



SET THE TABLE HONEY, I'M HAVING 1,400 AROUND...

DOES cooking dinner for 10 people freak you out? Then spare a thought for one Dublin chef who has been given the honour of cooking for 1,400 at the gala Ryder Cup banquet later this month.

Dermot O'Shea (31) from Coolock is the Head Banqueting Chef at the City West Hotel, the location for the banquet which will see the best and the biggest golfers in the world join with leading world figures to kick off the Ryder Cup extravaganza.

The banquet will be held on Wednesday September 20 at the hotel and preparations for the VIP event have been underway for several months.

Dermot remained tight-lipped about what delicacies he will be preparing for the VIP set who will come to dine at the hotel.

"I can't really say anything but we have

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been preparing for this for quite a while. It is a fantastic gig to get — certainly the most high-profile I have ever done," he said.

But when it comes to quantity, the Ryder Cup banquet will be small in comparison with some of the events that Dermot has cooked for at the hotel.

Event

"We had 2,400 people once at a Sinn Fein Ard Fheis," he said.

Dermot said he is looking forward to the buzz of the event.

"Cooking for this group of people certainly puts a smile on my face. I have cooked for a lot of VIPs in the past but this is the biggest one. It is great to have on my CV," he said.



BANQUET:
Top chef
Dermot O'Shea