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AWARD: Ripper Street
Una up for award night on the Rip!

BY JIM GALLAGHER
 IRISH-MADE hit TV series Ripper Street has been nominated for four BAFTAs. And Dublin film editor Una Ní Dhonghaile is one of four Irish women hoping to pick up one of the prestigious awards in London on April 28. Thrilled Una, who featured in a two-page Sunday World article last month, said: "I was deeply honoured to be named and delighted for everyone who worked on Ripper Street." The bubbly mother of two, who has also worked on Dr Who, Wallander and Upstairs Downstairs, said she would be overjoyed to win, but was not getting carried away.

Applaud
 "I am up against The Fear, The Thick of It and The Hour, which are all great shows, so the competition is very tough," says Una (39). "I will enjoy the night, keep my fingers crossed and applaud whoever gets the award." Una was nominated in 2009 for White Girl, a one-off drama about a girl living in a Muslim community. Other Irish nominees this year are Lorna Muga for costume and Eileen Buggy and Sharon Doyle for hair and make-up, both for Ripper Street.

BRAVE CHLOE'S LUCKY BREAK



BY GERALDINE COMISKEY PICS: BY MICK FLANAGAN

THIS IS THE moment snooker star Ken Doherty comes face to face with his worst nightmare - a dodgy table!

However, as the ball narrowly missed the pocket, the cool former world champion simply chalked it down to experience.

Ken was showing yours truly how to pot a ball at a charity event in Mullingar and while his fans were green as a snooker table, Ken was in charitable mode as he lined the ball up right in front of the pocket for me.

"With a bit of coaching you'll make the top 16," he joked.

However, I missed three times, much to the amusement of 150 hardcore snooker fans who had flocked to the town's Newbury Hotel especially to see him.

However, moments later the joke was on Ken as he missed too! As the spectators laughed, the Dublin cue king examined the table, then explained: "The table is sloping!"

Luckily, the champ hung on to his sense of humour and spent the rest of the evening taking on the amateur players.

Suffers

Fans paid a minimum of €60 to play a frame with Ken - though local man Stephen Carmichael threw in €500. Within minutes of the doors opening, €2,000 had been raised.

The event was organised by Mullingar man Stephen Hickey in aid of a trust fund for local girl Chloe Glennon (15), who suffers from cystic fibrosis.

As she watched in her wheelchair, breathing through an inhaler, Chloe's sister Rebecca carried two oxygen bottles.

Chloe's mum Mary said: "I can't



CUE BEAUTY: Ken gives Geraldine some tips

BIG BOOST: Ken played at charity event for Chloe Glennon, (above left) Ken with the Glennon family

Snooker star Ken right on cue with fundraiser

thank Ken enough for this. He's a big star, very busy, and he took time out to help my little girl.

"The last four years have been hell on earth. Her lung collapsed and she badly needs a transplant. Next week she's having a tube put into her stomach in Tallaght hospital and doctors from England are going to give her an assessment to see if she's suitable for a double-lung transplant.

"If they accept her, it will be very expensive, between the hospital, the flights and accommodation. As it is, it's costing me a fortune driving up and down to Dublin.

"She only has a push wheelchair and she can't go upstairs because we can't afford a stairlift. I'm on a widow's pension and

I can't pay for all Chloe's medical expenses."

Chloe's older sisters, Rebecca, Samantha, Elizabeth and Norma, and brothers Jonathan and Darren, all help their widowed mum care for Chloe, but Mary said: "Even with all the help, it's 24/7."

Chloe has had to miss school and her only hobby at the moment is listening to music - she's a big fan of One Direction and Bressie. However, now her biggest hero is Ken Doherty.

Ken said: "I was delighted to help. I meet a lot of kids with cystic fibrosis through the Make a Wish foundation, so I know it's tough on them."

It was a busy week Ken, who drove to Omagh on Friday to play

in aid of Cancer Care - before flying off to the China Open.

The former World Champion, who is the only snooker player ever to win the World Professional, World Amateur and World Under-21 titles, juggles his hectic globe-trotting career with running his own snooker club in Terenure, charity work as patron of the Make a Wish Foundation, and presenting a sports show on Sunshine 106.5 radio (Monday nights, 6-8 pm).

But he's happiest at home in Rathgar with his Australian psychiatrist wife Sarah and three-year-old son Christian.

Throwing

"I bought Christian a little snooker cue, but he's at the age where he's more interested in throwing the balls across the table," Ken laughed, adding: "My wife has no interest in snooker at all. She doesn't even come to watch me play."

"But when I'm home I like to get a break from snooker anyway. I wouldn't even watch it on the telly - I'd be lucky if she let me watch football!"

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