

# Spanish Point retain their Munster crown

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THE Spanish Point team that retained the Munster title of the Pierce Purcell Shield in Faithlegg, Waterford on Saturday included six survivors from the ten man team that won an historic first title for the club last year.

The gang of six who have played on both Munster title winning teams are Kevin Hynes, Aidan Sexton, Mervyn Hehir, Evan Talty, Stephen Guilfoyle and Fergal Hehir.

They were joined on the winning team by four newcomers to Munster final action in Damian Sexton, Michael O'Brien, Niall Heeney and Eric Murrphy who stepped into the side in place of Michéal Talty, Michéal Hehir, Conor O'Loughlin and Anthony Garrihy who moved up to Jimmy Bruen Shield competition this year.

And the Jimmy Bruen Shield team made a bold bit for provincial honours as well, reaching the Munster semi-final stage before being edged out by another nine-hole course in Lisselan just outside Clonakilty, who went on to beat Tralee in decider.

It was left to the Pierce Purcell team to bring glory to Clare, something they did in decisive fashion in both their semi-final and final victories.

"We beat Killarney 4-1 in the semi-

final but we were down in four of our matches after the seven or eight holes, but the lads rallied from there in the back nine to get a great win," says captain Michéal Talty. "The final against Thurles was more comfortable and we were up in all the games to win convincingly enough in the end," he adds.

#### Semi-Final

##### Spanish Point 4 Killarney 1

Kevin Hynes & Damian Sexton A/S

D McSweeney & E McSweeney

Aidan Sexton & Mervyn Hehir bt

T Sullivan & E Curtin 1 hole

Evan Talty & Stephen Guilfoyle A/S

D McCarthy & P Fleming

Fergal Hehir & Michael O'Brien bt

S Connolly & E Coleman 7/5

Niall Heeney & Eric Murrphy bt

H O'Neill & G Lenihan 6/5

#### Final

##### Spanish Point 4 1/2 Thurles 1/2

Kevin Hynes & Damian Sexton bt

M Fahy & J Looby 2/1

Aidan Sexton & Mervyn Hehir bt

S Quigley & T Quigley 5/4

Evan Talty & Stephen Guilfoyle A/S

S Sherlock & J Quigley

Fergal Hehir & Michael O'Brien bt

R McLoughlin & J Stakelum 5/4

Niall Heeney & Eric Murrphy bt

J Ryan & J McGrath 5/4

Below: Spanish Point club captain Fergal Hehir and team captain Michael Talty with John Moloughney (Chairman Munster Branch) and Liam Power (Captain Faithlegg Golf Club).

Jim O'Sullivan

