

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF BunnishooleTOWN OR VILLAGE KeelPARISH AchillCOUNTY Mayo

ANGLING (Fresh water)

If there is only one river or lake in the parish this form (B) will suffice. For additional waters Form Ba to be used.

RIVER OR LAKE Keel Lake Nearest point to town (distance) 1 ml

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout, Sea Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon — Sea trout 1 1/4 lbs Brown trout 1/2 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon — Sea trout from July 1st Brown trout from Mid Feb to June.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon —Sea trout Claret-and-Hallard, Watson's Fancy, Blue-and-Black, Blue Zulu.Brown trout March brown, Hares Ear, Wilkham's Fancy, Greenwood's Glory.

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.

Strictly preserved.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Leased from Irish Land Commission by the Achill Sporting Club. Secretary: F. Pille Esq, Glendarary, Achill Sound.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

James Murphy, Esq, Sandybank, Keel, Achill Is. Co. Mayo.Charge for boat & boatman for a day is from 10/- to 15/-.A boat is hardly necessary as excellent fishing can be had from the banks or with waders.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Keel Village: Achill Head Hotel, Anallhydt Hotel, Keel Bay Hotel, Minam Hotel, The Barvie etc.

Local Angling Club Achill Sporting Club Membership Fee 70/- Season.Secretary (and Address) F. Pille, Esq, Glendarary, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo.

Note: Ticket for 1 day - 5/-, 1 calendar month - 30/-
1 week - 15/-, 2 weeks - 20/- (these charges are subject to alteration)

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds:

The sea fishing is good at most points around the island but especially good fishing grounds are at Keem Bay and around Achill & Saddle Heads.

Kinds of fish to be caught:

Turbot, mackerel, pollack, haddock, ling, cod, sole, tope, coalfish, portbeagle shark, etc.

Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges per day:

The most suitable boats for sea fishing are curraghs. Very few of these are available at Keel. Visiting fishermen prefer to start from Dooagh (2 mls west) as it is a more convenient starting point for the better fishing grounds at Keem Bay and Achill Head. Boats are numerous in Dooagh and are easily hired. Good boatmen are: Michael McNamara, Dooagh, Charlie O'Malley, Dooagh & John Patten, Keem Bay House, Dooagh. Charge per day for man and boat is 20/- see form for Dooagh village.
Bait available locally? yes Fishing tackle? yes
Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn. none

GOLFING

Name of Club none No. of holes —

Situation and brief description of course:

Name of Professional —

Is there a clubhouse on course? — Licensed? —

Green fees (Visitors): Per day — Per week —

RACING

(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year none

Under which rules? —

Situation of course —

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds —

Harriers —

Beagles —

COURSING

Name of Club none Meeting held annually? —

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company none

Races on (nights) —

SHOOTING

N.B. See note re shooting attached to front of this form

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available: *H. J. M.*

Good shooting available over the whole island.

Grouse, Snipe, Woodcock, plover, pigeon, curlew, wild

Duck & fescs plentiful. No free shooting.

Note: grouse shooting is forbidden for some seasons to come so as to improve the stock.

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses:

*Ashill Sporting Club. Secretary: F. Piles, ^{GLENDARARY} Glendarary, Ashill
Sound, Co. Mayo.*

Daily ticket for shooting is 5/-

Shooting Club — Secy. —

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club — Competitions held? —

ROWING AND SAILING

Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.

none.

GAMES AND RECREATIONS.

Name of Club or Committee concerned with the following:
(In each case give location of sports ground or recreation hall)

Gaelic Football —
 Hurling —
 Handball — Handball alley? —
 Soccer *The Keel Shamrocks, Sandybank, Keel, Achill.*
 Rugby —
 Cricket —
 Hockey —
 Bowls —
 Bowling (on public roads) —
 Lawn Tennis *Achill Head Hotel, private courts. Kinds of courts Soft.*
 Croquet —
 Billiards —
 Badminton —
 Table Tennis *Corrymore House, Dooagh has private table tennis. Also Smeltys Hotel, Keel.*
 Bridge Club —
 Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) *none*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club *none* Events held under rules of —
 do. *none*

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.) in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

St Patrick's Day is the big day. Promoters There are no official promoters on Achill Island. Everyone turns out for a sort of pattern. The Dooagh & Keel & Dooagh bands have a sort of Church parade & lead the fun for the rest of the day. There are "standings" set up to sell all manner of goods.

DATE *10/8/62*

(Signed) *M. J. B. O'Kelly*
 Surveyor.