONE

By David Nolan

A bar is where I spend my nights
Amid smoke, laughter and drink
And when we close and I dim the lights
It's then I start to think
What am I doing in this lonely place?
With hours of work still ahead
When most other runners in the human rat race
Are long since gone to bed.

A few hours ago when the night was still early
I was the efficient dispenser of drink
The prices I charged were honest, well fairly!
Even to the man with the foul cigar stink
But now as I stand here with work all around
And the wee small hours creeping up towards two
I think of my kids and the soft gentle sound
They breathe, as they safely sleep the night through.

There's a mountain of bottles and a desert of glass
I honestly don't know where to begin
I'll meet the 'oul wans' on their way to First Mass
If I don't hurry up well, I'll start with the gin
And so I'll toil on 'till the work is all gone
Then set off home in the fresh morning air
The Eastern sky holds a hint of the dawn
And to say that I'm tired, would be only fair.

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B.A.I. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Jury's Hotel was the venue for the 1977 Annual Dinner Dance where we had a record attendance. The "Trade" was well represented with top executives from all leading producers, agents and wholesalers. A welcome trend was the increase in the number of Hotel Managers and Licensees. A final comment on attendance by our own members who turned out en masse with moral support from their elegant escorts.

A major attraction each year on this prestigious occasion is the reception where all inhibitions are quickly dispelled, old friendships renewed and new and interesting introductions made. Use your imagination and think of the wide variety of beverages supplied by the following firms and you will realise the exciting tempting morsels dispensed by Sean Kavanagh's bevy of Bartenders to appreciative captive companions.


Gibneys of Ireland Ltd, offered each guest a selection of red or white wines and Royal Irish Liquers Ltd, laid on ample liquers to aid the digestive systems.

Speeches were great - gentle and brief, personified by our President Joe Casey and our Hon. Auditor and Hon. Member Mr.

Revellers included Jim and Alice O'Shea, B.A.I. and U.K.B.G. member from Eastbourne, England. Pat and Mary Briody, Kells Co Meath and Tony and Theresa Sherwin, Silver Springs Hotel, Cork, Mr R B Howick, Jimmy Dickson, Clef d'Or President, Mr P Beamish and Mr T Mullet and partners helped to make this one of the most memorable and outstanding social events in anybody's calendar. Danny Toland was his usual brilliant self as MC.

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Garry Benson and I spent an informative afternoon recently at the exhibition in the Burlington Hotel.

My objective is to give a brief outline of some of the exhibits of interest to the bar sector of the catering industry. Much, which was interesting is excluded, as it does not fall within my self-imposed narrow terms of reference.

Our first stop was at the Batchelors stand where we had a pleasant chat with Jim Lawlor, Home Sales Manager, Green Isle Ltd. He told us of their range of prepared foods many of which would be of interest to providers of bar food. This range includes prepared pizzas suitable for popping into a micro-wave oven. At this stand we were introduced to Mr. Jan Pasver representing the Dutch manufacturer of the Moccomat Drinks Dispenser. Green Isle Ltd. are the agents for this machine in Ireland. The machine dispenses tea and coffee and both of these products in concentrated form, are supplied frozen - yes that's correct - by Green Isle. Having defrosted the products they are then poured into containers in the Moccomat from which they are dispensed.

The Automatic Keg Changer was demonstrated for us at the Hugh Jordan & Co. Ltd. stand. This equipment was first launched in Ireland at the Vintra Exhibition in 1979 in the Burlington. I spoke to Mr. J. Brennan, Director of the firm, who told me that the installation of the machine has to date been confined to the Dublin and immediately surrounding areas. This is a deliberate policy to allow careful monitoring by the service staff of the machine in actual operating situations. To date he is happy to report, there has not been a single breakdown on machines installed.

The "secret weapon" within the system is the Fob Detector which warns of the imminent emptying of a keg. The warning light is at the dispenser. The system allows for the changeover to another keg involving no waste and no effort. The machine is available in 3 or 6 keg units.

Phelim Kinahan of Irish Merchants Ltd. demonstrated equipment for the preparation and cooking of crinkly fried potatoes. There was the usual range of ice-makers and micro-wave ovens and we also saw the automatic beer pipe cleaning system "The Cellarman" at the Jiffi stand.

We spoke to old friends Michael Marley C.E.R.T. Ltd., Jimmy Kilbride, Michael Ganly and Christy Sands from the Dublin College of Catering and Jimmy Flahive of Aer Lingus.

OBITUARY

The President of the Bartenders Association of Ireland extends condolences on his own behalf and on behalf of the members to Mrs Margaret Tolland and family on the death of her father in Donegal.

He also extends condolences to Mrs Ethna O'Connor and family on the sudden death of his colleague John O'Connor, Hon Secretary of the Clef D'Or who worked for 36 years at the Clarence Hotel.

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Good Advice

When you need a DRINK, have it --- not before.
When you STEAL, steal away from bad company.
When you SLEEP, sleep by yourself.
When you SWEAR, swear by your Country.
When you DRINK, drink at the *** STAR BAR

CUSTOMERS are requested not to leave their seats while the bar is in motion.
We shoot every tenth customer who asks for money out of the till - the ninth has just left.

Ready Cash Only

Customers came and I did trust 'em,
So I lost their money and their custom;
To lose them both it gives me sore,
So I have resolved to trust no more.
Chalk is useful, say what you will,
But chalk won't pay the brewer's bill.
I strive to sell the best of ale.
For money down upon the nail;
Let those lines be no man's sorrow.
Pay today and trust tomorrow.
I give credit and great credit
To those who don't ask for it.

Drunk

When your heels hit hard and your head feels queer.
And your thoughts go up like froth on beer.
And you laugh like hell at some damn fool's song.
You're drunk old man, you're drunk!

How beautiful it is to do nothing AND THEN REST.

Work is the curse of the drinking CLASS
Don't take life too serious - you will NOT get out of it ALIVE anyway.
SINGLE men may be either tall or short.
MARRIED men are always SHORT.
A TEETOTALLER is one who suffers from THIRST instead of enjoying it.

I hate guys who criticise.
And minimise the other guys,
Whose enterprise has made him rise
Above the guys who criticise.

There may be good reason for drinking,
And you has just entered my head.
If a man doesn't drink while he is living
How the hell can he drink when he's dead.
All the world's queer, save thee and me,
And even thee in a little queer.
A TRIBUTE TO TWO GREAT MEN

By ex-President, Jerry Fitzpatrick

Dear Members,

I have no doubt that the sad news of the death of Mr Angelo Zola and Mr Charlie Tuck has shocked all members of the IBA.

Charlie was always a very good friend of the Irish Bartenders and indeed he had a warm spot for Ireland and always looked forward to visiting here whenever possible. He was one of the first to congratulate and wish success to the BAI on its formation. At the many functions I attended as President of the BAI, Charlie always made a particular point of greeting me and ask after his many Irish friends. A great void has been left with the passing of such a dedicated and warm person.

Angelo Zola I met at the IBA convention in Stockholm and I will always remember his friendliness and concern for the BAI and his encouragement to me and his personal offer of help to a truly wonderful man and no words of mine could possibly describe his great loss to Italy and the IBA. May I express my own and all BAI members sincere sorrow to both families of these two truly great men.

ANGELO ZOLA - an appreciation by Garry Benno, Hon Life member, BAI

Both the President's letter and one from Jerry Fitzpatrick refer to the huge void that is left by the passing on to his eternal reward of Angelo Zola. Angelo was founder member, father, mentor, ambassador at large for the International Bartenders Association. He was a really great person with a warm friendly charm and had the ability to remember names and faces. Friendship was his main objective. Suffice to mention his achievement in allaying the Vermouth giants. Angelo disregarded country barriers, red lines or anything that cried halt to the onward march of friendship and brotherhood as dispensed by the bartenders of the world. At IBA meetings Angelo "pontificated" with a great depth of feeling and understanding and no way would he hurt or hinder any association or member.

In Ireland Angelo had many friends commencing probably with George Buller, Hon Life member and carried through by myself during the delicate formative years of the Bartenders Association of Ireland. Angelo constantly gave me encouragement, he understood our problems and assisted in every way to make our membership of the IBA possible. We will sorely miss the paternal friendship of this great and noble man. His memory will be an inspiration to all Presidents as they know how Angelo gave all his talents in full measure to the International Bartenders Association.

From IBA news I select the last paragraph of the report on the IBA Training Course in Stresa, Italy 1977:

"I like this report, Angelo Zola, has given me a special message for the students of the course: the bartender's profession is one that one never stops learning and it is a wonderful thing that it never allows you to grow old. I spent a part of my military service as a radiotelegraphist and one of Marconi's sayings particularly struck me: 'I penetrate the skies and connect the peoples of the world. Adapting this a little, one could say of a bartender with spirits I connect spirits.'"
Walter Callan, the company's assistant secretary, and member of a branch of the Carroll family, efficiently ran the VIP tent where the food and drink were dispensed to the important guests. One of them actually tipped Mr. Callan a pound because he had been looked after so well. The top executive accepted the money graciously rather than offend the donor and handed it over to the barman.

Carrolls chairman, Mr. Don Carroll, arrived by helicopter from a sailing engagement in Rosslare, for the final day of the golf and this was just an indication of the attitude of the company in its preparations for the event which must now be the best run on the PGA circuit.

Perhaps the luckiest man of all was John Hammond, the pleasant Yorkshire pro, who had 70 for 291 and a £580 prize. Hammond failed to pre-qualify at Royal Dublin for this tournament but, got in at the last moment when Scottish Ryder Cup player, Brian Barnes withdrew because of the London air strike.

Unluckiest could well have been the holder, Ben Crenshaw who was put off by an amateur cine-camera man as he played his tee shot to the 18th. The ball ended in a bad lie and his hopes of getting the birdie he needed were gone. The excitement was indeed tremendous, even hardened journalists were infected and the RTE commentator was excused by everyone when he announced that the Irish Open had been won by "Howard" Green.
CUSTOMERS
By David Nolan

Have you ever met a customer who spelled trouble
Or are your clients always very nice
Are you ever asked for service at the double
Then have to look for payment twice or thrice.

You polish glasses 'til you sweat
Or should that be perspire
If a dirty one is found, it's a safe bet
The consequences will be dire.

And then there is the man who has a liver
Perhaps his wife and he have had a fight
One thing you'll spot, this man is not a giver
His angry face is not a pretty sight.

You've surely met the type I call the Expert
He has a knowledge vast, of drinks obscure
He'll make you feel a moron, that's a dead cert
For him alas there is no proven cure.

In case someone might get the wrong impression
Most customers just want a friendly jar
But the fact that in my case causes depression
Why do these others always pick my bar.
SUCCESS STORY

Irish Distillers Ltd in conjunction with Irish Homemaker and Gardener launched a cocktail competition through the latter's magazine. Some of our gardening enthusiasts had a go and the following are the results: 1st Frank O’Neill, Gresham Hotel, Dublin, 2nd Danny Toland, Dublin Airport, 3rd Joseph Kelly, 5th Grove Park Drive, Ballymena, Dublin II and 4th Joe Casey, Clarence Hotel, Dublin.

"PINE TREE" Frank O’Neill
2 oz Cork Dry Gin
1 oz Creme de Banane
3 oz Pineapple Juice
Dash Fresh Cream
Shake, serve with cherry.

"SILVER HEATHER" Danny Toland
¼ oz Huzzar Vodka
¼ oz Galliano
¼ oz Lemon Squash
Shake with egg white, decorate with slice of lemon and cherry.

"MORNING KISS" Joseph Kelly
½ Kiskadee
¼ Creme de Banane
½ Fresh Orange Juice
Shake with egg white, serve with cherry.

"CLARENCE" Joe Casey
½ oz Cork Dry Gin
¼ oz Cointreau
1/6 oz Raspberry Cordial
Shake with egg white.

Our congratulations to all winners - of course our two members D Toland and J F Kelly were mad fresh from the international circuit and no doubt added lustre and innovation to their creations!

GALWAY OYSTER FESTIVAL

A suave Sutonian friend of mine supplied a copious sackful of oysters to boost my sagging spirits, bless him. He acquired them at Moran’s of the Weir where they were “swinging” during the festival and during the year nourish an ever ending stream of gourmets from all parts of the world.

The oysters were small succulent and with delicious delicate flavour. I purchased a bottle of Chablis at my local supermarket for £2.35 and the label read: Chablis 1976 - Bottled in France for Lee White Wines - by Quinon fils - the label fooled me!

THE OYSTER OPENING COMPETITION

Irish and International Champion 1977 - Willie Moran of Moran’s, the Weir. Tony Burtonshaw was placed 3rd and Eamon Preston got top marks for presentation. Irish Lady Champion 1977 - Noeren Moran of Moran’s, the Weir. 800 dozen oysters were opened and consumed. Competitors from Ireland, England, France, Switzerland, United States and Australia took part in the international competition.

PRICES FROM TERRY O’SULLIVAN’S DIARY

In Moran’s of the Weir (where Mick Moran gave us his blessing), oysters are £2 a dozen. In Paddy Burkes in Clarinbridge, three miles away (where it all began over twenty years ago when oysters were nine shillings a dozen), they are now £2.50 a dozen.

In Dublin city they are £4 to £4.50 a dozen. In the Cladagh Restaurant on the roof top of the Great Southern Hotel in Galway (and this is one of the best restaurants in Ireland), they are £5 a dozen and Cork visitors whom I met in Galway said that they are also £5 a dozen in Cork’s famous Oyster Bar. In Scott’s of Piccadilly they are £8 a dozen... and God knows what they are in Paris or Brussels.
To have been fortunate enough to win the nomination to represent the B.A.I. at the International Martini Palaisa Prize in Turin was the greatest thrill of my life. The help and encouragement that I received from fellow members and previous winners in particular, just goes to prove what a great Association we have. Brian O’Meara of “51” Haddington Road made every single thing that he had on the competition available to me, as did John Fitzpatrick of the Shelbourne and for all their help, I am most grateful. What I thought was a wonderful gesture, was on the day before I left, I received a telegram from Southern Branch B.A.I. wishing me every success.

So on the 22nd June at 9.50 a.m. I left Dublin on an Aer Lingus flight via Brussels to Frankfurt, where we arrived at about one o’clock. My connecting flight to Turin was not until 4.30 so I had ample time to look around the airport which is a city in itself. It has one hundred and eleven shops, including a Sex Shop (I didn’t go near it, I swear), and a Restaurant seating 2,000 people. A Tuborg beer cost 3.50 marks and at around 19 marks for £5 it’s easy to see that for the Continentals Ireland is still good value.

From Frankfurt I travelled with Lufthansa on to Turin and arrived at 7.00 p.m. to discover that quite a few of the other competitors had been on the same flight. We were met by a very attractive lady representing the Martini Company and were taken by coach to the Hotel Majestic, Turin. Time only for a quick wash etc. and we were whisked away [not shaken] to a country “Tralloria” for a get-together and dinner, and what a dinner. I lost count after about ten courses and a selection of wines, liquors etc.

Among the many, many nice people that I met, in particular Gunnar Eriksen the Norwegian rep, sent his best regards to Paul McCauley of Jury’s and says he has great memories of the course earlier this year at Stresa. So also Carmel Bonavia of the Grand Hotel, Verdale, Malta, asked to be remembered to Frank Taylor of the “51”.

We got back to our hotel about 1.00 a.m. (very tired) and started out at 7.30 a.m. by coach for Pestanae. On reaching the Martini Terrace we had ample time to change into our working uniforms and then we were given a number to tell us when we were being called. The forty-three competitors were divided into two, one half for the practical exam, the other for the oral exam. I was drawn No. 15 which meant I was called about 11.30 for the practical exam. One had to draw the Cocktail that one had to make out of a pre-selected ten of the fifty International Cocktails - I got a “Caruso”. Apart from being nervous (with so many eyes on me), I was quite pleased with the way my drinks turned out.

I was called for the oral exam about twenty minutes later. Among the inquisitors were - Mr. Stefano Preti, AIBES Past President and Mr. J. van Hagen, President N.B.C. Holland. Mr. Preti sent his regards to our President, also Gerry Fitzpatrick and Garry Benson, as indeed did Mr. van Hagen who made a point of seeking me out at a later stage to give me a written message for Garry Benson, who he says is very, very Irish. In fact in the message that he gave me for Garry, he would only use C.T.E. (as Gaelige) rather than B.A.I.

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Next morning quite a few of us travelled by coach to Milan to get our flights home, and as my plane wasn't going until 3.00 p.m. as was also true of the two German competitors, the competitor from Finland and several others we all had breakfast together and I was amazed at the interest shown by one and all about Ireland. I had brought about a dozen "Discover Ireland" brochures and they were snapped up.

I flew back again with Aer Lingus via Geneva and can only say what a wonderful and educational experience it all was and I extend my thanks in particular to Grants of Ireland Ltd., the Martini agents, who treated all the competitors in this year's competition so well - they certainly deserve our support.

Previous Martini Scholarship winners with their trophies and a happy looking President, Joe Casey and Vice President, Paul McNally. Smiling through are left to right: Vincent Doyle, John Fitzpatrick, Brian O'Meara, Arthur Hook, Deidre Foley and Con McCullagh.
LEINSTER ARMS HOTEL

Peter Burke, a graduate of the College of Marketing, is manager of the newly refurbished and extended Leinster Arms Hotel in Maynooth, Co Kildare. The car park is at the rear of the hotel and if you enter the hotel itself from the rear you will bump into a lovely little cocktail bar and upstairs there is a new and exciting restaurant.

Special cocktails of the house are a Lillywhite and a Silken Thomas. The Lillywhite is very popular with the ladies from the short grass country while the gentlemen usually go for a Silken Thomas.

SHELBORNE HOTEL

Like most hotels in Dublin the 'Shel' has had a very busy summer season during which a variety of theatrical shows were staged in the ballroom. This meant busy nights for both Tom Blake and Joe Tyndall - not suggesting for one moment that Sean, Jimmy and John were standing idly by. I dropped in on a few occasions and each time our men were "swinging" as they say in the trade.

Niall Toibin filled the house for two weeks in June and for one week just recently, while Ray Byrne and Tony Kenny did likewise in August. So I'm expecting Tom will have increased his musical repertoire vastly and I'll be disappointed if Joe does not come up with a barrage of Toibin jokes on our next social interlude.

Claude Spillane (a disappointed Kerryman) supervised the service of supper each night and the fare was satisfying and great value at £2.50. Let knowledgeable Tom select your wine from the extensive Shelbourne wine list and you won't go wrong.

A Galwayman was filling in a crossword and he turned to his friend Jockser from Dublin for help. "What's a four letter word beginning with F...?" now don't jump to conclusions..... Here is the clue "Old MacDonald had a ....... I've got it said Jockser - its FARM. Jarey you're right said the Galwegian and how do you spell that....... e i e i o.

On one of Brendon Behan's celebrity engagements in Carnegie Hall the sound man said he followed in the footsteps of a previous Irish missionary namely St Brendan the navigator who discovered America long before St Columbas. But St Brendan had the good sense to leave it where it fell well was.

Well it seems that this Brendon Behan joke did not go down too well with the Americans or as Brendan himself said...."it went down as well as a bath of crubines in a synagogue".

WINE

During the summer months I tried several wines mostly white or rose - it was exciting finding a 17 year old white wine from Alsace in excellent condition - it was a Hugel '59.

I think it was fellow member, Lionel McKay, who recommended a Ch Michel de Montaigne 1973 to me so on checking the vintage chart I thought it might be too young - "not at all" said Lionel, "try it and I did - well my compliments to Madame Mahler-Besse of Bordeaux, it was delightful.

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Billy Connaughton, Jurys Hotel, Dublin

Billy is a most popular Head Bartender at the Dubliner Bar, Jurys Hotel, Dublin. Before that he looked after the bar in the Martello Room and back in his youth he served his apprenticeship in a little bar near Tuam, Co Galway.

Billy is married to Olive, a charming Cavan colleen, and they have three offsprings, Paul, David and Phillip. Most holidays are spent by a fishing lake near Olive’s home where the boys can romp and explore while big daddy fishes with some success. Billy also finds time for the odd game of pitch and putt, reading and the odd game of darts.

Cork Dry Gin

16th All Ireland Cocktail Competition

THE CHAMPION - Billy Connaughton of Jury’s Hotel, Dublin the Cork Dry Gin All Ireland Cocktail Champion 1977.

Back to business and Billy tells me that bookings in his hotel are up by 29% over 1977 figures and ’77 was a good vintage year. Billy has great confidence in the “new” management team at Jurys where a dynamic marketing policy is pursued. Continuous endeavours are maintained to raise standards of service, food and to provide staff development.

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Still (no not pot still) on schedule entering the final stages the executive committee decided we could afford a ten minute tea break - a nice surprise! Another surprise when Paul McNally, Vice-President of the Bartenders Association of Ireland gave “the break” to Danny Toland by taking over as MC while Danny oiled his vocal cords. The McNally crack was great and helped to ease the tension that had built up to astronomical heights. Meantime Andy O’Gorman and myself sipped strong coffee at the administration table. Pat O’Neill and Con McCullagh were kept busy interviewing all the competent contestants. Flashes here, there and everywhere sparked off by friendly ace photographer, Phil Diggin, Editor of Runway (Aer Rianta staff magazine) and the lady devoted a full page of her popular magazine to our biennial event.
The battle raged onwards 'til we came to the final proper. Six astute judges were selected to sample the creations of Danny Toland's Deoch an Dorais, "The Minstral" - ½ Huzzar Vodka, 1/8 Creme de Banana (Bols), 1/8 Galliano, 1/8 Tio Pepe and 1/8 Mi-Wadi Lemon Squash - Shake. Joe Lyndall's piece de resistance with which he won the previous All Ireland viz ½ oz Kiskadee, ½ oz Creme de Cacao (Bols), ½ oz Cointreau, ½ oz Dubonnet, top with cream flavoured with Creme de Menthe. Pat McInerney's invention named "The Beefeater" - ½ Jameson, ½ Irish Cocktail Liqueur, ½ Royal Irish Mint Coffee Liqueur, cream on top. Billy Connaughton's creation - "Galway Grey" - ½ Huzzar, 1/6 Creme de Cacao, 1/6 Cointreau, 1/3 Lime Juice, float fresh cream, twist of orange. Stir.

Here were four experienced experts pouring all the arts and crafts they mastered down through the years into this last tense moment. Hallelujah! The winner is announced, Billy Connaughton, Jury's Hotel, Dublin. Pat was placed 2nd, Joe 3rd and Danny 4th. Congratulations to all four - you are the cream off the top. Each man's performance was spectacular, their concoctions delightful and their expertise a pleasure to behold.

I was not at all surprised to see all the winning cocktails contained an Irish base the foreigners like, Brandy, Rye, Scotch and Tranquila all took a beating. We Irish are sometimes called a nation of knackers - always criticising our own, but if proof is needed of our quality spirits the BAI members show their confidence and appreciation of them and rightly so.
The Cocktail Committee of the Bartenders Association of Ireland initiated the above test in conjunction with the 16th All Ireland Cocktail Competition which, as usual, was sponsored by Irish Distillers Ltd.

Here is a copy of a Judges Card:

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Judge’s Signature: ........................................

You will notice that each section carried a maximum of 5 points,

Section 1 - First Impressions:

Requirements - an immaculate bartender from head to foot in well-fitted uniform and wearing a BAI emblem.

Section 2 - Hygiene and Department:

Requirements - checking and handling of equipment, glasses and decorations etc. Personal hygiene, grace and good bearing (not subservient).

Section 3 - Technical Ability:

Proper use and style in using equipment, products and utensils. Spillage, shortage and overage. Final condition of bar.

Section 4 - Presentation:

The bartender's complete display in harmony, professionalism, showing flair and expertise - with confidence.
Aer Rianta—Irish Airports operate Duty and Tax Free Shops at the three national airports—Dublin, Cork and Shannon. The shops are conveniently located in the Terminal Buildings of the Airports and offer the air traveller the "Best Buys" in a wide range of goods.

Who may buy

At Dublin
Effective 1st March, any air traveller departing for any destination outside Ireland. Note: Air travellers to North America are welcome to purchase duty and tax free goods at Shannon Airport.

At Shannon
Any departing air traveller going on a direct flight to any destination outside Ireland.

At Cork
Effective 1st March, any air traveller on a direct flight for any destination outside Ireland.

When you buy

Payment may be made in sterling, US and Canadian dollars, or in any major Western European currency. Travellers cheques and credit cards may also be accepted.

Your duty and tax free purchase will be wrapped and sealed and should not be opened until after take-off.

A new cocktail was created by our BAI members at Dublin Airport to commemorate this new venture by Aer Rianta. "CAREFREE" 1/3 Brandy, 1/8 Orange Curacao, 1/4 Orange Squash, 1/8 Cointreau, Dash Pkg White - shake. It's absolutely delicious - full marks to our men.
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Murphy's Brewery Limited is building a new lager brewery at the company's Lady's Well headquarters in Cork. The new brewery will brew internationally famous Heineken Lager for the Irish market. This announcement follows the initialising, in Amsterdam last month, of an agreement between Heineken and Murphys. Work has already started on the lager brewery, which will cost more than £1 million. The bulk of the construction and equipment contracts are expected to go to Irish firms.

Under the terms of the agreement, Heineken will set up an Irish subsidiary - Heineken Ireland Limited - which will hold the trade mark in this country. Murphys will brew and distribute Heinekin Lager for this subsidiary and the brewing of Heineken in Cork will be under the direction of a full time resident Heineken brewer from Holland.

The extension of the brewery in Cork is the latest phase of the £2.5 million capital development programme which has been under way since L V Holdings took over Murphys in 1974. The brewery has been extensively modernised in the past three years, with the addition of new plant, to meet the increased demand for Murphy stout and to cater for the brewery's entry into the ale market with Younger's Ale.

Announcing the latest Heineken development, Murphys Managing Director, Michael Long, said,

"It is a great honour for us to be associated with a superb firm such as Heineken. I think that I can speak for everybody associated with Murphys, employees and publicans alike, when I say that we look forward with great excitement to the coming year when Heineken goes on sale in Ireland."

Heineken is a Dutch based company and the US is its biggest export market. Exports to the States began as far back as 1933, immediately after prohibition was lifted and sales increased by 40% in the past year, giving Heineken a 38% share of the market for imported beers in the US.

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Heineken is famous worldwide and has breweries on the five Continents. The company's extensive technological expertise has contributed to the building of dozens of breweries worldwide and besides its own breweries, the company has a financial interest in a number of other brewing concerns. Heineken is also involved in brewing under licence and in the system by which breweries are built to Heineken specification and then handed over to the principal involved. The company currently has a direct interest in over fifty breweries and apart from the well known Heineken and Amstel brands, markets many other local brands in various countries.

Pictured in Amsterdam at the initialing of the agreement between Heineken and Murphy's were, seated from left, Michael Long, Managing Director of Murphy's Brewery, A H Heineken, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of Heineken and Bill McDonagh, Chairman of Murphy's with, standing from left, J van der Werf, Managing Director of Heineken's International Division, A Vellekoop, Marketing Director of Heineken International and Heineken Legal Adviser, H Hellerman.
Congratulations to BAI member, Frank O'Reilly, Gresham Hotel and his grand wife, Ester, on the birth of a beautiful little daughter whom they named Gillian.

THE STEERING WHEEL

Vincent Tyman, ex Gresham Hotel, has purchased the Steering Wheel at Bolton Street, Dublin. Our member, Tommy Ryan, is managing it. We wish all concerned smooth sailing.

SOLD OUT

Twice I visited Jury's Hotel, once in December and once in January - on both occasions they had sold out of Huzzar Vodka. I came to the conclusion that the ever efficient bartenders were selling so many Galways Greys that the Huzzar stocks were bound to be depleted.

On one occasion I was in the Bernie Inn where they were 'sold out' of Madison. My escort was madly disappointed.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Don Lawlor B.A.I. a Corkman who presides in the Clarence Hotel, Dublin on his recent marriage. Bearded dapper Don has a bright future ahead of him in the Trade. We hope he is equally successful in the matrimonial state.

Change of Address

Sheila Nugent has changed her address to

9 The Grove, Kingswood Heights, Clondalkin, Dublin 7.

HOTELYMPIA:

BAI members wish the panel of chefs and waiters presently competing in London every success. You have two outstanding Directors leading you - Mr. Michael Marley and Mr. Kevin O'Mara - so bring home the bacon.

The Irish Hotels and Restaurant Golfing Society held their Annual Dinner at Bernie's Inn, Dublin, during the festive season.

Captain of the society, Robin Collins ensured that the "fare" and facilities were first class. A "full house" enjoyed an excellent buffet and wines of the best.

MC on these golfing occasions is our own Sean Keating who handled events expertly. He had no problems in enlisting songsters, Frank Hand, Billy Meade and Famann McKay who happens to be Chairman.

Our own Jerry Fitzpatrick, Garry Benson and Ailbey Brennan, seemed to enjoy the occasion to the full. Michael Birmingham, Jury's Hotel, was their star player during 1977.

We wish the society many direct hits during 1978.

WALLBANGER COMPETITION

Billy Roche, BAI, tells BASIL that there is a competition to better the Harvey Wallbanger story in less than 150 words being run by "Galliano Competition":

Mary's Hotel
16 Black Friars Lane
London EC4

Prize is dinner for two up to the value of £50.

APPOINTMENTS - CANTRELL & COCHRANE

Pat Cahalane (Associate Member) has been appointed Regional Sales Manager (Munster Area) by Cantrell and Cochrane.

Seamus Leydon the famous Galway footballer has been transferred on promotion as Divisional Sales Manager of the licenced trade in Dublin.

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From small beginnings in the Ed Dillon / Nora Fitzgerald combination a young Dublin man emerged who showed foresight and initiative - his name was Richard Burrows. Why do I pick these two of the man's many talents? Because he helped during the birth pongs of the BAI and became its Hon Auditor - a post he holds with distinction ever since.

Among the many other arts he mastered in Wesley College he acquired all the skills of rugby and during his adolescent days his famous father, naturalist George Burrows, Irish Times, introduced him to the sea. Richard took to the sea like a sea lion, even in winter. Sailing became one of his hobbies and with his brother embarked on some of the fiercest sea tests in these parts of the world. He is a man who can weather all kinds of storms, cool calm and collect and we are glad to have him on board the Bartenders Association of Ireland.

On the business front, Chartered Accountant, Richard Burrows, was given responsibility for Bushmills during the hungry season for Seagulls in Ireland. Following his achievements with these international giants (always good friends of the IBA) he was appointed General Manager at Irish Distillers at the tender age of 29. Quick as a wink he was whisked on to the Board of Irish Distillers Limited. Low and behold the Board realised the gen they had and they duly appointed him to the exalted position held with distinction by Mr Kevin McCourt - Managing Director.

We, your fellow members in the Bartenders Association of Ireland, congratulate you on your achievement and wish you and your firm continued success.

Of course, being close to you, we know of one of your secrets to success - a charming understanding young wife with an educated palate!

Increasing American fondness for the "ball of malt" has enabled Kevin McCourt to bow out of top executive role at Irish Distillers with a flourish. Announcing results from the "Jameson", "Powers" and "Paddy" group which recorded best-ever pre tax revenue of £4.8 million, Mr McCourt said the American sales showed a real increase of 20% against an overall growth in the market of a mere 1%. About 42% of group whiskey sales went abroad, he said.

His successor Richard Burrows has been set the target of improving profitability this year and Mr McCourt said the Board was confident it could be done. One of the problems that will be faced by the incoming Chief Executive will be that of stopping the continued slide in whiskey sales in the home market - even if, as the company argues, the home market income is being buoyed up by growth in the white spirit side.

Shareholders, however, will be only mildly intoxicated by the extent of their dividend hike. Total dividend is 19% gross - 6 points up - but the extent of the profit growth in the past year was enough to sustain a bigger payout. Dividend cover this time is 4.15 times, which seems to be leaning heavily on the side of caution. This, however, has not stopped market enthusiasm for the shares, up to 108p recently.
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B A I SOUTHERN BRANCH NEWS

The 5th meeting of the Southern Branch of the B A I was held at the "Hospitality Room" Beamish and Crawford, Cork.

The Chairman Walter O'Hare presided. Also present were: Messrs Jim Barry (Trustee), Michael O'Shea, Tony Sheerin, Pat Shine, Dave Quinlen, Paddy O'Brien, Joe Kelly, Michael Healy, Gerry Hogan, Michael Breen, Christy O'Sullivan, Noel Daly, John Peerson, Martin Burke, Arthur Hook, Seamus Leydon (Cantrell & Cochrane) Chris Reynolds and Michael Barrett (Beamish & Crawford) Jim Denby and Tony Lenehan of CERT.

Mr Chris Reynolds, Area Manager for Beamish & Crawford opened the proceedings by extending a Cead Mile Failte to us and kindly laid on some eats and some appropriate appetizers. Our Chairman thanked Mr Reynolds for their hospitality. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed folled by the Treasurer's Report.

The agenda included:-

1 Irish Distiller's Cocktail Competition.
2 Trip to Grants.
3 Discussion with Messrs Denby and Lenehan of CERT re education of apprentices.
4 1st Annual Draw.

The above agenda having been read was folled by a lively discussion.

A raffle was held for one bottle of VAT 69 and Bushmill kindly sponsored by our hosts and duly won by Martin Burke and Noel Daly. Having been given two hours to vacate the premises by Mr Noel Howell, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close so as the members could get down to some real "Beamish" sorry I meant business.

Our first Annual General Meeting will be held in the "Board Room" Murphy's Brewery on Thursday February 23 at 3.30 p.m.

JIM MOUNTJOY

Jim Mountjoy has been appointed Marketing Manager of Cork's Metropole Hotel. He has wide experience in the travel and leisure industry, having previously spent many years with Aer Lingus, Lucey Travel and Holiday Entertainment Cork.
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DAI RELEASE COURSE – BAR OPERATIONS

Organised by CERT and held in the Regional College, Cork for the personnel in the industry with at least one year experience. Students are prepared for the City/Guilds of London - Alcoholic Beverages 707/3 and for the CERT Bar Operators Certificate.

Syllabus includes - Wines, spirits, cocktails, bar supervision, bar catering, all aspects of bar service and social skills. It is a one year course with sponsorship from Irish Distillers, Woodford Bourne and Murphys. Students visit local breweries and distilleries. The course instructor is John Pearson, B A I. Results for 1976 - 5 credits and 6 passes.

At the recent presentation of Diplomas - Irish Distillers presented a special award to Mr John Tynan, Imperial Hotel for the most outstanding student of the course.

Seated left to right: Some of the students who received Diplomas – Christy O'Sullivan, Gerard Flynn, Margaret Nolan, John Tynan, Eileen O'Hanlon and Noel Daly. Standing: B B Murphy, Area Sales Manager, Irish Distillers, John Pearson, Secretary B A I, Course Instructor, Carina Killian, Head of Catering, Regional College, Cork, Tony Lenihan, Training Advisor, CERT and Jim Barry, Public Relations, Irish Distillers.

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Picture taken at Beamish & Crawford premises.
Mr. Jim Barry, Trustee Southern Branch B.A.I. presenting The Southern Branch Trophy to Breda Jordan of Jurys Hotel for the best student in the bar operations course 1977, held at the Cork Regional College, and run by C.E.R.T. Also included Mr. Tony Lenczak, Cork/Kerry Adviser for C.E.R.T. and Mr. John Pearson (Secretary Southern Branch B.A.I.)

STEP IN:
A pleasant restaurant called the "Step In" was opened recently by our Food Friends Mary & Martin Burke (old U.K.B.G. and founder member B A I).

We wish them every success in their new venture. We know they both have taken the right "step" so when in Cork "Drop in" or "Step In" Princes Street, Cork.

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INTRODUCING A NEW LAGER WITH VERY SPECIAL QUALITIES

SATZENBRAU IS A DISTINCTIVE CONTINENTAL TYPE, MEDIUM-STRENGTH Pilsner Lager with a unique low-sugar content. Initially it will be sold in conventional half-pint bottles through the licensed trade in the Republic of Ireland, at a later stage it is planned to introduce it in non-returnable bottles for the take-home trade.

SATZENBRAU has an excellent pedigree, brewed by Harp, for many years the leading brand in the Republic, North of Ireland and the British Markets. It will be somewhat stronger than Harp, and because of its added strength and special brewing techniques it will cost about 8p per bottle more than Harp.

M. W. CUMMINS, MARKETING MANAGER HARP, SAID SATZENBRAU IS A NEW TASTE IN LAGER – A NEW CONCEPT WITH SEVERAL DISTINCT ELEMENTS THAT WILL APPEAL TO a WIDE VARIETY OF DRINKERS. SINCE IT IS MARGINALLY STRONGER THAN HARP, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR SPIRITS DRINKERS WHO REQUIRE A LITTLE EXTRA FROM A BOTTLE OF BEER, AND WE HOPE THE B.A.I. WILL GIVE IT THEIR SUPPORT BY STOCKING IT PROMINENTLY AND SERVING IT COLD WHERE POSSIBLE.

UNLIKE OTHER STRONG LAGERS, HOWEVER, ITS LOW SUGAR ELEMENT WILL GIVE IT EQUAL APPEAL TO MEN AND WOMEN IN ALL SEGMENTS OF THE MARKET. IDEALLY IT SHOULD BE SERVED CHILLED TO BRING OUT ITS SPECIAL SMOOTH REFRESHING QUALITIES. HE BELIEVES THAT WE ARE FILLING AN IMPORTANT SOCIAL NEED IN THE COMMUNITY AS SATZENBRAU IS THE FIRST AND ONLY BEER ON THE IRISH MARKET TO CATER ESPECIALLY FOR THE MANY THOUSANDS OF DIABETICS IN THIS COUNTRY.
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## Balance Sheet as at 28 February 1978

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**Represented By**

- Capital Fund Surplus to Date: 1,475
- Benevolent Society Fund: 112
- Subscriptions in Advance: 66
- Total: 1,653

**Membership at 28 February 1978**

- Full Members: 94
- Associate Members: 70
- Provisional Members: 7
- International Members: 4
- Honorary Members: 36
- Total: 116

**Signed:**

- J Casey (President)
- J Tyndall (Hon Treasurer)

Auditor's Report to the Members of the Bartenders' Association of Ireland.

"I hereby certify that these Accounts are in accordance with the books and records of the Association. The Accounts of the Southern Branch which have been incorporated into these Accounts were not audited."

**Signed:**

- Richard Burrows (Hon Auditor)

3 March 1978

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Present:

Minutes of the 1977 Annual General Meeting were adopted.

The President extended a special welcome to the Southern Branch representatives.

Harp flowed freely during the meeting with the compliments of Guinness Group Sales - to oil the vocal cords.

Harry McQuaid, Gresham Hotel, has been awarded the Irish Distillers Scholarship to attend the International Bartenders Association Education Course in Stresa, Italy.

After consultations with Mr. M. Dorney and Mr. D. Welch, Grants of Ireland Ltd., Garry Benson has secured a second Martini Scholarship for the B.A.I.


I.B.A. President, Mr. Stefano Preti has circularised a new list of popular cocktails - they include P&B, My Tai, Rusty Nail, Screwdriver, Harvey Wallbanger, Black Russian, Margarite, Bullshot, and Skywasser.
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For the past three years The Black Sheep public house in Coolock, Dublin have sold more draught Guinness than any other pub in Ireland, serving well over half a million pints of the Dublin brew in the past year alone. To celebrate this achievement and in recognition of their unrivalled position as the largest bulk draught outlet for Guinness in the country, Tony Cummins, the Manager of the Black Sheep and his assistant Tom Briddy, were invited to a special lunch in St James's Gate and later toured the £7 million brewhouse.

Pictured beside one of the new brewing kettles (from left): Greg Cummins, Area Manager, Guinness Group Sales, Tom Briddy, Tony Cummins and Brian Purcell, Area Representative, Guinness Group Sales.

DBL NEWS

We record from Bartenderen that many of our old colleagues are still active in DBL. Mention is made of Jens Thorneke, Per Valet, Viggo Christensen, Borge Rittig, Bent Lautrup, Leo Thorn, Kai Rossel, Kai Christensen, Erik Andersen and not last but not least Hans Henriksen.

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ENCOUNTER

By David Nolan

"I've spent forty years plying my trade"
Said the old grey man to me
"And here I sit more than half afraid
And the same may happen to thee"
He pointed at me with a trembling arm
And said "aye, it's well ye may grin
For you're young now and see no harm
And ye have'nt had time yet to sin"

"What has you afraid old man?" said I
"I'm old and I'm cold" replied he
"I have'nt got long before I die
But I'm not welcome here, it's plain to see"
I pitied him, so I gave him a drink
Besides, he was quaint in speech
He toasted me thus "may you stay in the pink"
Then he said "if you'll listen, I'm willing to teach
I've lived all my life selling the jar"
He smiled at my start of surprise
"From the biggest hotel, to the dirtiest bar
But I made one mistake, I drank with the boys
But mark me well, young fellah me lad
I was the very best
But the drink" he said in a voice so sad
"It mastered me, then gave me no rest
Two fine kids, it's them I miss most
And the sweetest wife mortal man ever had
If she saw me now she'd think me a ghost
And the kids, I suppose, don't remember their Dad"
He got up to go and gave me one glance
And said "now remember, I've warned thee"
The thought struck my heart, like an ice cold lance
While I pitied him, was he pitying me?

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret we announce the death recently of Mrs May Nugent
"the first lady of the Wholesale Wine and Spirit Trade" and mother of Associate Member, Mr Michael Nugent. The President and Executive Committee extend deepest sympathy on behalf of all members of the Bartenders Association of Ireland.
Powers Gold Label Scholarship to the John Whyte Course Stressa, Italy

Organised by AIBES - 6 - 18 March 1978

By Harry McQuaid

It was my good fortune to be selected to represent the DAI in Stressa, Italy, this year. Mr G O’Heather, Joe Casey and Paul McNally were at Dublin Airport to see me off on Sunday 5 March. I arrived in Milan Airport at 4.00 o’clock and went direct to AIBES offices where I met Mr Nino Cindirini who introduced me to the other participants who were from Finland (2), Germany, Great Britain (2), Holland (2), Italy (2), Japan, Malta, Portugal (2) and Switzerland (2).

We were then presented to Mr Luigi Perenti, AIBES President, before being brought to see Milan’s famous “Bar Barso” where the owner presented his specialities. We then went to the Hotel Touring.

On Monday we were brought on a tour of the “Davide Campari” factory north of Milan and in the afternoon to the Galliano Distillery. That evening we were welcomed to the school by the Principal, Professor A Mainardi and Mr Gozzi and then we all had dinner.

On Wednesday Mr Larry Courtney, the Irish Distillers Representative in Italy, came to the school to give a lecture on the making and serving of Irish Coffee with Paddy Whisky. Mr Larry Courtney, Miss Mary Hannah, the Scottish Representative of the UKBG and I helped in making the Irish Coffee for lunch. All agreed that Irish Coffee was the perfect finish to a good lunch or dinner.
On Thursday 9 March we met the President of the International Bartenders Association, Mr. Stefano Presti, to thank him for the course.

The rest of the week was taken up with lectures on every aspect of the wine and spirit trade. It was most educational.

On Monday 13 March there was a bar work competition, directed by Mr. L. Perenti and W. Cedrini followed by a trip to the island of "Isolabella" on Lake Maggiore - Isolabella is a delightful apertif on similar lines to Dubonnet. Count Isolabella is a great IBA supporter. The British representatives and I were next to present the pre-dinner cocktails, I named mine "Irish Italian" which consisted of 1/3 Huzzar Vodka, 1/3 Aurnum Liqueur, 1/6 Orange Juice, 1/6 Lemon juice and shake well. The Irish Vodka was blendable and light, an excellent cocktail base that is in top world class.

On Tuesday 14 March Mr. Neil Samford of James Buchanan and Co Ltd gave a lecture on Scotch Whisky. We then had a film on portwine, followed by cocktails and dinner. Wednesday 15 was spent in Turin at the Cinzano factory and then to the Carpino headquarters. On Thursday we were brought to the Gancia factory and then on to the Martini Museum. Saturday 18 saw the end of the course with a summing-up of the past two weeks work. That night we had a fabulous cocktail reception and dinner and the presentation of the course diploma "The Winner of the John Whyte Cup" was the Swiss representative Paul Elberhard, age 32, who has been head barman in a leading Zurich hotel for several years.

I would like to thank IDL and the BAI for choosing me to represent Ireland in Stresa and hope the experience of my trip will be a help to other young bartenders like myself who may be selected in the future.

INTERNATIONAL BARTENDERS ASSOCIATION EDUCATION COURSE

STRESSA, ITALY 1978

The above course, which is the annual training course for young bartenders from countries who are members of the IBA, is set up on an annual basis at an agreed location. 1978 sees the second such course at Stresa in Italy. Over the previous years the courses have alternated between Luxembourg and England. It has been customary over the 15 days of the course to cover all aspects of bar service incorporating elements of salesmanship, equipment, layout and display, work study, stock control and product knowledge. In addition to open forum sessions many visits to breweries, distillers, vineyards etc. are also undertaken.

One of the prime areas of education for all participants is, in fact, the contact with bartenders of a similar age from the various parts of the world and the interchange of ideas and practices. This always manages to enrich the value of the course to each participant.

The Powers Gold Label sponsorship which was inaugurated some 10 years ago, ensures that Ireland is always represented at this most important international training occasion. The recipients of this scholarship over the years have been selected either by a special selection seminar incorporating oral, written and interview situations or the scholarship has been awarded on the basis of outstanding ability to a promising young barman. 1978 sees the latter system once again in vogue whereby the committee of the Bartenders Association of Ireland selected Harry McQuaid, a most promising young bartender from the Gresham Hotel in Dublin to be the recipient of this most valuable scholarship. They are confident that he will uphold the prestige of the Bartenders Association of Ireland, his own establishment i.e. the Gresham Hotel; the brand of Irish whiskey which he represents and the Irish nation at this international gathering.
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SOUTHERN BRANCH FIRST A G M

by John Pearson

The first Annual General Meeting of the Southern Branch (BAI) was held in the Board Room at Murphys Brewery Cork on Tuesday February 23, 1978.

Mr Michael Long, Managing Director of Murphy's gave us a Cead Mile Failte to their premises and said it was a privilege to have us as guests. He wished the Annual General Meeting and Branch every success.

Our Chairman Walter O'Hare, presided, also present were: President, Joe Casey, Vice-President, Paul McNally, Executive Committee: Joe Kelly, Arthur Hook, Jim Barry, Trustee, Michael O'Shea, Tony Sheerin, John Heffernan, Thomas Murphy, John Murphy, Peter Fleming, David Quinlan, Pat O'Donovan, Paddy O'Brien, Gerry Hogan, Tim Watkins, Jack Barrett, Pat Shine, John Phelan, Michael Healy, Dan Daly, John Pearson, Christy O'Sullivan, Tony O'Sullivan, Pat McMahon, Paddy Lawless (Grants of Ireland) Gerry Cronin and Billy Browne (Brownes, Castleisland).

The minutes which were mislaid through a misunderstanding were not read at the AGM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Six meetings were held during the year, four in Cork, two in Killarney and were all well attended.

NATIONAL AGM

The Officers attended the AGM in Dublin at which our Chairman, Walter O'Hare, was elected to the National Executive Committee, thus giving him full voting power or he could be deputised for by any of his officers.

MARTINI SCHOLARSHIP

Seven of our members took part in this event in which three were selected to go on to the finals which were held in Jury's Hotel, Dublin. It was a tremendous success and was a great experience for our candidates. We do hope to make this year's event a much bigger one. The sponsors Grants of Ireland with this unique competition deserve such support. A special mention to Major Semple for his encouragement to our members and also for his hospitality both in Cork and in Dublin.

ALL IRELAND COCKTAIL COMPETITION

No less than eight of our members travelled to Dublin to compete in this well established event, which was the most successful to date. It was sponsored by Irish Distillers Limited. Our sincere thanks to our sponsors and in particular to Messrs Heather & Barry for looking after our members in such a hospitable manner.

TROPHY: The Southern Branch presented a trophy to the best student of a Bar Operators Course which was held at the Regional College, Cork and run by C.E.R.T.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The President, Joe Casey congratulated our Hon Treasurer Tony Sheerin on the fine way he has managed our financial affairs.
HEALTH AND FITNESS

ALCOHOL —

Alcoholism is an illness which, in the great majority of cases, develops almost unnoticed in the individual over a period of time.

When the illness develops, the sufferer will have a swiftly declining control over his drinking and will frequently require professional assistance towards recovery.

Alcoholism will create for the individual, very serious social, economic and family problems and will seriously impair both mental and physical health if allowed to progress.

INITIAL SIGNS - PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL

Gulping drinks - person looks for easy employment which offers facilities for drinking - frequent car accidents - behaviour problems in the family and inexplicable behaviour within it - frequent changes of residence - changes in social and business relationships - major disruptions; loss of job - aggression; resentment; jealousy - paranoid attitudes - depression; isolation.

PHYSICAL

Chronic gastritis - anaemia of various kinds - toxic amblyopia (dimness of vision) - signs of vitamin deficiency, especially pellagra and beriberi - caridans - irregularities - tachycardias and arrhythmias - flushed face - nocturnal sweating - bruising on body and limbs - cigarette burns - a decreased tolerance to alcohol.

PROFABLE NEXT STEP - PHYSICAL

Black-outs - increased infections - pancreatitis - peripheral neuropathy - alcohol myopathy and cardiomyopathy - odour of alcohol on breath at medical examinations - alcoholic features and vascular enlargement of face.

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL

Subjective loss of control - surreptitious drinking - morning drinking - repeated conscious attempts at abstinence - excuses from work - changing drinks - loss of interest - outbursts of rage and threats of suicide - frequent references to alcohol - drinking for relief of anger, insomnia, fatigue, depression, social discomfort - spouse complains about drinking - feels he is 'losing his mind'.

CERTAIN OUTCOME - PHYSICAL

Withdrawal symptoms on stopping: tremors, hallucinations, fits, delirium tremors - tolerance - high blood alcohol level without intoxication - high consumption - liver cirrhosis - alcoholic cerebral degeneration - high blood alcohol at time of examination.

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL

Blatantly indiscriminate use of alcohol - drinking despite strong medical and social contradictions.

Now take a look at
NO POWER BUT MANPOWER

I tore the following tribute to Hotel Staff in general from Terry O'S diary - I know he won't mind BASIL copying him. (By the way BASIL did not perceive the new Pavilion ...... yet ...)

What do you do when a tour comes in from America, with over 300 pieces of luggage, most of the tourists are on the top floors of your nine storey hotel. And, because of the power cuts, the lifts won't work.

That was one of the situations in Jury's yesterday. Every available male went to help build a human conveyor belt up the stairs, and the hundreds of pieces of luggage were hefted from hand to hand.

An elegant wedding party began with drinks in the Pavilion area, then contemplated the reception in the Martello Room .... on the ninth floor. The management got the food carried up the stairs, but when it got to the top there was no way to heat it.

One visitor, on signing in, and being told of no hot water, no lift, and limited food, says "What a goddam country?" and headed for the phone.

By candle light and the glowworms of emergency lighting, some 150 farmers and seed salesmen from the Middle West of the United States, from the great corn belt, checked in to Jury's last evening, and their gay clothes cheered us all. They because of their ability in selling Security Seed - a huge company known to every farmer in the US had won a holiday to Ireland, and after three days in Dublin finish their holiday in Clare.

Most of the visitors were large and husky (the men, I mean), and they took the powercut situation calmly. Anyhow they were at once given pain killing injections of Bushmills etc., and fed almost by the hand with great trays of spare ribs heated on spirit lamps. After this they felt no pain, and indeed some began to dance.

THE COMEDIAN AND ARTHUR

From Phil Tracy

The world famous mime artist, Marcel Marceau appeared in the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin recently for a number of weeks. Entertainment to his profession and even off stage it comes naturally to him as can be seen from this photograph taken when the master of mime arrived at Dublin Airport, Arthur Rook, Arrivals Bar, Dublin Airport enjoyed Marceau's nimnery.
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APPOINTMENTS

Walter O’Hare, All Ireland Cocktail Champion, Dublin man with five Kerry children and one charming wife, Ade, has been appointed Bars Manager at Jury’s Hotel, Dublin and so Walter returns to his native heath.

Walter, who is a member of the BAI, since its inception was also Chairman of the Southern Branch of the Bartenders Association of Ireland and kept the new branch on the rails, was a real father and guiding light at this crucial time.

Jury's are on a winner with Walter, we wish him every success.

Tommy Ryan returns to the Clarence Hotel from the Spinning Wheel which he managed for its new owner. I think he prefers hotel life as he can get a little time off to referee soccer matches and play outside left for the Dubs. In the latter days of the UKGB he and Jimmy McHugh represented Ireland in Luxembourg where he made many friends. We wish him every success.

Pat Kinsella, who has transferred to the Clarence Hotel, Dublin, to fill the void created by Don Lawlor’s departure for Dublin Airport.

Pat served his apprenticeship under Paddy Kelly at the Arrivals Bar, Dublin Airport, he then progressed to Sach’s Hotel and now he is settled in the Clarence. Pat got married recently and his other hobbies are photography, mountaineering and ski diving. O.S.I.L. will be calling on him for some photos for our file.

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RAI members, John Fitzpatrick (above) and Billy Roche (below) demonstrate their skills to students at the College of Marketing and Design, Dublin.

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Picture shows (left to right)

Mrs H. Ludi, Mrs Maire Geoghegan Quinn, Minister of State at the Department of Industry, Commerce and Energy, Aldermen Paddy Bolton, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Heinz Ludi, First Secretary to the Swiss Ambassador and Mr. Des Byrne, Managing Director Cantrell & Cochrane (Dublin) Ltd.

A gold medal and citation has been awarded to Cantrell & Cochrane (Dublin) Limited, the Dublin based soft drinks manufacturer, for their product "Club Orange" at the 17th Monde Selection de la Qualité Competition for non-alcoholic beverages held recently in Geneva, Switzerland.

This competition is organised annually in different countries by Monde Selection of Brussels who are an internationally recognised independent body set up to establish standards of quality in various consumer products. In this year's competition 217 manufacturers from 63 countries entered products. The award was presented to Mr Des Byrne, Managing Director, Cantrell & Cochrane (Dublin) Limited, by Mrs Marie Geoghegan-Quinn, Minister for State at the Department of Industry, Commerce and Energy, at a recent reception in the Shelbourne Hotel.

Club Orange was rated one of the world's best drinks in its class due to its high quality and natural flavour. The natural orange juice content is in excess of most other soft drinks, having almost three times the UK legal minimum juice requirement. It is, in fact, one of the few remaining orange drinks in the world that still contains real orange cells. Club Orange was developed from a special Californian orange juice which, to this day, remains exclusive to Cantrell & Cochrane. It was introduced to the Irish market in early 1939. Because of the war and the difficulty in obtaining supplies of the special juice, the product had to be withdrawn, but it was re-introduced in 1950 and proved to be even more popular than its launch in 1939 had indicated. Since that time Club Orange has gone from strength to strength and, now completely dominates the orange sector of the Irish soft drinks market with 60% market share.
*HOT-A-LONG TO CASSIDYS*

BAI member, Con McCullagh, has performed miracles at Cassidy’s Bar in Camden Street, Dublin since he purchased it one year ago.

Con has renovated the complete premises which now has three bars, plush carpet, luxurious seating and a delicate pink hue on the walls, which blends beautifully with the overall scheme. During renovations Con discovered murals on the walls - cameo shape and rich in colour - he managed to save some of them for posterity and it would be most interesting to learn the history of them.

We wish Con continued success in his charming haven.

*SACHS v HIBERNIAN - Dolphin Cup*

A short while ago, Sachs Hotel and Hibernian Hotel, went on a very wet Sunday afternoon to play the most important match in the Hotel League. Kick-off was at 3.15, the match ended in going into extra time and then into penalties, the final score was Sachs Hotel 5, Hibernian Hotel 4. Both teams played very well.

*SACHS HOTEL*

Frank Donlan who served his apprenticeship at Dublin Airport, has now taken the lease of the bar in Sachs Hotel. His partner is Martin Hamilton. They have put a lot of work into it and they are doing very well, keep up the good work.

"IRISH MIST" CHAMPION

Janice Linden is a professional painter...of horses. She, reared with them, knows all about them and when she sets out to paint a notable horse, she has gone to much trouble to establish rapport. So she sketches a horse, drawing carefully the tiny differences of the animal’s physique and then takes her drawings away and paints the animal. She has such an instinct for colour that she need not take away a hair or two, but she does take studies in colour with her camera. It was her painting of "Jack of Trumps" which was presented to owners, Mr and Mrs J P McManus, by Rory O’Mahony, General Manager of D E Williams Wine and Spirit Division, in the Hibernian recently. So "Jack of Trumps" is the Irish Mist Champion Chaser, declared so by the Irish Racing Writers' Association.

B.A.S.I.L. was not invited.

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Let's Go Orient......

It was once felt that “East is East and West is West but ne'er the twain shall meet; but we in the mechanised and mechanised world of the twentieth century know that to be the contrary. One can travel wherever one wishes, be it to the South Pole, the Congo or the Yangtze River, due to constant improving forms of communication. However, one does not always wish to get from A to B like a flash in the pan hence they board any one of the miniature moving world communities to take their ease as they sail both the sunny and windy seas that lie between the various Continents, enjoying the comforts and pleasures of life aboard a Cruise Liner. But I begin to sound totally like a holiday advertising brochure I should like to say that there is method in my seeming word madness. You see, before re-settling elsewhere once again my legs have found permanency I used to work for many years with one of the world’s largest Cruise Liner Companies namely P & O. With them I have circumnavigated the globe several times, followed the sun through the Caribbean across the Pacific and up to the Far East, across the Indian Ocean to Africa round the Cape across the South Atlantic to Brazil onto Tenerife and home to bas town, Southampton. Such a trip usually takes eighty-nine days altogether. I thought it might be interesting to share with you the eating and drinking habits of some of those places where we have anchored.

Of all the ports-of-call the P & O have made those to Asia are the ones that I have enjoyed returning to again and again. Why? Mainly because of places such as Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong. Singapore is quite a modern city where Chinese, Malays, Indians, Europeans and others live rather colourful lives. It is not just place dotted with low priced semi-luxury hotels, it is also a great place to shop, it is the city of exotic gardens but above all it is the place where it is held that East meets West. Food is what Singapore is noted for; there is diversity in its menu. Cuisine there is called “Nonya” that is Malay food adapted to Chinese tastes or Chinese food prepared in the Malay style. Honestly it is not as complicated as it sounds! They make use of coconut milk, a shrimp paste called “blachan” tamarind juice and deep frying in peanut oil. Nonya dishes can include pork and there is a Nonya desert called, would you believe Bob Bob Cha Cha, it is a conglomeration of diced sweet potatoes and yam, stewed in coconut milk syrup. Pray tell me how does that excite if, at all, your salivary glands? The most popular of Malay dishes is “Satay” bite-sized bits of mutton beef, chicken – alone or mixed together marinated and spiced and then cooked on thin wooden skewers over a charcoal grill. It is often served in a thick peanut sauce. Cantonese is what typifies Chinese food; it is light cookery, non greasy and not too salty. It includes shark-fin soup and chicken with cashew nuts.

The Chinese are abstemious about drinking with meals. The Cantonese tend to take only jasmine tea before and after a meal. Their alcohol, quite truthfully, only makes sense when you sip the Chinese rice wine generally served warm; Chinese wine is like rugged sweet sherry. Most Western travellers drink beer with Chinese food. Eastern chefs, however, are not unaware of Western menus hence any reputable restaurant has a wine list and a food menu that will offer selection from smoked salmon to Scott...h beef.

Hong Kong must be one of the most lively cities in the world. The meaning of its name is worth knowing - Hong is a derivative of “heung” which can mean ‘fragrant’ or ‘Incense’, Kong may mean ‘harbour’, ‘waters’ or ‘spring’. Incense was traded on the island at the then small harbour now called Aberdeen; it was a tree sap used by aristocratic ladies but then prized by unmarried girls so that it became known as “Maiden Incense”. Therefore, Hong Kong is taken to mean “Fragrant Harbour” or “Incense Harbour”. It can be rewarding to go on an eating expedition down the side streets of Hong Kong. Restaurants serve shark-fin soup with crab meat which can be digested with the aid of a palatable “shiao hsing” warmed rice wine.
However, as already indicated, from experience it seems to me that beer is more desirable with Oriental food, from the point of view that grapes do not go extremely well with their food in the main. Apart from the scopey ceramic spoon that comes with some dishes, Chinese restaurants in Hong Kong seldom make any allowances for the traveller who cannot use chopsticks. Is it vain of me to suggest that such commodities are comparatively easy to use? For those of you interested, the secret is that you never try to pick up anything by moving both. What you do is, anchor the bottom stick firmly, wedging it with the thumb against the middle finger and the fourth one. Move the top stick only for the pincer work using the fore-finger and the ball of the thumb. Do you feel all finger tied? It is not all that difficult....not really! Any of you familiar with following intricate knitting patterns will think not!

There are, of course, many floating restaurants in Hong Kong as well as many European ones. Indeed there is one called 'Jimmy's Restaurant' which serves Irish Coffee! Chinese food is considerably less expensive than European food. In all the number of Chinese dishes has been estimated to 80,000.....couldn't you just imagine the would be size of 'The Complete Chinese Cook Book'!!! Differences in our eating habits and theirs are ones such that we generally commence a meal with a soup, the Chinese on the other hand serve one or two soups during the course of the meal. Such undoubtedly sounds strange but give it consideration and it does not, because the Chinese start with cold cuts and wash down a course with a soup. A novel idea of theirs is that Chinese restaurants provide a take-away box for the food that you could not eat at the time but would later! If you are being Chinese hosted rice is the only course that you can politely refuse, devouring into same at the end of a meal would be tantamount to saying that you had not been adequately fed.

It was in 1971 that topless bars arrived; they tend to be expensive, particularly, drinks such as Black Label, Johnny Walker and Cocktails. Some bars charge a hostess fee. There is a certain quality of elitism associated with such bars and there is an exclusiveness and expensiveness associated with the decor of these bars heightened by the girls being dressed sparingly but stylishly in frontless evening gowns. The bars have rather appropriate names such as "Bottoms Up"!

Hopefully this little insight has made the Orient somewhat less mysterious to you and brought the East somewhat closer in mind if not physically.

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EDITOR’S NOTE

Pat, please press on with your potent prose - its powerful and we are pleased to print it in B.A.S.I.L.

Garry

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INAUGURAL MEETING OF WEST OF IRELAND AREA BAI

Held in Ballinasloe House, Salthill, Galway on 18 October 1978

Report by Brian O’Mara

Present were, Joe Casey, President, BAI, Paul McNally, Vice-President, BAI, Danny Toland, Hon Secretary, BAI, Brian O’Mara, Committee Member, BAI and John O’Shea, Chairman Western Area, who presided.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

B Hopkins, Vice-Chairman, J Treacy, Secretary, P Cook, Treasurer and T Feely, Trustee, Guinness Group Sales, John Sheehan, Shannon Airport, Dermot Egan, Imperial Hotel, J Rafferty, Twigs, D Burke Cellar Bar and Pat Keane, Topper Bar, Committee.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerard King, The Square, Clifton, Brendan Duignan, The Yacht, Galway, Peter Cooke, Cooke’s Thatch Bar, Michael Crossan, Great Southern, Michael Connelly, The Yacht, Francis Street, Declan Burke, Cellar Bar, Michael Kelly, Topper Bar, Paddy Keane, Topper Bar, James Rafferty, Twigs Night Club, Gerard Clancy, Parkway Hotel, Limerick, Harry Feeney, Parkway Hotel, Limerick, John Sheehan, Shannon Airport, Jim O’Shea, Great Southern and G Treacy, Ballinasloe House, Salthill.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Jimmy Ward, Guinness Group Sales, Ben Campion, Irish Distillers Ltd, Sean Carter, Beamish & Crawford Ltd, Liam Rafferty, Murphy’s Brewery and Tom Feely, Guinness Group Sales.

Jim O’Shea opened the meeting and welcomed the President and Committee. The President, Joe Casey, addressed the meeting and welcomed all those present to the meeting. The President gave a very interesting speech about the workings of the BAI in Ireland and in the IBA. Paul McNally, Vice-President, gave a talk on the functions and social events of the BAI. In the absence of our Treasurer, Joe Tyndall, who could not travel due to illness, Paul also spoke about the many ways of fund raising - raffles, dress dances and generally how to make money and spend it! Danny Toland, Hon Secretary, gave the newly formed branch an insight in the aims and ambitions of the BAI. He also spoke about the opportunities for the young apprentices and the scholarships they may enter for i.e. “The John White Scholarship” which is held in Stresa in Italy, sponsored by Irish Distillers and “The Martini Scholarship” which is also held in Turin, Italy, sponsored by Grants of Ireland Ltd.

Brian O’Mara, Cocktail Committee Member, gave a few short words about the running and organising of Cocktail Competitions and said that Cocktail Committee would be only too glad to give the Western Branch a helping hand whenever they decide to hold a competition.

All in all it was a very successful trip to the West and they showed great spirit!

B McNamara, Sammons Bar, also attended the meeting.

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MEET JIMMY O’SHEA, CHAIRMAN OF WEST OF IRELAND BRANCH, BAI

Jimmy O’Shea was born in Ballinasloe, Co Galway. The son of a publican he was educated at Naas CBS, Naas, Co Kildare and Tullow PBS, Tullow, Co Carlow.

Jimmy commenced bartending at Dolphin Hotel, Dublin in 1945, under the tuition of Tom O’Farrell and the late John O’Farrell, RIP. He joined the United Kingdom Bartenders Guild in 1945, served on several committees, was elected Irish Branch Area Representative in 1954 again in 1958 and 1959. He went to Eastbourne, Sussex in 1959 to work as Assistant Bars Manager to the late R V Rogers, RIP at the Grand Hotel. He was elected South of England Area Representative in 1962, 1963 and 1964. In 1969 he left the Grand Hotel to become Bars Manager at the Royal Bath Hotel, Bourne, Hampshire, he then returned to Eastbourne as Bars Manager, Cavendish Hotel where he remained for seven years. In 1971 Jimmy was again Area Representative for the South of England Area, UKBA.

Jimmy was a winner of the South of England Area Cocktail Competition in 1968 and was runner-up in 1971. He is a member of the United Kingdom Bartenders Guild, a member of the Bartenders Association of Ireland and a member of the Guild of Sommeliers.

Jimmy and Phyllis O’Shea have been married for 25 years and have one son. Jimmy’s hobbies are golf and gardening.

NEWS

Jimmy O’Shea and his wife were at Dublin Airport recently, seeing off their son who was travelling back to England. Jimmy is proud of the progress being made with the Western Branch, BAI. Their last meeting was Thursday 23 November 1978.

The Southern Branch with the help of Johnny Heffernan are organising a weekend trip to Killarney. All members can avail of this trip. The venue is the Glen Eagle Hotel, Killarney and amenities include tennis, boating, golf, fishing, snooker, pitch and putt, disco, horse riding and squash (Paul McNulty’s favourite). The price including bed/breakfast, Friday and Saturday, supper Friday, dinner Saturday and lunch Sunday is £19.00 per person. For the benefit of Dublin members wishing to attend, if 15 people travel the fare will be only £17 each way per person.

The Vice-Chairman of Southern Branch, Michael O’Shea, “Question Time Supremo,” who hails from Waterford has settled in in his new post in the Brian Rose, Douglas, as Bar Manager. Michael was Bar Manager at Cork Airport for many years. He seems to know all the answers - a good candidate for mastermind.

FIT HARRY STORY!

Aengus Benson (above) reveals the source of some fine brown trout – Loughrea, Co Galway, where Aengus caught this 25 pounder under the watchful eye of angler, Mr R O’Kelly, who won the Angler of the Year Competition.

Aengus suggests the Buck at Ballinasloe for pike fishing.
AER RIANTA APPOINTMENTS

A new bar has been just opened in the Duty Free and Tax Free area at Dublin Airport. Recognising the undoubted talents within the Bartenders Association of Ireland, each appointee is a BAI member.

Ken Brennan who was Paddy Kelly’s deputy has been named Head Barman. Ken served his apprenticeship at Dublin Airport in each of the three bars, thus getting wide experience. Ken won the last Bisquit Cocktail Competition and still holds the cup. He is a great believer in teamwork and is mustering an efficient young band of men around him. His hobbies include mountaineering and music. He even cut a disc named “Who’s pushing my Swing”.

Next in line to Ken is Joe Kelly - better known as Machine Gun Kelly - a very personable young gentleman with a charisma all his own.

Joe or JFK as some of his friends call him served in the Russell under Seamus Sparling, did a short spell in the Montrose and saw foreign service in Jersey. At Dublin Airport he did a tour of duty in all three bars. He is always keen to help and encourage youth on the right path, his example is exemplary and when it comes to cocktails he is an outstanding artist. Naturally he was selected to the BAI team that competed so admirably in Italy last year. Joe’s hobbies are pony trekking, water polo (not the one with the hole!), hang gliding, show jumping, cricket, basket ball, volley ball, snakes and ladders, collecting toy soldiers, stuffing dolls, collecting money, ping-pong, rat-tat-tat, skiing, fishing and talking.

Jimmy Woulfe who has also joined Aer Rianta at Dublin Airport is another keen BAI member, who served his apprenticeship at the Mount Brandon Hotel, Tralee and then worked in Limerick at the Gavin Arms. Jimmy who won the Powers Golf Label Scholarship sponsored by Irish Distillers, represented Ireland and the BAI at the International Bartenders Association Training Centre in Blackpool, which was attended by delegates from 32 countries. He is a keen Irish traditional musician and an expert on the Bodhran and plays the bones, which doesn’t allow any room for skeletons in the cupboard. He came 2nd in the All Ireland Cocktail Competition in 1976.
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MARTINI COMPETITION

By Paul Yaserbaum

To have won the nomination to represent the Bartenders Association of Ireland along with Tom Murphy from Europa Hotel, Killarney, in the Martini International Paissa Prize was one of the greatest days of my life. My thanks to Bill Roche, J Woulfe and B O'Meara for all the help they gave me to prepare for the International event.

On Monday June 26th Tom Murphy came up from Cork and I had arranged to meet him in the Clarence Hotel where we got some last words of advice from our President Joe Casey. Tom was my guest for that day and night, so I brought him over to meet Joe Tyndall in the Shelbourne Bar. Joe gave us pins and ties to exchange on our trip. Then I brought Tom to Jurys to meet Sean Kavanagh, Billy Connaughton and other members of the BAI. Back to my house then for dinner and a relaxing evening.

So on Tuesday 27th we made our way to the airport in plenty of time for our flight. Then the unexpected happened, when checking in I was told my passport was out of date by one month. The only thing that could be done was to let Tom go on alone and for me to make my way to the passport office to see if anything could be done. At first, they said no, but when I told them I was representing Ireland and the BAI in an International competition they renewed it for me.

When I got back to the airport I was met by Paul McNally who gave me some advice on what to do when I reached Italy. I left Dublin at 12.45 pm and arrived in Milan at 5.30 pm after a change over in London. Then I had another mishap, my suitcase did not arrive on the same plane so I had to wait till 8.00 pm for it. Then to make my way from Milan to Turin I had to take a train which arrived at 11.00 pm.

When I got to the Hotel Concord I was delighted to see Tom and the other competitors. After we exchanged the days happenings with each other we made our way to bed as we had to be up at 6.30 am. The following morning at 7.30 am we set out by coach for Pessione. When we arrived there we changed into our bar uniforms and were addressed by Stefano Preti IBA President. He outlined the course the competition would take and wished us all the best of luck.

From the book of fifty cocktails, which I forgot to mention I only received the day before we flew out, eight were selected. Each bartender would pick one of these cocktails from and ice bucket and make four of it, one for each judge. The eight cocktails were: Bronx, Caruso, Rob Roy, Martini Dry, Martini Dolce (i.e. sweet), Negroni, Affinity and Manhattan. I was called for the practical exam 13th and Tom 14th. I drew a Negroni and Tom a Rob Roy, we both did very well and were pleased with the way our drinks turned out. We then stopped for lunch which lasted for an hour and a half and was about fifteen courses long.

When the competition got under way again I had a lot of time to get to know the other competitors, as I was not called for the oral exam till 5.30 pm. I was surprised to hear so many of the bartenders asking for Irish friends which they had met in other competitions. Ron Busnan from Holland sent his regards to J Woulfe and hopes to visit here soon and Paul Eberhardt from IBA Training Centre was asking for P McCaul.

When I was called for the oral exam I went into a room with six judges, among them were Stefano Preti and Mr Kotaro Kishigami from Japan. Each of the six judges took turns in asking questions.

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Our President Joe Casey is not a person to sit on a good idea but being a man of action likes ideas to bear fruit. One of his ambitions is to see the BAI flag flying in all the best bars in Ireland, North, South, East and West.

BAI being well established in the East under President Jerry Fitzpatrick and Vice-President Garry Benson, Joe Casey blazed the trail South and now a flourishing Southern area exists under the Chairmanship of Walter O'Hare.

The West of Ireland was the next logical area to be opened up. Fate dealt kindly to BAI, Big Jim O'Shea founder member of BAI arrived in Galway as bars manager in the Great Southern Hotel. Jimmy, well known in the UKGC as Area Representative in the South of England for many years, agreed to act as our liaison officer in Galway along with our good friend Tom Feely of GGS. A meeting was arranged with interested bartenders to be held in the Great Southern Hotel on the 22nd May 1978 with the executive committee of BAI.

Joe Casey, President; Paul McNally, Vice-President; and yours truly travelled to Galway from Dublin with Paul McNally at the wheel. Paul asked us to fasten safety belts, extinguish cigars and muttered some sort of Oriental incantation, sounded like 'Toyota Corrolla', switched on Frank Sinatra and minutes later we arrived in the Western Capital.

We were met by Jim O'Shea and son Conleth, Tom Feely, Area Manager, Guinness Sales, also Jim Ward GGS. Tom was our host to luncheon in the beautifully appointed Corrib Great Southern Hotel.

Our meeting after lunch in the Great Southern Hotel with fifteen very interested bartenders was most encouraging. Joe Casey chaired the meeting and gave a brief history of BAI and said our organisation is non sectarian, non political and non union. Our objectives to promote generally the interests of the trade by encouraging a higher standard of competence and conduct, to assist in the training of apprentices. To provide for the registration of new cocktails through the medium of BAI Cocktail Competitions. To organise other events for the benefit of its members. He also told those present that BAI is part of the International Bartenders Association and we are recognised worldwide.

Mr Casey also pointed out that members in the Galway area should be very proud of Galway man Garry Benson, who was the inspiration behind the setting up of BAI, All Ireland Cocktail Champion and International delegate BAI. Also Billy Connaughton, Jury's Hotel, current All Ireland Cocktail Champion as well as Jimmy O'Shea who are all Galwegians.

Paul McNally, Vice-President spoke on the various functions held during the year, and the social scene generally. He also stressed the importance of education in our organisation and raising of standards generally.
In the unavoidable absence of Treasurer J Tyndall, D Toland Hon Secretary, gave the meeting an account of our financial situation and how we raise funds for welfare benefits, travel, and publishing our magazine BASIL.

Jimmy O’Shea said the BAI has an important role to play West of the Shannon. We all recognise how important the raising of standards in the trade is. The West of Ireland is a top tourist area and customers appreciate good service.

Mr Tom Feely, Area Manager of GGS said he was proud to be an associate member of BAI. The trade were greatly helped by BAI members and in turn the trade were delighted to sponsor various events. He personally would help in any way possible in the setting up of a western area of BAI.

A question and answer session followed. Mr Casey said if enough interest were shown a committee would be elected following the meeting and with normal progress a full area would be set up in the autumn. P McNally said there would be no conflict of views or collisions between BAI and local organisations.

Jimmy O’Shea agreed to go forward as Area Chairman and Mr Tom Feely agreed to go forward as Area Trustee with a full committee to be elected.

Afterwards we were introduced to Morans of the Weir, world famous for its oysters and seafood, by Mr Tom Feely where we enjoyed a beautiful seafood dinner.

Tom Feely was again our host and on behalf of Joe Casey, President, Paul McNally, Vice-President, and myself a big thank you to Tom for his help and encouragement in helping to set up the western area of BAI. Also for his kindness and hospitality and for giving of his time and energy and interest to BAI. We can be very confident of the success of this new area with such talented and dedicated men as Jimmy O’Shea and our good friend Tom Feely at the helm.

Again many thanks to all our friends we met in Galway who made our trip West such a successful and happy one. See you in autumn. Denny Toland.

Editorial Note

The Connaught Tribune, which has the largest circulation of any provincial paper in the West of Ireland, gave very good coverage to this our first meeting.

Many thanks Denny for your excellent report.

Congratulations to Edith and Jack Lee on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They are celebrating with their family in the South of England. Jack is retired after many years in Dublin's Royal Hibernian Hotel. Rumour has it his old friend and ex-colleague George Butler has been spotted in the Italian Alps.
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The wine market—excellent opportunities for growth

by T.P. Whelan
chairman
Irish Vintners

49% of total French production and such wines as Cortemins, Minervois and Pinot Noir should enjoy increasing recognition. This area is also the bulk source for many brands, and therefore should grow in line with the market if their prices remain competitive. Thus, market owners have the flexibility of changing source.

German wines have made dramatic progress on the Irish market reflecting both a style of wine appreciated by the consumer and a realistic pricing policy by the producers. There are certain developments in this area that give cause for concern, and what reflect the cut-throat price war amongst the multiples.

The original market was almost entirely for the old reliables, Liebfraumilch, Riesling and Berliner Bier, followed by the new brands introduced by the market and while occasional years she has suffered heavy attack from the products of Italy and Germany she still has a respectable 20% share (45% of quality wines are considered). In this volume about 53% are Appellation Controlled wines. This latter qualification does not at all guarantee quality as many people think but only authenticity. By its control on output, packaging and the amount of wine available is restricted and where demand is fine wines good growth is pushing these latter wines to absurd levels which Irish consumers cannot afford.

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EVENING HERALD, RUNWAY AND BASIL.

All the above media carried the
story of the liquid BASIL. The new
creation of the BAI made world
famous by the expertise of Danny
Toland in Paris during the recent
IBA Conference and Competition.

Danny, who is Hon Secretary of the
Bartenders Association of Ireland
and works, shakes and mixes at the
Cocktail Bar, Dublin Airport, had
three pedigree horses running for
him (racing parlance) Tullamore Dew,
Tia Maria and Grand Marnier. Try
BASIL - it's delicious, it's a
winner, sure to satisfy.

All BAI members should become
familiar with this new world famous
Irish cocktail - the name and
ingredients are easy to remember.

BASIL

5/10 Tullamore Dew, 3/10 Grand Marnier, 2/10 Tia Maria, mix. Float fresh cream on
top. Flavour with zest of orange. Decorate with thin orange peel.

COCA-COLA CHILDREN'S PARTY - SPORTS COMPLEX, DUBLIN AIRPORT

By Joe Tyndall

Over 100 children thoroughly enjoyed the Annual Christmas Party of the BAI,
sponsored once again by our very good friends "Coca-Cola". Venue was the sports
complex at Dublin Airport. Thanks to the hard working committee, who left nothing
to chance, on which they are to be congratulated. When handling so many children
as much can go wrong, but this party had service almost as smooth as the Arrivals
Bar. A special thank you to Val McMahon, Joe Casey, Danny Toland, Sheila Nugent,
Paul McNally and of course the most authentic looking Santa Claus, our own Eamon
Preston.

To Coca-Cola, on behalf of all members
and their children, thanks a million
"for the real thing".

PS - From the parents thanks for the
wonderful service from Mr L
O'Toole and associates at the bar.

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BAI NORTHERN BRANCH

By Billy Roche

A team of BAI members, led by President, Joe Casey and Vice-President, Paul McNally, had the happy task of travelling to Dundalk on Wednesday 21 February to meet a delegation from Northern Ireland, led by our old and valued friends, Johnny Johnston and Pat McAneney.

We landed at the Balymascanlion Hotel on schedule, thanks to our pilot, Paddy and quite a few of the lads from the North had already arrived. We spent a very enjoyable half-hour or so just chatting to our new found friends and then we moved off to the Imperial Hotel where refreshments and lunch were all laid on, courtesy of Harp Brewery. An excellent lunch and words of welcome from Mr J Corr, Administration Manager, Harp Brewery. He said Mr J Neville had sent his apologies for non-attendance, but it was due to a family bereavement. Our President, Joe Casey, thanked Mr Corr and the staff of the Imperial, as did Johnny Johnston on behalf of the Northern delegation. We then moved to the Harp Brewery for our meeting, the purpose being, the formation of a Northern Branch of the BAI.

President, Joe Casey, opened the meeting and thanked the Northern delegation for coming. He briefly outlined the ambitions and aims of the Bartenders Association of Ireland with the emphasis on our image at international level and then Vice-President, Paul McNally, went on to deal with the education aspect. He outlined the facilities that are available in co-operation with the College of Marketing and Design and CERT, for the running of short courses, the Powers Gold Label Scholarship, courtesy of Irish Distillers of Ireland Ltd and from the Milestone Company in Carlingford for two to travel to France to a wine area. All these taken with cocktail competitions, tastings, film shows etc. assured members of a pretty full social calendar as well.

Hon Treasurer, Joe Tyndall, gave a breakdown on the finances and assured everybody that we are in a healthy state. He explained that each area was encouraged to organise its own activities to raise funds but that it has been agreed that from each subscription of £8 paid, £2 should revert back to the branch for travel funds etc.

Secretary, Danny Toland, spoke briefly, but pointedly about the need to uphold standards and pointed out that BAI membership was up to around 30 countries now and lets have Ireland up with the best of them.

Our Trustee, Mr D Heather of Irish Distillers Ltd, who took the trouble to travel up for the meeting stated that we need to project our image abroad as Ireland - not Dublin, Cork, Galway, or Belfast etc. We also had a telephone message from our other Trustee, Mr Phil Smyth wishing the meeting every success.

The Northern team were as follows: Chairman, Johnny Johnston, Secretary, Michael Callahan, Treasurer, Paddy McAneney, Trustee, Ronnie Hartill, Ed Dillon and Co. A second Trustee is still to be decided. Also present: Alan Anderson, Bass Group, Oliver Macleese, Gabriel McFadden, Pat Caulley, Christy Stephenson and Gatet Jones, College of Business Studies, who expressed an interest in opening up a dialogue with the College of Marketing and Design.

Johnny Johnston, Paddy McAneney and all their team and indeed to our President, Joe Casey, who has achieved everything that he set out to do in his tenure of office.

A great day for the Bartenders Association of Ireland.
BARTENDERS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

NORTHERN BRANCH

The first meeting of the above took place at the "Inn at the Park" on Sunday 8 October 1978 with the object of forming a BAI branch.

The Chairman, Johnny Johnston, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanked them for such a large attendance. Some members had travelled some 30 miles from Londonderry. The interest shown spoke well for the future of the area.

The Chairman then explained the objects of the Association which led to a lot of questions from the body of the hall and this made for a very good first meeting.

The question arose about lady members and the Chairman said, at the moment, he didn't think they were allowed but he would make inquiries for the next meeting which would be held early in January.

Mr Ronnie Hamill, Sales Manager of Edward Dillon and Company, brought greetings from Jerry Fitzpatrick of the Gresham Hotel.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking the management and staff of the "Inn at the Park" for all their help and also for the coffee and biscuits which were appreciated by all.

NORTHERN BRANCH, BAI

Minutes of meeting held in Chester Park Hotel on Sunday 25 February 1979

The first meeting of the Northern Branch was held in the Chester Park Hotel on Sunday 25 February 1979.

The Chairman, Mr Johnny Johnston opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for such a good attendance. He also reported on his recent trip to Dundalk, where he met the President Mr Joe Casey and officers, it was a very good meeting and he expressed his thanks to Harp Lager for their hospitality.

The Chairman introduced Michael Callaghan as Hon Secretary, Pat McAnerney as Hon Treasurer and Ronnie Hamill (Dillons) as Hon Trustee.

The Chairman explained to the younger members that the area Martini Scholarship would be held in Belfast on 25 April and asked if anyone was interested to put forward their name after the meeting.

The members were told that the Annual General Meeting would be held in the Clarence Hotel on Sunday 4 March and anyone wishing to attend would be more than welcome. Attending will be Mr Johnny Johnston, Mr Pat McAnerney and Mr Pat Gavley. It was also noted that the Annual Dinner Dance will be held in Jury's Hotel on Tuesday 13 March.

It was suggested that we hold a Dinner Dance as soon as possible so we made enquiries from Mr McVeigh, Manager of the Chester Park Hotel and the date chosen was Tuesday 3 April, tickets will be limited to members only. It is hoped that the new President will be able to travel to our first function.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking Mr McVeigh and his staff for their hospitality.
BAI WESTERN BRANCH

Wednesday night, 7 February and all roads led to Galway. Why you might ask? It was, of course, our First Dinner Dance which was held in the Sacre Coeur Hotel in Salthill.

We had a large attendance augmented by a coachful of our Limerick and Shannon members with our good friend and Liaison Officer, John Sheehan at the ‘helm’. We also received our guests from Dublin including President, Joe Casey, Garry Benson and Paul McHally. We also met for the first time Frank O’Keefe from Jury’s. Guest of honour was the Mayor of Galway, Mr John Francis King and his wife. Also on the guest list were the Chairman of Galway City VFI, Mr Oliver Gannon and his wife, Nuala, Vice-Chairman of the Salthill VFI, Mr Dervan O’Leary and his wife, Myra. The clergy was represented by Fr Difilly of the Jesuits. The night got off to a great start and the first speaker was the Mayor. He was delighted to be associated with the BAI and pledged his support for any facilities that the branch may require down the years. Mr Joe Casey, President, spoke as did our friends from the VFI. Dancing then started and everybody enjoyed the night. A luncheon for the committee and guests took place in the Corrib Great Southern the next day and we wish to thank Mr Colin Smith and Mr Tom Fegly of Guinness Group Sales who kindly hosted the function.

Next stop was a visit to Cooke’s Hatch Bar where Mr Peter Cooke, Treasurer, BAI, presented Mr Garry Benson with a painting in appreciation of his training of management and staff of the Hatch Bar. A sing-song followed and we gave a great send off to our friends from Dublin and Limerick.
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