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**BLAINROE GOLF CLUB HONOURS IRISH RUGBY
AND LIONS STAR, DENIS HICKIE**

Blainroe Golf Club made a special presentation to one of their most exclusive members, Irish Rugby International and Lions star, Denis Hickie, recently. The presentation was to mark the occasion of his selection to the British & Irish Lions Tour of New Zealand.

The event was well attended by members and former Ireland and International fly half and club member, Paul Dean was also present to lend his support. Denis has been a member of Blainroe for 10 years and plays as often as his busy training schedule will allow. It is not hard to see why Denis chose to become a member of this Wicklow club. Blainroe is located in one of the most beautiful areas in Wicklow with sea views from all 18 holes. The club, established in 1978, has moved with the times to ensure it is one of the top clubs in the country. This was demonstrated, recently, at the launch of the newly remodeled course. The modernization of the course carries the prestigious Hawtree & Son design signature.

Michael Geraghty Senior, Captain of Blainroe Golf Club was honoured to make the presentation to Denis; *“On behalf of the members of Blainroe Golf Club I am delighted to make this presentation to Denis to mark his selection to the British & Irish Lions Tour of New Zealand. The members have followed Denis’s career with great interest since he was first capped for Ireland in 1997 and we wanted to mark his selection to the Lions”*

D. Vincent Delahunt, President of Blainroe Golf Club also added; *“ We are very proud to have Denis as a member and we were delighted when he was selected for the Lions.*

We all wish him every success and we know he will play a major role in making this a successful tour against the All Blacks”

Denis Hickie has enjoyed a successful career with Ireland, notching up an incredible 51 caps for his country. Denis is all set to start the pre tour preparation and training shortly before setting off on the 11th match tour of New Zealand.

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Notes to editor:

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