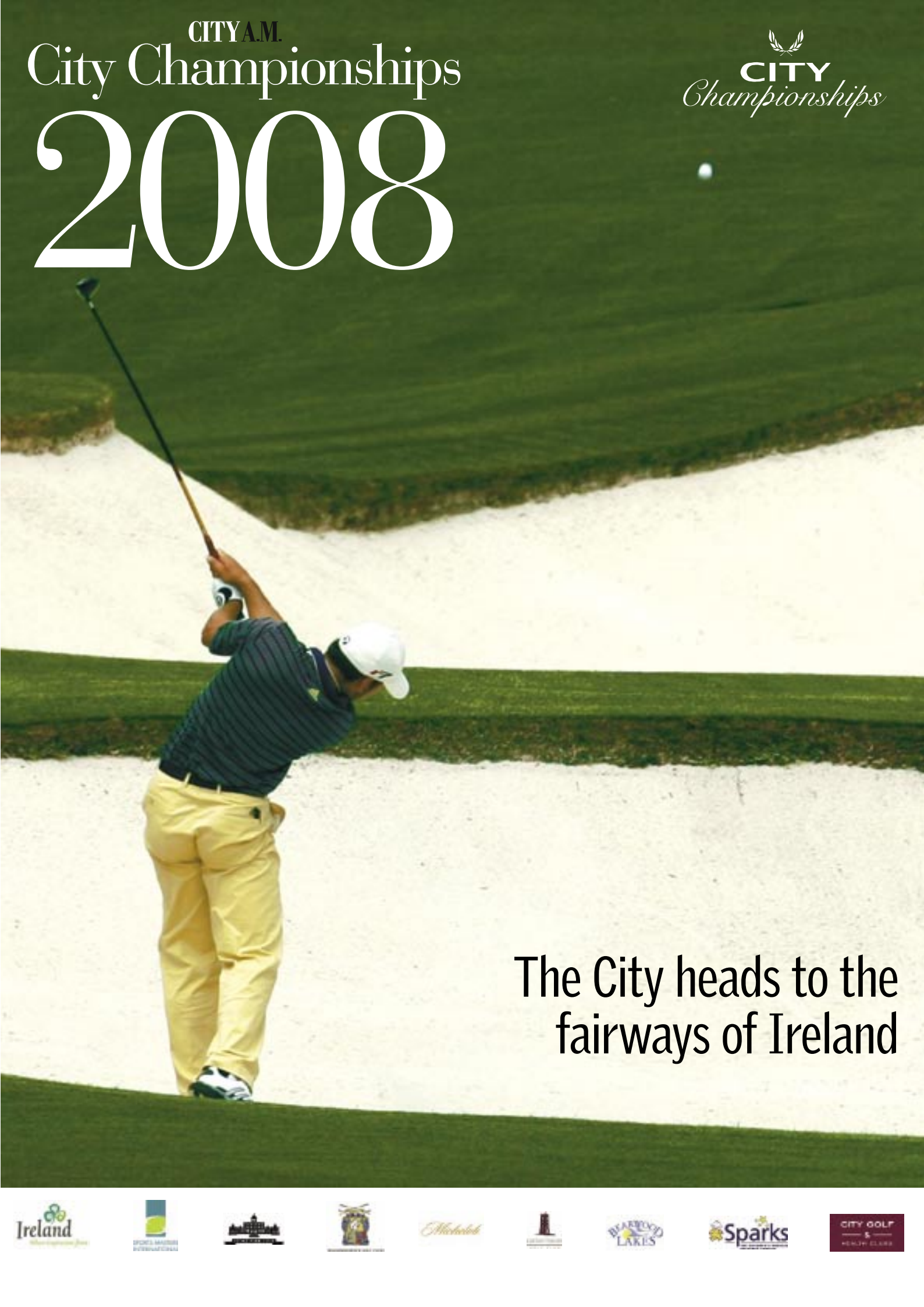


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Investment bunkers

The Square Mile's golfers enjoyed the course and the craic at the City Golf Championships in Ireland, reports **Jessica Fellowes**

ACROSS eight centuries, the stately Carton House and its extensive grounds has been host to a colourful line-up of owners and guests including several Earls, Queen Victoria, Grace Kelly, Peter Sellers and Marianne Faithfull. But under its current incarnation as a luxury hotel with two challenging golf courses spread over 1,100 acres, it was the ideal setting for the finals of the 2008 City Golf Championships.

LONGEST DRIVE
The good golfers were not to be defeated, however, and on the first day the Longest Drive went to Claire Norman of Ashurst, with Nearest the Pin going to Pat Cunningham of Ace Group. Iain Webb-Wilson of Miller Insurance won this latter challenge the next day, but Pat held his own by winning the Longest Drive instead! To celebrate, all the competing teams were whisked off to the Old Jameson's Distillery in Dublin and thoroughly entertained with Irish dance and music, not to mention the very Irish coffee.

The second day, on the O'Meara course, was not quite as tough but was neverthe-

less challenging. It was perhaps most memorable for its particularly beautiful 14th, 15th and 16th holes (the last of which is close to Marianne Faithfull's old cottage, where she enjoyed some of the Swinging Sixties).

GOLDEN SALON

Over lunch in the ornate golden Salon, the prizes were awarded. In fourth place was the Bird & Bird team - team captain Justin Walkey had managed to rope in former Scottish & Lions captain Gavin Hastings to their clear advantage. In third place was Mirabelle Partners, captained by Ashwani Mathur. Ashurst, captained by Stuart Walker, came second. But the coveted first prize went to the Merrill Lynch team; captain Rowen Pestana, said: "After four years of competing in the championships, it's great to win it at last. The event was brilliantly organised as always - we look forward to defending our title next year."

Simon Jacot de Boinod, CEO of City Championships added: "We were very happy to conclude the successful year of

The course was designed by Colin Montgomerie while he was divorcing his wife, which maybe explains the 137 bunkers

City Championships at Carton House, European Resort 2008, and especially splendid thanks to the support we have received from Tourism Ireland. Now we're looking forward to the City Ski Championships for March 2009".



Above: The Carton House golf course

Left: Claire Norman from the Ashurst Walker team



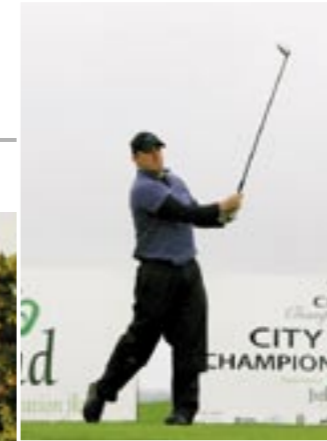
Left: Tourism Ireland team

Right: Justin Walkey on the tee

Below: Simon Culliford, Miller Insurance



Right: Bird & Bird team



Top Left: Gavin Hastings, Bird & Bird team

Above: Lee Blasdale from Hanson Lee

Right: Fun and dancing at the Old Jameson Distillery

The 2008 City Golf Championships



Left: Rowen Pestana, captain of the Winning Merrill Lynch team

Right: Richard Gubbins, Captain of the Ashurst Gubbins team

Below: The Winning Team-Merrill Lynch. From left to right: Suzanne Morris (Tourism Ireland), Richard Holland, Gerry Bradley, Rowen Pestana (Captain), Philip Kemp, Kate Crossman (Tourism Ireland)



2008 CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

RESULTS SHEET

POSITION	NAME	TEAM NAME
Day 1 Nearest The Pin	Pat Cunningham	Bird & Bird
Day 1 Longest Drive	Claire Norman	Ashurst (Walker)
Day 2 Nearest The Pin	Iain Webb Wilson	Miller Insurance
Day 2 Longest Drive	Pat Cunningham	Bird & Bird



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TEAM RESULTS

POSITION	POINTS	TEAM NAME	CAPTAIN	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4
1st	158	Merrill Lynch	Rowen Pestana	Gerry Bradley	Philip Kemp	Richard Holland
3rd	151	Ashurst (Walker)	Stuart Walker	Jamie Newbold	Paul Beckwith	Claire Norman
4th	150	Mirabelle Partners	Ashwani Mathur	Bharat Rawia	Rajat Wahii	Gavin Keane
5th	149	Bird & Bird	Justin Walkey	Tim Mitchell	Gavin Hastings	Pat Cunningham
6th	145	Piper Jaffray	Jonathan Knapman	Alan Healy	Gordon Blair	Gary Dudman
7th	143	UHY Hacker Young	Marc Waterman	Nick Mitchell	Jeremy Litchfield	Stuart Russell
8th	141	Ashurst (Gubbins)	Richard Gubbins	Carolyn Gubbins	Richard Palmer	Jonathan Silver
9th	139	Miller Insurance	Iain Webb Wilson	Gilly Webb Wilson	Ian Jarrett	Simon Culliford
10th	135	Hanson Lee	Lee Blasdale	Nicholas Shortis	John Walker	Dennis Blasdale
11th	114	BNP Paribas	James Doswell	Marc Tomlinson	Len Downie	Alan Cable
12th	90	City Championships	Rupert De Klee	Amin Momen	Aine Mangan	Emma Sweeney
Best Sponsor Team	155	Anheuser Busch	Jonathan Olds	Jason Saunders	Andy Robinson	Andy Edwards

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