

## Barrier Pub wins global award

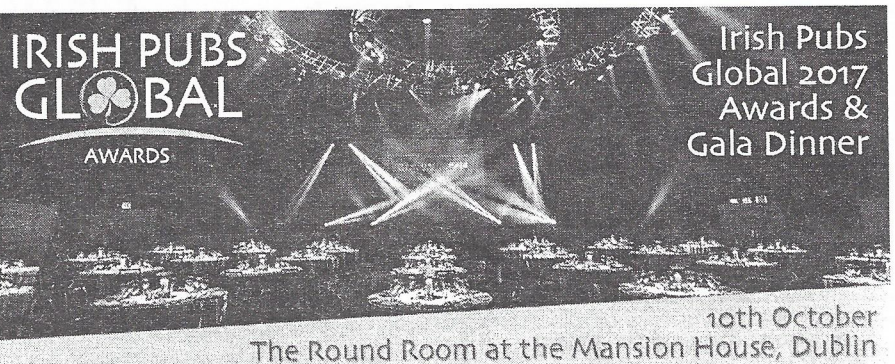
Barrier's Currach Irish Pub in Pa Beach has been awarded a prestigious global award as part of over 16,000 nominations. Irish Pubs Global is an independent Trust established in Ireland supported by Tourism Ireland and Bord Bia (Irish Food Board) to connect and support Irish Pubs. Every year they hold what they call the Irish Pub Oscars – an award ceremony recognising outstanding businesses around the world. This is entirely nomination based and the final shortlist is judged by an independent industry panel.



"We received an email and phone call from Dublin telling us of our shortlist I thought it was a windup from an Irish friend" says co-owner and Kerry woman Maire Burns. "They have nominations from five areas – Ireland, UK, Europe, North America and the Rest Of The World. We were so thrilled to have been nominated in the top 10 Irish Pubs in the Rest of the World group for Best Community Irish Pub and Best Craft Beer Experience Pub". We were invited to the award ceremony in Mansion House in Dublin last Thursday but thought it was a bit far to go for the night". "When we received word that we had won the Best Craft Beer Experience Pub in the Rest of the World we were blown away. It is a huge accolade" said Maire.

Craft Beer is a huge boom industry around the world. "I have always had a fondness for real ale from my time in the UK and organisations like CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) promoting traditional naturally brewed beers" said Phill Judd. I was fortunate on to meet up with some amazing brewers including NZ brewing legends Alan Knight and Ben Middlemiss on Waiheke Island and, with friend Dave Roast, did courses in brewing with natural malts and hops. When we returned to The Currach in 2013 we bought craft beers back with us to the island and we now have eight draught beer taps including Guinness, of course, some NZ brands, and four taps plus a traditional hand pump dedicated to some superb hand crafted beers from Waiheke Island and NZ boutique breweries. Craft Beer is certainly taking off at The Currach and is increasingly popular with both locals and visitors."

The Currach has recently installed a Wood Fired Pizza Oven to enhance the food range available. "There is nothing to beat the combination of a pint of beautiful craft beer and wood fired pizza on such a magnificently beautiful island in probably the most remote Irish Craft pub in the world. It just doesn't get any better" said Phill



**The Currach Irish Pub  
& Innkeeper's Lodge**



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Wood Fired  
Pizza**

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