

Model caddies all set to hit Irish courses

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FORGET the Ryder Cup WAGS. Irish golf is now set for a new injection of glamour, thanks to the arrival of Eye Candy Caddies.

Birdies of a different kind will soon be spotted on Irish golf courses, with eye-catching female caddies offering their services on the fairways.

The quirky venture is the brainchild of former model and businesswoman Sarah Stacey, who has been running the UK branch of the company for the last 18 months. However, she has now tapped into the Irish market, capitalising on Ireland's continuing love affair with golf.

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She explained: "I run a model agency and my husband is a former golf professional. I got the idea when my husband told me, 'I wish my caddies were as good looking as your models'."

Her UK enterprise currently has 200 "cute caddies" on the books, with heavy bookings for corporate and charity golf days as well as stag events. She's even planning to spread the news about Eye Candy Caddies by creating a 2007 Caddie calendar.

Now Irish golfers can get in on the act as Sarah has just launched the venture in Ireland, with the help of business partner Bernie McGovern. The company has already held one casting day and now has 20 caddies on the books.



And models who fancy strutting their stuff on the golf courses can apply to joining at a number of forthcoming casting days.

Sarah revealed: "The PGA approached me two months before the Ryder Cup to see if I could provide caddies for the corporate events being run at the K Club. It wasn't viable to bring the girls over from England so I decided it was time to set up here."

"We have a special training programme run by a full-time golf professional so all the girls are fully trained caddies and familiar with golf etiquette".

If you thought golf was glamorous after the recent Ryder Cup, Eye Candy Caddies

are about to bring the glitz factor to a new level.

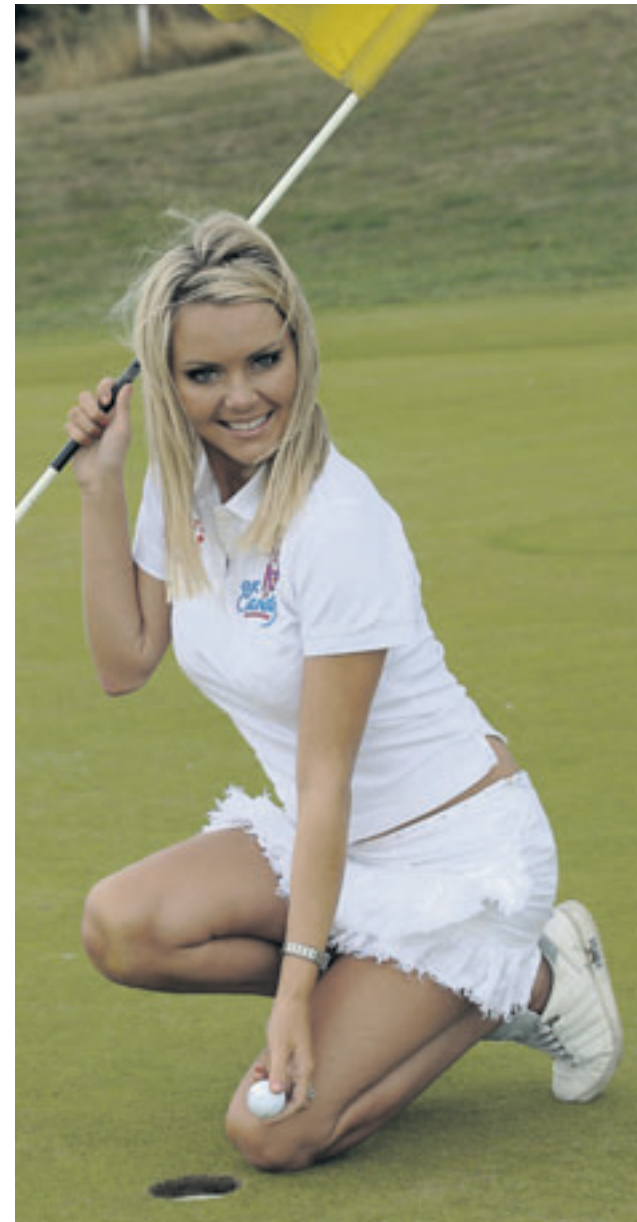
The team are always decked out in their official caddy uniforms, and many of them are themselves keen golfers.

However, enjoying the caddy services of a beautiful woman doesn't come cheap. Prices for 18 holes of golf start at €330 per person, while the girls can also be hired to present prizes or to provide course refreshments.

And while the current crew of gorgeous caddies devote their attentions mainly to the corporate and entertainment circuit, Sarah believes they also have what it takes to work on the professional tour.



BUGGY BABE: All the models are fully trained caddies



GOING CLUBBING . . . But a round with a beautiful model caddy will cost you €330

Dunne's K Club pad goes up for sale

LARGER than life businessman Ben Dunne is selling his luxurious K Club home but be warned bidders, he won't be beaten on price.

The palatial golfing pad which overlooks the internationally famed course is on sale for a cool €4 million. It's expected to be released onto the market next month and after the worldwide coverage which the Ryder Cup received, he shouldn't be short of offers.

And the best perk for any golf fan is the fact that the house comes with two

memberships of the exclusive golf club.

Prospective buyers of number 2 Churchfields are being reminded that this house has only been "occasionally lived in".

It is dubbed as being "pristine in the manner of a second home" and boasts a beautiful interior. It is not known why the business tycoon has chosen to off-load his golfing residence or whether he is intending on upgrading to a new one.

The house itself is part of a small development of 20

individually designed and lavishly decorated homes that overlook the golf course.

Other owners of properties in the exclusive development include property developers Sean Dunne and Noel Smyth, a Texan oil baron and K Club owner Michael Smurfit.

In fact, Dunne's is one of the more modest detached residences in this cul-de-sac of multi-millionaires.

The two-storey, three bedroomed house features plenty of glass for

picturesque views of the beautiful surrounding countryside.

A major feature of the first floor is a veranda from which the best of golfing can be enjoyed. The wide array of gorgeous furniture is included in the sale and blends in beautifully with the earthy tones of the interior. The overall feel of the home is described as "rustic" with an "emphasis on honey coloured wood and tiling".

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