Dublin University Rifle Club

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The Dublin University Rifle Club is one of the oldest, largest and most successful sports clubs in Trinity College today. We celebrate the 40^{th} anniversary of the founding of the modern club this year, and last year saw the 160^{th} anniversary of the original college rifle club. We currently have 398 members, making us the largest sporting club in the College. DURC members act as part of the National Target Shooting Association committee and we have been requested by the NTSA to manage the logistics for the Air Rifle Nationals for the last two years. This past year alone, DURC members have competed in 27 national-level competitions and four international level competitions, including two World Cups; we won a total of 38 prizes at these competitions. DURC has had at least one competitor qualify for the Irish National Squad every year for the past twenty years; at present we have four, including two juniors. This year's Munich World Cup saw a DURC member acting as Irish Team Manager. We have a long history of international competition, and an excellent reputation both here and abroad. A DURC competitor was the first Irish competitor to win a gold medal abroad and DURC competitors have represented Ireland at international level many times. We also have a healthy public image, with many articles in national, local and College newspapers and magazines, as well as occasional television coverage.

The prime event for which we are seeking sponsorship at present is the DURC 10m Air Rifle Open, our main external air rifle competition of the year, to be held on November 24^{th} and 25^{th}. This event is the standard 10m Air Rifle Olympic discipline, and usually has upwards of forty senior competitors and twenty junior competitors from all over the country, though that number has been rising steadily in recent years. The competition receives coverage in national, local and college newsletters. The opens are also open to competitors from abroad, and this year we are hoping to invite competitors from the Isle of Man and from the UK. We would welcome an "Eircell Cup" in both competitions, with the Eircell logo on all prizes given out. Such prizes could include mobile phones or other such promotional items.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this proposal further. I can be contacted at the above addresses; I look forward to hearing from you.

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Mark Dennehy,
DURC Secretary