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Nollaig 2010

## "60,000 players involved in Boden Games in 2010"

Has the Editor gone mad I hear you say!

Check this out.

In 2010, Boden participated in 1,500 competitive games across the four codes. Given that this also involved 1,500 teams from other clubs with an average of 20 players per squad this amounts to a total of 60,000 players taking part in gaelic games playing activity involving the club. And of course don't forget the 1,500 referees.

It is a phenomenal number. Add in all the training sessions and discussions associated with each team and the impact of this voluntary activity is truly enormous.

As the country faces into difficult economic times, it is heartening to see such endeavour complemented with characteristics like passion, spirit and hope. These qualities are not in short supply in Ireland and if we can harness them properly we will overcome our problems.

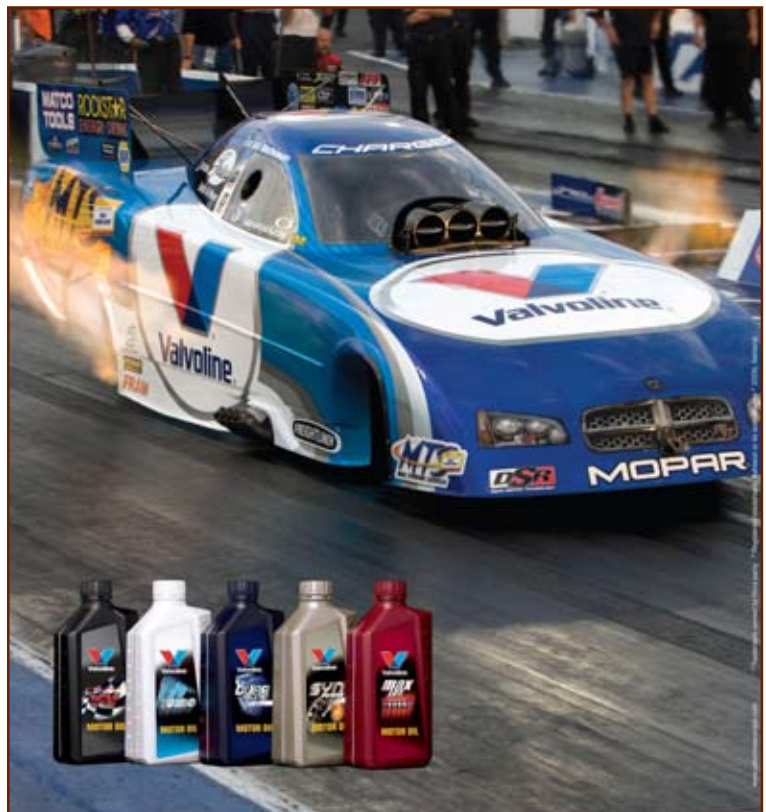
The club itself was overcome with joy in 2010 with the marvellous four-in-a-row senior hurling titles – an achievement that places the club among the ranks of great clubs. The Friends of Dublin Hurling honoured the Boden by naming it "Hurling Club of the Year". The senior ladies football team's achievements are exceptional – winning 10 of the last 11 senior titles in Dublin and the senior camogie team made a clean sweep of Dublin silverware. The senior football team was only marginally away from another tilt at defending its crown.

Participation of this order requires resources and the official opening of the Sancta Maria Complex by GAA President Christy Cooney in the presence of Camogie President Joan O'Flynn was a proud day for all who laboured over 10 years to bring the project to fruition.

The club has come a long way from its foundation in 1969 but the year was completed on a high when a founding member Fintan Walsh was admitted to the Hall of Fame by the Friends of Dublin Hurling. Fintan was a deserving recipient and he continues to make a valuable input to the Boden.



*Criostóir Ó Cuana, Úachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael performs the official opening of the Sancta Maria Complex watched by Terry O'Neill, Club Chair; Cllr. Eamonn Maloney, Mayor of South Dublin; Joan O'Flynn, Úachtarán, Cumann Camógaíochta; Colin Moran and Fr. Jimmy Murray, O. Carm., PP, St. Colmcille's Knocklyon*



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# Focal ón gCathaoirleach

It is only having reflected on the year gone by to meet the Editor's request to contribute to this year's Boden News that the scale and range of achievements of the Club during 2010 really struck me. It was truly another remarkable year following on from the magnificent successes of the last number of years. The efforts of everyone in Ballyboden St. Endas and the contribution of the Club to the welfare of the local community can be gauged by the fact that the Club fielded teams in more than 1500 games during 2010.

Our flagship Senior A teams continued our recent dominance of County Championships. While the dream 2009 double of Senior Hurling and Football was not to be repeated, we did bring home the treble of Senior Hurling, Camogie and Ladies football with our footballers not being too far away, going down in a spirited quarter-final replay display. Our three County champion teams were competitive in their Leinster campaigns with our Camogie team losing out narrowly in their Leinster Final to Oulart the Ballagh of Wexford after a heroic display and the Senior Ladies football team having to give way to Timahoe of Laois in their provincial decider. I have no doubt that our Senior teams will go on to achieve Leinster and All Ireland honours over the coming years.

The highlight of the year was the hurlers four-in-a-row, last achieved by the Garda Club in 1928. Our hurlers 2011 "Drive for 5" is eagerly anticipated and hopefully our own 2010 achievements are not finished yet as we have reached the weather-delayed Minor Football Championship Final and have still to complete our U21 hurling and U21B football campaigns. Our adult teams at all levels were competitive in 2010.

We have talented players coming through to adult level as evidenced by our Ladies Minor footballers completing a three in a row of championship wins, our Minor A and B hurlers and Minor A and B footballers reaching their respective County finals with the Minor A football final still to be played.

Our Club continues to have a thriving Juvenile scene with our Ladies U14 footballers winning the Dublin Féile Peil and representing Dublin in the All Ireland Féile in Derry.

We had many players representing the Club at intercounty level during 2010. Six of our players won All Ireland medals at adult level, Darragh Nelson, U21 football, Gemma Fay, Rachel Ruddy, Natalia Hyland, Aisling Farrelly and Noelle Comyn, Ladies football with Gemma and Rachel also winning All Star awards. We will recognise these fantastic achievements at our Club presentation awards.

Congratulations also to Claire King, Maria McGrath and Sarah Burns on winning All Ireland U16 Ladies football medals and Teresa Molohan, Edel Drury, Gráinne O'Malley, Sarah Denvir and Una Scolard who were part of the Dublin All Ireland B winning campaign.

Ballyboden players Stephen Hiney and Finn McGarry captained the Dublin Senior and U21 Hurling teams respectively. Finn had the honour of captaining the U21 team to Leinster honours and did it in style with Peter Buckeridge, Niall McMorrough and Stephen O'Connor also on the team. Michael Darragh Macauley had a dream debut year with the "dubs".

Without the players we would have no Club. Thanks to all players who donned the Ballyboden St Endas jersey with pride during the year.

Off the playing fields, it was another busy year with the highlights being our Club Gala night in Citywest, our Club chosen as the location for the launch of All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship, Lá na gClub, unveiling of plaque for deceased members in Sancta Maria, official opening of our Sancta Maria complex by GAA President, Christy Cooney, and completion of dressing rooms at Ballycullen. We also had plenty of off-field activities including drama, Ceilithe, art, golf, St Patrick's Day music, active retired group outings, senior citizens Christmas party and much more. Fintan Walsh was inducted into the Dublin Hurling Hall of Fame.



**Terry O'Neill**  
**14th Chairman of**  
**Ballyboden St. Endas.**

We were all greatly saddened by the death during the year of our former esteemed President, Daithi Scolard. He was a true gentleman who always had a great welcome for everyone who stepped through the doors of Ballyboden St. Endas. All of our deceased members and families were remembered at our annual Club Mass in November.

Our new Club governance structure was introduced during the year with an expanded 16 person Executive. They, together with all the committees, staff and mentors worked tirelessly for the betterment of the Club during the year. I am also indebted to the many Club members who have assisted me in my role as Chairman during the year. Our thanks to the teachers in our local schools who help promote our games and to our sponsors without whose help we would not be able to field teams.

The year gone by was a difficult economic year, particularly for our members who lost a job or are seeking to find their first job. It is incumbent on all of us to look for opportunities to assist wherever possible. Mar a deireann an seanfhocal "Is ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid".

2011 is soon approaching and we have many challenges ahead but are also fortunate to have a thriving Club. We can look forward once more to our players and teams giving us great excitement on the playing fields. Much progress has been made during the year on developing our coaching programmes in the Club. Our priority and greatest challenge in 2011 is to have our adult players and former players actively involved in coaching with our juvenile teams and academy. At a time when we are riding high at adult level it would be a shame for us to take our eye off the ball only to realise when it is too late that we had neglected the nurturing of our future adult players.

Comhghairdeas don eagarthóir, Gearóid Ó Suilleabháin agus a fhoireann i gcomhair iris eile don Boden News, nuachtlitir atá nendaithe i saol an Club.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise do lucht Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna.

*Terry O'Neill*



## SIDELINE CUTTINGS

- Because of the new governance structures in the club following the strategic review Challenge 2020, the Annual General Meeting will now be held in March 2011. This will now be the new date for the AGM from hereon.
- According to [www.hurlingstats.com](http://www.hurlingstats.com), senior hurler Malachy Travers has played 22 championship games for Wexford winning a Leinster title in 2004. He has played at No 2, 4, 5 and 7 over the course of these games and has scored one point against Cork in 2004.
- Minor B hurling mentor Paddy Corrigan must be the only Boden All-Ireland winner to feature in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day on successive years as a non-player. In 2009, he was part of the 1984 Offaly team honoured as part of the GAA's tribute to the teams that played in the Centenary Hurling Final and in 2010 he was back again as part of the Offaly Silver Jubilee team which won the 1985 All-Ireland title.
- The following Boden players are recipients of 2010/11 Sports Scholarships at the Institute of Technology Tallaght Dublin: Brian Devlin, Conor McCormack, Declan Keating and Simon Lambert.
- Juvenile hurling Liaison Officer Denis Kelly is a brother of John from Cappawhite who won an All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal with Tipperary in 1971. Denis would love to hear from anyone who has a tape of the '71 final.
- There was much interest in the club in late 2010 when it became known that Mick Raftery, father of Tomás Ó Reachtabhra was the winner of a record 8 Sigerson Cup medals with UCG (now NUIG).

Below is a list of Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cup winners who have played with the club. If there are omissions please email [info@bodengaa.ie](mailto:info@bodengaa.ie).

### Fitzgibbon Cup (hurling)

- » 1972/73 Maynooth (now NUIM)  
Fr Dick Browne (Tipperary)
- » 1977/78 UCD  
Tom Brown (Down)
- » 1980/81 and 1981/82 UCC  
Danny Buckley (Cork)

### Sigerson Cup (football)

- » 1985 UCD  
Séamie Ó Neill (Tipperary) and Frank McNamee (Longford)
- » 2000 QUB  
Enda McNulty (Armagh)

## Coiste na gComhairleoirí

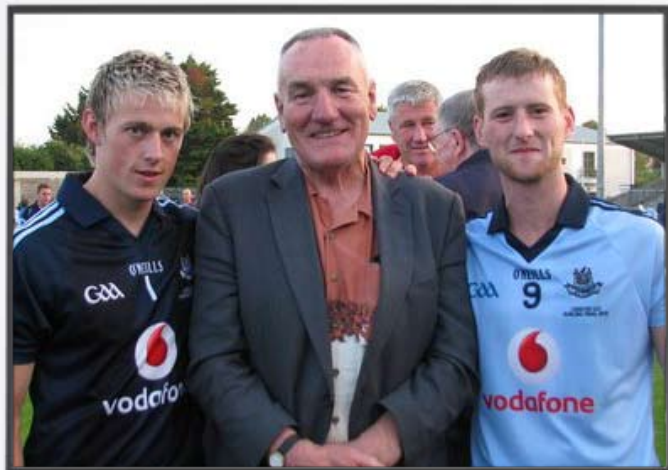
The proposed new governance structure for the Club, contained in the Strategic Review Report Challenge 2020, contained the following: "An advisory group "Coiste na gComhairleoirí" would be established made up of former Club Chairmen." The primary role of Coiste would be to provide a "Collective Club historic memory bank" which would inform the decisions being taken by the Club Executive and sub-groups. It would have no executive function. On 8 February 2010, the inaugural meeting of Coiste was convened by Club Chairman, Terry O'Neill. Terry asked Paddy Walsh, being a member of the Executive Committee, to Chair the Coiste and bring Coiste recommendations to the Executive.



**Paddy Walsh**

Coiste has spent some time discussing issues such as how the Club might commemorate deceased members in a meaningful way and how the Club, and its different sections, should respond to the death of a Club member. Coiste is also looking at issues such as the election, role and tenure of the Club President and Vice Presidents and the role and appointment of Club Trustees. It will also look at providing broad guidelines in relation to dealing with suspensions of players, fines, objections and appeals.

### FINTAN WALSH



Friends of Dublin Hurling Hall of Fame Recipient 2010 Fintan Walsh with Finn McGarry (Dublin U21 Captain) and Peter Buckeridge (former pupils), club senior hurlers and Leinster U21 hurling winners.

## Danny Griffin – Record Breaker

For the best part of 20 years, Danny Griffin has operated at the top level in the club. He is the longest serving member of the Executive Committee serving an unbroken run of 18 years to the present. He previously served for a period of a year giving him a total of 19 years involvement. Danny has made his mark as Sponsorship Manager of the club, a task he assumed in 1995. The evidence of his work can be seen on the pitch signs in Páirc Uí Mhurchú and Sancta Maria which he began initially in 1992.



**Danny Griffin**

This expanded over the years to cover among other things - team sponsorship; events; website; publications; Boden Pages; table quizzes and the Boden News where this year he has surpassed all expectations to pull in a range of advertisers. Danny is meticulous in his dealings with his clients and ensures that they get maximum exposure for their investment. Danny and Josephine Griffin and their family of 6 boys and 1 girl have made a telling contribution to the club and we congratulate them on their achievements.



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## **Emer Lucey (Camogie)**

Height: 5 ft 2

Fave Food: Anything in Siam Thai!

Fave Music: The Script, Cheryl Cole, One Direction! All the good songs that are out at the moment!

Fave TV: Greys Anatomy, The Apprentice, XFactor.

Fave Book: Don't know when I last read a book to be honest.

Favourite Grounds: Naomh Peregrine/Páirc Uí Mhurchú.

What has been your greatest moment in sport? Winning the Junior Camogie All-Ireland in 2005 or winning All-Ireland Hockey League with club hockey team last year.

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced? Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure).

What are your hobbies? Camogie, hockey

What are your vices? Food!

Nominate the laziest: Maeve Gaynor!!!

GAA Gripes? The long season. The chopping and changing of matches.

Childhood heroes? Jamesie O'Connor, Joe Deane.

Do you play any other sports?

Yeah... hockey.

Do you have any superstitions before a match? No... not as smelly as my sister (wearing the same socks for the whole championship without washing them once!)

The highest point of your career to date? Winning the Junior All-Ireland in 2005 in a replay against Clare/Winning European Championship with Irish U-16 hockey team.

Biggest Disappointment: Losing club Leinster Final this year.

Other players with a promising future: Paula McGrath, Ciara Ruddy.

Ways of improving GAA: Getting as many ex-players involved with the younger teams in clubs as possible. Coaching coaches who coach children. Providing schools with the resources needed to encourage the children to play the Hurling, Camogie and Gaelic Football.

Pet Hates: Rachel Ruddy going away! Also... Anne Griffin... trying to get her out of Coppers!

What advice would you give to young players? Get down to the hurling wall... more touches you get the more natural it will become.

How would you like to be remembered? Ha! Doubt I'll even be remembered... so no need to worry about that!



## **Darragh Spain (Hurling)**

Height: 6' 1".

Fave Food: Beef Stew on cold winter day.

Fave Music: Radiohead and similar.

Fave TV: Inbetweeners.

Fave Book: Borstal Boys.

Favourite Grounds: Nowlan Park, even though I lost there a lot over the years.

What has been your greatest moment in sport? Winning '07 in Dublin, Walsh cup win 2003.

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced? Conal Keaney in backs and forwards, DJ, Shefflin, or Johnny Dooley not sure?

What are your hobbies? Small bit of golf in off season.

What are your vices? Chip kebabs and 1/4 pounders.

Nominate the laziest, Brendan Treacy (oldest young fella I ever met) or Tim Sweeney (sorry Tim).

GAA Gripes? The way U21 is run in Dublin, should be played in Spring, and no hurling June, July, if its ok for Kilkenny to do it why can't we?

Childhood heroes? Joe Cooney, Ciaran Carey.

Do you play any other sports? No, generally put feet up in off season, going to try and do some surfing and rock climbing this year though.

Do you have any superstitions before a match? Yes, same boxer shorts for games – lost them (or thrown out by Jane they were in bits) this year before final so superstitions don't really work.

The highest point of your career to date? Marking DJ Carey in Leinster championship in Nowlan Park, kept him to a point... luckily.

Biggest Disappointment: getting roasted in a Leinster semi final U21 against Kilkenny by Henry Shefflin.

Other players with a promising future; Cillian Moffat, Stephen O'Connor, the rest of the young lads are already roasting me in training.

Ways of improving GAA; More respect for Refs, better medical back up for long term injuries.

Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse; "The full forward for Boden is a serious heavy jocks" and "my man my man" inside joke with Durkin.

Pet Hates; People not being able to push themselves fully in training.

What advice would you give to young players? Work hard on your skill, but work as hard on your attitude to training and matches.

How would you like to be remembered? A stylish skillful hurler.

How do you think you will be remembered? A bit of a sledger.



## **Gemma Fay (Ladies Football)**

Height: 5.4'.

Fave Food: Lasagne & Chips.

Fave Music: Black Eyed Peas.

Fave TV: The Inbetweeners / The Apprentice.

Fave Book: School books are all I have time to read.

Favourite Grounds: Parnell Park.

What has been your greatest moment in sport? Winning the First Club All-Ireland 2004.

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced? Sinead Aherne.

What are your hobbies? Horse riding.

What are your vices? Chocolate and 3 in 1's.

Nominate the laziest, Me!

GAA Gripes? Inconsistent refereeing

Childhood heroes? Noelle Comyn.

Do you play any other sports? Hockey, Soccer.

Do you have any superstitions before a match? No.

The highest point of your career to date? Winning the first All-Ireland with Ballyboden 2004.

Biggest Disappointment: All-Ireland defeat v Mayo 2003.

Other players with a promising future; Claire King, Ciara Ruddy, Sarah O'Brien.

Ways of improving GAA; More club matches during the summer months for players not involved with county.

Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse; Go Hard or Go Home! / Sniper!!!

Pet Hates; Losing Matches.

What advice would you give to young players? Practice your weak foot.

How would you like to be remembered? As a great team-player.

How do you think you will be remembered? As a slacker on the training pitch.



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## Ian Clarke (Football)

Height: 6'2".

Fave Food: Fish with anything.

Fave Music: At the moment Kasabian, Rage against the Machine and Mumford & Sons.

Fave TV: Discovery Channel, Misfits and Criminal Minds.

Fave Book White Tiger and The Book Thief best reads lately.

Favourite Grounds: Parnell Pk (Semple Stadium the best i've played in though)

What has been your greatest moment in sport? First start for Dublin Senior Football team.

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced? Peter Canavan/Ollie Murphy.

What are your hobbies? Socialising, reading and travelling.

What are your vices? Chocolate  
Nominate the laziest, Mark O'Sullivan.

GAA Gripes? Season too long  
Childhood heroes? Paul McGrath, Jack O'Shea and Sean Fitzpatrick.

Do you play any other sports?  
Golf and a bit of squash.

Do you have any superstitions before a match? I always need to sit in the first chair on the left hand side of the dressing room door.

The highest point of your career to date?  
Winning the Dublin Championship 2009.

Biggest Disappointment: Losing the Dublin Championship in 2004 and being dropped from the Dublin team.

Other players with a promising future; Sean Gibbons, Daragh Nelson, Brian Devlin and maybe even Darren O'Reilly...

Ways of improving GAA; A definite time for the season, emphasis back on club as opposed to county teams.

Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse; "Ya sap" or "Howaya doin' Chief".

Pet Hates; Complaining and needless arguing.

What advice would you give to young players? Never give up even when things are not going your way.

How would you like to be remembered? Committed, tough and a good player.

How do you think you will be remembered? Slightly grumpy and definitely a back!

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## Maeve Gaynor (Camogie)

Height: 5 foot 7 inches (though wish I were a little bit taller).

Fave Food Apple Crumble.

Fave Music: Silence by Delerium-dance music!

Fave TV: Psych-comic detective series.

Fave Book Science Fiction/Fantasy so I'd go with the first half of the Sword of Truth Series.

What has been your greatest moment in sport? Winning this year's Dublin Championship.

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced? This year's Oulart the Ballagh.

What are your hobbies? Skiing/Snowboarding.

What are your vices? Sweet Food as I've the worst sweet tooth!

GAA Gripes? Probably me complaining about training on a weekend morning at any unGodly hour before 2pm!!!! I like my lie-ins as the whole team know by now!

Childhood heroes? The Young Indiana Jones-he got to travel to so many interesting places.

Do you play any other sports? Whenever I can, I go skiing/snowboarding if that counts

Do you have any superstitions before a match? Only this year, I had the mindset where I/we were the underdogs.

The highest point of your career to date? Actually playing in the Leinster Final.

Biggest Disappointment: Losing the Leinster Final-gutted.

Other players with a promising future: Ciara Ruddy-just like her sister!

Ways of improving GAA; Not having training so early at the weekend!!! More InterCounty friendly games to improve skill level.

Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse: You can do it.

Pet Hates: Having to wake up early in the morning, even talking in the morning!

What advice would you give to young players-stick at it/perseverance!

How would you like to be remembered? The Punctual One!

How do you think you will be remembered? The Late One!

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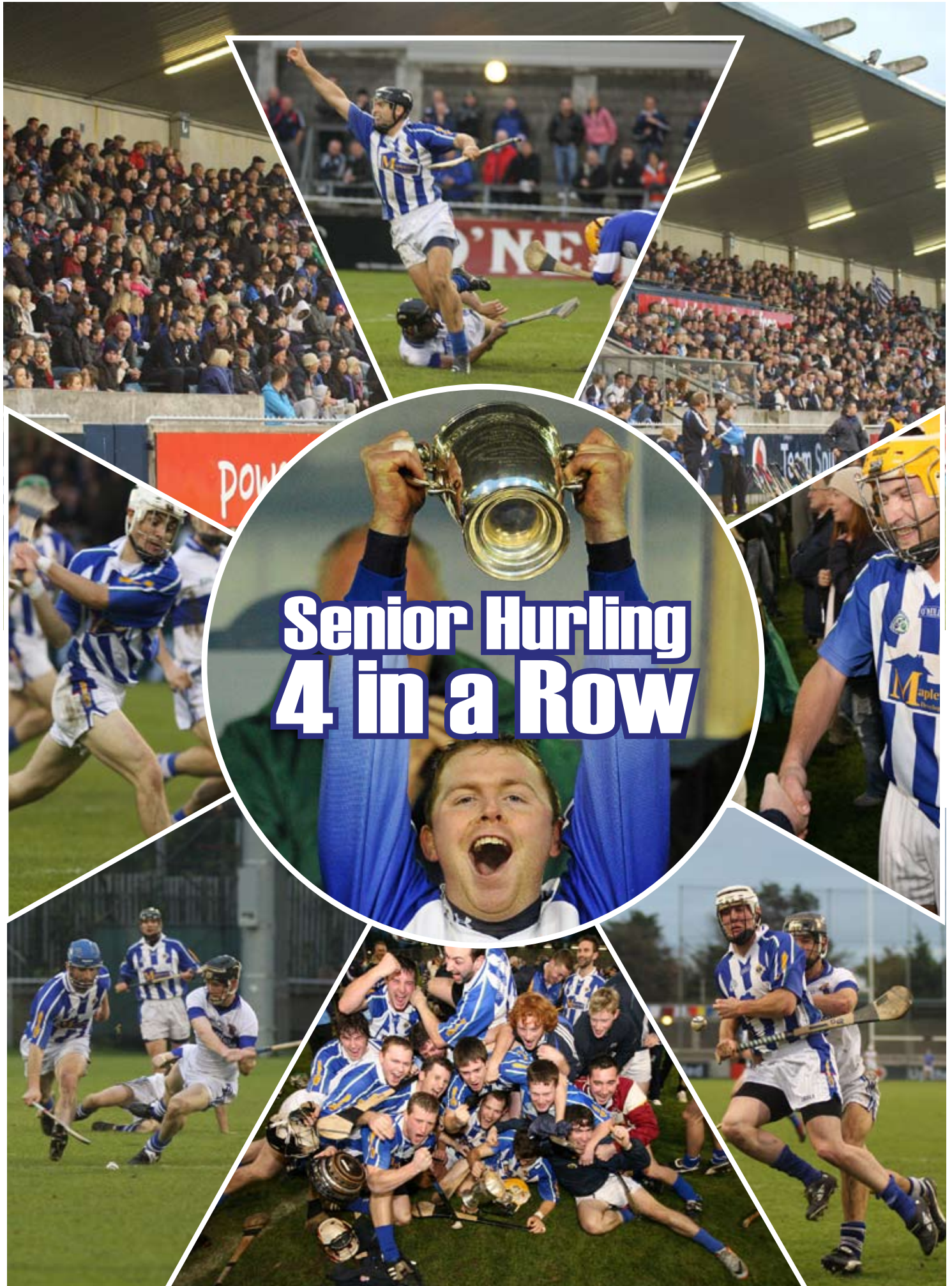
# Ballyboden St Endas Evening Herald Dublin Senior Hurling Champions 2010



Back L to R: Brian Kennedy, David O'Connor, Oisín Cannon, Conal Keaney, Paul Ryan, Stephen Hiney, David Curtin, Stephen Nolan, Conor McCormack, Brendan Treacy, Jimmy Doody, Dean Curran, David Sweeney, Peter Buckeridge, James Duffy, Finn McGarry, Stephen O'Connor.

Front L to R Declan Keating, Cillian Moffat, Tim Sweeney, Martin O'Sullivan, Gary Maguire (Captain), Shane Durkin, Malachy Travers, Simon Lambert, Niall McMorrow, Darragh Spain (Vice Capt.), Mark Lambert, Matthew Weldon. Missing Stephen Perkins







# Four in a row - something to savour

by Sinead Ryan

**For years football dominated in clubs across the capital with our own club Ballyboden St Endas capturing the county championship back in 1995. Roll on 12 years and it was the start of something else - yes Ballyboden St Endas senior hurlers 4 in a row achievement.**

As we look back over the last four years, we look at the different players that have changed within the teams, how one Offaly-man has guided them to glory and what the future holds for the current Dublin Senior Hurling Champions. This accolade for the hurlers means that Ballyboden St Endas are the only club to complete the full set of senior titles - the only club in Ireland with such a distinction.

The 2007 final was against Northside rivals St Vincents with talented players on both sides it was always going to be a tough game but with superb play from our boys in blue, Ballyboden received their first ever Dublin Senior Hurling Final win. The team reached the Leinster Senior Club Final against Birr - and in controversial circumstances Boden lost out to the Offaly team on a score of 1-11 to 0-13.

Although heads were down for a while and the talk of the parish was all about the controversial referee call, the hurlers were back training in the New Year and the focus was about retaining the county title.

As the Leinster senior hurling championship continued Boden had many players contributing to the Dublin Senior Hurling team and also the Dublin Under 21 team. With Kilkenny winning the All Ireland Hurling Final in style, it was time for the Dublin Championship to continue and for Liam Hogan and his men to prove that they were not one-horse wonders.

After many tough games, the team reached their second consecutive county championship and it wasn't before long that Dublin Senior hurler and Ballyboden captain David Sweeney lifted the Cup. Our boys in blue were looking ahead to another Leinster Championship campaign. The Dublin senior hurling final was contested by two local teams - usually known for their footballing skills, they were now known for their hurling abilities. It was Ballyboden St Endas against Kilmacud Crokes. After a tough first half it wasn't long into the second half that skill and confidence shone through and our Boden lads sailed away with a winning scoreline of 17 points to 0-7. Unfortunately the 2008 Leinster campaign wasn't successful either and they got knocked out of the championship by Birr.

Names like David Curtin, Gary Maguire, Stephen Hiney, Simon Lambert, David Sweeney, Shane Durkin and many more are known for their presence on the Dublin Senior Hurling team. Over the last decade hurling has improved considerably in the capital. With the help of Tommy Naughton, Humphrey Kelleher and now Anthony Daly - it has been shown that with a lot of underage skill and dedication from the Dublin County Board hurling has attained its highest level in years.

In Ballyboden St Endas it is an Offaly man and his management team that have helped the Senior Hurlers achieve one of the best accolades in the country. With John Kirwan, Damien Young, Mick O'Regan and Denis Nagle helping Hogan it shows that with a strong confident management team success is always achievable.

Coolderry-man Hogan is no stranger to hurling success - steeped in hurling history and related to the Dooleys in Offaly, its no wonder that Ballyboden have got to where they are. The 1981 All Ireland Hurling winner has brought the team to unprecedented heights.

As Ballyboden got over the loss in the Leinster Senior Club Hurling, there were more important things to look ahead to and that was the "three in a row". The heat was on for the hurlers and after an intense semi-final replay against O'Toole's the final was calling again. This time though it was northsiders Craobh Chiaráins. Leading by two points going into the second half - it was time for Ballyboden to prove their best and in the last ten minutes they pulled away and won the three in a row with a scoreline of 1-16 to 0-12. There was pride on the Firhouse Road as Malachy Travers lifted the cup once again and proved that Boden were the Dublin hurling team of the decade. In his speech - he again thanked his team mates, the management team and of course all the fans that travelled. Ballyboden again had one of the hardest teams to play against in the Leinster campaign and the eventual All Ireland Club champions Ballyhale Shamrocks proved too strong.

Roll on 2010 - as the Cats went for their 5-in-a-row Ballyboden St Endas went for their 4-in-a-row. As every team was out to get them this year - the pressure was on for the players to achieve their personal best. Over the last few years - with Dublin's good performances and Ballyboden's superb achievements many of our players have had the privilege of being nominated on the GPA and Vodafone All Star selections - a great achievement for a club that had never won a hurling county final until 2007. Vincents were again in the firing line and with nothing to lose Ballyboden went hell for leather and in the final minutes produced goals that in the end showed a healthy scoreline of 3-17 to 1-10. As goalkeeper Gary Maguire lifted the cup for the fourth time in a row, fans from both teams saluted a brilliant performance.

As the year draws to a close - its only a matter of time before the 5 in a row chat starts to begin but as our lads know - there's no point going out on the pitch and expecting a win - you have to go out there and play at your best and achieve the best. So as Tipperary scratched "The Cats" chance of the 5 in a row - I'm sure there will be plenty of teams that will be looking forward to doing the same to Ballyboden St Endas. But for the moment they will enjoy the four in a row and in the New Year think about the 2011 season.



## **HURLING COMMITTEE**

**Chairman:** Tomás Ó Reachtabhra

**Vice Chairman:** Eddie Finn

**Secretary:** Eamonn Treacy



**Liam Hogan**

**Damien Young**



# The Hurling Year by Eamonn Treacy

The club fielded teams in the following grades this year:

Senior A – AHL 1, Senior A Championship and Leinster Senior League

Senior B – AHL 2, Senior B Championship and the Boland Cup

Junior A – AHL 4, Junior A Championship and the Corn Fogarty

Junior C – AHL 6, Junior C Championship and Doyle Cup

Under 21 – Championship

Minor A – Minor League Division 1 and Minor A Championship

Minor B – Minor League Division 2 and Minor C Championship

Teams representing the Club played nearly 120 games, excluding challenge matches. It is worth noting that the standard of sportsmanship was exemplary and the club can be proud of its players.

Championship, as always, was our main focus. Obviously, the highlight of the year was the 4 in a Row. There were other successes, notably the Leinster Senior League which was won in Nowlan Park, a pitch which is now becoming very familiar to our players. The Senior A team also won the Offaly 7-a-side in Islandbridge.

We can also be proud of some very good performances from the other teams. The Senior B team had a fine campaign and were beaten in the Championship Semi-Final by a very good Na Fianna team. The Junior A team was unlucky to lose out on score difference. At Junior C level, we were beaten in the quarter-finals by St. Vincent's.



**Leinster U21 Champions:** L-R Front; Niall McMorrow, Stephen O'Connor, Robert Lambert, Finn McGarry, Peter Buckridge. Back; Terry O'Neill, Donal Moody (A previous Leinster U21 winner), Ciarán Maguire and Brendan McMorrow.

The Minor A and the Minor B team were both beaten in their respective County Finals. It was great to see so many young hurlers in action that day and it is now a challenge for the club to ensure these young players are not lost in the transition to Senior. Our players were also involved at college level and featured with Coláiste Éanna and Terenure College in their successes this year.

The season is not over yet. The Senior A team, at time of writing, are preparing for a League Final against Craobh Chiaráin. The Minor A team are also awaiting a League Final against Erin's Isle. The Under 21 team have reached the semi-final of their championship against Kilmacud Crokes.

## Representative Honours

**Senior:** Gary McGuire, Stephen Hiney, David Curtin, Shane Durkin, Simon Lambert and Paul Ryan, Finn McGarry.

**Under 21:** Finn McGarry, Niall McMorrow, Peter Buckridge, Stephen O'Connor.

**Minor:** Cillian Moffat, Naoise Maguire, Brian McCarthy, Niall Ryan, Eoin Small.

**Dublin Colleges:** Niall Ryan, Brian McCarthy, Cillian Moffat, Finnian McDonagh, Naoise Maguire, Rónan Cleary, Eoin Crowley, Jamie Desmond, Eoin Small and John Breen.



**Proud Mums:** L-R Anne McMorrow, Anne O'Connor and Eithne McGarry.

Stephen Hiney proudly captained the Dublin Senior Hurlers. Stephen is a role model on and off the pitch for any young player. Finn McGarry was captain of the Under 21 team that won the Leinster Championship. It was a very proud moment for Finn, his family and the club when he was presented with the trophy in Parnell Park.

This club has now firmly established itself as Dublin's leading hurling club. We were awarded Adult Hurling Club of the year by the Friends of Dublin Hurling at their gala Dinner in November. Our 4 in a Row of County Senior titles is a feat to be proud of and we are now obliged to set the bar even higher.

## Míle Búiochas

Finally, to all who wore the BBSE jersey this year – míle buíochas for giving those of us who have "hung up the boots" so much excitement and entertainment during the year. To our players and their mentors we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

We are so lucky that we can look forward to it all again in the New Year. Nollaig faoi shéan agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.



**Pictured L-R are:** Malachy and Katherine Buckridge with son Peter.

# A Harvest of Many Hands

by Tomás Ó Reachtabhra

All who were present at this year's Senior Hurling Championship Final in Parnell Park and in our club that night will have long-lasting memories: the players, their families, management, back-room team and loyal supporters. We had good reason to be quietly proud of the team's wonderful performance and historic achievement. There was a warm, united, and happy atmosphere in our Club – a feeling of a job well done!

After the traumatic defeat to Craobh Chiaráin in the 2006 final, management and players regrouped. Perhaps Dave Curtin's quote in the Tribune Sport (12/7) says it best – “instead of knocking the stuffing out of us, it made us more determined”.

Those involved on the management and backroom team in the drive for our first ever senior hurling championship were – Manager; Liam Hogan, Selectors; John Kirwan, Rob Lambert, Gerry Aherne, Jim Kilty and Vincent Teehan, Backroom team; Mick O'Regan, Denis Nagle, Brendan Swords, Dave Conway, Nuala Kennedy and myself. All in their unique way contributed to the overall effort. Liam was single-minded, passionate and determined. He expected nothing less than a hundred per cent from the players and everybody else around him. The players responded positively.

Darragh Spain epitomised their overall commitment and effort. He recovered from a hip operation and set his mind to returning to full fitness. The Cuchulainn-like warrior inspired his team mates.

Competition for places increased as both senior teams trained together in Ballycullen. “Stand him up” echoed across the M50. Fouling rates decreased. Players individual work rate improved through coaching, advice and exhortation. Malachy Travers arrived. Conal Keaney returned. Hogan was driven to go where he'd never been and the players bought into it.



Keeping in touch - Tomás Ó Reachtabhra

The '07 Championship commenced and we were back again in the Final v St. Vincents. Liam treats all of his opponents with respect and prepares accordingly leaving nothing to chance. Our Club was most supportive. Richard Condon beavered away in the background.

The headline on the Evening Herald, Saturday 27th October said it all - “Brilliant Boden Blaze Glory Trail”. Ballyboden St. Enda's 2-13 St. Vincent's 1-5. The team was; G. Maguire, C. Ryan, S. Perkins, M. O'Sullivan, S. Hiney, T. Sweeney, D. Spain, M. Travers, B. Kennedy, D. Sweeney, E. Kinsella, M. Griffin, E. Carroll, C. Keaney, J. Doody. Subs. S. Lambert for Spain, D. Curtin for Carroll, S. Durkin for Doody. Other subs were F. Mc Garry, J. Duffy, D. O'Connor, A. Ryan, C. Durkin, C. Flaherty, D. Foley, S. Nagle and P. Ryan. All deserve to be listed as all contributed to the victory Mick O'Regan's broad smile and hugs for the players told the tale!

Damian Lawlor wrote in the Sunday Independent “...the perception was that if you hit Ballyboden St. Enda's hard they didn't like it. A bit flaky....” Liam and his men set about dispelling the idea that the team had a soft underbelly. By the end of '07 that myth was dead and buried. The team had a great run in the Leinster Club Hurling Championship beating Oulart-the-Ballagh and Camross before being defeated by one point by Birr in the final. What an outstanding year!

**Darragh Spain after receiving the Leinster League Cup  
from Leinster Council Chairman Seamus Howlin in Nowlan Park.**





## A Harvest of many hands continued

The '07 success was repeated in '08 v Kilmacud Crokes, S. Durkin, D. Curtin, C. Mc Cormack, J. Duffy and S. Lambert made the first fifteen in that year's final. New comers on the subs were D. Daly, N. Mc Morrow, B. Treacy, M. Weldon, M. Lambert, A. Lynch and P. Buckeridge.

**Happy days! 0-17 to 0-7. No joy in Leinster.**

We hit 3-in-a-row in '09 v Craobh Chiaráin with D.O'Connor getting his first start in a final. New to the subs was D. Curran.

**Happier days! 1-16 to 0-12. No joy in Leinster.**

Was 4-in-a-row possible in 2010? The drive forward was relentless and at times required great sacrifices by all concerned. Winning the Leinster Club Hurling League V Erin's Own in Nowlan Park gave everybody a boost. The younger players gained valuable experience.

Stephen Nolan was on board. He broke two hurleys at training in Old Court. One looked irreparable. John Cummins, God bless him, had both back in action in a week – all systems go! D.J. Carey paid a visit and gave his analysis and advice. Damien Young came in to freshen things up.

We made it to the final against St. Vincent's. B.Treacy, S. Nolan and N. Mc Morrow made the first fifteen. Gary my former neighbour was captain. The team's hunger was not diminished – if anything it was greater. Liam and John got it right. All the lads played like stars. P. Buckeridge came on as a sub - his first taste of Championship Final. New men on the subs bench were C. Moffat, O. Cannon, S. O'Connor and D. Keating.

**Happiest days 3-17 to 1-10 Four in a row!**

The eerie silence in the dressing room underneath Ardán Ó Cearbhaill in Nowlan Park after the defeat by O'Loughlin Gaels told its own story. Tears were shed, heads were down, dreams were shattered. After twenty minutes Liam spoke like a father to his sons.

Good sympathetic measured words of praise and pride. Gary spoke, Dave Curtin spoke. Returning to Dublin there was a feeling of more to be done!



Hurling committee Secretary Eamonn Treacy and wife Rosie

My admiration for the players and all around them has grown yearly – their passion for hurling, their dedication and commitment, their skill and courage on the field of play and their pride in Ballyboden St. Endas.

Like the “Claidheamh Solais” on our Club's crest they light up our lives in difficult times for our country. The list of people who nurtured these hurlers to where they presently are would fill many pages. Suffice to say that many, many hearts beat proudly when they performed as they did in this year's final. Indeed, A Harvest of Many Hands.



General Manager Noel Sheridan and wife Rose with Fintan Walsh on the night of his induction to the Dublin Hurling Hall of Fame.

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# Minor C Hurling Championship runners up 2010



Back Row l to r : Niall Desmond, Andy Mahon, Lorcan Mullany (capt.), Mícheál Ó Dúill, Jonathon O'Driscoll, Ben McEntee, Ronan McGee, James Roche, Joe Johnston, Alan Cleary, Conor Maher, Paul Doherty, Ray McKenna, Páidí O'Neill, Paddy Corrigan.

Front Row l to r : Eoin McKenna, Keith Robinson, Conor McKeon, Andrew Hughes, Conor McHugh, Evan Flanagan, Niall Keegan, Alan Flood, Chris Lambert, Tommy Doyle, Tommy McGrath.

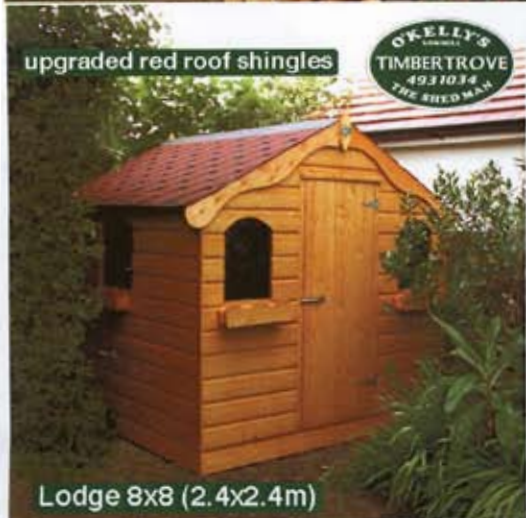
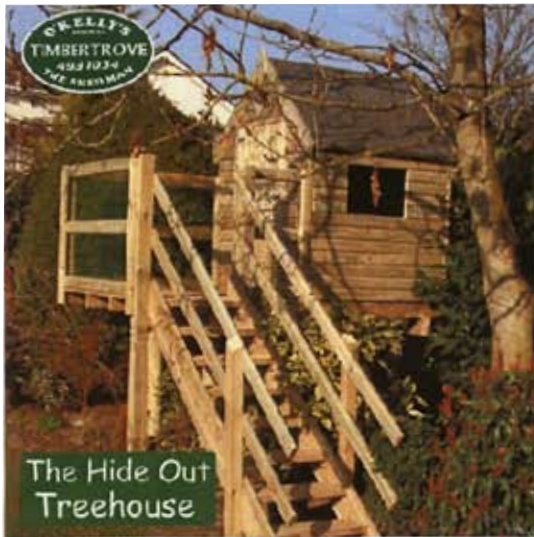
# Minor A Hurling Championship runners up 2010



Back (L to R)  
Conor Butler, Adam Jermyn, David Garry, Ronan Cleary, John Breen, Eoin Crowley, Cillian Moffat, Stephen Jordan, Niall Ryan, Alan O'Connor, Naoise Maguire, Alan Ryan, Jamie Desmond.

Front (L to R)  
Ciarán Garry, Brian McCarthy, Gavin Corrigan, Conor Robinson, Ryan Basquel, Conor Dooley, Andy Hand, Ronan Glynn, Finnian Mc Donnagh, Eoin Small, Naoise Greene, Eoghan O'Neill.





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# Ballyboden St Endas Senior A Camogie

## Championship, League and Cup Winners 2010



Back row (l-r): Aoife O'Leary, Gráinne Ní Chorcoráin, Maeve Gaynor, Jane Nolan, Darrelle Dolan, Kim Hickey, Natalia Hyland, Roisin Keaney, Fiona Hughes, Elaine Hickey, Dearbhla Brennan, Susan Kennedy, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin,

Front row (l-r) Sarah Crosbie, Paula McGrath, Clíodhna McNamara, Rachel Ruddy, Orla Smith, Anne Griffin, Emer Lucey, Ciara Lucey, Joanne O'Sullivan, Ciara Ruddy, Sile nic Coitir



Sharon Glynn



# Camogie Review by Mona O'Sullivan

It was another wonderful Camogie year with the highlight being the triple success of the Senior A Team and the marvellous Leinster Final appearance. Well done to the Management team of Richie Sweetnam, Mick Glynn, Conor Sheehan, Nuala O'Sullivan and Bernard Curtis.



Joanne O'Sullivan receives her Player of the Match award for the County Senior Final from Bord Vice Chair Brendan Cooper

## Congratulations to:

- Joanne O'Sullivan who was named Dublin Senior Club player of the year.
- Emma Doyle who was named Dublin Minor Club Player of the Year
- Rachael Burke who was named Dublin U11 Club Player of the Year.

## Once again club players were represented on Dublin teams;

Dublin Senior/Junior: Ciara Lucey, Sharon Glynn, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin and Dearbhla Brennan.

Dublin Minor: Dianiamh Greene, Ciara Ruddy and Sheena Garvey.

Dublin U14: Doireann Mullany and Sarah Nagle.

Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin was mentor with the Dublin U14 team that reached the Leinster Final. Many other juvenile players were members of county development squads.

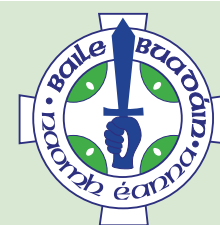
Once again the All Ireland Mini Blitz took place in June with nearly 200 girls under 12 taking part. Thanks to the mentors of the U12 teams for organising the event this year and Paddy Brady for providing the BAR-B-Q on the day. A Minor Blitz was run this year with teams from Dublin and outside the county taking part. Well done to the Ballyboden St. Endas team on a great performance.

## TEAM REPORTS

### Senior A Camogie Report 2010

The 2010 season has been a successful one for the camogie section in Ballyboden St Endas. Training began at the end of January and since then the panel put in a huge effort, which culminated in an appearance in the Leinster final where the girls lost narrowly to Oulart-the-Ballagh on a scoreline of 2.09 to 1.09. The panel have succeeded in winning the League Title, the Summer Cup and the Dublin County Title in 2010.

Our Leinster semi final win over Mullinavat proved that a Dublin team can compete against the so-called powers of camogie in Leinster and win. A bit of luck on Leinster final day and the result may have been different. But as the saying goes you make your own luck and the girls will have to move on and learn from this so that they become better and reach the level that they are capable of.



## CAMOGIE COMMITTEE

**Chairperson:** Sinead Mc Neela

**Vice Chairperson:** Gerry White

**Secretary:** Mona Uí Shúilleabháin



Joyful celebrations for Senior A players after winning the Senior Final

## Senior B

### Mentors Mick Greene, Dolores Greene

In the league we finished runners up. We also played in summer cup, however we only got to play one match in this competition as Vincents pulled out. In championship, we got to the shield semi final but were pipped by a point by eventual winners Ballinteer St Johns.

## Intermediate Team

### Mentors: Patricia Higgins and Pádraig Ó Duibhir

2010 was a challenging year for the Intermediate team trying to maintain our status in the A Division League following promotion last year. We had a good run in the Championship where we were narrowly defeated by the eventual winners. Securing runner-up place in the Shield was a credit to the team but it was disappointing not to have won it.



Emma Doyle accepts the Dublin Minor A Player of the Year Award from Bord Chair Marie O'Brien

# Camogie Review (continued...)

## U11A

**Mentors Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin, David Doyle, Maria Gannon.**

The U11A team had an enjoyable year. The player's skill levels improved and attendance at training was good. Unfortunately as our U11 teams were not graded this year we came up against the strongest teams from the clubs we played who had graded their teams according to ability. However it is a reflection of the spirit of the team that we ended the year with more players than we started with despite losing two players who moved to the country.

## U11B Team

**Mentors George O'Shea, Martin Bourke, Ann Marie Higgins.**

The Lions (U11B team) enjoyed a very successful and enjoyable year. The team enjoyed a brilliant league campaign finishing third which was quite an achievement given the strength of teams involved.

## U11C TEAM

**Mentor Barry Murray**

The Panthers had a great year. We started out strongly with some narrow wins and for a time were on top of the leader board but as the season went on the games became even tighter with the unfortunate result that we lost more matches than we won. The Championship saw us finish second in our group to Naomh Peregrine, the strongest team in our league. We gave them a really good run for their money but lost out to two late scores at the end of the game.

## U12A

**Mentors: Edel Tevlin, Catherine Nagle**

**Coaches: Terry O'Neill, Gerry White, Fiona Hughes**

We competed well in the league showing strong team performance and skills only losing to St. Vincents and Lucan. We had a slow start in the championship but with some tough training sessions and with the girls putting in the effort, we finished well, beating Lucan and Erins Isle.

## U12B

**Mentors: Loraine Faughnan, Pdraig Walsh, Fiona Hughes**

The U12B panel this year had 22 registered players. The team played in the U12C league. Fourteen league matches were played and the girls were competitive in most games. They finished in 4th place. Unfortunately, we found ourselves outclassed in the championship in September as we had to play up a grade.

## U13A

**Mentors: Sinead Murphy, Roisin Ní Shúilleabháin, Malachy Dunne, Gerry White**



We had a fantastic year and improved our performances from month to month, culminating in a great occasion at the championship final.

Our backs Fiona, Mairead, Ellen, Hannah, Eimear, Laura, Jane, Grace & Rebeka had a terrific year... every score against us had to be a hard-fought one. In midfield Zenouska and Sophie always gave the team a great platform. Our forwards Ciara, Danielle, Iseult, Aine, Leah, Shauna & Aoife always kept going and thankfully have found the scoring-power that the team's efforts deserved!! Also a big thank you to U12's Jodie & Laura who gave us many a dig out, and always played well, showing the older girls how its done!! To finish, congratulations to Grace, Jane, Rebeka, Sophie, Zenouska & Danielle on making the Dublin 2011 Academy panel, and many thanks to all parents who assisted in a variety of ways throughout the year, and roll on 2011!!!

## U13B team

**Mentors: JJ Dolan, Mary Costello, Sandra O'Reilly, Bridget Jones, Mary Brophy**

All credit to the girls who make up the team, as we finished the season with a team who were excellent in their efforts to attend both coaching and matches and in their positive attitude. This year we competed in the U13 Division 3 league. The overall performance was commendable in that we finished in third place and in fact were only narrowly beaten in the two matches we had against the eventual league winners Cuala. In September / October we played in the championship and while we did not progress beyond the 1st round, the performances showed a vast improvement in the team skills.

## U14 Team



**Mentors: Marie Moffat, Deirdre O'Dwyer, Paul Newe, Orla Mullany, Terry O'Neill**

In the Féile na nGael competition with the help of Gerry White and the U13 teams we fielded both an A team in division 1 and a B team in division 2 of the competition. Both teams did us proud with the A team reaching the final v Lucan Sarsfields. Having beaten Na Fianna and St Judes in the group stages they went on to win a hard fought semi-final against St Vincents. In the final, despite a fantastic display by the girls, Lucan pulled away in the last quarter to win the match and they went on to win the All Ireland Féile title. The intensity of the game was amazing, the girls showed great skill and spirit and great potential for the future.

Despite a huge effort, our B team in the Féile were unfortunate not to progress from the group stages. However the girls can be proud of the attitude they showed and the camogie that they played in the competition.



# Camogie Goes Kazoo!

By Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin



I gcónaí deirtear nach bhfuil mórán idir an dá chluiche, sé sin iomáint agus camógaíocht ach bhí cúpla scór idir na foirne iomána ar fad agus lucht camógaíochta Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna nuair a bhí an comórtas 'Raise the Bar' ar siúl ag Kazoo.

Earlier this year the under 11 camogie team, managed by Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin, took part in the 'Raise the Bar' challenge organised by the RTÉ 2 children's programme Kazoo. The challenge was to score as many goals as possible in a minute. The girls were the only camogie team in the competition and they were up against nine hurling teams from various counties in Ireland.

Each week, a new team tries to post the highest score on the show. It was all to play for until the very last week but the girls' score of 23 was just too hard to beat. As a result of this fantastic score (despite hitting the Kazoo sign more than once!) the girls' were rewarded with a trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre. They also had the added bonus of being filmed for the day and being joined by the show's presenter Kathryn. So, early one morning 27 excited girls and four willing helpers converged on the clubhouse to begin the journey.

Between transporting different sized blocks and a Ping-Pong ball in funnels (they're more used to sliotars and hurleys according to Kathryn!) they had to figure out different strategies so that they could complete their mission. The high ropes was definitely what they were all most looking forward to and every single girl gave it a go and did brilliantly, we even had a few show Kathryn and the 'helpers' how its done! When they say high ropes they really do mean high ropes; the girls walked beams, wires and climbed up staples attached to beams (all 30 feet in the air), without a doubt an activity not for the faint-hearted!



After lunch is when the real fun began, team-building, raft-building and Carlingford Lough, that warm lunch was definitely in preparation for this! The girls' were divided into teams and given surfboards, planks of wood and ropes. The challenge – make a raft that you can race! After the rafts were 'secure' and ready to go it was time for business. At stake, bragging rights on the bus home, or at least a bit drier! On the buzzer each team raced into the lake and I can assure you every single raft stayed intact... as the pictures clearly show :)

The girls had a fantastic day in Carlingford and they also had the added bonus of receiving the Kazoo Cup for the 'Raise the Bar' challenge. Our captains Hannah and Sarah said their cúpla focal and the cup shall take pride of place for the under 11 girls in the clubhouse. Sincere thanks to Mona, Bernie and Róisín for accompanying the team and to Kazoo for making it an unforgettable experience for the girls, its one cup they'll never forget about!

**Lá den chéad scoth a bhí ann agus bhí iompar na gcailíní ann ar fheabhas ar fad. Bhí siad béasach, gealgháireach agus go mór mór ciúin ar an mbealach abhaile!**



As soon as we arrived the girls were straight into it; high ropes, low ropes and team building exercises. Mar a deirtear tús maith leath na hoibre agus bhí é sin ag teastáil go géar agus na cailíní ag tabhairt faoin obair foirne. The girls' mental strength was worked as well as their agility in these activities.





Best Wishes  
Jim from  
all at the  
Boden!



# A year of Football Positives by Conor Doolan

There were a number of positives to take from the year:

- For the first time in a while the Intermediates competed really strongly in AFL3 and reached the final of the Loving Cup
- Junior A's finished 5th in the AFL5 having been promoted in 2009. They reached the Final of the Parson Cup going down to Raheny.
- Junior B's came second in AFL8 having been promoted in 2009. A very fine performance. They reached the semi-final of the Joy Cup.
- Junior C's had a very creditable mid table finish in AFL11S
- Minor A's topped MFL1 and are due to play Ballymun Kickhams to decide who wins the league
- The Minor B Team finished as Championship Runners-up.
- The Minor A Team will play their Championship Final in early 2011.

In the Minor A championship, the Minor A's won all three matches in the round robin to top their group. The Minor B's also topped their group in the round robin of Minor E championship. As I go to press, the Minor A's having drawn their semi final with Kilmacud Crokes, performed brilliantly in the replay to win by 5 points, having being 8 points down during the first half. Congrats to all. A very important performance for the club.

The Minor B's followed on a good win in their semi final v St Vincents, with a brave display against St Damians in the E final, where they went down narrowly, having played the better football for most of the first half. Great credit is due to the players and their mentors.

The seniors went out of the Championship to St Vincents in a replay, but it was a game we could have won, and indeed for long stretches we seemed to be in control of the match. When we have our full complement we are still very close to the best. In the case of Ballyboden the issue is exacerbated by the fact that, in addition to the players tied up with the County Football panel, we also have three players on the Dublin hurling panel.

## Representative honours

Congrats to Conal Keaney and particularly Michael Darragh Macauley and Darragh Nelson who made their Dublin debuts during the year. Indeed Michael Darragh went on to become an integral part of the team, to the extent that he got a nomination for an All-Star. Dublin are getting closer to "Sam" each year. Their performances this year were a credit to all the players. Darragh Nelson has joined Conal Keaney as a winner of an All-Ireland Under-21 medal, he played at corner back for Dublin throughout the championship.

Ballyboden was very well represented at minor level for Dublin with Sean Prendergast, Donagh McCabe, Graham Heavey and Ryan Basquel featuring. Robbie McDaid is on the under 17 development squad and Naoise Maguire was on the Dublin minor hurling panel. Congrats to all. Great to see such an abundance of young talent coming through.



## FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Dan O'Sullivan

**Vice Chairman:** Peter Shovlin

**Secretary:** Mick Garvey

## Minor E Championship Runners-Up



Back Row l to r: Seamus O'Flaherty (mentor), Michael Keogh, David Scanlon, Alan Cleary, Micheal Ó Dúill, Gavin Quirke, Joe Johnston, Niall Lynch, David Doyle, Eoghan Culligan, Jamie Desmond, Thomas McGrath, Fiachra Maguire, Darragh McCusker, Paul Neylon, Denis Molony (mentor), Sean O'Connor (mentor). Front Row l to r: Ross Callery, Dara Kilduff, John O'Flaherty, Peter Wall, Sam Molony, James Roche, Alex Murphy, Brian McCarthy, Tadgh O'Connor, Jack O'Dwyer.



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## Camogie player Michelle Glynn spent the Summer in earthquake shattered Haiti....this is her story...

Last January I held a table quiz in Ballyboden St. Endas to fundraise for a volunteer project in Haiti organized by UCDVO (University College Dublin Volunteers Overseas). The support and generosity for the table quiz was overwhelming and I would like to share my experience with you and to let you know how your contribution was used.

2010 was an exceptional year in Haiti with the earthquake that shook the country last January and left devastation, destruction and despair in its wake. UCDVO set up an emergency fund to go straight to Port au Prince to aid the quake victims. The charity also wanted to ensure that Haiti wasn't forgotten about once it left the media so they decided to continue their work in a little town called Gros Morne which was not directly affected by the quake, but many of the town's inhabitants lost family members and friends who worked in the capital. The town now also suffers from a severe pull on resources as thousands of refugees fled home to escape the desperation in Port au Prince.

UCDVO run summer camps for the poorest children in Gros Morne and 2010 was to be no exception. On the 27th June we headed for Haiti with our suitcases packed full of resources (footballs, chalk, stationery, art material and any other resources we could get our hands on) for the Haiti project. The charity runs 3 camps and I found myself in one of the rural camps about a forty-minute drive (on the back of a pick-up truck) called 'Kan Bigue.'

On the first day we drove up, our bums very sore after the rocky terrain and driving over collapsed bridges but we soon forgot our pain when we were surrounded by a sea of screaming children shouting "Blanc, Blanc,

Blanc" this was the Creole word to describe a white person. We were a bit of a novelty as some of the children were seeing a white person for the first time in their lives.

Unsure of what to expect after our initial arrival we walked into one of the classrooms where the children welcomed us with a warm chorus of singing. Despite the obvious poverty the other volunteers and myself found ourselves in the middle of a room of the happiest smiling children I have ever come across. The children greeted us with the words of a Backstreet Boys song 'You are my fire' we were taken aback at the ease in which they managed to sing in an unfamiliar language and the fact that they knew the words better than us. The children had learned and memorised the words from the volunteers that were there the year before. This was to be one of the first highlights of my experience in Haiti. In the warm sunshine or during a tropical rain storm I worked in the school camp every morning and on a construction site in the afternoons, my day started at 8am and finished at 6pm.

The UCDVO camps in Haiti have several purposes and have proven to be a huge success as they have such an impact on a large part of the community. The first is to encourage Haitian children into education, as there is no enforcement to make them go to school. The camps aim to provide a safe environment for the children to have fun and enjoy some aspect of their childhood. Playing football with an inflated football is one of the simple pleasures that the children in the camps enjoy beyond what any of us could have imagined! Footballs are hard to come by and too expensive for most families. In addition the terrain in Haiti is so bad that footballs tend to burst easily and if they don't succumb to a sharp rock, they are stolen from the children by adults - very harsh but very true.

One of the most important sides of the camps is to provide the children with nutrition and they are given breakfast and lunch every day. At the beginning of the month the kids were clearly starving and for many it was the first proper meal they had had in weeks. As a result of the work by UCDVO a food company (BND) took notice of the area and has agreed to provide school lunches to the children of Bigue for the next year. We found this out at the end of our stay and it was a great high to end our work in 'Kan Bigue.'





This year was a very sensitive year for many of the children who lost relatives during the earthquake and the camps offered a brief respite from the hardships they face. The camps cater for around 600 children in Gros Morne and while it is but a drop in the ocean, the impact it has on their lives is simply indescribable. I count myself very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with such enthusiastic, friendly and loving children

Over the past few years UCDVO have also worked on building a shelter for the disabled and elderly. Many families in Haiti cannot afford to feed and provide shelter for elderly or disabled relatives who cannot bring in any income. As a result every year there are many people left abandoned and on the streets. UCDVO embarked on a project last year to build a home for some of these abandoned people. The building 'The Kai Pov' is now finished and home to some of Gros Morne's most vulnerable people. I mainly worked on the construction project in Bigue but I had the opportunity to visit 'The Kai Pov' and speak to some of it's inhabitants. The people who live there are now happy and enjoying the safe environment provided by the shelter.

The second project taken on this year was a new project to prevent homes being washed away. Every year in Haiti torrential rains cause houses to be washed away and into the river. Most Haitian houses are made out of very weak materials, some are made with whatever material they can find to create a shelter, it is not unusual to see people living under sheets of corrugated iron. The project involved planting in a ravine to stop the flow of water in the area above the houses and then building walls around individual houses that were particularly at risk. The UCD Volunteers worked hand in hand with the Haitians to protect the houses that otherwise would most certainly have washed away with the next rainy season.

The final and biggest project taken on this year by UCDVO was the construction of an extra three classrooms in Bigue. Since UCDVO began its camp in Bigue just 2 years ago the interest in education has tripled. The school has tried to cope until now by having up to 90 children cramped into tiny schoolrooms. Delighted with the increase in the interest for education UCDVO decided to build an extension to the school to cater for the new pupils.

Construction got underway as soon as we arrived and when building the walls we incorporated steel reinforcement bars to strengthen the material that would otherwise be brittle to make it as safe as possible in the event of another earthquake. There is no such thing as a cement mixer in rural Haiti so this was all done by hand. We had no heavy machinery to move rocks and bricks so we worked in chains to pass the bricks along the line to where they needed to be. We had sifters to get rid of all the little rocks in gravel to make the cement.

Every little job in Haiti takes much longer to achieve than it would in Ireland, but in the little time we had, three extra classrooms were completed and ready for the children returning to school in September. In true Haitian style, the last day of construction was celebrated by a conga line making its way around the site singing Haitian working songs. It was one of the most bizarre and hilarious things I have ever witnessed.

I mentioned at the beginning about the fundraiser I held in Ballyboden. It was a table quiz and the very first fundraiser I held for the Haiti project. The table quiz was a massive success and I was humbled by the generosity and support of everyone who came and those who donated money afterwards because they couldn't make it on the night. The table quiz raised over €2,300. I am very grateful to all those who gave their time and money so generously.

I would like to mention also a very generous donation from an anonymous club member, it was very much appreciated and went straight to the VO emergency fund for quake victims. The help from Ballyboden club members didn't end there. Before I left for Haiti Rose Sheridan hosted a coffee morning, which raised a further €500 so thank you Rose and to all who attended and donated money on that day also!

The contributions from Boden members went a long way towards the projects in Haiti this year. For me it was truly an amazing experience and I feel very fortunate that I could be a part of it. Thank you again for all your support.





# Ballyboden St Endas Senior Ladies Football Championship Winners 2010



Back Row l to r: Gráinne O'Malley, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Elaine McGrath, Aisling Farrelly, Jenny Ward, Susan White, Natalia Hyland, Rachel Nugent, Alice Gillen, Ciara Ruddy, Edel Drury, Caroline Conway, Rachel Ruddy, Sarah O'Brien, David "Hammy" Cunningham, Noelle Comyn.

Front Row l to r: Sorcha Farrelly, Megan Carney, Maria McGrath, Paula McGrath, Teresa Molohan, Sarah Denvir, Orla Scolard, Mags Fitzgerald, Joanne O'Sullivan, Gemma Fay, Claire King, Karen Hopkins



# Ladies Football Review By Mary Hyland

2010 has been another very busy year for Ladies Football in Ballyboden St Endas. We had 15 teams entered in competitions from U10's up to Senior level. This year there are over 575 girls registered with Ladies Football including the Academy and Under 9's.



**Senior Ladies Football Team Management l to r: Dan O'Sullivan, Finnian Hyland, Vivian Ruddy and Declan O'Reilly**

The year 2010 will be remembered as a special year for the Senior A team, as they won their 10th County Championship in September. This remarkable achievement started off with Ballyboden winning the first title back in 2000 and were County Champions all through the decade except for 2009 where Na Fianna took over for one year. The following girls were part of the first win back in 2000 and also played in 2010 – Sorcha Farrelly Fiona Ní Chorcóráin, Aisling Farrelly, Gemma Fay, Joanne O'Sullivan, Sarah Denvir, and Orla Scolard. Gemma, Joanne and Sorcha Farrelly have the 10 county titles. Great credit must be given to all these players for their huge commitment and work ethic over the years. The senior team also won the League and Cup in Dublin this year.

They then proceeded into the Leinster Campaign and had great victories over Ballyna, (Kildare Champions) and Shelmeliers (Wexford Champions). In the Leinster Final the Boden girls fought hard under difficult weather conditions on the day, but Timahoe the Laois Champions ended their dreams of another Leinster title in 2010. Well done to Manager Finnian Hyland and the management team of Declan O'Reilly, Vivian Ruddy and Dan O'Sullivan for all their hard work over the season.

Staying with the Senior Team, congratulations must go to the following five players who were part of the Dublin Senior All Ireland winning team: Rachel Ruddy, Gemma Fay, Natalia Hyland, Aisling Farrelly and Noelle Comyn.

Congratulations also to Gráinne O'Malley, Sarah Denvir, Teresa Molohan, Orla Scolard, and Edel Drury who were part of the Dublin All Ireland Senior B winning team. A great honour for the club to have ten senior players with All-Ireland Medals in the one year.

Congratulations to Rachel Ruddy and Gemma Fay who were awarded All Stars for 2010. Best wishes also to Rachel with her new career as a Physiotherapist in Singapore.

The Senior B Team had a mixed season of results according to Manager John O'Toole. The standard of football in Division 3 was very high this year and the girls did exceptionally well competing against A panels of other teams in the division.

The Under 15 team played U16 Division 2 this year winning all their games to win the League. Three girls from Under 16 represented Boden in the All Ireland U16 winning team. Well done to Maria McGrath, Clare King and Sarah Burns.

The Minor Team were Championship winners again in 2010 (see separate report) Well done to Derek Ward, Joanne O'Sullivan, Vincent Carney and Pat McGrath.

At U14 level Ballyboden entered two teams in the Dublin Féile. The Division 1 Team under the management of Michael Gillen and Mick Aylmer were the Dublin Féile Winners again. The second team under the management of Mick Byrne and Martin McGlynn competed in Division 3 and were beaten in the semi final by Whitehall Colmcille.

A lot of hard work and commitment was given by management teams, fundraising committee, parents and players over the season. Over the season the division one team played 30 (15 a side) games scoring 174 goals and 261 points while conceding 38 goals and 92 points. They only lost 2 matches over the course of the year (league game v Skerries and Féile Semi-final v Claregalway). After winning the Dublin Féile this team went off to represent Dublin in the All Ireland Féile in Tyrone, but unfortunately were beaten by Claregalway in the semi-final.

At Under 13 level, the Division 1 team finished 4th in the League losing narrowly to Foxrock/Cabinteely and Kilmacud. As the league finished early a top 4 league was organised in May and this team finished on top winning all their matches. They reached the final of the Championship and were beaten by Kilmacud. Well done to Management team of Tom Finnegan and Sean McGinn for all their hard work.



**U13A Victorious Lee Strand Cup Winners at Austin Stacks in Tralee.**

Also at under 13 level under the management of Mick Fitzpatrick, Graham Rigney and Kevin Griffin a lot of work has gone in over the year. This panel has now grown to 38 over the year and after the league they entered three teams in the Championship in Division 3 and Division 5. In the League they finished runners up in Div. 3.



## **LADIES FOOTBALL COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson:** Pat McGrath

**Vice Chairperson:** John O'Toole

**Secretary:** Pamela Lynn

**Registrar:** Mary Hyland

**Board Delegates:**

Pat McGrath and Mary Hyland



**U12 players with the Brendan Martin Cup won by Dublin.**

From losing all but one game last year to winning the Championship in style this season, 2010 will be memorable for the Under 12B as the most improved team in Ladies Football. With a convincing result of 5 - 12 to 5 - 4 over Man-O-War this was a sweet victory. Great credit goes to Tom Ball, Dave Mellon, Aidan Brophy and all the girls for this achievement.


The Under 12 Division 1 team has had a challenging year also. The girls' football skills, ability and determination have really improved this year. Well done to Pat Conway, Mick Higgins and Ben Molloy for their work with this team in 2010.

The Under 11 panel of over 50 players are under the guidance of Ned Flood and his management team. They had three teams competing in the League and two in the Cup Competition. A big loss to the management team this year was Brian McGowan who has moved back to Sligo.


The Under 10 panel of over 50 are under a Management team led by Noel Lynn and Aidan Brophy. Three teams competed in 2 different competitions. Two of the teams played 15 games and won 12. The other team group won 5 out of 10 games played. Teresa Molohan from the Senior Team is part of this coaching squad and contributes greatly to the coaching of this young team.

The under 9 panel of over 65 are already in preparation for 2011 competition having made the transition from the Academy. Here Leonard Brennan has stepped forward to manage this big group. Up to 12 coaches have also come forward to assist with the coaching on a Friday night. This is very encouraging to see such great interest by both parents and players.

There are now three venues on Saturday mornings where our younger girls attend the Academies. Ballycullen, St Enda's Park and Páirc Uí Mhurchú. With over 180 registered between the three venues the children get to play both Camogie and Ladies Football in the one coaching session. The academies are the springboard of our future teams.



## Ballyboden St. Enda's U11 Ladies Football 2010



Back Row L-R:	Sarah Buckingham, Amy Young, Ciara Barnes, Kate Kavanagh, Emer Kiely, Aishling McCullagh, Amy Cunningham, Jenny Flaherty, Aoife Barton, SORCHA DUGGAN, Rachel O'Donoghue, Eve O'Donoghue, Christina McGinn, Cora Ryan, Jessica McGrane
Middle Row L-R:	Chloe Stapelton, Eva Coughlan, Aoife Dwyer, Elizabeth Manning, Aine O'Brien, Anne Dalton, Dearbhla O'Brien, Aoife Gogan, Katelyn Dunleavy Larkin, Shona O'Sullivan, Róisín Doherty, Sarah Cleary, Orlaith Barry, Róisín Brooks, Orlagh Kinsella, Dearbhla Tracey, Hannah Christie, Caroline Marshall
Front Row L-R:	Sadhbh Medlar, Hannah King, Isobel McNamara, Grainne Batelle, Anna Shanley, Jade Cambell, Avril Flood, Laura-Mae Kilkenny, Sarah Leach, Louise O'Connor, Katie Farrell, Fiona Deane.



## 2010 U14 Dublin Féile and Championship Winners



Front row left to right: Antoinette Murphy, Catriona Sinnott, Jade Cannon, Shannon Boner, Aine McMorrow, Katie Murphy, Ruth Gillen, Niamh McLoughlin, Aisling Scully, Aishling O'Leary, Doireann Mullany, Martha O'Donoghue.

Back row left to right: Michael Gillen, Elizatbeth Kiernan, Sinead Ryan, Simone Reilly, Emma Gay, Julinne Glynn, Lisa Gillan, Danielle Alymer, Alison Lowe, Gemma Colclough, Rachel White, Reachel McFetdrige, Jessica Hogan, Mick Aylmer, Liz Doran, Ciaran Colclough

## The Class of '99



## 2010 U12 B Championship Winners





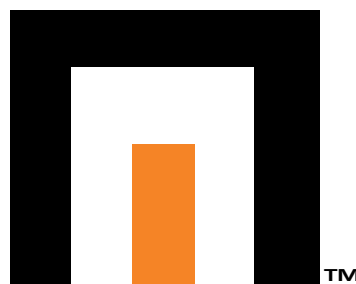


Three Boden girls were part of Dublin's U16 All Ireland Victory in 2010. They are from (L to R): Sarah Burns, Claire King and Maria McGrath.

They were also members of the successful Club Minor Championship winning team.

Five Boden players were part of the first Dublin All Ireland Senior Victory in 2010. They are from (L to R): Aisling Farrelly, Natalia Hyland, Gemma Fay, Rachel Ruddy and (inset) Noelle Comyn

Gemma and Rachel also won All Star Awards in 2010



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# DUBLIN LADIES MINOR FOOTBALL DIVISION ONE FINAL 2010



**BALLYBODEN ST. ENDA'S 2-10 KILMACUD CROKES 0-6**  
**Venue: Seán Moore Park Ringsend Thursday 18 Nov 2010**

**Dublin Minor Champions 2010 - Back L to R: V. Carney (mentor), J.O'Sullivan (mentor), Grainne Archbold, Nicole Basquel, Meave Scully, Anna Stafford, Sarah O'Brien, Niamh Brien, Maria McGrath, Alice Farrell, Elaine McGrath (Capt), Aoife O'Gara, D. Ward (mentor), Pat McGrath (mentor)**

**Front L to R: Megan Carney, Aoife O'Brien, Michelle O'Reilly, Claire King, Tracey Kennedy, Aisling Keane, Ciara Donovan, Ciara Ruddy, Michelle Clancy.**

Ballyboden St. Endas claimed their third Dublin ladies minor title in a row beating Kilmacud Crokes in an absorbing championship final replay in pleasant weather conditions. The first half was dominated by superb defending from both sides with scores at a premium.

Having absorbed early Crokes pressure Boden opened the scoring with a well worked team build up finished by Aisling Keane. Crokes levelled soon after and a period of sustained attacks yielded scores for Aisling and Sarah O'Brien (2) to leave the half time scoreline of Boden 0 – 4 Crokes 0 – 3. The highlight was the fantastic support play from Boden's girls who continuously played their way out of trouble. The outstanding Claire King (Full Back) and Jenny Ward (Centre Back) among the best in the game displayed heroic defending with Jenny constantly thwarting the attacking runs of Deirdre Duke (Crokes Star player). Alice Gillen in goal was excellent; organising her defence, finding players with kick outs and comfortable in dealing with every ball. Anna Stafford and Michelle O'Reilly showed their outstanding defensive abilities on the night with excellent cover play.

Crokes just could not compete with the speed and fast ball distribution of Tracey Kennedy and Aoife O'Brien. Ciara Ruddy and Captain Elaine McGrath at midfield were imperious. Both led by example working tirelessly from end to end linking defence and attack. Up front Boden's attack began to find space. Maria McGrath opened up the spaces with great runs and well timed passes creating scores for Ciara Donovan (2 – 0), Megan Carney (0 – 1) and Ciara Ruddy (0 – 1).

Megan and Aisling who were tightly marked players from the start caused all sorts of problems for the Crokes defence. The magnificent Niamh Brien was everywhere always reading the game, intercepting and finding players with great passes. Sarah O'Brien Boden's talented skillful ball kicker finished the game with a great tally of five points.

Crokes started the second half with a levelling point to make it four each. The best fifteen minutes from the Ballyboden followed as the Boden girls began to dominate all positions. Ciara Donovan moved to full forward and Maria set her up for a cracking goal. Sarah tapped over a few frees and Crokes couldn't find a way to break down Boden's defensive game from the full forward line back.

Ciara soon added another goal which put game beyond Crokes. Notwithstanding Crokes kept playing and the Boden girls had to be on top of their game right to the end with Jenny, Claire, Anna, Michelle, Tracey and Aoife playing out of their skins to make sure Crokes didn't get in for goals. Alice made some fantastic saves to keep a clean sheet for the game.

Well done to Michelle Clancy, Aoife O'Toole, Nicole Basquel and Alice Farrell who came on to make a huge contribution to the victory. Grainne Archbold, Aoife O'Gara and Meave Scully played significant parts earlier in this championship run.

Scores: Ciara Donovan (2 – 0); Aisling Keane (0 – 3); Sarah O'Brien (0 – 5); Megan Carney (0 – 1); Ciara Ruddy (0 – 1).





Early aerial photo of the convent & school complex



GAA President Christy  
Club Chair Terry



Young Boden Hurlers look to the future



Looking from right to left reveals  
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Jack and  
Ger Mahon with the  
Liam McCarthy Cup







Cooney, his wife Anne and O'Neill lead the parade

# Official Opening of the Sancta Maria Complex

By Criostóir Ó Cuana,  
Úachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael  
28th August 2010



Shows the amazing transformation of the same time retaining the original Convent buildings



Work on the entrance gets underway



Des Miller, Noel Callan, Derek Ward and Fr. Jimmy Murray with the Liam McCarthy Cup





# *BODEN* *Wedding Bells*



*Senior hurler Tim Sweeney married  
senior camogie player Anne Hogan.*



*Lotto Committee member  
Sarah Jennings and Graham Russell*



*Senior footballer Kenny Naughton  
and his wife Sinead.*



*Senior footballer Cormac Smyth  
and Emer McMenamin.*





*Emma Seery with her son Alex on his  
Christening day in Ballyboden St Endas  
on the 18th September 2010*



*Baby TJ Vaughan born on  
4th January 2010 to Junior Hurling Manager  
Seamus and Lizé*



*Olivia Anne Spain, daughter of  
Senior Hurler Darragh and Jane*



*Baby Bobby Dooley weighed in at  
a healthy 8lb 4oz - Congratulations to  
Junior Hurler Kevin and wife Vicki*

# Boden Babies



# JUVENILE *Round-Up*

Compiled by Joe Roche

## Hurling

### Under 9 Hurling

**Manager:** Peter Wall

**Mentors:** Brian Kelleher, Brian McKenna, Brendan Ryan, Declan O'Rourke, Michael O'Sullivan, Martin Gilligan, Liam Cullen, Daire MacPhaidin & John Lambert

The Under 9 Hurlers took part in three tournaments in 2010. The first one we hosted in Pairc Uí Mhurchú, on the June Bank Holiday Weekend. Bray Emmets beat Naas in the Final and Ballyboden beating Skerries in the runners up. The next tournament was in Round Towers in July. It ran over four weeks with the final being played in August. And lo and behold Ballyboden got through to the final against Round Towers! But it wasn't to be for Ballyboden and the stronger team won. The last tournament we took part in this year was in Kilmacud Crokes in October. The team played their heart out but we came up against some stiff opposition. We finished second last but every one was happy we had played to the best of our ability on the day. Kilmacud Crokes had put on a fantastic day which was enjoyed by all.

### Under 10 Hurling

**Group 1 Mentors:** Alex Sweeney, John Kirwan, Daire Killian.

**Group 2 Mentors:** Ultan MacMathuna, Donagh McGrath, Alan Kinsella, Sean Garvey

The Féile Iomána in May proved to be a very enjoyable day for all. We also travelled to Carlow Town Hurling Club and Kilmacud Crokes for Blitz days which were very enjoyable and a great development exercise for the players. A very significant component of the success of the U10 Hurling this year is down to the continued commitment and dedication of the mentors.

### Under 11 Hurling



**Back row l to r :** Conor Devins, Donal Butler, Eric Lowndes, Conor McHugh, Robert Murphy, Ben Errity, Kevin Ward, Sean McClelland, Tom Devlin, Cormac Costello, Colm Cronin, Ros Tierney, Jack Phelan.

**Front row l to r :** Donal Gormley, Eoin Howard, James Roche, Eoin Prendergast, Eoghan Smyth, Conor McKeon, Cian O'Callaghan, Conor Cuggy, Cian Boland, Shane Gibbons, Paul Winters.

2010 has seen the U11 hurlers maintain strong numbers and we have fielded 4 teams this year adopting birds of prey as their mantle. The Falcons, Kestrels, Eagles and Hawks have made great progress this year. In the A championship the combined Falcons/Eagles narrowly missed out on the semi-finals after a one point loss to Cuala having beaten a fancied Mearnog side and St. Brigids and losing to local rivals Kilmacud.



**Team builder day in Clara Lara funpark**

In the B Championship the combined Kestrels and Hawks had a similar fate with victories over Erins Isle, Fingallians and Round Towers and narrow defeats to semi-finalists Lucan and Clontarf.

The summer months were filled with Camáint and again the two squads performed well with assistance from some of our talented under 10's.

One team were beaten by a strong Erins Isle team in their semi final but the other team had a magnificent victory over St. Peregrines in their final on a sunny day in Parnell.

### Under 12 Hurling

During the course of 2010 the players participated in a number of tournaments including our own Féile Iomána. The Féile proved a very successful days hurling with the boys winning against a strong Portlaoise outfit and fighting back to snatch a deserved draw against a good O'Loughlin Gaels team from Kilkenny. The only defeat of the day was against St. Martins from Wexford. The boys also took part in a Leinster tournament hosted by Portlaoise at the end of the summer.



**Feile Iomana team - Back Row:** Sean Gorman, Eoin Fetherson, Hugh Keller, Michael O' Brien, Darragh Byrne, Liam Garrett, Niall O'Reilly, Luke Corcoran, Aiden Mellett, Robert Byrne.

**Front Row:** Tommy Deane, Donal O'Reilly, Cathal O'Tuile, Aaron Coffey, Eoin Monaghan, Ciaran Ryan, Cian Lynch, James Holland, Sean Byrne, Shane Kennedy.

Ballyboden came away victorious on the day winning the overall tournament with victories against Naas, Laois Co. Development squad and Moneygall (Tipperary). During the summer months, the team finished runners-up in the Camáint tournament and also played challenge games with neighbouring and other teams outside of Dublin e.g. Naas, Mullinahone (Tipperary), Cranford (Wexford) and Belfast St. Johns.



## Dublin U16 Hurling



**BODEN DUBLIN PLAYERS** – Donal Butler (back row 2nd from left); James Roche (front row 3rd from left and Conor McKeon (front row 6th from left). Ben McEntee not in picture (part of extended panel).

### Under 13 “A” Hurling

The past year has seen an improvement in the fortunes of the U13 A hurlers. We won 5 of our league matches beating, Kilmacud, St. Vincents, Lucan and Fingallians along the way. We had a few trips down the country the highlight of which was our trip to Kilkenny. We beat teams from Dicksboro and Ballyragget and had a great night in the Marble City. The support of the parents continues to be strong and positive. We also had training sessions with Brian O'Regan and Paul McLaughlin which were particularly useful. Having stepped up our efforts at training and challenge matches we are able to hold our own with almost any team in Dublin and are looking forward to the challenge of U14 next year.

### Under 13 “B” Hurling

**Manager : Mick Garry Mentor : Colm O'Connor**

In terms of results it was a poor season for this team, winning only one of their League matches. Having been originally placed in Division 4 at the start of the season, we requested to be moved up to Division 3. This was done in the hope that playing at a higher level would benefit the boys playing with this panel. We were the only “B” team in this division and found it very hard to compete with “A” teams from other clubs.

### Under 14 Hurling

**Coaching/Selection – Stephen Perkins, Declan O'Brien, John Crowley, Peter Lyons, Paddy MacNamee, James Murray.**

Féile year was a busy and productive one for the Under 14 hurlers. The Dublin Féile weekend saw both teams hurl to a very high standard. In the group stage the A squad performed very well in the first two games – performance of the day came in an epic encounter which the boys were unlucky to lose to a highly skilled, and physically strong, Na Fianna team. Victory over Cuala and a draw against local rivals Faughs ensured qualification for Sunday's semi-final against Kilmacud. Having led early in the game the second half saw Crokes overtake a Boden team whose cause was not helped by the loss of captain Harry Coffey to a serious finger injury. Crokes went on to win the Dublin Final, losing the national semi-final to Cork.

The B team hurled with utter determination in the group stage to beat Olaf's and Na Fianna B. The semi-final performance against Crokes B was again spirited and determined but unfortunately Crokes, playing on their home pitch, won through to Sunday's final which they ultimately won. Trips away included visits to De La Salle in Waterford, Kilkenny, and a blitz in O'Donovan Rossa of Belfast; while teams hosted included Palisgreen of Limerick, Raharney of Westmeath and Naas.

### Under 15 A Hurling

**Ciárán Maguire and Séamie Ó Néill**

The U15 hurlers started 2010 with a trip to Belfast to play O'Donovan Rossa. The highlight of the first half of the season was surely the Cian Durkin tournament in which top U15 teams from all four provinces participated.

Boden's group included O'Donovan Rossa of Antrim and Kilnadeema-Leitrim of Galway. Dicksboro, Mallow and Cuala made up the other group. Some very tight, well contested games meant that the cup, shield and plate finalists had to be separated by score difference. Dicksboro added the Cian Durkin tournament to the All-Ireland Féile they had won the previous year. Our grateful appreciation goes to the Durkin family for their sponsorship of this prestigious tournament and to all of the parents who supported and organised the tournament.

After the summer break, we worked very hard to prepare for the U15 championship and beat St. Jude's in a very hard fought quarter-final in Tymon Park. Unfortunately, we went out at the semi-final stage to a very strong Cuala team who went on to win the final. The team finished off the year with a course of Strength & Flexibility delivered by Brian O'Regan. Congratulations to the Boden players who won the Leinster U15 shield competition representing South Dublin.

### Under 15 B Hurling

**Brendan Ryan, Paddy Corrigan and Frank Harrington**

In 2010 the U15 B Hurling team started badly, trained harder, finished stronger. Still Hurling. Although in 2010 the U15 B hurlers did not win anything, finishing mid table in division 3 of the league and reaching the semi final of the championship, losing to the eventual winners in an exciting game, nevertheless it was an enjoyable year, with progress made in hurling terms and as a team competing to the best of their ability. Thanks are due to the mentors of the U14 hurlers who helped out when numbers were tight and to Martin Hamm for his Tai Chi sessions.

### Under 16 Hurling

**Mentors: Ray McKenna, John Keegan, Eugene McGee**



The Under 16 hurlers had another eventful year. An early highlight was a challenge game against Galway-based Kilnadeema Leitrim on St Patrick's Day on the all-weather pitch in Sancta Maria. The team had qualified by early summer for the Top 4 playoff in the League. On 26th June, the team headed south for the Carlow Town U16 All-Ireland Blitz. On a beautiful, sunny day the team played some of its best hurling of the year topping a group containing Holycross, Mungret & Loughrea before going out at the semi-final stage to Blackrock of Cork, the eventual competition winners.

The championship campaign began in September and another highlight was a magnificent semi-final win against Cuala. Having qualified for their 4th final in 4 years, they were pipped for the title by Whitehall. The Top 4 League playoff resumed after the championship and Boden are still in the hunt for the runners-up spot to Kilmacud Crokes. Throughout November, the team participated in the floodlit Leinster U16 Hurling Tournament in Bray Emmets' grounds.

A number of the team gained representative honours on Dublin Development squads (See photo at top of page) and of course, many had schools success as well throughout the year. In a notable finish to the year, the team joined with their minor colleagues and lost out narrowly in the C Championship Final to a strong St. Brigids team.



# Football

## Under 9 Football

**Manager:** Declan O'Rourke

**Mentors:** Peter Wall, Michael O'Sullivan, Joesph Gilligan, Brian McKenna, Ben Molloy, Michael Donohoe, Eimear O'Brien, Daire McPháidin, Brian Kelleher, Stephen O'Raghallach, Derek Kane, Liam Cullen, Paul Kirwan, Brendan Ryan

Our life in the big world started back in February when we played our first game in the Go Games Football Southside leagues. In May, the County Board organised a mini blitz instead of a league match and we were the hosts to two of our teams, Cuala and Naomh Olaf made up the remainder.

A big thanks to Eimear O'Brien who organised a group of players to go to Croke Park to see the second International Rules game against Australia.



Back Row (L-R) P Kirwan, G Mahon, J McDonnell, P McCormack, L Stafford, J Mahon, R Leddy, E Kirwan, C Ryan, B McGarry, N Hestor, B Stafford, Front Row (L-R) D McDonnell, M Murphy, R Knight, C Kelly, J Murphy, C O'Dea, N Benson, C Kennedy, L Murphy, S McDonnell, E Kelly, O Tobin.

## Under 10 Football

**Group 1 Mentors:** Conleth O'Reilly, Mike Fitzpatrick, Gerry Duffy, Sean McGinn. - **Group 2 Mentors:** Alex Sweeney, Ciaran Farrell, Tom Rourke, Michael Lovett - **Group 3 Mentors:** Derek Ward, Phelim McCabe, Bernard Lynch, Sean O'Neill

The weekly Go-Games continue to provide much excitement and interest amongst the boys, mentors and parents. Our good relationship with the other clubs has followed on from last year. The participation of the juvenile referees provides a very positive input into the games and the boys have huge regard for the referees both at home and away.

## Under 11 Football

**Mentors:** Frank Mc Namee, Maeve Nugent, Frank Basquel, Gerry Dennehy, John Madden, Gavin Duff, Brian Mahon, Ray Grady, Paul Kelly, Eoin O'Riordan, Sean Mc Garvey, Fergal Ryan, Andrew Herbst

We have in the region of 68 boys participating every week, together with great support and commitment from a large number of mentors. We ran 4 teams (travelling in two team groups). As each team ended up with a large panel, our focus was to give all players as close to equal game time as possible.

This was achieved but at the expense of a better performance in the league. The Go games concept worked well, developing both weak and strong players. The highlight of the year was most definitely the training on Monday nights and the new training regime introduced for large squad training. The turnout, effort and enthusiasm was very good, and that was just the mentors!

## Under 12 Football

The mentors across the teams are as follows:

**A Team** – John Byrne, Brian Weldon, Ben Morell, Donal Monaghan

**B Team** – Eoin O'Sullivan, Fergal O'Reilly, Vinny Keogh, Robert Byrne, Risteard O'Tuile

**C Team** – Eoin Gallagher, Diarmuid Healy, Cathal O'Toole

**D Team** – Colm Bolger, Tom Lawlor, Michael O'Sullivan, John Keegan

We competed with 4 teams in the U12 Southside competitions. In terms of results we finished second in the 1st and 3rd division with our A and B team. Our C and D teams finished second last in the 4th and 5th Division. On the social front we had a great day out at Clara Lara for all the teams. We also organised a very successful visit for a team from John Mitchels in Kerry.

## U13A FOOTBALL REPORT

**Mentors:** Martin Murphy, Brian Stafford, Damien McDonnell, Paddy Kirwan

After spending the last few years in the sheltered environment of Southside football, we were keen to test ourselves against the best that the Northside had to offer and we had a great start in the Grading league at the beginning of the season in winning all but one of our matches. The league itself developed into somewhat of a two tier league with Ballymun, Na Fianna, Kilmacud and ourselves proving much stronger than the rest of the teams. Unfortunately despite some titanic battles against Ballymun and Na Fianna, we failed to beat them and Ballymun ran out worthy winners having gone through the season unbeaten.

The highlight of our season was the trip to Kerry in September when we were entered into the Lee Strand Invitational Tournament, a prestigious under 13 tournament with sixteen top teams from all over the country. The trip was a fantastic success for both the players and the parents that attended and to cap it all, we emerged victorious

## Under 13 - Boden Boys Make History in the Kingdom Report: Gerry Mahon - Pics: Ron Leddy

BBSE U13 Football Team won the prestigious Lee Strand Invitational Tournament in Tralee, beating four Kerry teams in the process including a strong Kerins O'Rahilly team in the Final. All the boys showed true grit and determination in the Final against Kerins O'Rahilly and are the first Dublin club to lift the trophy in its 25 year history with a 2-8 to 0-8 Score line. Congratulations to all the boys and team management consisting of Martin (Spud) Murphy, Brian Stafford, Damien Mc Donnell and Paddy Kirwan.

## Under 13B Football

**Mentors:** Don Carolan, Tadhg Cashman, Jim Dalton, Dara Shovlin

The U13B Football team have had a very successful year, some of the highlights for the season include; Won Division 4 Grading League & gained promotion. Finished 4th in Division 3, level on points with 3rd place.

## Under 13 C Football

**Mentors:** Niall Kelly, Martin Durkin and Diarmuid Cahalane.

The team competed in the Division 5 League, which proved to be a division too high as the team finished in the lower section of this competition. Due to falling numbers the management of the D team agreed to combine their panel with the C panel making one strong dedicated panel, which is necessary for next years Feile.



## Under 14 A Football

**Mentors : Derek Ward, Vincent Carney,  
Noel Basquel and Liam Deane**

The under 14 A footballers played 30 games this year plus numerous cup games for the combined groups. They came runners up to Na Fianna in the division one Dublin all county league and lost to the eventual All Ireland Champions Na Fianna by two points 1 – 3 to 0 – 8 in the Dublin Féile final in Parnell Park 1st May 2010.

## Under 14B Football

**Mentors: Paul Manning, Brendan Gillespie,  
Kevin Walsh and Conor Morrissey**

A look back at 2010 for the U14B team will see a season that ended in a heartbreaking Feile Final defeat by 2 points to St Marks on a May Sunday morning in St Peregrines. Having overcome St James Gaels, St Sylvester's and Kilmacud Crokes in the group stages to qualify for the afternoon semi final against Raheny.

The semi final proved to be a battle royal and in the end we comfortably won our place in the final. Hopes were high on the Sunday morning as the match threw in but a last minute goal for St Marks would snatch the cup from our grasp.

## Under 15A Football

**Mentors : Noel Madden, Brendan Burke, Paddy Brady, Mark Fee**

The first round of the championship brought Na Fianna to Pairc Ui Mhurchu in September. The sheer heart and never say die attitude of the team, losing by 5 points with 4 minutes to go was evident, when the team fought back to bring the game to extra time. Boden won well in additional time, another vintage performance!

Two further wins against St. Brigids and Oliver Plunketts and we were back in their third successive final against Cuala. The opposition scored three goals in the first 15 minutes of the game and this was a knock out blow from which the team never recovered. The league season started on the 31st January with a good win against Fingallians and then a week later, a fantastic comeback to beat old rivals Kilmacud Crokes. However, as we enter December, the league is still on and Boden are top!



**Under 16 Football  
Final League match vs Kilmacud Crokes**

## Under 15B Football

**Mgmt Team : Joe Brennan , Joe Mernagh & Greg Edwards**

Very much a year of two halves with strong league performances up to the summer break followed by a disappointing series of both leagues and championship performances in the second half of the year.

The squad benefited greatly from the involvement of senior footballers (Conor Dolan and James O'Gara) at our training sessions during the first few months of the year. Many thanks to the two lads for their support. We also had some very competitive challenge games this year against the U14A's and U15A's.

## Under 16 Football

**Mentors : Jimmy Walsh, Ger Flaherty, Neil Buckingham & Tony McKeon**

The team has had another good year in 2010. We finished runners-up in the League to Kilmacud Crokes, the team that also defeated us in the Quarter Final of the championship. The team has developed over the year with certain individuals making great progress. Their play has been very entertaining to watch. In addition there are four player representatives on the U.16 Dublin Development squad.



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Executive Committee 1985-86, standing (L to R): Pat Conway, Kevin Griffin, Sean Flynn, Brian Stynes, Daithí Scolard and Martin Lennon. Seated (L to R): Austin Stack, John Kirwan, John O'Neill and Kathleen O'Sullivan.



Below are the 1993 Minor and 1995 U-21 Football Championship Winners Reunion. Back (L to R): Greg Heraty, David Mulcahy, Gary Colleran, Brian Mulcahy, Eric Miller, Nigel Curran, Alan Ryan, Paddy Bates, Declan Walsh and Ken Morgan.

Front row: Padraig Mc Manus, Donal Griffin, Patrick Greville, Paul Donnelly, Jeff Haughton, Shane Heraty, Kevin Walsh, Ian Clarke, Johnny Culkin,

Pictured above are the 1988 Junior Hurling Championship Reunion attendees.

Back (L to R): John Hayes, John Cummins, Mick Glynn, Ciaran Ryan, Martin Kenny, Noel Sheridan, Rose Sheridan, John Maher, Ollie Hickey, Brendan Wall, Paul Daly, Terry O'Neill.

Middle: Colm O'Malley, Tony O'Donohoe, Joe Gleeson, Mick Fletcher, David Kane, Ken Keary, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Ken Murray, Tom Brown, Iris Kirwan, Tomás Ó Reachtabhra, Jimmy Galavan.

Front: Gerry O'Sullivan, Annette Lambert, Robert Lambert, Malachy Daly, Philip Larkin, Eddie Finn, Con Ryan, Eddie O'Sullivan, Gerry Brown, John Kirwan and Edwina Kenny.





# MICHAEL DARRAGH MACAULEY - The big interview By Sinead Ryan

Looking back over the Dublin Senior Football team the last decade, many people would pick centre field as one of the strongest positions. Raheny-man, Ciaran Whelan served his county well when he lined out for 47 championship games for the Boys in Blue. When he decided to retire after Dublin's defeat to Kerry in the 2009 championship, all Dublin fans were left wondering what would happen at the centre of the field.... 2010 welcomed a new addition to the Dublin camp, Ballyboden St Enda's young gun Michael Darragh Macauley.

Standing at 6ft 3" and at 23 years of age, Michael has been a very important player in the Dublin camp for the 2010 championship. With a disappointing 2009 championship, all talk was about Pat Gilroy on how would the team improve going into the new season. Michael first played in a Dublin jersey in the O'Byrne Cup but started his first championship game was against Wexford in the 2010 Leinster Senior Football Final and has since become a permanent fixture on the Dublin squad. "I was nervous when I got the call on the team – it's always been something I would dreamed of, so I knew that I would have to grab the opportunity with both hands when I got the call".

Trying to replace Ciaran Whelan was a big task for anyone so how did Macauley feel going into his first game. "God if anyone told me five years ago that Ross and I would have the chance to replace Whelo I wouldn't have believed them, they were huge boots to fill and they come with a lot of expectation but hopefully me and Ross did him some justice." Michael is no stranger to competitive sports as he has been playing basketball throughout his life. The Ballyboden man loves the game and credits the sport with giving him the key attributes that earned him his Dublin jersey.



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An under-age international and winner of two U-19 All-Irelands with Notre Dame, he feels his movement on the pitch, his hand passes and some of his play is thanks to Basketball.

"I played everything as kid, had my parents demented driving and collecting me to training. Basketball was my main sport when I was younger and it's handy to know now that all that training is still paying off as I'm known for using some of the skills during a football game. I wasn't very good at Gaelic to be honest when I was younger until I gave it a real push to make the Dublin minors and I suppose it's all kicked off from there and fingers crossed it will continue".

Although next year's league action is only around the corner, looking back at the 2010 season, Dublin were not listed as favourites to lift the Sam Maguire at the start of the year but with the introduction of some new players into the camp, Dublin's play and attitude changed and before they knew it they were playing Cork in the All Ireland Semi Finals. With a game that was on everyone's lips Dublin dominated the match until the final minutes and before they knew it the Rebels robbed Dublin of a chance for their first All Ireland since 1995. "It's a good few months on now and it's still pretty raw to be honest. Ah I suppose Cork were just a bit smarter than us in the end, they have been there before so hopefully it will stand to us next year and we will be the better team on the day".

Macauley's display throughout the championship rewarded him by being nominated for his first All Star award. Unfortunately he didn't receive the award but being nominated is a great accolade for any player especially in his first season. "Yeah I suppose it was hard to see that coming when I was sitting on the bench earlier in the year, but the personal accolades are always nice and make you aim for something more the next year."

So as Michael Darragh Macauley or MDMA as his fans like to call him – prepares for the next year's season, how does he see 2011? "2011 seems so far away now, but hopefully we get together a good league campaign and blood a few new players. I know the bar has probably been raised from previous seasons but hopefully people don't get carried away, have a bit of perspective, and we give it a lash and see what happens".

One thing is for sure, the New Kid on the Block isn't afraid of any challenges and that's why he hopes that Dublin will take a step further next year.

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Special guests from left: Gerry Harrington (Chair Dublin GAA), Anne Cassin (MC), Eoin MacEogháin (Sec. Dublin Ladies Football), Marie O'Brien (Chair Dublin Camogie), Terry O'Neill (Club Chair), Damien Fitzhenry (Former Wexford Hurling Star) and Pat Gilroy (Dublin Senior Football Manager)



One of the event organisers Brendan Moran with Pat Gilroy (Dublin Senior Football Manager)



Damien Fitzhenry (Former Wexford Hurling Star) presents Stephen Perkins with his award

Damien Fitzhenry presents Darragh Spain with his award



Club's Senior Football Winning Managers Liam O'Dwyer (2009) and Sean Fitzmaurice (1995)

Damien Fitzhenry enjoying the evening with girlfriend Eilish Kearns.







## **750 Boden Supporters in Attendance**

The Gala was held in honour of achievements in 2009, especially the Senior Hurling and Football Championship Double. Pictured above are Ian Clarke with parents John and Phyllis with the Senior Football Cup.



Damien Fitzhenry presents Emmet Carroll with his award



Anne Cassin (MC) speaking with Pat Gilroy and Damien Fitzhenry

Terry O'Neil (Club Chair) presents John Kirwan (on behalf of Liam Hogan) with the Special Achievement Award 2009



**Boden Boys from left;**  
**Jim Kilty, David Curtin, Robert Lambert,**  
**Dublin Bord Chair Gerry Harrington,**  
**Shane Durkin and Michael Darragh Macauley**

Liam O'Dwyer accepts his Special Achievement Award 2009 from Terry O'Neil (Club Chair),





# Summer Camp 2010



**2010's Camp Coaches**

Summer Camp 2010 was another huge success with over 900 boys and girls taking part. During the course of the summer 55 coaches from the club helped out coaching at the camp.

The camp is a great way for young boys and girls to learn how to play Gaelic Games in our club for the first time. It is also a great way for boys and girls who are already playing with the club to practice their skills over the summer.

A huge thanks has to go to Jack Nolan of Cruinn Diagnostics and Eoin O' Riordan of Leahy & Co. Accountants for their sponsorship towards the Summer Camp.



## Cruinn Diagnostics

The Summer Camp enjoyed sponsorship support from Cruinn Diagnostics - launching the agreement were Danny Griffin, Jack Nolan (Cruinn Diagnostics), Terry O'Neill, Brian O'Regan, Paul McLoughlin and some of the young campers.



## Leahy and Co.

Leahy and Co, Chartered Accountants were Summer Camp Sponsors again in 2010 - at the launch were centre Eoin O'Riordan (Leahy and Co) and some of the participants



## C.R.Y. Cardiac Risk in the Young - [www.cry.ie](http://www.cry.ie) - By Sinead Ryan

Cormac McAnallen, John McCall and Patrick Dinsmore are all recognisable names when it comes to sports both nationally and locally but they are only a few of the many who have died throughout the years from Sudden Cardiac Death.

Heart disease is the most common cause of unexpected sudden death in all age groups. Most cardiac problems in the older Irish population are due to the effects of coronary disease or hardening of the arteries which develops from a combination of lifestyle and inherited factors. In young people however, sudden cardiac death occurs more commonly because of underlying structural or electrical problems in the heart, which may be inherited and affect other family members.

Across the country there are many organisations who assist families who have suffered a loss due to cardiac conditions but one in particular is C.R.Y. (Cardiac Risk in the Young) ([www.cry.ie](http://www.cry.ie)). The organisation was founded in 2002 to raise awareness of the incidence of cardiac risk in young people and to provide counselling and support to families affected. The co-founders of C.R.Y. – Michael & Marie Greene who lost a son to SCD realised that some of the fittest apparently healthiest members of society could die of cardiac problems that they were unaware of.

After losing their son Peter to SCD at age 15 they felt that more needed to be done to create an awareness of the condition and to support families. C.R.Y. has been associated with the Centre for Cardiac Risk in Younger Persons which is based in Tallaght Hospital and which opened its doors in January 2007.

The CRYP Centre is situated on-site in the Adelaide & Meath Hospital in Tallaght. The unit is now located in a separate location to the cardiac department with dedicated equipment purchased so that patients at the Centre would not be affected by public hospital waiting lists and service containments. All the equipment purchased was funded by charitable donations, while running costs are covered by money from CRY, direct donations from organisations such as the Adelaide Society, The Hospital Volunteers, the Patches Trust, and Pfizer Ireland, individual fundraisers and donors and considerable support from Tallaght Hospital itself.

The service is free to patients and is availed of by patients who are referred by their GPs or other hospital services. It is important to emphasise that the service is not provided on a “walk in” basis.

In its' first full year of operation the Centre evaluated just under 1,400 persons from 26 counties ranging in ages from 3 to 75 years. 1,380 ECGs were performed, 1,100 echo exams and 1,000 supervised exercise tests. 750 patients were given a heart monitor to wear for 24 hours which, through donations, the Centre was able to acquire sufficient numbers to allow the patients who did not live locally to take them with them and post them back to the Centre rather than having to return the following day as is the practice in every other clinic in the country.

One quarter of the patients were referred for evaluation as a direct result of the death of a close relative from definite or close inherited cardiac disease. A further 30% were referred because of a family history or where a death had not occurred. In 10% of the cases patients were known to have cardiac conditions and were referred for specialist management of these. 1/5 of patients were young people with no family history of cardiac disease or sudden death but whom had experienced worrying symptoms such as unexplained black-outs, palpitations or who expressed an unusual chest discomfort or shortness of breath with exercise. Over 50% of patients seen were confirmed to be normal with no significant risk of sudden cardiac death after 1 visit.

A recent development has been an agreement between the Centre, The Mater Hospital Heart Screening Clinic and Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin to fund a dedicated cardiac genetics counsellor to reduce the waiting time for genetic testing from 12 months to a matter of weeks.

For families like young Rory Hegarty who passed away early in 2009 hours after playing a football game, the McAnallen family and the many other families across the country they will always think about their loved ones. Organisations such as C.R.Y. have assisted sporting clubs throughout the country with information and have also assisted families who are dealing with the fallout from a diagnosis among a young person or where there has been a death of a young person.

Michael Greene, Chairman of C.R.Y. states that “CRY is a self-supporting registered charity which does not receive any State funding”. It is therefore vital that we develop the fundraising capacity to ensure the continuation and the growth of the Centre in Tallaght”.

## Rory Hegarty Memorial Day

On Saturday, 8th May 2010 at 14.30 in Ballyboden (Sancta Maria) All Weather Pitch, a special event was held to remember Rory Hegarty, who tragically died as a result of SCD. The Tournament was run over the afternoon and was followed by the blessing of a plaque in honour of young deceased members of the Club. Terenure College (where Rory attended school) had several teams in attendance and a great spirit was seen in the games.



Pictured above are; Club Chairman Terry O'Neill with Fr. Jimmy Murray PP, St Colmcille's Parish, Knocklyon and Fr. Michael Troy, Terenure College



Pictured to the left are; mentors Denis Molony and Conor Doolan with one of the Boden Teams that participated on the day.



The event was proudly sponsored  
by H&K International



# The School around the Corner... By Joe Roche

In 2010, many schools attended by Ballyboden players had some notable success on the playing fields. The following is a summary.



## Coláiste Eanna

**Dublin Schools Junior Hurling "A" Championship runners-up**

Coláiste Eanna qualified for the final from a group that contained Ardscoil Rís, Benildus and Clonkeen College. On 20th October in Parnell Park, Ardscoil Rís proved to have the upper hand and won out on a scoreline of Coláiste Eanna 2-8 to Ardscoil Rís 4-15.

The following Boden players were the squad – Eoin McKenna, Fionn Maguire, Jonathon O'Driscoll, Tom Hanafin, Eamonn Gorman, Alan McGrath & Keith Robinson.

## Terenure College

**Dublin Schools Junior Hurling "C" Championship winners**

Terenure College won the Dublin Schools Junior C Hurling Championship for the first time on 15th November 2010 in O'Toole Park against local rivals Templeogue College. In a tight match, Templeogue had the edge at half time leading by 1-09 to Terenure's 0-07.

The half-time team talk certainly paid off and Terenure started the second half brightly and by the 45-minute mark were 1-11 to 1-09 ahead. Templeogue refused to lie down however and fought back to parity with a couple of frees.

Terenure upped their game and finished the stronger to close out the game on a final score of Terenure College 1-18 to Templeogue College 1-13. There were seven Boden players in total in the squad - Robert McNamee, Evan McDonald, James Roche (captain), Gareth Crowley, Ben McEntee, Kenneth Wigglesworth & Owen Wigglesworth.

## Dublin Schools Senior Hurling "C" Championship

The team had a fine campaign this year having been promoted following last year's C1 championship win. Coming out of their group with Templeogue College, they overcame Coolmine CS in the quarter-final, before losing out to Coláiste Cois Life in the semi-final by five points.





## St. Colmcille's Community School

### Dublin Schools Senior Hurling "A" Championship Shield winners

St. Colmcille's Community School won the Shield in a final against Salesian College.

The squad included the following Boden players;  
C. McHugh, N. Keegan, B. McCarthy, P. Doherty,  
A. Cleary, D. Garry, R. Glynn, A. Mahon, R. McGee,  
D. Bolger, A. Hand, C. Bolger, J. O'Flaherty, C. Bergin,  
F. Murray & S. Jordan.



**St. Colmcille's Community School Hurling team 2010**

## Templeogue College

### Dublin Schools Senior Hurling "C" Championship winners

Templeogue College started brightly in the group stages of this championship and topped their group involving HFCS Rathcoole, Terenure College & Clonkeen College.

After the mid-term break, Templeogue maintained their good form and dispatched Lucan CBS on the way to the final.

On 25th November, they won the final over Lucan based Coláiste Cois Life by five points. Conor Maher, fullback on Boden's U16 team featured for Templeogue

## St. Benildus College

### Dublin Schools Senior Hurling "A" Championship winners

Having beaten St Colmcille's & MacDara's CC along the way, Benildus won the 'A' Championship in O'Toole Park in the final against St Fintan's HS. The Butler brothers, Conor & Donal, featured in this win.



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This year's Academy was another great success. We had great numbers of boys and girls turning out in St. Endas Park (Hermitage), Páirc Uí Mhurchú and Knocklyon Park (Ballycullen) to learn the skill of Gaelic Games in a fun and safe environment.

A huge thanks must go to all of our coaches who give up their time on a Saturday morning to help out. We would like to wish all of the kids, coaches and parents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Brian and Paul.







National Botanic Gardens

## Senior Citizens Network by Fintan Walsh and Tommy Clinton

Music, drama, trips and parties were the order of the day for the Active Age Group in 2010. Among the highlights were trips to Croke Park, the National Botanic Gardens and the Boyne Valley.

For nighttime entertainment – the choice was many and varied. Local musical and drama talent provided hours of enjoyment at “Base Boden” while the members also sampled the splendour of the new Grand Canal Theatre and the Pavilion in Dún Laoghaire.

Tommy Clinton, Dan Brown and John Fair organised the fund-raising golf classic and Mulligan concert and while we had to cancel the Christmas Party due to the heavy snow, we will reconvene in January 2011 with an even better party.



Croke Park Dressing Room



Tommy Clinton, Teresa Glennon, Rita Conway, Bill Conway and Marie Clinton



# COACHING CORNER By Brian O'Regan

2010 has been another extremely busy year on the coaching and coach education front. Below is a snapshot of some of the coaching activities that took place during the year...

Imreoirí Le Chéile was a hurling imitative set up by John Ryan and Brian O' Regan. It involved getting outside expert coaches in to talk to and to put the under 18 to under 21 hurlers through their paces. Over the space of a month the players were given excellent workshops from Enda McNulty, Eamon Ryan, Tommy Dunne and Fergus Hayes. Below are some of the pictures from the programme.



In February around 20 of our new coaches from the Academy took part in our first Foundation Award Course of the year. The School of Excellence was a huge success this year. 58 boys and girls from under 13 to under15 attended the hurling/camogie camp and 61 attended the football/ladies football. The boys and girls received excellent coaching from our own club coaches and adult players.



Coaching Course attendees



Brian O'Regan, John Ryan, Enda McNulty, Eamonn Ryan, John Small and Francis Sharkey



Eamonn Ryan, well known Cork Hurling and Football Coach shows coaching staff and players how to defend the sliothar. Eamonn has been an extremely successful manager of the Cork Senior Ladies Football Team winning several All Ireland Championships.



On the 26th of March, Tommy Dunne, former Tipperary All-Ireland winning Captain and the new Tipperary Senior Hurling Coach also took a coaching workshop in Sancta Maria which was attended by approximately 60 of our club coaches.



# The Club Lotto - Sign up and raise your spirits like the lucky winners below...



Members of the Lotto Committee at the launch of the latest round of the fundraiser. Many thanks to Macarthy Auctioneers, Rathfarnham who sponsored the Lotto brochures.

Pictured above are l to r: Standing - Padraig Cullinane, Terry O'Neill, Patsy Monaghan, Diarmuid MacMathúna and Sean Flynn.

Seated in front are: Linda Treacey and Attracta Garvey.



## JACKPOT WINNERS

Above Terry O'Neill presents the cheque to Betty and Kara O'Connell watched by Lotto Chairman Padraig Cullinane.



Pictured left are Warren and Nessa Esdale, lucky jackpot winners accepting their cheque from Padraig Cullinane.



# Anseo is Ansiud



Concern is etched on the faces of Boden supporters Sean Leane and Nicky Power at a critical point during the game as Boden Senior Hurlers seek to make it four Championships in a row.



Delighted young Boden fans can't believe their luck as Boden Keeper Gary Maguire hands them the cup for "safe keeping" while he agrees to sign autographs.



## Festive cheer had by all at the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party



...and the winners of Boden "Strictly Ballroom" are... Edwina and Martin Kenny

## The Cian Durkin Memorial Cup 2010

The 4th annual competition for Under 15 hurling took place on the May Bank Holiday with teams from all over Ireland joining the home club. Once again the competition was fiercely contested with Dicksboro of Kilkenny emerging as the overall tournament winners.



Shane Durkin presents Aidan Walsh captain of the winning Dicksboro team with the Cian Durkin Cup watched by Tara Durkin and Paul O'Brien.



At the 3rd Annual Art Altruism exhibition of the Ballyboden St Endas Art Society were from left: Katie Daly, Mick Fletcher (winner of a David Sweeney painting), Mary Kennedy (RTÉ, who opened the Exhibition), David Sweeney and Olivia Mitchell (TD).



Bill Daly accepting his Sean Gael award for 2010 from Jimmy Gray (President Dublin GAA)



Noel Callan accepting his Sean Gael award for 2010 from Jimmy Gray (President Dublin GAA)



## CILLIAN SECURES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



**Cillian Moffat, Ballyboden Minor, U21 and Member of the Senior A Hurling Panel and Dublin Minor Hurler 2010, has been awarded a Hurling Scholarship at UCD for 2010/11.**

**One of only just 5 Hurling Scholarships awarded this year, with other recipients being 3 Kilkenny Minor All Ireland winners and Noel McGrath Senior All Ireland winner with Tipperary.**

**A prestigious award for both player and club. Seen above with his parents Des and Marie.**



**The club was honoured in 2010 when chosen as the location for the launch of the Liam McCarthy Championship.**

**Stars in attendance were from left: Shane McNaughton (Antrim); David Collins (Galway); Conor O'Mahony (Tipperary); Stephen Hiney (Dublin) and Brian Hogan (Kilkenny).**

**The visitors including Christy Cooney, GAA President were a huge hit with Boden fans young and not so young...**

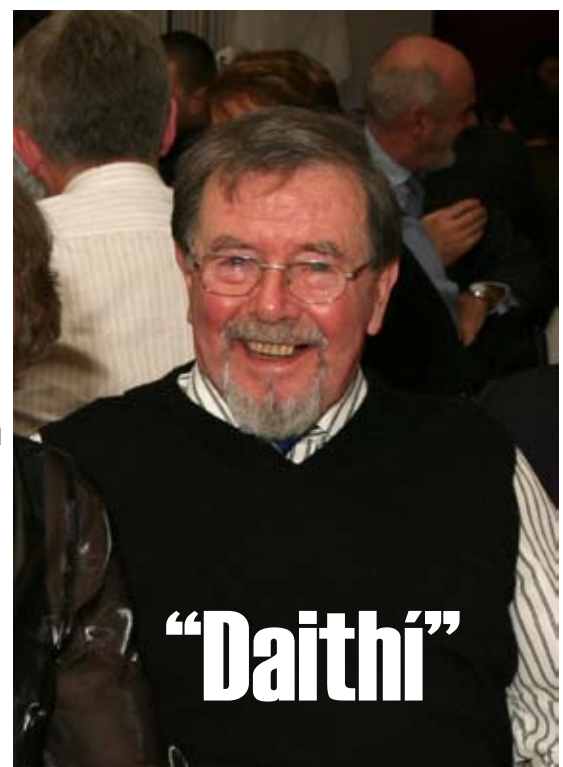
In 1966, Daithí Scolard got a phone call from Ned Murphy to tell him that they were forming a GAA club in Rathfarnham and that he was on the committee. Ned Murphy after whom Páirc Uí Mhurchú is named knew his man and from that day on Daithí was ever-present in GAA life of the area, Dublin and indeed at a national level as well.

When Rathfarnham St Endas and Ballyboden Wanderers merged in 1969 Daithí was among the founders and to the day he passed away the club was never far from his thoughts. He served in numerous positions – team mentor, coach, Executive Committee, Board delegate, club secretary and club President.

His wife Niamhín and family were deeply immersed in the club like so many other families. The Waterford-native had a particular love of hurling and Daithí seldom missed a match at any level. He was a mentor on the 1992 Féile na nGael team that brought the title to Dublin for the first time. A very cultured man, the former Department of Defence official, Daithí had a deep love of the Irish language, art, music and history. He travelled widely and was an avid mountaineer scaling peaks in every corner of the 32 counties of Ireland as well as the Alps and Himalayas.

Daithí was a great administrator and his knowledge of the GAA rule book was legendary. He leaves a great legacy and was immensely proud of the achievements of the club. In Ballyboden St Endas – he was known simply as “Daithí”. There was no need to go any further – everyone knew who it was that was being referred to.

Sincere condolence to Niamhín and his family.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.



**“Daithí”**





Karl Reddy (U11) showed real determination by not letting his skills go rusty, inspite of the recent cold snap



Setanta Sudway holding the Senior Hurling Cup

# Lá na gClub

The 2010 celebrations picked up where last years one finished and a brilliant Lá na gClub was had by one and all.



Under Pressure are Francis Sharkey and Donal Ryan



Club member Clodagh Flood's impressive swim times saw her selected for the Leinster High performance Training Squad. More recently she represented Ireland at a swimming Gala in Glasgow.



The best of Boden Buddies



The 2009 Pool Tournament Finalists were from L to R: Don O'Neill, Roger Healy, Iomhair Treacey and Johnny Byrne



# From “Word of Mouth” to Twitter... By Paddy Bates (Chair)

## Communications Group Review

For the majority of the first 30 years of the club, communication to members was done mainly through “word of mouth”, by post, or by notices in the clubhouse. Pre-mobile phones, internet access and email, the clubhouse was the fulcrum around which most members kept updated on what was going on in the club. Roll forward to 2010, while the older forms of communications have remained, the main forms of communications have changed to website news stories, sms, facebook posts and tweets, to reflect the change in the way many members communicate and interact with the club!

### Website

In 2002, when we set up the first official club website, it was impossible to imagine that within 5 years that this would be the main form of communication within the club. Back then the website was viewed as primarily for younger members. But times have changed, and the website has become the number one communication tool for all age groups in the club. For the last 6 months from June – November 2010, we had 88,000 separate visits to the website, viewing a total of 250,000 pages!

Every day we have average of 475 visits to our website. We hope to launch a new re-designed website in the coming months. Apart from a fresh design, we will be introducing a member's area that will allow club members login and view member's only information and also allow you to update fixtures and results directly, which will be another first for any GAA club.

### Facebook Fan Page

In 2010, we set up a “fan page” on facebook for the club - facebook.com/bodengaa. To keep updated, facebook users just have to click the “like” button on our fan page and every time we post something, members are automatically updated on their facebook page.

Fans can “like” or comment on individual posts and this in turn will mean that all their friends will see the post as well. Given that the average facebook user has 130 friends and that we currently have 450 fans, if all our fans liked a particular post, then this would mean up to a potential 58,500 people would see the post!

### Vimeo Channel

John Galvin has set up and posted videos onto the Ballyboden Vimeo Channel. This has some great recent and archived footage of Boden matches. Links to video additions are posted on our facebook page.

### Linkedin Group

In 2010, we also set up a Linkedin Group, for members and supporters of the club. We would encourage all members who are already on Linkedin, to join the group as it is a great way to help and support other members in business, or looking for employment.

### Twitter

You can now keep in touch with latest communications, through our tweets on twitter.

I would urge all members who use any of the social media mentioned above to sign up for the Ballyboden St Endas updates. Details of all our various media are listed at the end of this article.

### Future Changes

There are a number of changes planned to improve communications in the New Year. Following on from the Strategy review, we have recommended a club membership database system that we hope will help co-ordinate our membership information and improve further our communications. The registrars are also actively looking at including an online payment method for membership fees, which if agreed, will be included on the club website.

### Word of thanks

The Communications Group is one of the outcomes of the Challenge 2020 strategic review tasked with addressing the manifold communication challenges facing a club as large as ours. As you can see a great start has been made and more initiatives are on the way.

The club is extremely fortunate to have some great contributors to our various media. Gerry O'Sullivan has put in a Trojan effort keeping the website updated over the last 8 years, including some terrific match reports. John Galvin has set up and posted videos onto the Ballyboden Vimeo Channel.

John has some great recent and archived footage of Boden matches. Mark Magahran has supplied the majority of the photos for both our website and facebook page. Sinead Ryan has co-ordinated the player profile pages for our Ladies Football & Camogie Senior A teams.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the communications group – Gerry O'Sullivan, Sinead Ryan, Cormac Smyth and Michael Ryan, for all their work during the year. I would also like to thank all those who have sent in results, match reports, photos and event details during the past year.

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Useful Links:



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(search for “Ballyboden St. Endas Group”)



[vimeo.com/channels/82485](https://vimeo.com/channels/82485)



# Boden Theatre Group

By Geraldine Reynolds

The Boden Theatre Group has become an important feature in the Social and Cultural calendar of Ballyboden St Endas. As well as the annual Spring production the group staged their second "Laughter in the Lounge" in the bar in November.

This consisted of an hour of comedy sketches performed in the bar by the group on three different nights. This free night of (almost) live entertainment proved a huge success again this year playing to a packed bar each night. Our own Declan O'Brien who also produced, directed, starred and sang out of tune, wrote most of the sketches.

The group's Spring production took the form of one-act comedy plays in the hall, again well supported each night. The success of the group is mainly down to the variety of talent, skills and enthusiasm of the members.



Both on stage and behind the scenes there is no shortage of expertise. Over the last few years the group has acquired new lighting and curtains and we hope to make improvements to the stage and sets in 2011.

The Spring production in March 2011 will be John B Keane's "Big Maggie" directed by Joe Kearney. These nights performed by Boden's very own amateur dramatic group provide great theatrical entertainment that is enjoyed equally by cast, crew and audience.

Check out Boden Theatre Group on Facebook.



Scenes from "Laughter in the Lounge."



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### St. Colmcille's Parish

Ballyboden St Endas Senior A camogie team has received support from St. Colmcille's Parish, Knocklyon - at the presentation were Richie Sweetnam, Joanne O'Sullivan, Fr Jimmy Murray P.P., Danny Griffin and Sharon Glynn.



### MUTEC

Mutec renewed its sponsorship of the Minor B Hurling team for the 2010 season

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make a difference**



### H&K International

Ann and David Bobbett of H&K International making a presentation of a set of Jerseys to Colm Basquel and Brian Bobbet of the U14 A Football team



### Roddy McConnell Physio

At the sponsorship presentation for the Intermediate Football Team were; Standing - John Archbold, Colm Daly, Roddy McConnell, (Sponsor), Danny Griffin and Terry O'Neill. Front - Shane Tully, Cian Hore, Colin Leane and Sean Manley.

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### Deane Homes Ltd.

Liam Deane sponsored a set of Jerseys for the U14 A Féile Hurling Team and made the presentation to Harry Coffey and Mentor Declan O'Brien.



### Tallaght Physiotherapy

At the launch of the sponsorship of the Club Directory 2010 were; Standing - Roddy McConnell (Sponsor)  
 Seated: Terry O'Neill, Colm Daly (Sponsor) and Danny Griffin.



### Chadwicks

Chadwicks continued their sponsorship of the Senior A Camogie Team. At the presentation from left are; Richie Sweetnam, Ciara Lucey, Danny Griffin, Terry O'Neill, Sinead McNeela, Kim Hickey and Anne Griffin.



### Truebake

Tony Basquel of Truebake presenting a set of kit bags to his nephew Colm Basquel of the U14 A Football Team that took part in Féile.

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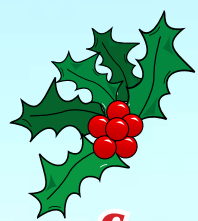
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