

# BLUFFER'S GUIDE TO IRISH GOLF - 2014

**27.01.2014** R&A allows distance measuring devices in its 2014 championships.

**13.01.2014** EY appointed as Receivers to the 5 star Lodge at Doonbeg. Trump buys it for est €8.7m in Feb. renamed Trump International.

**13.4.2014** Bubba Watson wins the Masters

**22.4.2014** Jack Hume beat Robbie Cannon by 1 hole in West of Ireland Championship.

**22.4.2014** Peter Dawson announces retirement as CEO of R&A in 2015 and later receives lifetime achievement award.

**15.6.2014.** Martin Kaymer wins US Open at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club

**11.5.2014** Jamie Savage (Sco) wins Irish Amateur Open at RDGC.

**31.5.2014** Colm Campbell wins East of Ireland.

**22.6.2014** Stephanie Meadows finishes third in US Open at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club.

**16.6.2014** Royal Portrush invited to host the Open Championship.

**13.6.2014** Brendan McCarroll wins 2014 Open Peugeot (Alps)

**14.7.2014** IGF confirms qualification system for 2016 Olympics

**17.7.2014** Kevin Le Blanc (The Island) wins Junior Open Championship West Lancashire

**18.7.2014** Chris Selfridge (Moyola Park) wins Northern Ireland Championship at Royal Portrush

**30.7.14** Stuart Bleakley (Shandon Park) wins South of Ireland

**11.8.2014** Woman awarded EUR 275k after being hit by golf ball as player fails to shout fore.

**10.8.2014** Rory McIlroy Open Championship winning ball sells for \$52k at auction.

**15.8.2014** Ireland win Raymond Trophy for Home Internationals.

**17.8.2014** Rowan Lester is runner-up in British Boys Amateur at Prestwick

**18.08.2014** Tony Saliba ('Market Wizard') rumoured to have paid £8m for Lough Erne resort in examinership since 2011.

**03.9.2014** Adare Manor Hotel and Golf Resort for sale through CBRE by NAMA.

**Sept 2014** 'Doom Creator' buys Heritage Health and Spa Resort

**Sept 2014** Brehon Capital buys Citywest

**01.10.14** McIlroy voted PGA Tour Player of the year

**October 2014** Thomas Talbot faces €0.5m legal bill challenging inference of "Handicap Building" against GUI, Hermitage GC and Eddie Jones

**November 2014** JP McManus buys Adare Manor Hotel and Golf Resort

**Waterford Island Castle and golf resort for sale** guiding €4.5m

**11.12.2014** Paul McGinley to captain Irish team at Rio Olympics.

**December 2014** Beaufort G.C. (Kerry) for sale guiding €2m. Purchased by Magill family 2006 for €12m.

**Jan**

07.02.14 Dermot McElroy 2nd South African

**Feb**

March 2014 Blarney Golf Resort sold for €2.5m sight unseen.

**Mar**

13.04.2014 Eugene Smith Ardee 2nd Duncan Putter.

21.05.2014 Rory McIlroy calls off engagement with Caroline Wozniacki.

**Apr**

30.05.2014 Adrian Morrow wins Irish Seniors Amateur at Waterville

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May 2014 Stephanie Meadow named SEC Player and Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

14.06.2014 Stuart Grehan (Tullamore) wins Irish Amateur Close, Seapoint

**Jun**

20.05.2014 Lucy Li at 11 becomes youngest qualified for US Women's Open

25.05.2014 Rory McIlroy wins BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth.

11.05.2014 Martin Kaymer wins Players'

22.6.2014 Bradley Neil wins Amateur Championship at Royal Portrush and

12.7.2014 Dr. Alistair Hanna the man behind the dream for the Bushmills Resort and Hotel dies. Resort founders later in year as funding proves difficult.

June 2014 Hazel Kavanagh makes history winning an Irish PGA event at Arklow.

20.7.2014 McIlroy wins Open at Hoylake.

06.7.2014 McDowell wins French Open at Le Golf Nat.I.

3.8.2014 McIlroy wins WGC Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone C.C.

**Aug**

26.7.2014 Luna Sobrón wins Ladies EAC at Estonian G&CC at 8th hole play-off

14.08.2014 Tiger Woods removes himself as wild card pick for Ryder Cup.

6.8.2014 Ashley Chesters wins EAC at Duke's St. Andrews. Gary Hurley 3rd.

10.8.2014 Rory McIlroy wins PGA Championship at Valhalla GC, Louisville, Kentucky.

July 2014 Castleknock Golf Club up for sale at €2.5m following receivers appt. in January. Sold for € 4.5m. Kilmashogue for sale at €2.475m.

**Sept**

01.9.2014 GB&I win St Andrews/ Jacques Leglise incl. Hurley, Lester and Dunne.

09.09.2014 Ireland to host 2018 World Amateur Championship at Carton House

August 2014 Robinhall House, McIlroy's former home (2009-2013)

August 2014 McDowell announces split with Horizon by end of year.

**Oct**

19.09.2014 Vote to allow women membership of Royal and Ancient.

28.9.2014 McGinley's Team Europe win Ryder Cup at Centenary Course in Gleneagles 16.5/11.5

October 2014 Dundrum House Hotels goes to market at €2.75m

05.10.2014 Niall Kearney wins Irish Professional Golf Championship at Adare GC

**Nov**

October 2014 Rory takes timeout to focus on legal battle as mediation with HSM fails.

07.12.2014 Padraig Harrington wins Indonesian Open 2014

09.12.2014 Stephanie Meadows pipped to Ladies' PGA card in playoff.

**Dec**

16.12.2014 Seamus Power wins Web.com tour card.

01.12.2014 Niall Kearney wire-to-wire win at PGA Playoffs

World Rankings						Professional									
Men's - Amateur		Women's - Amateur		Men's - Professional		Women's - Professional		Men's - Race for Dubai		Women's - LET					
Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name				
33	Gavin Moynihan	107	Paula Grant	1	Rory McIlroy	102	Stephanie Meadow	1	Rory McIlroy	89	Rebecca Codd				
47	Paul Dunne	243	Olivia Mehaffey	15	Graeme McDowell			10	Shane Lowry	<b>Men's - Challenge Tour</b>					
55	Jack Hume	263	Mary Doyle	44	Shane Lowry			14	Graeme McDowell	89	Gareth Shaw				
67	Gary Hurley	359	Jessica Carty	206	Michael Hoey			57	Michael Hoey	97	Niall Kearney				
<b>US Ryder Cup Select</b>						<b>GB&amp;I Ryder Cup Select</b>									
1	Rickie Fowler	0-2-3	7	Jordan Spieth	2-1-1	1	Rory McIlroy	1-1-2	7	Justin Rose	3-0-2	95	Damian McGrane	105	Ruaidhri McGee
2	Zach Johnston	0-2-1	8	Jimmy Walker	1-1-3	2	Henrik Stenson	3-1-0	8	Martin Kaymer	1-1-2	97	Padraig Harrington	124	Alan Dunbar
3	Jim Furyk	1-3-0	9	Bubba Watson	0-3-0	3	Victor Duboisson	2-0-1	9	Graeme McDowell	3-0-0	123	Gareth Maybin	170	Stephen Grant
4	Matt Kuchar	1-3-0	10	Keegan Bradley	1-2-0	4	Jamie Donaldson	3-1-0	10	Ian Poulter	0-1-2	129	Kevin Phelan	<b>Men's - Race to El Gouna</b>	
5	Phil Mickelson	2-1-0	11	Hunter Mahan	1-2-1	5	Sergio Garcia	2-1-1	11	Sephen Gallacher	0-2-0	134	Darren Clarke	10	Jonathan Caldwell
6	Patrick Reed	3-0-1	12	Webb Simpson	0-1-1	6	Thomas Bjorn	0-2-1	12	Lee Westwood	2-2-0	146	Simon Thornton	19	Richard Kilpatrick
												167	Paul Mc Ginley	26	Michael McGeary

AIG Senior Cup - Tramore

AIG Jimmy Bruen Shield - Waterford

AIG Pierce Purcell Shield - Spanish Point

AIG Junior Cup - Castletroy

AIG Barton Shield - Muskerry