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Name: *Cluaine Mhuire House, Margaret Noonan*

Style: 50s tract home with well landscaped front yard.

Web & Phone: www.corkkerry.ie (066) 915 1291

Location: On Spa Road north of town, within walking distance of the main town area.

Comments: We should have been warned when we walked in to a front room cluttered with old boxing trophies. The bedroom was not very clean and had moldy carpet in the corners. Closets were homemade. Breakfast was a disaster. Nobody got what they wanted. We asked for coffee and got tea, sausage and got no sausage. It was the same for everyone. We all got a quarter bowl of corn flakes, which didn't bother us too much because they were stale. All the guests couldn't get out of there fast enough. Cluaine Mhuire looks good in pictures, but looks deceive in this case.

Rating: Don't Bother

Name: *Milestone House, Michael and Barbara Carroll*

Style: Older two-story house, modernized with a new wing. Good parking.

Web & Phone: www.iol.ie/~milestone (066) 915 1831

Location: About a mile from the town center on the main road around the Dingle Peninsula.

Comments: Milestone House has modern, large, well appointed bedrooms and a great lounge which turns into a greeting and meeting place. The breakfasts are great with fresh fruit salad daily and the specialty of the house, Michael's Brown Soda Bread, the best in Ireland. As wonderful as the house is, it is Barbara and Michael (both golfers) who make Milestone a destination B&B. On our first visit, Barbara met us at the door and asked if we liked Irish music. When we said yes, she arranged tickets to an Irish concert that night and made dinner reservations for us at Ashe's Pub. The next day, as we headed out to play golf at *Ceann Sibeal* GC, Michael set us off with a loaf of his soda bread to go with our cheese. Milestone House gets its name from *Gallen na Cille Brice* (meaning "milestone"), a 14-foot-tall 4000-year-old, early Bronze Age, standing stone in front of the house.

Rating: Must Stop, and several friends agree.