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Nach bhfuil sé go hiontach achomre na bliana a bheith ar ais arís againn i bhfoirm ‘The Boden News.’ Trí na grianghraif, scéalta agus ócáidí, cuirtear i gcuimhne dúinn an méid sult agus aoibhneas a bhainimid as a bheith inár mbaill den Chlub. I mblianta amach anseo, beidh an cuimhneachán seo ina chúis áthais arís nuair a thógfár anuas ón tseif uachtarach é nó amach ó chúl an vadrúis. Agus tú ag tabhairt srachféachaint ar na leathanaigh, ag faire amach do ghrianghraf díot féin nó dá leanaí nó dá chara, ba mhian liom tagairt a dhéanamh do chuid de bhuaicphointí mo bhliana féin.

Mar a deir an seanfhocal “Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí” and that’s obvious with the participation of over 2,000 children from Boden Óg upwards who are coached and mentored by so many club volunteers. The world has more distractions and is surely more complicated than when Seamus Heaney wrote of “...four jackets for four goalposts, that was all. The corners and the squares were there like longitude and latitude under the bumpy ground” but through the work of so many mentors and coaches, the enjoyment of “Youngsters shouting their heads off in a field, As the light died and they kept on playing, Because by then they were playing in their heads” is unchanged.

On the adult playing side, championship victories included intermediate football, U21 hurling, the minor camogie and ladies football double and U21B in mens’ football and camogie. While there was disappointment after three Senior A semi-final defeats across the four codes, it’s a measure of the club that the aspiration is senior championships and anything less is disappointment.

The management teams led by David Curtin (hurling) and Kenny Naughton (football) left no stone unturned and along with the semi-final appearances, brought their teams to the play off stages of their leagues. Both managers are taking the teams forward next year and with the players available and the experience gained, we look forward to 2023. Terry O’Neill is stepping down as camogie manager and I’d like to thank him for his work in developing our senior camogie set up for the last three years, and getting a talented group of players ever closer to the holy grail. New manager Tom O’Donoghue will leverage this as he takes up the reins. Credit also to the ladies football senior team managed by Stephen Maxwell who, after a tough campaign, finally had almost the entire panel available, and produced their finest performance, on a Wednesday night in Ringsend to secure senior status. I’d like to wish Finnian Hyland every success as he takes over as senior manager.

The Boden Braves players and mentors continue to inspire, as anyone who has visited the Monday evening training sessions will confirm. Started off by Laura Burns along with several of the senior camogie team, the Braves have seen their playing and mentor numbers grow. One parent wrote to express thanks to the club and to the Braves’ mentors and, in what was a very moving letter, described the importance of the Braves. I’ll quote just a couple of extracts “... one of the most genuinely inclusive initiatives I have encountered ... facilitating the participation of kids who all too often are overlooked, showing them respect ... It really means so much (and possibly a lot more than many of those involved even realise) ... I see it as an “arm around the shoulder” from the wider Boden community.”

Fielding the number of teams that we do, and running Ballyboden St. Enda’s is a huge endeavour. I’ve been incredibly fortunate in the people who make up the Club Executive this year (pictured right). They spend unseen hours doing unglamorous work like development, finance, registration, pitch maintenance, attending committees, governance, procedures, player welfare and much more that is often unacknowledged. They joined ‘Boden to play, to coach, or to mentor but were persuaded to do work far removed from standing on or beside a pitch. I’m indebted to them because the work they do is critical to the Club. In addition, the chairpersons of the six games sections and their committees have entered teams, engaged county boards, fundraised, organised management teams, sourced equipment and lots lots more, so that we can play, mentor or support. Míle buíochas to Dan O’Sullivan (Camogie), Gerry Basquel (Ladies Football), John Ryan (Hurling), Jack Nolan (Football), Damian Coleman / Trish Walsh (Juvenile Girls), Donal Woodcock / Tony Duffy (Juvenile Boys).



Sa dara líne (Ó chlér go deas): Séamus Ó Flaithearta (Leas-Chisteoir), Sinéad Ryan (Oifigeach um Chaidreamh Poiblí), Gerry White (Cathaoirleach, Cluichí na nÓg), Mark Mellet (Urraíocht agus Tiomsú Airgid), John Ryan (Leas-Chathaoirleach agus Forbairt), Jack Nolan (Beár agus Sóisialta), John Kirwan (Ball tofa), Eoin Dunne (Cathaoirleach, Cluichí na nDaoine Fásta), Darren O’Reilly (Ionadaí na n-Imreoirí)

Sa chéad líne (Ó chlér go deas): Daire Mac Phaidín (Oifigeach um Chosaint Leanaí), Séamie Ó Neill (Oifigeach na Gaeilge), Cathal Fitzgerald (Cisteoir), John Small (Clárathóir), Donagh O’Farrell (Cathaoirleach), Paul Manning (Rúnai), Paudie Ó Neill (Cathaoirleach um Fhorbairt Cóitseála agus Cluichí), Vivian Ruddy (Cothabháil Áiseanna), Ciarán Mac Uidhir (Iar-Chathaoirleach) Curtha isteach: Deborah Heavey (Ball tofa)

So many contribute to ‘Boden that, in naming a few, I risk missing many. Even so, with apologies to those not named, others I’d like to thank are the Pitch Maintenance team, the Communications team, the Lotto committee, the ‘Boden Drama Group, the Trad session, the Golf Classic organisation, the Bingo and all of our sponsors whose support is so important. D’fhéadfadh imeachtaí Bhaile Buadain le Gaeilge (90 ball ar an ngrúpa WhatsApp) a gcuid Boden News féin a chomhlíonadh. And so much of what happens depends on our ever-dependable General Manager Con Nagle and our Magnificent Mick Farrell behind the bar.

With the COVID hangover finally waning (we hope), the club can focus on new initiatives. The appointments of Timmy Hammersley (Coaching and Player Development Manager), Seán Óg Boyce (Games Promotion Officer) and Paudie Ó’Neill (Cathaoirleach, Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí) brought fresh enthusiasm to our approach to coaching. They’ve made an incredible start with more to come, and I’m confident a solid foundation is in place



which will deliver a pipeline of qualified and talented coaches. An EGM in May approved expenditure on a new all-weather pitch and groundworks on the Carmelite lands, so plenty more work for John Ryan for at least two years, and there’s no one better to deliver it. A lot of unseen upgrades to the clubhouse (roofing, plumbing, electricity) were managed by James McGarry. This enabled an upgrade to the ladies dressing rooms to a quality befitting our ladies teams.

The interior decoration was completed by the teams themselves under the guidance of Darren O’Reilly. A forum to understand why there is such a gender imbalance in many areas in the club took place in October, with focus areas now identified for next year. There is untapped talent within the Club and this work is a means to unlock some of it. And most will be aware of the workshops delivered on the Club’s values of Respect, Teamwork, Amateurism, Community, Player Welfare and Inclusiveness. New signage will be a reminder of these values, although I was struck by Jim Gavin’s comment that when the Club lives the values through the way it behaves every day, no signs will be needed; the values will be self-evident. I’m still getting the signs, because although we’re a long way there, we’ve still a bit to go.

Ag an am seo bliana, cuimhnimid ar ár gcomhghleacaithe atá imithe ar shlí na firinne agus ar a gclann agus a muintir. We especially remember Ray McKenna, who was everpresent around the club, and John Butler, centre back on our first ever All-Ireland winning team (Féile 1992), both of whom passed away far too early. To them and to all of our members who have gone to their eternal reward, suaimhneas síoraí dá n-anam.

Tá an-obair le déanamh i mBaile Buadain Naomh Éanna, agus ar fud fad na háite tá daoine ag oibriú go dian, ag cabhrú, ag moladh agus ag tabhairt a gcuid ama don Chlub. Ba mhaith liom buíochas ollmhór a ghabháil de gach uile dhuine. Go n-éirí go geal libh in 2023.

## Membership 2022

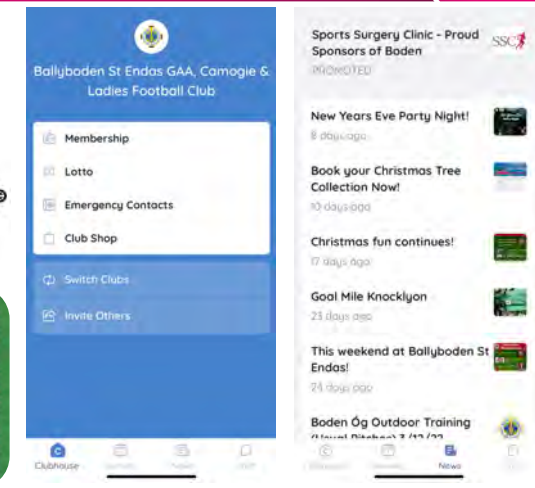
John Small

In 2022 ClubZap became the Ballyboden St Endas membership engine. This company was set up by 2 chaps from Sixmilebridge Co Clare. It has enabled the Club to collect €470,690 from 4024 members. BBSE has 2365 males and 1659 females. Of these 2133 were born after 31/12/2005.

We had 100% membership participation from 1900 players. I would like to thank the previous registrars and in particular Gerry White for the great work done in the past.



This made my job easier and I look forward to working with this committee in the future.



## Club Development Activities 2022

John Ryan

Any club member involved in securing planning or upgrading buildings will fully understand the frustration associated with development projects. From the outside it would appear very little is happening. I will try to summarize the key activities underneath:

1. Further to EGM earlier in the year we have now got approval to develop further the Sancta Maria building where Sparc presently resides. This will consist of a good size Audio/visual room for team review meetings, extra treatment rooms for Sparc, kitchenette and toilet facilities. A tender document was sent soon after the EGM and builder now appointed. However, this is subject to the successful completion of the sale of Saplings building.
2. The sale of Old Convent (Saplings) building is progressing slowly. We have had numerous difficult issues on the contract, but thankfully all are almost complete. We would be very hopeful that sale will close shortly.
3. Our members at a specially convened EGM agreed to sign off on the developing of two pitches in Carmelite grounds to include: 2 x Full pitches, own entrance. Considerable time has been vested in securing a cost-effective design plan and now almost ready for the tender process. This was challenging work and needed input from a wide range of professionals.

4. The first tender for tree felling and maintenance for Carmelites was sent with a closing date mid-December. The work we hope will be completed by end of February.

5. The Coaching Hut was completed earlier in the year at minimum cost to the club and kindly sponsored by Evergreen landscapes and I.S Carpentry.

6. Received grant of €150K from Sports Capital which we hope to use for the Carmelite development.

7. Work completed on upgrade of clubhouse to include roof, heating, electrics etc.

8. Upgraded goalmouths in Prunty pitch in December and should be in great condition at beginning of new year.

9. Upgraded Hockey and All-weather pitch and now looking to achieve accreditation on AWL.

10. Potential AWL in Ballycullen under constant review.

I’d especially like to thank James McGarry, Frank Moran, Billy Coman, Margaret Dolan, Ken Giles, Vivian Ruddy and Paddy Walsh for their assistance and input to various projects.





Following two years of Covid restrictions 2022 allowed a return to near normal football activity. We also welcomed our new Coaching and Player Development Manager Timmy Hammersley and our new Games Promotion Officer Sean Óg Boyce. Both were familiar with Ballyboden as Timmy had previously trained with the senior hurlers and Sean Óg had spent a spell coaching at nearby St Annes GAA Club. Both were quick to negotiate their way around the club and develop a full programme of coach education and development initiatives. A coaching plan is being rolled out called “The Boden Way” which outlines a clearly defined pathway for players to progress. Coaching also resumed at nearby schools.

The highlight of the year was the Intermediate team under Donal Monaghan winning the All County Intermediate Football Championship. Three other teams contested finals, the U21A's the U19A's and the U21B team. In the last match of the season Liam Carter's Under 21B team gallantly held out against Kilmacud Crokes to win the U21F championship. On the eve of the All Ireland Football Final our new senior management team led by Kenny Naughton entered a young team in the Kilmacud All Ireland sevens competition. Seven of the panel of ten players were under 21 years of age. They were defeated by a solitary point in the quarter final. Six of these players later went on to win the All County Intermediate football championship later in the year during the course of which they defeated two division two teams. This win together with the club reaching three underage finals suggest there is significant up and coming talent within the club. Four of our minor footballers were on the Dublin football panel: Daniel Mc Carthy (joint captain), Leon Murphy, Mark McGlynn and David Quinlivan. A number of our senior players were on the Dublin senior football panel for periods throughout the season including, Shane Clayton, Cathal Flaherty, Ross McGarry, Colm Basquel, Robbie McDaid, Ryan Basquel and Kieran Kennedy. Minor coach Pat Keane was also part of the Dublin Minor Coaching Staff in 2022.

#### Senior Team

Kenny Naughton took up the post of senior football manager for 2022. He was assisted by Martin Masterson, Daire Walsh, Andrew Kerin and Cormac Smyth. During the course of the league opportunity was given to emerging talent and many players were given the opportunity to play senior football. Overall 50 players got game time in the league. The team won 9 league matches and were involved in three draws. This cemented their place in the top four prior to the commencement of the championship.

In the first round of the championship three players Evan Nugent, Alex Gavin and Michael McDonald made their championship debuts against Cuala in O'Toole Park. Following a ding dong battle a late point from Alex Gavin secured a draw for Ballyboden. In round two an entertaining and high scoring game; goals from Warren Egan (2) and Collie and Ryan Basquel saw Ballyboden come out on top on a score line BBSE 4-10 Ballymun Kickhams 2-11.



The prize on offer for the winners of the third round v Clontarf was a place in the quarter final. A strong all round performance from Ballyboden including a goal from Ross Mc Garry saw Ballyboden win on a score line of BBSE 1-16 Clontarf 0-7. In the quarter final against Ballinteer St John's Ballyboden weathered an early storm and with the help of a goal from Warren Egan led by 3 points at half time. Early in the second half Warren added a second goal. Daren O'Reilly added a third which gave Ballyboden what seemed like a comfortable 8 point lead. Ballinteer St John's however rallied and closed the gap to 3 points. Substitute Conal Keaney added two late points to steer Ballyboden home on a scoreline BBSE 3-15 Ballinteer St John's 3-10. The semi-final saw Ballyboden paired against Na Fianna. A poor performance saw the championship season come to a disappointing end. Playing against a strong wind Ballyboden only managed a single point in the first half. A strong Na Fianna performance continued in the second half. Ballyboden's handling errors did not help their efforts and they eventually lost out on a score line of BBSE 0-7 Na Fianna 1-14. Injury and emigration robbed the team of significant players during the season (Robbie McDaid and Aran Waters)

#### Intermediate Team - The end of a long wait!

The Intermediate team continued to show good form under the management team of Donal Monahan, Martin Murphy, Mick Maher, Brendan Young and Declan Maguire. They played in AFL Division 3 and finished mid table winning 7 matches. In the championship they were drawn against Na Fianna, St Sylvesters and Thomas Davis. They narrowly lost the opening encounter to Na Fianna but recovered well with wins over Thomas Davis and St Sylvesters. A Quarter final away against Kilmacud Crokes followed. Despite being 6 points down at half time the team rallied, supported by a passionate away crowd to win by 4-12 to 3-12.



In the semi-final Ballyboden took advantage of a strong wind to lead opponents Lucan at half time by 12 points to nil. There was no let-up in the second half where they drove on to win by 18 points to 5.

In early November after experiencing the highs and lows of league and championship football the season was to finish with a championship final against the team that had beaten us in our first championship outing, Na Fianna. Another cool day in O'Toole Park witnessed by a strong Ballyboden crowd saw Ballyboden lift an intermediate championship trophy for the first time in 51 years. Among that crowd was Noel Callan who had played in the final of 1971. Finals can be uneventful tension-ridden occasions, and this was no different. Mal Codd's goal calmed the nerves in the second half but an early bath for Colly Dunne saw us defending stoutly for the closing minutes. When the final whistle sounded it brought closure to a season that had started back in January but also closure on a 51 year intermediate championship drought.



The Panel of players (60) who undertook this epic journey. In no particular order,

Josh Kane, Stephen McGrath, Conor Hanrahan, Jack Lambert, Fionn Maguire, Oisín Carolan, John Murphy, Callum Gray, John McGuire, Michael (Mikey) Dunne, Dylan Walsh, Luke Byrne, Ruairi Kirwan, Rob Cullen, Scott Cullen, Evan Flanagan, Colm (Colly) Dunne, Ryan Baynes, Ciaran Duggan, Emmet Doogan, Keith Sweeney, Eoghan Gannon, David Leach, David Keogh, Barra McGarry, Sam Lally, Neil Hester, Daire Sweeney, Robbie O'Reilly, John McGinn, Malachy Codd, Declan O'Mahony, Shane Kennedy, Naoise Maguire, James O'Hara, Conor Lowe, David Keane, Harry Colclough, Jake Turley, Evan Nugent, Tom Hanifin, Darragh Nelson, Donagh McCabe, Mick McDonald, Luke O'Donoghue, Darragh Kilduff, Ciaran O'Reilly, Josh Hayes, Paddy Dunleavy, Joe Maguire, Eoin Behan, David Gilheaney, Mark Walsh, Sean O'Donnell, Ryan O'Dwyer, Cian Durkan, Alex Gavin, Brian Bobbett, Conor Cullen, Evan Cullen and Laurence Murphy.



#### Junior A Team

The Junior A Team were under the management of Tony Duffy, Richie Connell and Tadhg Cashman. This was their first year playing in Division 5 of the League. During the course of the year the management team utilised 62 different players in 15 league games. This was this team's first year in Division 5. They finished prominently in 7th position winning 7 matches. They were also involved in two draws.

In the championship they were narrowly beaten by Kilmacud in a thrilling encounter in PUM. This showed clear progress as the same team had defeated Ballyboden by 10 points at the same stage of the championship two years earlier.

They had emerged from a strong group which included Erin's Isle and Round Towers Clondalkin. The team continue to play a nice brand of football and have made significant progress in a short space of time.







### Junior B Team

The Junior B Team were again led by Donal Griffin and Paul Dolan. They played in Division 7 of the league and finished mid table winning eight games.

In the championship they were paired with Naomh Mearnog, Ballymun Kickhams and St Margarets. They lost to Naomh Mearnog but following wins over Ballymun Kickhams and St Margarets they progressed to the quarter final where they enjoyed a fine 3-8 to 0-12 win over Lusk. They lost the semi-final to a strong Fingal Ravens team by 1-17 to 0-7.



### Junior C Team

Mark Brady, Jim Dwyer and Paul Manning took charge of the Junior C Team. Due to the new U19 grades this team had great difficulty in getting players together for matches. Notwithstanding this the team finished mid table in the league securing 12 points in total. They also finished mid table in the championship on 4 points.

### Junior D Team

Cathal O'Toole and Eoin Riordan took charge of the Junior D Team. Despite some early losses this team never dropped their heads. As in previous years positivity was rewarded and the team secured three league wins. Susan Creed continued to ensure they were the best fed team in their division. The last game of the year was against old rivals Wanderers at home in Pairc Úi Mhurchú. The large home crowd were delighted to see Boden come out on top! With a little help from section chair Jack Nolan both teams had a long night in the clubhouse. In the championship this team lost out in a relegation play off against Kilmacud Crokes. This should put them down into a division for championship where they have a chance at being competitive.



### Under 17A Team

Derek Ward took charge of the U17A team. He was ably assisted by Dave Rusk, Tommy McGrath and Pat Keane. In the league they won six of their nine games and finished in fourth position. They lost their opening championship match against Raheny by the narrowest of margins 3-8 to 2-12. In the second round they secured a draw against Templeogue Synge Street 3-6 to 2-9. In the final group round they defeated Cuala 4-10 to 2-11. In the quarter final they defeated Clontarf 2-13 to 1-11. After a promising start they lost to a strong Kilmacud Crokes team in the semi-final. Over the course of the year the team developed well playing a nice style of football.



### Under 17B Team

Pat Reynolds took charge of the under 17B team. The team was a mix of the previous year's U16B and U16C teams. They were the only B team in division four and not surprisingly they found the going tough. Nevertheless they secured two league wins. In the championship they lost their opening encounter to St Maur's 1-13 to 5-8. They recovered well to beat Na Fianna 4-19 to 1-4. In the final group game they defeated Ballinteer St John's 3-7 to 2-4. In the quarter final they lost to St Maur's 2-6 to 2-11 having been ahead at half time. Given the tough league that they were assigned to Pat and his management team deserve credit for bringing this team to a championship quarter final.



### Under 19A Team

Ronan Cleary took charge of the under 19A team. He was assisted by Brendan Meaney. From time to time various players from the senior panel assisted at training and on match days. Brian Bobbett took the lead in this regard. They were competitive in Division 1 winning four out of six matches. They opened their championship account with a fine win away to Cuala 3-8 to 2-18. They followed this up with a home win against Kilmacud Crokes 1-15 to 2-10. In the quarter final they defeated St Judes by 3-10 to 0-12. A semi-final at home to Clontarf clashed with the

Intermediate football final in nearby O'Toole Park. Notwithstanding this the team defeated Clontarf by 1-0 to 0-5. The final was played in O'Toole Park on Sunday 20th November against Kilmacud Crokes. The team recovered from a poor start through the concession of two early goals to lead at half time by the narrowest of margins. However, in the second half Kilmacud managed to pull away for a narrow victory on a score line of 3-8 to 2-6.

This was the first year for the U19 grade and the players were given a great opportunity to develop their skills in a competitive environment



### Under 19B Team

Pearse O'Sullivan took charge of the under 19B team. He was ably assisted by Ned Flood and Conor Farrelly. In the league the team finished mid table winning four and drawing one match.

They were in a tough division given that all bar one other team were first teams. In the championship they had narrow losses to O' Dwyers and Clanna Gael Fontenoy. They also lost out to a strong St Brigids team



### Under 21A Team

The Under 21 team was led by Tony Duffy assisted by Ronan Cleary and Ryan Basquel. In the first round they came out the right side in a narrow win against Na Fianna at Pairc Úi Mhurchú on a score line of 1-8 to 0-10. On Saturday 13th November after extra time Ballyboden emerged victorious away against St Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh by 0-11 to 0-10.

The final was played on O'Toole Park on 26/11/22. Despite their best efforts Ballyboden went under to a strong Ballinteer St John's team on a score line of 2-16 to 0-6.



### Under 21B Team

Liam Carter took charge of the under 21B Team. He was assisted by club secretary Paul Manning, Jim Dwyer, Evan Flanagan and Scott Cullen. They played the first round against St Jude's at home in Sancta Maria. Following an epic battle, extra time and penalties Ballyboden progressed to the next round. In the semi-final Ballyboden drew with Na Fianna after extra time on a score line of 2-8 to 1-11.

On 7th December on an icy cold night before a large home crowd Ballyboden defeated Kilmacud Croke's in Sancta Maria under lights on a scoreline of 3-5 to 2-6.



U21F Champions 2022

Back Row L-R: Conor Cullen, Darragh Kenny, Patrick Dunleavy, Cian Corcoran, Cian Durkin, Jack Hutchinson, Thomas Nolan, Eoin Donne, Conor Barnes, Kevin Kirwan, Richard O'Halloran, Kevin Hickey, Senan Dwyer, Liam Mac Pháidin, Daniel Ryan, Fergal Ryan, Aodhán O'Reilly, Daragh Cullen.  
Front Row L-R: Cian Maher, Luke Kelly, Fiachra Madden, Sean O'Donnell, Peter Gannon, Joey Donohue, Enda Cashman, Oisín King, Micheál Manning, Ollie Brophy, David Monahan, David Keogh, Eoghan Deignan, Niall O'Donnell, Luke Mulligan Lynch, Edward Phelan, Timmy Cleary.







## Mí Eanáir & Mí Feabhra

Rinne staraí an chlub, Gearóid Ó Súilleabháin agallamh breá le Jamie Ó Tuama. Labhair sé faoi na mórachtaí atá bainte amach ag an gclub ar an bpáirc imeartha thar na blianta agus faoi na laochra móra a d'imir leis an gclub. Bhí sé ar fheabhas ár gceoltóirí iontacha a chloisteáil ar ais ina gcúinne féin sa chlubtheach gach Déardaoin ag 9.30

## Mí an Mhárta & Mí Aibreáin

Fógraíodh comórtas ealaíne do Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí an-suim ag na páistí sa chomórtas sin agus ghlac na scoileanna áitiúla páirt ann. D'eagair Maurice Sweeney béaltrialacha do lucht na hArdteiste sa halla. D'fhreastal 19 imreoirí ar an ócáid

Fostaíodh daoine óga le Gaeilge taobh thiar den bheár. Is baill den Mheitheal Oibre iad Sinéad agus Micheál. Bain triail as do phionta a ordú as Gaeilge amach anseo!

Bhí oíche thar a bheith speisialta againn sa chlub i Mí an Mhárta nuair a bhronn Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Labhrás Mac Cárthaigh, Bonn Airgid Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha 2021 ar Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna oíche Chéadaoine, 16 Márta. Ghlac Laura Burns agus Seán Bonar an bonn airgid ar son Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna.



## Mí Iúil, Lúnasa & Mí Mheán Fómhair

Eagraíodh an chéad Champa Samhraidh trí mheán na Gaeilge faoi stiúir Sinead Sweeney. Bhí an-éileamh ar an gcampa agus liosta feithimh leis. Bhí sár-obair déanta ag Stiurthóir an Champa, Sinéad Sweeney i rith an tsamhraidh chun an campa a eagrú agus clár suimiúil a chur le chéile don tseachtain

Tháinig Meitheal Oibre le chéile chun fuinneoga an chlubtheach a ghlanadh.



## Mí Dheireadh Fómhair

Bhí slua mór i láthair i gClub an Chonartha do Tráth na gCeist. Tháinig na foirne ó Bhaile Buadain agus ó chlubanna eile timpeall na cathrach. Ár mbuíochas le Caoimhe Ní Néill a rinne sár jab ar an micreafón agus le Donagh O'Farrell a thug óráid bhreá ar an oíche. Chruthaigh Ciarán Mac Uidhir agus Tony Sweeney grúpa WhatsApp – Baile Buadain le Gaeilge. Cuirtear nuacht amach maidir le himeachtaí Gaeilge atá ar siúl sa chlub agus timpeall na tíre. Tá a lán ball sa ghrúpa, a léiríonn go bhfuil an-suim ag pobal an chlub sa Ghaeilge. Más mian leat bheith sa ghrúpa seol d'uimhir chuig Ciarán Mac Uidhir [ciaran.macuidhir@gmail.com](mailto:ciaran.macuidhir@gmail.com) Bhí an-lá ag foireann Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna i CLG Fine Gallain ag bliotschomórtas Ghlór na nGael. Seachtar an taobh a bhí ann, ceathrar ban agus triúr fear ar an bpáirc ag aon am faoi leith. Chuir Tomás Ó Ríordáin agus Avril Flood painéal láidir a chur le chéile



## Mí na Bealtaine & Mí an Mheithimh

Chuaigh grúpa den Mheitheal Oibre ar thuras chuig an scannán 'An Cailín Ciúin' i Ráth Maonais. Seoladh an t-amhrán Óró Sé Do Bheatha Bhaile mar Amhrán an Chlub Dé Céadaoin 8 Meitheamh i Músaem na bPiarsach. Oíche den scoth a bhí ann le ceol agus amhránaíocht faoi stiúir Sarah Jane Woods agus Joe Johnston



## Amhrán an Chlub



Baile Buadain le  
**GAEILGE**

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ANOIS AR THEACHT AN TSAMHRAIDH! (x2)

'SÉ DO BHEATHA A BHEAN BA LÉANMHAIR,  
B'É AR SCREACH TÚ BHEITH I NGÉIBHINN  
DO DHÚICHE BHREÁ I SEILBH MEIRLEACH...  
IS TÚ DÍOLTA LEIS NA SHALLAIBH!

TA GRÁINNE MHAOL AS TEACHT THAR SÁILE.  
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A BHUI LE RÍ NA BHFEART SO BHFEICEANN,  
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## Mí na Samhna agus Mí na Nollag

Bhí ceol álainn le cloistéail ón ár geolteoirí iontacha ag Aifreann na Marbh sa chlubtheach. Bhí an Ghaeilge lárnach san Aifreann agus cúpla paidir as Gaeilge. Bhí an chéad PopUpGaeltacht ar siúl i CLG Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna ar an Déardaoin 1 Nollaig. Tháinig na sluaite agus bhain siad an-taitneamh as an oíche. Mar chuid den oíche bronnadh 12 gradam ar dhaoine éagsúla a rinne sár-obair ar son na Gaeilge i rith na bliana. Bhí Mary Kennedy ó RTÉ linn don ócáid agus ba léir ó na focail fhial uathí go bhfuil an-mheas aici ar an gclub. Rinne Marcella Uí Fhaircheallaigh sár jab ar an mic. Ár mbuíochas le Donagh O'Farrell, Cathaoirleach Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna a bhronn na gradaim ar na buaiteoirí. Ár mbuíochas chomh maith le Seán Gilheany agus Cliona Mellett as na griangraif a thóg siad ar an oíche. Oíche den scoth a bhí againn sa chlub agus an Ghaeilge i lár na hócáide.

## Boden Óg Seolta

Ceapadh Seán Óg Boyce mar GPO don chlub i rith na bliana agus líofacht na Gaeilge aige. Tá sé go hiontach go bhfuil fógraí agus eolas maidir leis an gcóisteáil sa chlub foilsithe as Gaeilge chomh maith. Tá an Ghaeilge le cloistéail ag an traenáil gach maidin Shathairn leis na Boden Óg ag Seán Óg agus freisin ag an stáisiún Gaeilge atá bunaithe ag Ciara Uí hÉilí. Seoladh Boden Óg mar ainm nua ag an Academy. Ár mbuíochas le main sponsor Seán Moran, ó TJ O'Mahoney as an urraíocht

Bhí bliain thar a bheith gnóthach ag an Meitheal Oibre i 2022 agus is léir go bhfuil an Ghaeilge mar chroí-lár den saol i mBaile Buadain Naomh Éanna anois. Ár mbuíochas le gach duine atá ag obair chun an teanga a chur chun cinn le cuntais ar chluichí as Gaeilge, giolcanna as Gaeilge agus cúpla focal á rá nuair atá deis ann.





2022 saw a post-Covid return to competitions with Leagues, Cups, Championships back to normal. The county board ran off competitions throughout the year right up U21 competition in December. The 3 Senior teams all competed well in their respective competitions while there was success at the end of the year for Minor and U21 teams.

### Senior A

As with all the senior teams, there were challenges in getting numbers out especially through the summer as all of the postponed holidays and travels from the previous 2 years were taking place. The Senior A's did well in the League/Cup competition just losing 1 match to eventual winners Vincents. After a summer of challenge matches around Leinster they were well set for Championship but a disappointing defeat in their first game left them fighting.

They won their next 2 games but this put them up against Vincents who were in fine form and would go on to win Dublin and Leinster. A fourth Championship semi-final loss in a row means that the quest for Championship success for this team continues. However, with continued player dedication, the experience gained by the panel over the last number of years together with continued infusion of players from Minor ranks augurs well for the future.



### Senior B

Senior B had the busiest of all the calendars as they started out with 4 games in the Leinster League competition where they performed well only to be beaten at Semi Final stage by Danesfort. In the League Cup competition, they performed well to finish mid table winning 4 out of 7 in the Inter A competition (where most other teams are the first team from their clubs)

They started off well in Championship with 2 hard fought wins. The last group

game was defeat in miserable conditions to put them into a Semi-final against Peregrines who were just too strong, boasting as they did a couple of Dublin players in their ranks but overall lots of matches and lots of camaraderie among the group made it an enjoyable year for all.

### Senior C Junior 2 Camogie 2021

For the 3rd year in a row, Junior team made the Championship final. Having won the Junior 3 competition in 2021, they made the final again in 2022 only to lose by a single point to Good Counsel.

Earlier in the year they had performed well in the league competition winning 5 out of their 7 games. The team was a blend of youth and experience with a number of minor players coming through to make up the panel. The numbers weren't there to make up a 4th Senior Team in 2022.



### U21 Camogie

After a long season juggling camogie and football for a lot of players, there was question mark about whether the U21 competition should be entered at all. The competition started at the end of October after the adult and minor seasons were finished. Finally, a group of willing players was assembled, and 2 teams were entered. The A-team performed well in the 3-team division 1 group, but a draw and a narrow defeat was not enough for them to proceed.

The B-team finished runners up in their group and faced into a stiff challenge against some strong A teams in the knockout stages. However, 2 outstanding performances saw them going all the way to win the Division 3 Championship



U21B Team



MINOR CHAMPIONS 2022

### Minor A

The Minor A's competed in Championship- with a small division 1 group and withdrawals from that along the way, they only played one match before a semi-final.

In order to get some more competitive preparation for both Semi-final & Final, they travelled further afield with 2 useful challenge matches in Kilkenny. After winning their home semi-final, they came up against Lucan in the final in Abbottstown.

A storming start saw them build up a 10-point lead in the first half but they were reeled in by Lucan who equalised with a minute left only for our girls to win it with a last minute goal to take the Minor Championship.



Minor B

### Minor B & C

The Minor B & C teams had a tough time up against a number of A teams from other clubs in their groups. They battled hard and came out on the end of some heavy defeats, but they never lost heart and continued to train and work hard.



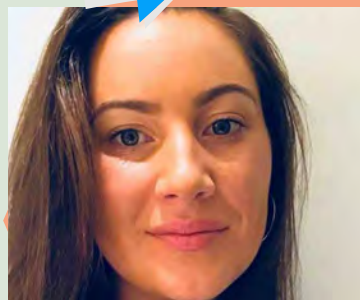
Minor C

There was deserved reward finally at the end of the season for the minor B's when they won the Shield competition.





## BODEN VOLUNTEER



**Where you are from:** I grew up in Knocklyon - in the house directly behind the right goal of Pairc Uí Mhuirich. My bedroom window faced it, and I awoke to the sound of matches many times.

**When you joined BBSE:** I joined when I was 7 - so quite some time ago now!

**Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions:** No, this is my first time volunteering for BBSE.

**What is your position now:** Secretary of the Ladies Football Section.

**What does volunteering mean to you:** For me, it's about giving your time and effort to help improve something or someone. Specifically, volunteering with the club means being a part of, and encouraging, the evolving community, so the club can be the best it can be.

**BBSE in the future:** That's a pretty big question... I hope our membership numbers continue to grow & that anyone who does join, finds a team and community they enjoy being a part of. For the Ladies Football Section

specifically, I hope to see more female participation within the management teams. I hope we (the committee & club) continue to create a path which allows females to feel empowered to get involved, while currently playing or when they retire. I believe increasing player participation in club roles will lead us in the right direction & ultimately help us win more.

**Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE:** Don't doubt yourself, sometimes people feel they don't have the correct skills to get involved. But, that certainly won't be the case, there will be a job for anyone willing to give their time. It's also a safe place to develop new skills while helping the club. I'd encourage anyone that would like to get involved to reach out.

# Anna Nolan

**Where you are from:** Rathfarnham.

**When you joined BBSE:** Once upon a time in the 70's. Both my parents served on Boden committees.

**Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions:** I started volunteering in 2007. We had just returned from living in the States. I thought I was going to be a sideline parent when a week into Cillian starting Boden Og (aka the Academy), Tom McGrath roped me in to help with the hurlers and I've never looked back. I will always feel indebted to Tom for talking me into getting involved, and 15 years on, Cillian is loving adult hurling and Eimear, camogie.

**What is your position now:** I am on the Executive; am Vice-Chair of the hurling section; a mentor for the Minor B Camogie team alongside Keith McCluskey and Ger Delaney, and I'm probably better known for the few photos I take at games.

**What does volunteering mean to you:** One day when she was around twelve, out of the blue my daughter Eimear announced that she "couldn't imagine life without Boden". It's a profound view and one that I share. In an almost selfish way, I think when you actively participate in your community whatever way you choose, you get a lot more out than you put in. It's really hard to match the sense of belonging and the satisfaction of being a small

cog in a machine that delivers so much positivity to society, especially in the development of our young people but also in our elite adult athletes.

**BBSE in the future:** With the expert guidance of Timmy Hammersley, recently, a group of us helped facilitate a session on Core Values. As one of the biggest clubs in Ireland we should be a role model for the values of the GAA. I want to see Ballyboden St. Endas continue to thrive in many respects such as sporting achievement; player welfare; facilities development; inclusivity (Boden Braves is a shining light); and community identity. All this is wasted effort if we don't embrace the Give Respect - Get Respect philosophy. Our values will guide our future and enable us to build on a foundation for contributing to the development of good people. Everything else will follow.

**Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE:** Don't overthink it. Whatever your skills, you will be welcomed with open arms. Don't lose sight of why you're there. The club has enriched my family with tremendous joy down through the years and it all started with that sideline conversation one Saturday morning in St. Endas Park. I'm so grateful that I said YES.

# John Kirwan

## BODEN VOLUNTEER



**Where you are from:** Rathfarnham.

**When you joined BBSE:** I first started with nurse aged 5 or 6 in Hermitage and Cherryfield on Saturday mornings.

**Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions:** Yes I have been involved in coaching/management of teams for 10 years between both hurling and camogie.

**What is your position now:** I am currently with Senior C camogie.

**What does volunteering mean to you:** It's a great way of getting out. There's always great enjoyment in being involved with a team especially when you see someone getting a hook or block in, clearing a ball or getting a score. It's second to none.

**BBSE in the future:** Hopefully to see more and more players develop and for them to enjoy playing.

**Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE:** It is very enjoyable experience to get involved with a team. Dan O'Sullivan will definitely find a team for you and you will have great craic along the way!

# David Doyle

## BODEN VOLUNTEER



**Carbh as duit:** Is as Cluain Meala Co Thiobraid Árann mé. D'imir mé le CLG Na Tráchtalaithe sa pheil agus le CLG Naomh Muire san iomáint.

**Cathain ar tháinig tú chuig Baile Buadain Naomh Eanna:** Thosaigh mé ag múineadh i Scoil Treasa, Teach Giúise sa bhliain 1980 agus bhí baint agam leis an gclub ó shin. Thosaigh mé ag imirt peil agus iomáint don chlub sa bhliain 1988.

**Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions:** My first volunteering job in the club was to run the hurling nursery for a few years with Richie Condon in the early nineties. Later I was chair of the Juvenile Boys Committee for three years. I was heavily involved with Derek Ward coaching juvenile ladies football in the 2000s and have been involved in training and/or managing underage hurling up to minor. I also sat on the executive under Terry O'Neill and Brendan Moran RIP and currently under Donagh O'Farrell. Is mór an phribhléid é sin.

**Cén ról atá agat faoi láthair:** Faoi láthair tá mé mar Oifigeach na Gaeilge sa chlub, post an taitneamhach ar fad agus mar roghnóir ar an bhfoireann idirmheánach san iomáint le Des O'Sullivan, Mick Keville agus Brendan Tracey.

**What does volunteering mean to you:** Firstly, it's a hobby for me as well as an opportunity to contribute to the local area and community. It's a great way to meet great people.

**BBSE in the future:** That BSSE would be a welcoming and inclusive space for all. I think the work currently underway with the Boden Braves is amazing. Tá áit duinn uilig ann. There is some good work underway at the moment encouraging female members to take on management and coaching roles. Ceapaim go bhfuil sin tábhachtach. Agus mar Oifigeach na Gaeilge, ba bhreá linn go mbeadh an Ghaeilge le cloisteall agus le feiscint timpeall an chlub agus gach éinne compordach faoi.

**Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE:** Running a club the size of Ballyboden requires a wide skill set for it to flourish. Even if you have never played or coached a team, there is a role for you. If you wish to get involved, talk to the Chairperson, Donagh O'Farrell and you won't be idle for long. It's a great way to meet people in the local community in a busy social space for young and old and everyone in between.

# Seamie O'Neill

## Boden Theatre Group Report 2022

Carol Fitzmaurice



**The Boden Theatre Group** were delighted to finally get back on stage this November after almost three years away! Ger Reynolds gathered the group back in September and we decided to put on a night of one acts plays that would be sure to bring laughter and entertainment to the club hall.

Joe Kearney and John Joe O'Sullivan took the helm directing "Strawberry Jam" by Bruce Fisk and "Last Tango In Little Grimley" by David Tristram. The group met regularly from September until mid November when the group staged the two one act comedy plays over three nights. The shows were really well received with audience numbers growing each night. Once again, the group came together with people acting onstage and backstage to make the shows such a success.

It was wonderful to be able to bring theatre back to Ballyboden and to have our loyal audiences return after such a long break. We look forward to the new year and hope to have another show for you to see in the spring.



## Golf Society Report 2022

Ned Slattery

2022 was a very successful year. We had 7 outings with 7 different winners. We had 51 members and an average attendance of 44 played all outings with the exception of Stackstown G.C. where we had 20. A big thanks to Gerry Keane for arranging that as we didn't expect to get the last outing in because of weather conditions. My thanks to all who helped during the year. My thanks also to Captian Micheal Kennedy and President Iomair Tracey .

Outings for 2023 are as follows.

April 21st Arklow tee time 1-3pm

MAY 12th Castlewaden tee time 1-3pm- Sponsor Sean Basquel

May 26th Ballyboden Golf Classic Edmondstown G.C. tee time all day .

June 16th Heritage Co.Laois tee time 1-3pm

July 14th Beech Park tee time 1-3pm Beech park captain for 2023 is Vinny Carney.

August 11th The Grange tee time 1-3pm

September 15th Tulfarris Golf Club tee time 12.30pm to 2.30pm- Sponsor John Dillon .

October 13th Naas Tee Time 10am-12pm

**All outings are on Fridays.**

I'm delighted to inform you that the Captain is again Michael Kennedy. The President is Iomair Tracey .

**Membership remains the same - €40 and all outings also €40**





Following on from the success of the GAA National Inclusion Fitness Day held in September 2021 it was clear that there was a huge interest in a group for children with additional needs in Ballyboden St Enda's. It wasn't long before "The Boden Braves" started their first training session on Sancta Maria pitch.

What started off as an idea has developed into a brilliant initiative supported by Ballyboden St Enda's and the community. The Boden Braves are growing and growing each week. Training takes place on a Monday evening from 6.30 – 7.30pm for children under 18 years of age. The older players take part in 30 minutes hurling training and 30 mins football training. Our younger group takes part in playground games and some hurling and football games. This year, the Boden Braves took part in two exhibition matches at half time in the senior football league match against St Vincent's and at half time in the Hurling League game against Ballinteer St John's.

This was a fantastic experience for the team, parents, and supporters. After the excitement of the matches – The Braves, along with athletes from Pearse Brothers Athletic Club, visited our neighbouring club, Knocklyon United FC. The players gathered for a fun, all-inclusive, all-sports morning. South Dublin Mayor, Emma Murphy attended and presented medals.

In September the coaches took part in a training course organised by the CARA Training Centre. This course on Autism in Sport was hugely helpful for our coaches and with each session we are learning more about how to make our sessions more enjoyable for all participants. The Boden Braves braved the cold weather up until November and then moved indoors to St Colmcille's SNS.

To complete a great year – a special visitor came to visit our athletes to put everyone into the Christmas spirit. 2022 has been a great year for The Boden Braves and there is only more to come!



# THE BODEN BRAVES



As life slowly returned to somewhat normality – players, members, children, coaches all hoped the GAA would resume. After a few tough years for the community – it's great to see matches, social gatherings, face to face meetings and training return to Ballyboden St Enda's.

Within the communications section, we have continued to grow with the help of the different sections within the club. As there is so much activity across Ballyboden St Enda's it's important that everyone gets to showcase their match or event, we post daily on social media, produce a weekly newsletter, script articles daily on ballyboden.ie and also record a podcast - **The Boden Beat** with players from past and present. As in previous years there are PRO's for each section within the club so if your section has a fundraiser, game or any event that you would like promoted – let us know in advance so we can schedule it in our calendar.



This year, we also welcomed Timmy Hammersley as Coach and Player Development Manager & Sean Óg Boyce as GPO. Their introduction has been a great addition to the club and we liaise with Timmy and Sean Óg regularly, in fact they both have already been the subject of a Boden Beat podcast! The return of the Summer Camp was also a highlight during the summer.

We worked this year with Declan from ClubZap who helped us with the registration and membership process. The summer camp is always great fun in Boden and we are looking forward to summer 2023.



Fundraising is always important & this year was no different. There were several fundraising campaigns over the year which meant high activity online & within local print. This was and always is a great opportunity for Ballyboden St Enda's to showcase all that we have within the club and the benefits of being involved whether you are playing or not. Ballyboden St Enda's wouldn't be where it is today without the support from locals and businesses home and abroad. Within the communications section, we highlight all sponsors throughout the year whether online, within photographs, launch nights or visual posters around the club. Thank you to all our sponsors and we are looking forward to 2023.



Finally to all the supporters, volunteers and players – a big thank you for all your support over the last year. Thanks to Con Nagle who we liaise with regularly. To the photographers in the club (we would be lost without ye), to Cormac Smyth and Gareth Ebbs who answer any technical website queries and to the Executive team for their advice and assistance.

**If you are interested in volunteering with the communications team or you have a grá for taking photos let us know, we have plenty of jobs and would be delighted to have more people on board.**

#### Communications Team

Club PRO - Sinéad O'Dea

Website Manager - Neil Buckingham

Ladies PRO - Cliona Mellott

Hurling PRO - Eamonn Treacy

Camogie PRO - Laura Nagle

Football PRO - Shane O'Brien

Juvenile Boys PRO - Eamonn Gormley

Juvenile Girls PRO - Dave Rusk

Newsletter Editor - Martina O'Keefe

Newsletter Editor - Alan Kinsella

Social Media Editor - Susan McManus

Podcast Producer - Derek Ryan



## BODEN VOLUNTEER

Where you are from: Firhouse.

When you joined BBSE: I joined Ballyboden aged 10 in 2012.

Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions: I started volunteering at the age of 15 as summer camp assistant and continued to move up every summer to become a head coach and as co-ordinator last summer. I also spent 4 years volunteering in the academy on Saturday mornings which I loved.

What is your position now: Right now, I am helping out with coaching in primary schools and hope to take up summer camp co-ordinator again this year.

What does volunteering mean to you: To me volunteering is just giving back to the club. Over the years I have so many lovely memories and had some great opportunities while I played for my team and volunteering for me is just a way to say thanks to BBSE. I like to think that by coaching I'm helping to continue to create memories and opportunities for children just like my coaches did for me.

BBSE in the future: My hope for BBSE in the future is

that the club continues to grow and have that close-knit community feel. I hope that the children who are just starting out in BBSE continue it on for a lifetime and when they get the chance that they want to volunteer and help in the club anyway they can.

Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE: My advice would be to just go for it, if you want to volunteer in the club talk to anyone you know in BBSE, there is always help wanted and some kind of job you can do. No one will ever say no. My advice would also be to enjoy every second of lending a hand because from coaching I have made some of my fondest memories in BBSE and friendships for life with others who are also volunteering in the club.

# Jemma Hayes

## BODEN VOLUNTEER

Where are you from: Churchtown, Dad was from Limerick, the Home of Modern Hurling

When you joined BBSE: I joined BBSE in early 1980s having previously played football and hurling for Churchtown. I also played hurling with Kevins. My playing career was finished with an ACL injury following a mis-guided tackle (by me!) on Paul Bealin in an end of season game against St Kevins. Paul joining BBSE in 1995 was allegedly unconnected.

Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions: I was approached by Thomas O'Reachteire to take up refereeing and having previous refereed games at under age I embarked on a new "career" at adult level in 1984. I assisted "in putting manners on players" for a while in the early 90's following a request from the management of the Senior Football Team. This involved refereeing inhouse training games as well as challenge games. The inhouse games were generally tougher to referee. I was later approached in early 2007 to assist with the refereeing of training of the Senior Hurling Teams. This was a wonderful time to be involved with a super group of dedicated people and fantastic hurlers, as the 2 Senior teams competed at the top level with great success. While we all had our roles, under manager Liam Hogan, massive respect was due to Mick O'Regan and Denis Nagle for always being first to training and last to leave afterwards (having always cleaned out the dressing rooms). They were our bag-men in those days but today they would have different titles – Logistic Managers

or something similar. I continue to be active as a referee and also undertake the duties of linesman or umpire as required at any game I attend.

What is your position now: I was elected (more correctly Selected) as Runai of the Hurling Section in 2014 and am still waiting for somebody else to take over the position.

What does volunteering mean to you: I enjoy volunteering as it is a great way to help hand on the baton to the younger lads coming through. I benefitted hugely as a young player from the help I received from my coaches, managers, and other volunteers and it's nice to be able to give something back to the next generations. It also enables me to keep in contact with so many others who share my enjoyment of Gaelic games. There are always opportunities for anyone to utilise their skills in a club like Ballyboden St Endas. Just put your hand up and ASK!

BBSE in the future: My hopes for the future are that we, as a club, continue to coach and develop our young players and help them to be the best players and people that they can be. Winning is important but so too is Playing and being Involved in YOUR club.

Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE: Running a club the size of Ballyboden requires a wide skill set for it to flourish. Even if you have never played or coached a team, there is a role for you. If you wish to get involved, talk to the Chairperson, Donagh O'Farrell and you won't be idle for long. It's a great way to meet people in the local community in a busy social space for young and old and everyone in between.

# Dave Conway

## BODEN VOLUNTEER

Where you are from: Crumlin, Dublin.

When you joined BBSE: Around 1997 when my son Darren started playing underage.

Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions: Coached underage boys team which included Darragh Nelson, Sean Gibbons and Darren O'Reilly amongst others as well as underage girls minor teams down through the years. Involved with the senior ladies team for a number of years in various capacities and was coaching when they last won the senior championship in 2010.

What is your position now: Involved with the Senior Ladies football team as one of the coaches.

What does volunteering mean to you: Giving back to the younger generation some of my knowledge and experience as a player and coach with my original club, Synge St. (now Templeogue Synge St.) and trying to ensure that at whatever level the game is played at that it is an enjoyable experience for everyone.

BBSE in the future: from a ladies football point of view the hope would be to keep as many of the girls that finish at minor continue to play the game at adult level as the drop off is higher then it should be. From a senior perspective it would be to get our first team competing regularly once again for senior championships.

Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE: One of the big satisfactions is seeing a player that you would have coached underage still playing the game 15/20 years later. Build up your knowledge by looking at what other coaches are doing, not only in regard to Gaelic games, but in other sports as well and write it down in a notebook. Make sure you have loads of variety in your training, that the players enjoy it and then you will enjoy it too.

# Declan O'Reilly

## BODEN VOLUNTEER

Where you are from: Born and reared on Achill island, Co. Mayo.

When you joined BBSE: Joined Boden in 1994 when the children got involved in the club

Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions: I was Manager of the 1990 boys football team for ten years with great success on which my son Hugh played alongside Darren O'Reilly, Darragh Nelson, Sean Gibbons, Niall McMorrow and Stephen O'Connor. Was also a mentor with several other teams including Senior ladies football on which my two daughters, Rachel and Ciara played and continue to play.

What is your position now: Joined Ballyboden executive in 2010 as maintenance Co-ordinator and have held the position since. I am ably assisted by Martin Durkin and Peter Hanrahan who also give of their time freely. Our job is to look after all facilities from small jobs, nets, flags etc. to the large jobs, all weather pitches and PUM.

What does volunteering mean to you: We would not have the vibrant club we have in Ballyboden were it not for all the volunteers who give up their own precious time day in day out to run the Club, from our chairman right down to the mothers and fathers who look after the children in Boden Og.

BBSE in the future: From a maintenance point of view, that we progress and improve our existing facilities and that all club membership take ownership of and appreciate the full spectrum of what Boden has to offer.

Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE: Volunteering allows you to connect with the community and make it a better place. You make new friends, learn new skills and also gain new insights about yourself and people around you.

# Vivian Ruddy



**2022 was a tough but successful year.**

**The Senior A's** went through their league unbeaten, playing 11 games and only dropping a single point in a thrilling draw with Faughs in the last game. However we then faced Lucan in the league final and this proved to be just one of those days as just about everything went well for a very dominant Lucan team and we, unfortunately, didn't really show up. The team then faced into the new look Senior A Championship and following comprehensive victories over Plunketts, St Judes and Na Fianna, we lost our final group game against Cuala by a margin of 6 points. This sent us into the quarter-final when we got a measure of revenge against Lucan as we beat them by 4 points. Next up were the reigning County Champions, Kilmacud Crokes, in the semi-final. We lost out on a score line of 1-21 to 0-15 as Kilmacud advanced to the final once more where they again defeated Na Fianna.



Senior A Team 2022

Back row L-R: Stephen O'Connor, Conor Dooley, Paul Ryan, Niall Ryan, Rob Leddy, Luke Corcoran, Dean Curran, Paddy Dunleavy, Luke McDwyer, Simon Lambert, Finn McGarry, James Madden, Fergal Ryan, Conal Keaney  
Front row L-R: Luke Mulligan-Lynch, John McGuire, Niall McMorrow, Hugh O'Sullivan, Aidan Mellet, Pearce Christie, David O'Connor, Shane Durkin, Timmy Hammersley, Conor McKeon, Conor O'Donoghue, Kevin Desmond

**The Senior B's** started their year by finishing the outstanding relegation games from 2021. This was necessary to confirm which one of the 3 clubs, Boden, Na Fianna or Clontarf would retain their place in the new reduced Senior B Championship for 2022. Following a great draw away to Cuala, we defeated Clontarf in a great game in front of a very big crowd in PUM but had to wait a week until Clontarf defeated Cuala to be sure of our destiny in Senior B for 2022. Goal 1 achieved! Next up for the lads was the league. The league was a good success this year with a number of new younger players getting the opportunity to play Senior hurling at a high level against other first teams. It ended in another playoff game against St. Judes to see who would join St. Oliver Plunketts in Division 1 of the league in 2023. While we didn't win the game, it was a great achievement for our second team to be competing at that stage of the competition. We played 11 games in total in the league, (W 7 L 4) and maintained our Division 2 status. This was our 2nd goal achieved. Championship came and we had mixed results in the group stage. A loss to Faughs was followed by two very good wins against Thomas Davis and Na Fianna. This guaranteed us a quarter final spot. We played Castleknock and despite playing extremely well, on the day our efforts fell just short, 1-18 to 1-15.



Senior B Team 2022

Back row L-R: Sean O'Donnell, Fionn Maguire, Kenny Wigglesworth, Leon Kennedy, Adam Jermy, Barry McGuire, Mattie Weldon, Joe Mc Grath, Karl Reddy, Jack Lambert, Fergal Ryan, Cillian Kirwan, Matthew Nolan, James Ryan, Conor Kennedy  
Front row L-R: Mark Lambert, Finnian McDonagh, Malachy Codd, Cian Mellett, John O'Driscoll, Naoise Maguire, Keith McCarron, Darragh Kenny, Davey Keogh, Adam Kelleher, Conor Robinson, Conor O'Donoghue, Cillian Wall

**The Intermediates**, fresh from their promotion after winning the 2021 Junior A Champions, had an almost total change in personnel as they approached the new season. Consolidation was the plan for both league Division 4 and Inter Championship. A new management team greeted a much-changed squad and they somewhat surprised themselves by serving up a series of very fine performances in a strong league campaign with 9 wins out of 11 games. The highlight of the year was the impressive performance in the league play-off final against a Na Fianna team that had beaten them comfortably in the league and ply their trade two championships above. This means the team will play in AHL3 next year. Onwards to the Championship where the team faced Clanna Gael, (winning by 6 points) before beating St Judes by 3-19 to 1-11. Next up were Mearnogs and Fingallians, two of the strongest teams in the championship but we lost both games by 15pts. A trip to Rush to play St Maurs was next for a quarter-final clash. This performance was another massive highlight. Having been down by 7pts after 20mins, the team showed fantastic resilience to battle back to win by 3 points, leaving the confidence sky high in the group. Unfortunately, we came up short in the semi- final against Sylvesters as the players left everything out on the pitch that day and we were immensely proud of their efforts.

It is important to recognise that the Inters are the 3rd team in the club and in their Championship campaign each team (apart from St Judes) was

the first team of the other clubs involved. It was the gap in fitness, pace and intensity that stood out as the major difference between the sides.



Intermediate Team 2022

Back row L-R: Finn McGarry, Eamonn O' Gorman, Ruairi Mac Mahúna, Chris Lambert, Jason Devery, Ben Kelly, Josh Corcoran, Ruairi Hestor, James Enright, Eoin Wigglesworth, Enda Cashman  
Front row L-R: Des O' Sullivan, Andy Hand, Alan McGrath, Ciarán Cashman, Karl Weldon, Adam Kelleher, Conal McGlynn, Conor Lowe, Malachy Codd

**The Junior B's** played in Division 6 of the Go Ahead League this season in which they recorded 7 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw and missed out on a possible promotion by 1 point. After reaching the Junior C county final last year, the team had achieved promotion to Junior B but they initially struggled as they found life there was very competitive. They lost the first 3 games but they then regrouped and won their last 2 games to avoid a relegation play-off. The team signed off on the 2022 season on 11th September with a 5-point win against St. Judes. The record in their championship was 3 losses and 2 wins.



**The Junior E's** operated in Division 8 and while they struggled all season for numbers, they managed to win 4 out of their 11 games and finished comfortably above the relegation zone. Due to the shortage of players available, it became necessary to amalgamate the Junior Es and Gs for Championship and they played in the Junior E Championship. Having lost 4 of their 5 fixtures, they somehow qualified for a quarter-final place where they lost to a stronger (and possibly younger) Fingallians team on a score line of 3-24 to 2-10.

**Having strongly opposed the abolishment of Under 18 Minor and the introduction of Under 17 Minor and Under 19 competitions, the Hurling Committee entered 2 teams in each age groupings.**

**The Under 19A** team played in Division 1 and the U19A Championship. Results were mixed in Division 1 with many A panellists unavailable for every game for a variety of reasons. The team won 6 of their 8 fixtures. This included 2 walk-overs. In the Championship, we beat Naomh Barróg but defeats by Kilmacud and Raheny meant that we didn't progress out of our group

Our second team were pitched in the South section of league Division 3 and the B Championship. In Division 3, the team actually only played 4 out of total of 9 games; receiving FIVE walkovers from teams which pulled out in the remaining 5 games.

With results achieved in the 4 played fixtures, the team won Division 3. In the Championship, the team played 2 games (and received a walk-over) but despite huge efforts by all concerned they lost both games to the "A" teams of Faughs and Commercials.



Under 19A Team 2022

Back row L-R: Fionn Keating McDermott, Eoin Mac Pháidín, Leon Kennedy, Cian Kelly, David Gannon, Josh Corcoran, Jack Hutchinson, Barry McGuire, Scott O'Sullivan-Magne, Sean Bury, Darragh Brooks, Jim Kennedy

Front row L-R: Ciaran Kiely, Connell McGlynn, John Farrington, Matthew Ormsby, Rhys McDonnell, David Keogh, Daniel Daly, Hugh O'Sullivan



The U17's teams played league Division 1 and 4 South and in the A and D Championships. The A team actually played 7 league games, (won 5 and lost 2), while the second team also had 7 games but only played 3 (won 1 and lost 2) as they received FOUR walkovers. In their championship they won 1 and drew their other group game to qualify for a semi-final against Clontarf. Having defeated Clontarf they played Lucan in a cracker of a final but lost out after extra-time, 2-08 to 1-13.

Our fears, as expressed in our opposition to the re-jigging of the Under 17/18/19, were proven to be well founded, and especially so in the divisions below Division 1. No player wants to win games by being awarded walkovers. No player will get a real chance to develop and improve by getting walkovers. Thankfully the County Board has seen sense and will revert to Under 18 Minor for 2023 but it's a real pity that a group of young lads have been "robbed" of their year at Minor.



Under 17A Team 2022

Back row L-R: Ken Keary, Darragh Delaney, Johnny Corr, Darragh Ormsby, Kevin Byrne, James Casey, Luke Fitzpatrick, Lee McConnell, Liam Dargan, Oisín Quinn, Darragh Smyth, Leon Murphy, Micheál Spain  
Front row L-R: John McSharry, Daragh Durkin, Alex Young, Ryan Culleton, Fionn Murphy, James Rusk, Zenan Spain, Scott McAllister, Mark McGlynn, Paudie O'Neill. Missing: David Sweeney



Under 19A Team 2022

Back row L-R: Pat Reynolds (Coach), Cor Malone (Manager), Sean Keogh, Conor Carton, Alex Brady, Conor Butler, Rian Menton, Rian Meaney, Torna MacGearailt, Claran Sharkey, Milo O'Byrne, Kieran Burke, Coady O'Reilly, Paul Meaney (Coach)  
Front row L-R: Dualta MacGearailt, Rory Malone, Conor Reynolds, Jack Doran, Ronan O'Breatain, Joe Rafter, Adam Gorman, Daragh Kennedy, Stephen O'Connor, Sean Langan, Aidan Healy, Sean Luz, Missing Dylan Timbs

We entered 2022 as U21 Hurling Champions and we exit it having retained our title. Basically the same management squad was called to arms by Johnny Kenny for the defence of the title won so well last year out in St Vincents. Likewise most of the same players also answered the call and the squad started the journey together with a few training sessions. After defeating St Oliver Plunkett/Eoghan Ruadh in the first game after extra time and penalties, we regrouped and beat a gallant Faughs team in the semi-final. The final in O'Toole Park was certainly not a place for the faint hearted. The final was a roller-coaster of a game played by two sporting teams on a decent sod. On 60 minutes Raheny were 4 points to the fore when we were awarded a free on 21m, a little towards the terrace side. "Stick it over" was the instruction from the manager. To those of us who somewhat doubted his logic he advised "We will get another chance". And so it proved as a last second ball was dispatched to the net to force extra-time on the leg weary teams. Brendan Ryan was looking for a cigarette but everyone was too busy to oblige him. Again in extra-time the game ebbed and flowed but when the final whistle finally blew Boden were 2 points ahead. A tough defeat for Raheny who surely thought the cup was heading across the Liffey but the determination of our lads ensured it stayed in Ballyboden.

**Quarter-final** Ballyboden St Endas 1 - 19 St OPER 2-16 AET – Boden won 2 -1 on penalties  
**Semi final** Ballyboden St Endas 2 - 18 Faughs 0-18  
**FINAL** Ballyboden St Endas 1 - 25 Raheny 1-



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Back row L-R: Cillian Wall, Eoin Deignan, John Maguire, David Monaghan, Liam Irwin, Leon Kennedy, Jack Lambert, Seán Bury, Ferghal Ryan, Josh Corcoran, Cian Corcoran, Enda Cashman, Ryan O'Dwyer, Eoin Mac Phaidin, Partick Dunleavy  
Front row L-R: Daire Sweeney, Adam Kelleher, Conor Lowe, Pearse Christie, Hugh O'Sullivan, Barry Maguire, Conal McGlynn, Malachy Codd, Seán O'Donnell, Luke Mulligan Lynch, Matthew Ormsby, Timmy Cleary, David Keogh

*For whatever reason, Ray McKenna left us this year.  
His absence, an empty space in our universe.  
Before every training, we still expected him to  
rock up and take over. At half time in every match,  
we needed Ray to show us the way.*

*His presence  
his wit  
his wisdom  
his sense of devilment  
his bristling beard  
his outrageous hurling  
and his good humour  
will never be forgotten*

*Brendan Ryan 2022*



Many thanks to all the management squads and players, who represented the club in 2022, for their courtesy to the Hurling Committee at all times. Special credit is also due to the managers and mentors of the non-A teams as they always face difficult and different struggles to ensure they field teams that invariably do this club proud. Thanks to those who write such great and entertaining match reports and the crew who take the fabulous photos. These are John Kirwan, Cliona Mellett, Miriam Christie, Sean Gilheaney, Conor Sheehan, Joe Roche agus Seamie O'Neill. Thanks also to everyone else, including the Executive and our sponsors, for helping the Hurling Committee to provide as much support as possible to ensuring that all our teams got everything they required. Without Paddy Brady, Mick Farrell and their crews we would be have been hungry and thirsty so a BIG and very special thanks to them all.

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Finally a word of appreciation to the Referees and all the officers of the County Board for their amazing efforts, year on year, in providing us with the games we love.





## Coaching and Games

2022 was a big year for Coaching and Games in the club with the appointment of Coaching and Player Development Manager Timmy Hammersley and Games Promotion Officer Seán Óg Boyce.



Both began their roles in early May and on Wednesday the 1st of June they were launched in the club hall at a well attended and energetic evening. It included a panel discussion with Players and Coaches Louise Kelly, Conal Keaney, Hannah Hyland and Tommy Keogh along with major contributions by Chairperson Donagh O'Farrell and Head of the Coaching Committee Paudie O'Neill. The evening itself proved invaluable in introducing both Timmy and Seán Óg to club members along with outlining their main priority areas for the year ahead.

Ever since the Launch Night a full programme under the guidance and oversight of the new Coaching Committee has been rolled out and they include:

### Coach Education and Recruitment

The Education and Recruitment of Coaches is a key focus area of the Coaching Team. It has encompassed a number of areas in the club such as:

- Good Practice Workshops - Hall and Pitch: Over June and July we ran a number of Good Practice Workshops that were conducted in the Clubhouse Hall. The workshops were held from Boden Óg/Academy - U19 and were conducted to reinforce good practice coaching along with facilitating collaboration among our coaches.

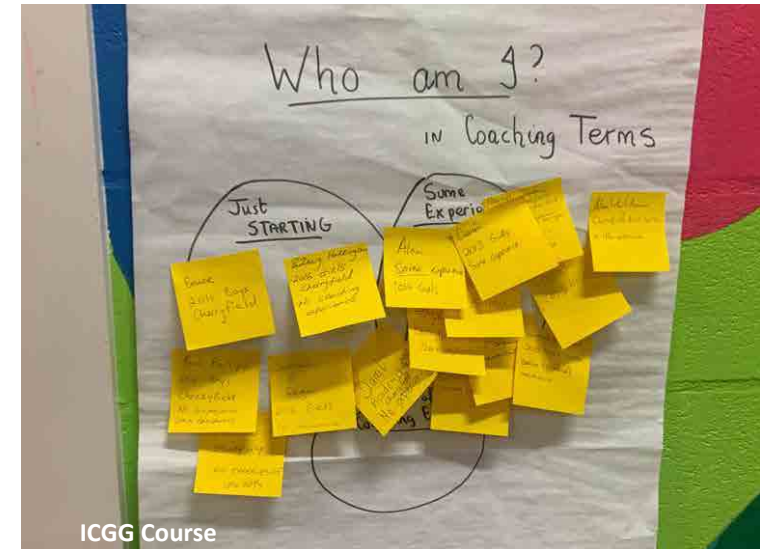
The follow up to this was held over the month of November where workshops were transferred to Sancta Maria. Games based sample sessions with groups of children/young people were run by both Timmy and Seán Óg with assistance from coaches and members of the Coaching Committee. The success of this workshop series can be measured by the attendance of 220 coaches over the four weeks.

- ICGG- The ICGG (Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games) has recently replaced the Foundation Course and in October two courses were conducted over three evenings in Colmcille's Primary School by Paudie O'Neill and Teresa Molohan.

- 45 new mainly Boden Óg / Academy Coaches gained their qualifications. We are lucky to be able to utilize the experience of two great Coach Educators such as Paudie and Teresa. We will be running more ICGG Courses in late January / early February with dates to be announced in the new year.

- Safeguarding- Similar to the ICGG, Child Safeguarding courses were held over October/ November and former GPO Paul Mcloughlin acted as Lead Facilitator. 70 coaches attended in total and added Safeguarding Courses will be held in the new year as it is a core requirement for the coaching of Children/Young People.

- Communities of Practice - The Communities of Practice initiative will be rolled out in 2023 with all of the clubs sections and it will be a regular feature throughout the year. The aim of it is to increase collaboration and cohesion among all of the coaches in each code from u15- Senior towards the development of a player pathway and the identification of common principles to guide our coaching of teams. It is envisaged that coaches in each section will meet every quarter over the year.



## Summer Camp

Having not been in the roles for very long, the summer camps rolled around fairly quickly. Thankfully, the huge efforts of Colm Dunne and Darren O'Reilly allowed us to hit the ground running. The level of preparation and organization carried out lead to really enjoyable summer camps for everyone involved. With more than 1,200 children in attendance over 5 weeks of camps, maintaining an active and enjoyable environment was the priority for our TY coaches and coordinators.



One challenge for our energetic coaches was to find the balance between identifying when to challenge our camp participants' skills, when to slow down, take in water and head for shade! The daily schedule of camp participants entailed fundamental games, football and hurling/camogie skill sessions, matches and a variety of fun games.



# boden Óg



After the success of the fun-packed Summer camps, preparations began in order to resume Boden Óg training. Thanks to the ongoing work of Gerry White and John Small, Boden Óg registration was completed online via Clubzap. This has been highly convenient with regards to tracking registration queries.

The gear collection was another fun day in the club hall where players, parents and coaches gathered and received their hurls, footballs and jerseys. A huge thank you to the 461 players for bringing smiles and laughter every Saturday morning. Also, a huge thank you to our energetic coaches from the Hermitage, Knocklyon Park and Cherryfield.





Coordinating the three training venues includes a vast number of dynamic challenges. However, new and old volunteers meeting each other, working together and creating team bonds and friendships is highly rewarding. Without the help of lead coaches Alan Ryan, Paul Phillips and Deirdre McGillicuddy from Cherryfield, Anton Hegarty, Colm Reid and John Crowley from Knocklyon Park, Padraic Doyle, Cormac Hayes, Andrew Minch and Jane Hogan from the Hermitage, the running of weekly sessions would be far less efficient.

The mix of parents and TY's creates a fantastic learning and dynamic team environment for our players and coaches.

Bringing our three training venues together can be rare and challenging. With the much appreciated help of St. Colmcille's Junior and Senior National Schools, this has been possible when we have had no pitches to train on.



We would like to also thank **TJ O'Mahony** for their continued support and for being present at the launch of our new name, **Boden Óg**. This was announced at the club's first ever Pop-up Gaeltacht, which is fitting considering the strong presence of Gaeilgeoirí amongst our players and coaches.



This name is also an accurate representation of our aims; Fun learning with emphasis on fundamental movement skills and an introduction to our Gaelic Games.

## Schools - Primary

Re-establishing a Ballyboden St Enda's presence within our surrounding schools was a top priority once the new school term began. Although the school coaching program is primarily the main remit of the club GPO, carrying out the program requires a number of helping hands.

A number of club volunteers have been influential in representing and promoting Ballyboden St Enda's in the local primary schools. Without the help of experienced coaches Paul Waters and Paudie O'Neill, the children of Ballyroan B.N.S. and Gaeilscoil Chnoc Liamhna would not have had any formal GAA classes this school term.

A huge thank you is also owed to club volunteers Padraic Doyle and Jemma Hayes. Both have vast experience as summer camp coordinators and as Boden Óg lead coaches. Padraic and Jemma have represented Ballyboden St Enda's in Scoil Carmel N.S. Scoil Naomh Padraig G.N.S. and Loreto Grange Road Primary School.

The additional help from club volunteers has been a fantastic foundation for our new school coaching program. Those who have played a part in flying the Ballyboden St. Enda's flag are an example to other members who may be of similar demographic. Recently retired coaches or 3rd level students with flexible timetables. This is the demographic of volunteers that can be of major influence to the club and our local schools.

## Schools - Secondary

Working with and upskilling Transition Year students in Secondary Schools has for a long period been an important part of coach recruitment in the club. This has continued again with a predominant focus in 2022 on Colmcilles Secondary School. The young people were brought through three weeks of Coach Education work and they then engaged in an after school project with Colmcille's Primary School. Here they coached Football to fourth class children for a number of weeks and many of them have since started assisting with sessions on a Saturday morning with Boden Óg. A similar TY project will be rolled out over 2023 in Colaiste Eanna and Scanta Maria.

## Freetaking / Goalkeeping Summer Project

During the summer months of July and August we held a summer Goalkeeping / Freetaking project. It focused on the ages of u12-14 and u15-16 and included both Goalkeeping and Freetaking for both boys and girls in Gaelic Football and Hurling/Camogie. The sessions were conducted by both Adult players and Coaches from within the club. Conor O'Donoghue, Finn McGarry, Mattie Nolan, Darragh Gogan, Sarah O'Brien and Paul Waters led the Goalkeeping, while Louise Kelly, Andy Kerin, and Timmy Hammersley ran the Freetaking.

The aim of the sessions was to give tools to the children/young people who were attending, while at the same time upskilling Coaches so that Goalkeeping and Freetaking work can be integrated into their training sessions. Each team was requested to nominate at least one player and in total nearly 100 players and 50 Coaches attended. The follow on from this will be the formation of a Goalkeeping and Freetaking Academy with workshops to be conducted over the year.



### Coach Survey and Values Evening

As a prelude to a Values themed Evening we ran a club wide Coaching survey. The goal of the survey was to get a general sense of our Coaching demographics, along with what Coaches feel is working well for them, and any areas where additional support may be needed. Huge thanks to Cathal Ryan who put together the survey along with collating the results. In total 230 Coaches participated and some of the main findings include:

- Under-representation of Females at coaching in comparison to playing
- Heavy reliance on parents to act as coaches
- Encouraging and promoting enjoyment, fun and love of the games

Coaches would value more support in the areas of:

- Practical and online coach education
- Clarification of policies on streaming, rotation, playing time (values & The Boden Way)
- Better availability of equipment – notably pitches / team training time slots
- Best practice sharing / coach-to-coach knowledge sharing

On Monday the 7th of November we held a Coach Values themed evening in the Clubhouse. The evening was based on a theme of active participation and we utilized the GAA values as a means to discuss the actions which Coaches feel are relevant to their everyday Coaching practices. The preparation and facilitation of the evening was ably assisted by John Kirwan and Carol Donahy along with Donogh O'Farrell, Paudie O'Neill and Sean Óg. Over the two Workshops 280 Coaches across all our age groups attended and over time will be increasing the visibility of values around the club, along with including them in our updated Coaches Handbook.



### Structures and Policy:

- Coaching & Games Committee (Coiste Oiliúna agus Cluichí): Alongside the CPDM and GPO appointments, May 2022 also saw a re-establishing of a Coaching Committee within the club. The Coiste encompasses members from all of the individual sections within the club, both adult and juvenile and they work to oversee all elements of Coaching and Games. The group is chaired by Paudie O'Neill and members include Sorcha Farrelly, Carol Donaghy, Caoimhe Ni Neill, Teresa Molohan, Deborah Heavey, Mattie Weldon, Collie Dunne, Naoise Maguire, Tony Dunne and Darren O'Reilly. The group met five times over 2022 and each member is working on specific areas of focus. Thanks for all of their time and effort.
- Handbook and Code of Conduct: We are currently working on updating the mentors Handbook which will include all the main details associated with Coaching a team. The Handbook will also include a Code of Conduct which all mentors will be required to sign.
- Athletic Development: In the off season a full review of Athletic Development within the club was carried out. A new revised programme was developed and over 2023 all teams in all codes from u13 up will have access to periodised and structured Strength and Conditioning Coaching.
- Ratification and closed season: On Friday the 9th of December a closed season was announced for training in the club until the 21st of January. This is to allow a proper rest period for both Players and Coaches along with facilitating appropriate planning for the year ahead. Concurrently a structured ratification process is now in place. Mentors who want to go forward as a Coach are requested to give an update on their Coach Education status. Based on this the Coaching Team will then initiate a planned series of Coach Education programmes for the coming year.
- Female involvement: On Wednesday the 19th of October a Sub Committee of the Coiste held a Female Participation Forum in the Club. The Forum looked at both the barriers to Female participation which exist in the club, along with the opportunities which are there to overcome such barriers. A number of recommendations came from the forum and the ambition is to enact these over the coming year.

"We would like to sincerely thank all our volunteers for the hard work and time which you continue to put in. Our ambition is to make your volunteer experience with us as fulfilling as possible and we would like to acknowledge the support you have given us so far. We have many initiatives which we have either started or are planning and we look forward to rolling them out with your collaboration.

Timmy and Sean Óg"



**Chairman's Report**

We had some great successes across the Adult Ladies Football Section in 2022. The Minor A Ladies won back-to-back County Championship and League titles, a phenomenal achievement thanks to Kieran Rudden and his management team continuing the fantastic development of the players. To top it off, the Minor B team led by Lynn Mulready, Declan O'Reilly and Aoife Dwyer won their Shield competition. The Senior A Ladies conversely had real challenges to stay competitive for most of 2022, with up to 14 of the 2021 Championship panel not available for various reasons. It was, therefore, a great accomplishment by Stephen Maxwell and his management team to achieve fourth place in the League. Several minor players were asked to join the panel, they stepped up and showed they are ready for Senior Ladies Football. The Senior B Ladies flourished this year getting to the Division 3 League final, having been promoted in 2021. A super feat reflecting the massive time and effort of Jimmy Walsh, Jim Dwyer and Paul Manning.

We fielded five Senior Ladies Football teams in 2022 and I want to acknowledge the work of Mark Mellett and his Senior E management team in creating an environment of participation and fun. This demonstrates we have a place in Ladies Football for anyone who enjoys playing football and wants to build /retain friendships in the club without a big commitment.

Finally, we launched a major fundraising initiative in partnership with the Men's Football Section in late 2021. Suffice to say, it was a tremendous success. Big thanks to everyone across all sections in the Club for their goodwill and support and special thanks to the 80 or so Ladies football players for volunteering for the many fundraising events and to the Ladies Committee for their support.

Ger Basquel, Ladies Football Chairman

**Senior A Ladies**

Our Senior Ladies season could be described as 'a mixed bag' with some excellent performances, particularly in the League, and some poor performances, mainly in the Championship. Dublin Senior Championship is one of the most competitive in the country and with six players deciding to travel, along with injuries and dropouts, the squad was left very depleted for much of the season.

The Senior League was an overall success winning 8 and drawing 1 of the 11 games played, with notable wins against Thomas Davis (3.11 to 1.15) at home and away to Foxrock Cabinteely (3.13 to 1.17). The ladies finished 4th out of 12 teams. Pitted in a strong group which included 2021 county finalists Na Fianna and Foxrock Cabinteely, the ladies failed to perform in home games against St. Sylvesters and Na Fianna. A good performance however in the relegation final v Clanna Gael secured Senior Championship for 2023. The silver lining of the year was the introduction of 5 players from our successful minor squad who all acquitted themselves extremely well so we look forward to 2023 with great optimism.



Mentors: Stephen Maxwell, Kieran Rudden, Declan O'Reilly, Deborah Heavey, Darragh Gogan

**Senior B Ladies**

2022 was a successful year for the Ladies B Team ending the season as runners-up in Division 3 League, and finalists in the Cup. While it was a rewarding year, it was also a very challenging one. Promotion to Division 3 meant the team were playing at a higher level against many clubs' first teams while also without key players from the previous year with some promoted to the A team, others emigrated, moved for work or were injured.

The training was well attended with the players showing great commitment with the B and C team training together until August when the Championship started.



Mentors: Jim Dwyer, Paul Manning, Jimmy Walsh

The League started with a comfortable win over St Judes (2021 All Ireland Junior Champions) followed by six wins and 2 defeats. The County Board determined this year that only 1 team would be promoted to Division 2. Travelling to The Naul for the League Final, the team gave it everything but were no match for a team who reached the semi-final of the Intermediate Championship.

Championship, which was played in August, was short-lived with many players away. The ladies had a good win over Naomh Barróg but lost to Clontarf B and Templeogue Synge Street. Better successes were had in the Cup Competition, when the ladies reached the final and were defeated by Clontarf B in St Anne's Park.

**Senior C Ladies**

2022 was a year of transition for our Senior C team. With some players moving up to the Senior A & B squads and others stepping away for a year of travel, it was a challenge to assemble a team throughout the season.

Despite this, the Senior C team went out every week and gave it their all.



Mentors: Ciaran Dempsey, Aisling Farrelly

**Senior D Ladies**

Our 4th Adult Ladies team played 21 games in total this season. A mere panel of 18, player availability was further reduced with work commitments, travel and exams so it proved difficult to get 15 players out each week. Help from the Senior section and Minor B's ensured the team was able to compete. Competing in Division 7 in League and Cup competitions proved challenging as did the Championship.

A great bunch of players, the ladies turned up whenever available and had great fun. The ladies continued to train until the end of November and look forward to a better 2023.



Mentors: Ian Horan, Ciaran McCarthy



Mentors: Sonia Worthington, Ken Regan, Mark Mellett

**Senior E Ladies**

In its 2nd year of existence, the Senior E team competed in the League, Cup and Championship, reaching the Junior J Championship Shield Semi Final. While silverware still eludes the Senior E's, the panel continued to grow throughout the season and by year end totalled 31 players.

The growing panel size was not sufficient however to guarantee player numbers for matches. The opportunity for players to travel, together with part time jobs, meant that again this year the team relied heavily on the Minors and U16s to field teams for most fixtures.

While attendance was somewhat sporadic, the ladies approached each training session and match with great positivity and Boden passion.



### Minor A Ladies - 2022 Division One Championship and League Winners

After winning League and Championship in 2021, the girls went into 2022 as strong contenders to repeat their successes. Pulling the squad together for training proved arduous however with many of the squad making County Minor Football and Camogie panels. League started in early March with good victories over Vincents followed by 3 tight encounters against Kilmacud, Brigids and Lucan. Victory against Clontarf sealed the Division 1 League title with a last-minute point winning the game.

It was again difficult pulling the squad together in the lead up to Championship as the girls juggled commitments to Senior and Minor Football, and Camogie. The initial group stage match was conceded with the first competitive match away to long-time rivals Lucan. In a tight match, our girls built up a lead and then hung on for victory. A comfortable win against Vincents was followed by one of the best performances of the season in their semi final win against St Brigids. The character of the girls shone through in the final in Marino when the girls never faltering, dug deep and turned around a 5-point deficit at half time to win the match by 5 points taking the Championship home to the delight of their travelling supporters.

Huge credit must go to this group for working hard on their skills and fitness throughout the year to finish up with 11 wins out of 11 competitive games. The 2nd year minors now prepare to move onto the Senior ranks. We wish them the best of luck.



### MINOR CHAMPIONS 2022



Mentors: Kieran Rudden, Ronan Feely, Brian Deignan, Deborah Heavey

### Minor B Ladies

The Minor B team started their 2022 League campaign in February with a great away win to Crumlin followed by narrow defeats to St Judes and St Olafs. With most of the panel taken down by Covid, a depleted team was badly beaten by an impressive St Peters. Nonetheless, the girls finished fourth in an eight team Division 4.



Mentors: Aoife Dwyer, Declan O'Reilly, Lynn Mulready

Championship started late September with a home game on Pairc Uí Mhurchú against Parnells, which lasted 30 secs. A Ballyboden midfielder sustaining a head injury and the game was abandoned. The rearranged match was a cracker of a match, down by 10 at the break, the girls had a brilliant second half and were narrowly beaten by a late goal. Qualifying for the Shield competition, the girls had comfortable home wins against Garristown in the Semi-final and Na Fianna B in the final when the girls led from the first minute and went on to win well (6-14 to 2-10). Good luck to the 8 girls heading to senior ladies football next year. They will be a great addition to their new team.

### Minor C Ladies

The Minor C's started the season with a mix of '04 and '05 players from last year's Minor C and 16Bs with 22 players registered. Division 9 was made up entirely of Northside teams and the team had a disappointing League. Struggling to field at times with Covid and part-time jobs, the last game away to Binn Éadair saw the girls put in a great performance proving that they could play a decent game of football.

Placed in Division 10 Championship with the Minor D's in late August, a few players didn't return after the break leaving a panel of 18 players plus two Minor Bs. The girls won both group games well making it through to the final v Good Counsel/Liffey Gaels. Scheduled on a Saturday at short notice, some girls couldn't make it and despite putting in a great performance, the team lost by 2 points. Best of luck to the '04's moving up to Adult Ladies.



Mentors: Tony Morley, Ken Regan

### Minor D Ladies

2022 was a difficult year for the Minor D team kept together by the 2005 girls who joined the existing 17 2004 girls and slotted in perfectly. The team was further bolstered as exam fever took over by the U16C team. Sincere thanks to Karen and the U16C girls who helped us during the year. Karen's willingness to support was exemplary.

League and Championship performances were a struggle, however the girls always kept their heads up and there were plenty of smiles to report across the year. Many of girls have been together since The Academy and have had great fun over the years. Best of Luck to the girls in their future involvement in the club.



### Ladies Adult Football Planning and Communication Forum

The Ladies Adult Football committee held a think in session in the Club in October. The aim of the morning was to review Ladies football in Ballyboden St Enda's and plan for 2023. Nominated players from each of the 5 adult teams were invited to take part in addition to the teams' management.

A workshop followed a series of short talks delivered by Ladies committee member and mentor Deborah Heavey, Senior A Ladies manager Stephen Maxwell and Timmy Hammersley, our CPDM. Discussions were around the positives from 2022, improvements for 2023, regrading, protocols around returning to play after injury & extended absence, standard of coaching, the dual player amongst other topics. Results from a player survey, which was conducted ahead of the forum, was presented to the group. The purpose of the survey was to see how players are feeling about football and our club, the aim of which was to give a clear understanding of where the section is at the moment and what positive changes need to be made going forward. The survey was well received with a high participation rate. A lively debate ensued where ideas were fleshed out and developed on.



The results of the survey and discussions of the morning will allow the Ladies Committee to be mindful of what the players themselves want rather than presumptions that the committee may make when putting plans in place for 2023.



In 2022, we were delighted to welcome Ireland’s leading private orthopaedic hospital, Sports Surgery Clinic as the main sponsor of Ballyboden St Endas.

Sponsorship support from friends of the club and companies, provides a vital source of funds and gift in kind, to help ensures the club can field all our teams, deliver Boden Óg and the many other non-sporting activities for its members. The main club sponsor provides support across all four codes, from our youngest players to our more senior players.

Sports Surgery Clinic (SSC) is a centre of excellence in joint replacement (hip, knee, shoulder) and sports soft tissue surgery with both a national and international reputation for orthopaedic surgery and sports medicine. SSC has in excess of 40 consultants in orthopaedic surgery and allied specialities supported by a team of highly specialised nurses, physiotherapists and other healthcare professionals. Including Ray Moran, Orthopaedic Surgeon and Medical Director at SSC, brother to the late Brendan Moran, Ballyboden St Endas’ fondly remembered past Chairman.

Facilities at SSC include seven ultra clean-air operating theatres dedicated to orthopaedic and spinal surgical procedures, an onsite diagnostic imaging department including two 3.0 Tesla MRI Scanners, and a performance rehabilitation centre located in their Sports Medicine Department.

The official launch of SSC’s sponsorship took place on March 15th with players, mentors and members filling the clubhouse to provide a warm welcome. SSC branding featured on team jerseys and club signage around the club during 2022, announcing the beginning of this successful partnership. Throughout the year, members benefitted from SSC’s excellence in sports medicine, highlighting another the unique benefit to the club of this exciting new sponsorship. We look forward to another successful year in 2023 with the SSC team.



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In December 2021 the Ladies Football Section in partnership with Men’s Football Section launched a major fundraising initiative to generate the necessary financial resources to enable us to provide the support for player development and player welfare programmes for up to 40 teams and over 1,500 players across both sections. This was a vital fundraising initiative as we had had been unable to engage in any fundraising activities during the pandemic, while the club continued to incur costs in the provision of excellent sporting and non-sporting facilities on the return to play across the GAA. I’m delighted to report this fundraising event was a tremendous success. We are grateful to the goodwill, encouragement and support across all the Sections of the Club.

We had over 100 volunteers staffing fundraising events over 10-12 weekends in all the local shopping centres. Over 70 players across the Ladies Section participated and supported these fundraising events with strong support by the players from the men’s section, often jointly staffing these events. Big thanks and appreciation to each and every one of these volunteers and players from both sections.

The draw took place on Saturday, March 27th and was a fun evening with a big crowd gathered in the club house. As you know, the big winner was our Chair of the Hurling Section, John Ryan. Congrats again to John. The other winners were, also, delighted with their prizes as we got excellent sponsorship with a wide range of prizes.

- I’d like to thank all Sponsors for the support and prizes as follows:
- James Brooks, CEO of Opel Ireland and Michael Sheehan owners and CEO of Bill Sheehan Motors, Terenure, Dublin 6. James and Michael were superb in the support and promotion of the draw through their social networks.
  - Brennan & Company, Stillorgan Business Park, Dublin for sponsorship of the raffle tickets.
  - HealthWatch Limited, Dublin. Thanks to Jack Nolan for the first interim prize.
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  - Clew Bay Hotel, Westport, Co Mayo
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  - Westport House, Westport, Co Mayo.
  - Kilmore Hotel, Dublin Rd, Killygarry, Cavan
  - Aloft Hotel, Dublin City
  - Tribe, Coffee shop, Ballyboden
  - 2 Tier Travel, Navan, Co Meath
  - Revels Pub, Rathfarnham, Dublin



A special word of thanks to John Hyland from Club Spot, Business Park, Dublin Rd, Cavan which hosted and managed our online sales. John provided good guidance and recommendations gained from his vast fundraising experience with GAA clubs across the country. Finally, I would like to thank the organising committees for the time, efforts and dedication over five months for making this fund-raising event such a success, as well as, making it a fun and enjoyable initiative. I don’t like mentioning names but it would be unfair not to give credit and acknowledge the work of Finnian Hyland, Rachel Basquel, Aoife O’Dwyer, Jenny O’Connell, Jimmy Walsh; Cliona Mellett, Natalia Hyland & Darragh Gogan for managing the social media & promo campaigns: Tony Basquel for co-ordinating the Men’s section support and thanks to Jack Nolan & John Madden, Chair & Secretary of the Men’s Section for their partnership, collaboration and support in this important fundraising event.

Having said all that, this event would not have got off the ground with the support and approval of the Club Executive. I’d like to thank the Chairman, Ciaran Maguire and the Club Pro, Sinead O’Dea for their inputs, guidance and support.





Fight Like a Girl! Mná Buadáin Abú!

On October 23rd, a Sunday afternoon in Sancta Maria, our U16A footballers took to the field to contest the Division 1 Championship Final against long-time adversaries Naomh Jude in a fitting swansong for both groups of players who have been the fiercest of rivals since they first met in Go Games at U9 and at every game since. And now they met for one last game as juveniles: the Division 1 Championship Final.

This was an epic encounter – a huge crowd lined the pitch as the 2 heavyweights traded blows, - with Judes stretching into a first half 3-point lead only for Boden’s Emma Moran and Emma Fogarty to respond just before the break to bring Boden back to within a point. More of the same in the second half as both teams traded goals and crashed off the woodwork at both ends. A breathless final 15 minutes saw the score see saw between the 2 teams before Boden finally ran out 3-point winners in a titanic and exhausting encounter.

Fast forward to November 26th and one of the last matches of the year: our U15C camogie team lined up against the Shankill ‘A’ selection for the Division 6 Championship final played out in the gloom and cold of wintry Shanganagh Cliffs. It was a strong Shankill team with a couple of Dublin development girls in their ranks, so our U15s – bolstered by the U14s that made fielding this team possible all year – knew they were up against it, as they had lost to Shankill in the league. This time unfortunately, the game didn’t go our way, and Shankill eventually ran out deserved winners, but all around the pitch the Boden girls put in heroic performances in the face of superior firepower with an inspiring display of courage and determination right to the final whistle, including an eye-catching performance from Anna Connor in midfield, and a tour de force from embattled cúlbarra Jen Keogh in the Boden goal.

These epic stories of winning and losing were repeated throughout the age groups as we entered the last weeks of October and into November – but with a common thread running through all of them – the effort and bravery of the girls- every girl who pulled on a Boden shirt in 2022 did so for their friends and their team-mates and every one of them went out, put themselves on the line, and did their best.

Phenomenal Growth of Juvenile Ladies Football and Camogie

During 2022, **seven hundred and twenty-seven girls** - from U16 down to U9 – were registered to play for Ballyboden St Endas in 68 teams (36 football and 32 camogie). Numbers at training were also consistently high across the board, with 70 plus players not uncommon on the hockey and all-weather pitches in Sancta Maria, while many teams reported a growth in numbers as the year progressed, finishing the year with the same or more girls than when they started in January. The success and popularity of the girls’ games continues to go from strength to strength both in the club and in the county.

On the Field of Play

And all the hard work by the girls has brought a lot of success, with Boden competing in 17 finals, whether Championship, Shield or Féile. Leading the way in their final year in ‘juvenile’ were the afore mentioned 2006 girls: Division 1 Dublin Championship winners in both football and camogie, as well as Division 1 league winners in football, while the U16Bs won the Division 7 Championship in football and the Division 5 Shield in Camogie.

At U15 in football our Cs were crowned Division 10 Champions, while our U15A footballers made it to the final of Féile. All three U15 camogie teams contested Championship finals in Divisions 1, 4 and 6, while our U15B camogie won the Dublin Division 6 Féile and were Shield runners up in the subsequent National Féile.

Our U14s won Division 2 in the football league, and were Division 9 Shield winners, while the U14A camogie team were Division 1 Championship finalists in October. Last but not least, our U13s won both the Division 8 and 12 Shields in Football and the Division 1 Shield in Camogie



Hannah Hyland presents the Championship cup to Ruby Murphy U16A Football Captain

County Players and Dublin Development

Boden girls also represented the club at county level. Again leading the way were the U16s, with Karrie Rudden and Emma Moran on the Dublin U16 football team that won the All Ireland Final against Cork, while Boden U14 Kate Keaney won a U14 Leinster Championship medal with the Dublin footballers. Boden representatives on Dublin U16 camogie were Olivia O’Brien, Emma Moran and Rachel Moloney, while ten U15s represented Dublin Camogie as part of the U15 Development Squad: Charlie Murphy, Leah Coburn, Jess Hughes, Saoirse McMahon, Sarah Rusk, Abigail Glynn, Blaithein Ryan, Sophie Dempsey, Ciara Sweeney, and Ella Kenny. There were six U14s in the Dublin Camogie development programme: Katie Loughnane, Alison Loughnane, Kate Keaney, Millie Kearney, Firinne Ni Dalaigh and Emer Moloney. **Well done to all the girls!**



Karrie Rudden & Emma Moran Dublin U16 All Ireland Winners



Kate Keaney Dublin U14



U14 Dublin Camogie: Katie Loughnane, Alison Loughnane, Kate Keaney, Millie Kearney, Emer Moloney & Firinne Ni Dalaigh



U15 Dublin Camogie: Ella Kenny, Jess Hughes, Charlie Murphy



U16 Dublin Camogie: Emma Moran, Olivia O'Brien, Rachel Moloney



U15 Dublin Dev Camogie: Leah Coburn, Saoirse McMahon, Sarah Rusk, Blaithein Ni Rian

Go Games

Boden’s Go Games participation in both Ladies Football and Camogie continues to go from strength to strength with the club represented by huge numbers of girls on a weekly basis across all the age groups. It’s a testament to the volunteer coaches, bainisteoirs, and FLOs and to the enjoyment the girls get from it that they continue to turn up for matches and training on a weekly basis in both codes and in such big numbers. Well done to all the girls!

The full rundown of Go Games teams fielded by Ballyboden Juvenile Ladies in 2022 is as follows:

Ballyboden St Endas Juvenile Ladies Go Games 2022			
			
Age Group	Number of Players	Football Teams	Camogie Teams
U9	94	6	6
U10	91	6	6
U11	95	6	6
U12	82	5	4

Ballyboden St Endas Juvenile Ladies 2022		
		
	Football	Camogie
U16	Division 1 Championship winner	Division 1 Championship winner
	Division 1 League winner	Division 1 League winner
	Division 7 Championship winner	Division 5 Shield winner
	Division 8 Championship finalist	
U15	Division 1 Féile finalist	Division 1 Championship finalist
	Division 10 Championship Winner	Division 4 Championship finalist
	Single Code Red Shield Finalist	Division 6 Championship finalist
		Division 6 Féile winner
U14	Division 2 League Winner	National Féile Div 6 Shield finalist
	Division 9 Shield Winner	Division 1 Championship finalist
U13	Division 8 Shield Winner	
	Division 12 Shield Winner	Division 1 Shield Winner



Fundraising

In 2022, we were delighted to be able to welcome back the two best Juvenile ladies weekends of the year – the Mini All Irelands in Football and Camogie, which took place in the last 2 Fridays in June at Pairc Ui Mhurchu and Cherryfield pitches. These weekends – along with the attendant barbecue, ice creams and other refreshments- have been an integral part of the club calendar for years, and regularly attract 2-300 of our players.

The two weekends formed the main fundraiser for the girls section for the year, raising much needed funds for the Juvenile Ladies section- with a lot of fun for 300 girls along the way.





**Sponsors**

A word of thanks to our sponsors during the year who weighed in with much needed support to keep the show on the road – thanks to Rathfarnham Equestrian, Maldron Hotel Merrion Rd, 3 Rock, Applewood Homecare, Grandbrind, FLO gas, Arena Kitchens, Touchcom, and FIRST aid Direct bottles.

**Féile Sponsors**

Thanks also to our Féile sponsors who made sure the 2007 girls were kitted out to the nines for Féile 2022: Tec 7, Applewood Homecare, Vincent Doherty Limited, Irish Life, One Agency Recruitment, Walls to Workstations, Growth Pitstop, mymilkman.ie and Nicola/Stephen Cullen.



**Juvenile Ladies Committee 2023:** The 2023 Juvenile Ladies section held its first AGM in November, and the following were elected

**Chairperson - Trisha Walsh**  
**Secretary / Vice Chair & Camogie Lead - Sinead McNeela**  
**Vice Chair Football Lead - Clare Keely**  
**Treasurer - Ciara White**  
**Registrar - Emma Doyle**  
**Childrens Officer - Rachel Clancy**  
**PRO - Dave Rusk**  
**Fixtures Coordinator - Eoin Hughes**  
**Members -**  
 Aisling Brennan  
 Kieran Rudden  
 Seán O'Toole  
 Owen Loughney  
 Liam Buckley

**What a year 2022 was for two of our U16 dual players, Emma Moran & Karrie Rudden.**

Emma and Karrie were part of the Dublin U16 All Ireland winning football team who beat Cork 4-12 Cork 3-9 after extra time in a pulsating final in Cahir in July, having previously defeated Meath 3-9 to 2-6 in the Leinster final in May at Fingallians.

Playing for Boden in both football and camogie, Emma and Carrie were also part of the all-conquering U16 teams who carried Division 1 league and 'A' Championships doubles in both codes, finishing the year with 2 breathless finals- both against long term rivals Naomh Jude - winning 3:07 to 1:10 in front of a huge crowd in Sancta Maria in October, followed a week later with another thriller, this time in Abbottstown where the girls won out 2:08 to 1:09.

**Mná Buadain Abú!**

**GRMA**

This survey of the year wouldn't be complete without some GRMAs – firstly to every one of our girls: as parents and mentors we are immensely proud of you all, regardless of results. To the mentors, FLOs, flags and nets volunteers, jersey washers, ClubZap operators, cone collectors, umpires etc., etc. – our thanks, it couldn't be done without you. And to the various photographers and match reporters (whose work you see on these pages and on all our club media every week) thanks for bringing the girls' year alive for the rest of us.

**U9 Football & Camogie****U10 Football & Camogie**





U12 Football &amp; Camogie



U15 Football Squad



U13 Football &amp; Camogie



U15 Single Code Football v Thomas Davis



U15A Camogie v Lucan Championship Finalists



BBSE U15C Camogie v Shankill Finalists



U15B Championship Finalists v Whitehall



U15B Football Squad



U15C Football Division 10 Champions



U14 Football



&amp; Camogie





Clara Allen U16B Camogie Captain



Millie Larkin U16A Camogie Captain



U16A Camogie Dublin Champions



U16A Football Champions



U16B Div 5 Shield Winners



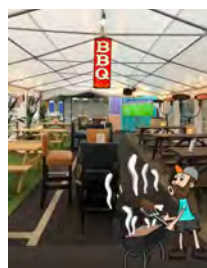
U16B Div 7 Champions



U16C Div 8 Championship Finalists

## Bar Report 2022

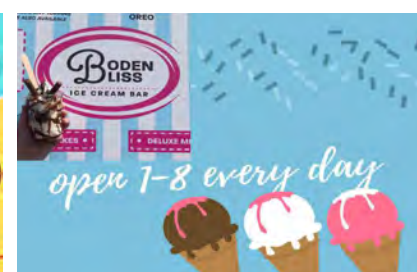
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It was great getting back to pre covid activities around the club last year and people were eager to get out and enjoy the freedom. We welcomed back our familiar and popular activities like the Family Fun Day, St Patricks Day kids Show, Easter Egg Hunt, Ladies Nights, Pool competitions, Quizzes, Golf Outings, Santa's Visit and a very welcome return to the stage of The Boden Theatre Group. We erected our outside Marquee again and it created a great vibe around the clubhouse and made a great meeting place for one and all.

Our Bliss ice-cream parlour proved a big attraction again last summer and we are looking forward to Summer 23 already. We also made a return to our Annual trips to The Ploughing Championships and Punchestown Races where we again came home with empty pockets! The Over 55+ Club takes place every day, Monday to Friday, and gives a great service to the local community to meet up for a chat, drink tea, and a bit of Line Dancing to finish it off. .

To finish off, I would like to thank the Hard working Bar Staff, The Executive committee, The Communications committee, Bar Committee and General Manager Con Nagle for their continued support and look forward to working with you all in 2023.



## Lotto Report 2022

2022 was yet another year of "Virtual Lotto", where the Club Lotto draws were conducted and administered remotely by the Lotto Committee.

The Lotto remains a vital source of income for the club, and it's estimated to have contributed almost €40,000 to club funds in 2022. Through consistent promotion on the club website and social media channels, we were able to achieve a small increase in the overall number of Lotto members – we now have just over 530 annual and monthly subscribers.

The Jackpot was won on 8 occasions throughout the year - one more than the 7 Jackpots won in 2021. In March the first Jackpot of the year- €4,000 – was won by Ann Quinn, and John Burns won a €2,500 Jackpot in April. Brian Bobbett was our next winner, with another Jackpot of €2,500 in May. June was a big month for Jackpot wins!! First up was Cormac Smyth (€2,000); then a €1,000 Jackpot shared by Philip Butler and James & Lucinda Enright. The third June Jackpot win went to Sheila Byrne (€1,500). We then had to wait until September, when the biggest Jackpot of the year- €7,000- was won by Vivian Ruddy. Most recently in December, Fergal O'Reilly won €6,000.

So far this year (2022), €26,500 has been paid out in Jackpot winnings, In addition, there were over 100 Lotto members who were winners in the weekly Match First Three prize, who won amounts varying from €40 to €300. Overall, including the weekly Match Three prizes, the Lotto gave out over €40,000 in total prize money to Lotto members so far in 2022. Early in the New Year, we plan to change the system that is used to administer and run the weekly Lotto draws, and we hope this will help us to better promote the Lotto draws, allow people play the Lotto on a weekly basis, and provide updates to the Lotto members on the results of the draws.

As always, we would urge all club members to join the Lotto – now, more than ever, we need your support.

**Go to [www.ballyboden.ie](http://www.ballyboden.ie) for details on joining – it couldn't be simpler.....**

The Lotto Committee – Brendan Coyne, Joe Ryan, Maurice Curtin, Cliona Mellett, Alex McCarthy, Kieran Rudden, Eoin Dunne – would like to thank all Lotto members for their continued support, and wish all Lotto and Club members a peaceful, prosperous 2023.



Brian Bobbett was a €2,500 Winner!



Fergal O'Reilly was a €6,000 Winner!



Vivian Ruddy was a €7,000 Winner!



John Burns was a €2,500 Winner!

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**U9 Football & Hurling**

The U9 boys have 106 boys playing football and hurling and were able to enter three groups in both football and hurling in 2022. All the boys and the coaches contributed to working hard and having fun during the year. We played a total of 31 football matches and 25 hurling matches in different rounds of Go Games, and all the boys displayed excellent skills with lots of great teamwork.

Our year commenced with challenges matches against Templeogue Synge St (Football) and Ballinteer St Johns (Hurling). Throughout the year we had the opportunity to travel to Maynooth and Naomh Eanna to give the boys further experience and opportunities to develop their skills. The group also participated in half-time exhibition matches for the senior hurling and football teams at PUM, which was a great occasion for these young players and their families to grow their connections with the club. We are lucky to have twenty coaches involved with our group- without their effort and dedication, nothing would happen.

**U10 Football & Hurling**

The U10 group had 101 boys take part in games with 21 coaches supporting them on their football and hurling journeys. The entire group and parents have been fully committed to training and there have been some brilliant results on the field. The season started with training and Go Games in February. Our Blue team played away against Ballymun Kickhams, while the Green and Yellow team hosted Naas at Sancta Maria.

On top of brilliant Go Games week in week out, we created some special memories with the group. We took part in two blitzes in Naas- one hurling / one football where we played against clubs from throughout the country. The lads got to lift the Sam Maguire cup in the clubhouse afterwards. We also took part in a football Blitz in Monasterevin, and we left with a clean sweep of victories. We had a football coaching session with John Divilly, coach with the Galway Senior football team. Off the pitch, we went to Parnell Park and Croke Park to support the Ballyboden Senior teams and the Dublin Football team. There was also pizza parties in the clubhouse, with future stars belting out the Rick Astley tunes. We wrapped up the season with an internal blitz and fun day in the Sport Ireland National Indoor Arena. Thanks to all the coaches for their commitment and efforts throughout the year.

**U11 Football & Hurling**

The U11 boys started their Football year in February. With a few new additions, 97 boys and 24 coaches turned up on Sancta Maria All-Weather pitch. The boys enjoyed Go Game matches against St Mary's, Templeogue Synge Street, Na Fianna, O'Dwyers, Trinity Gaels, Skerries Harps, Lucan Sarsfields and Kilmacud Crokes, up until June when everybody took a well-deserved Summer break.

The boys later returned refreshed, eager to train and transformed into three new Squads – Purple, Brown and Blue. The pre-Autumn tranquil setting of Ballycullen soon provided some challenging wet and very windy conditions for the boys as they welcomed teams from Castleknock, Raheny, Na Dubh Ghall, Cuala and Ballyboden Wanderers. The Go Games concluded with Brown and Blue playing at home against Kilmacud Crokes and Beann Eadair, while Purple played away in Porterstown Park against Castleknock. We welcomed a number of new Boys to the Football group, who all integrated seamlessly into the group. A special note of thanks to all of our coaches for their tireless efforts this year. We look forward to 2023 as the boys progress into the next phase of their BBSE Football journey.

Our U11 Boys also had a great year of hurling. The two groups played games against teams from throughout Dublin. The boys' performances constantly improved and it was great to see their skills develop and improve. In June, they travelled to Cork to take part in the Joe Delaney Cup against Na Piarasigh (Limerick), James Stephens (Kilkenny) and our hosts Ballincollig. We finished up the year with a great day out in GoQuest. Many thanks to all the mentors and coaches for all their contributions and support throughout the year.

**U12 Football & Hurling**

Throughout the season, the U12 boys had 90 boys who played 16 football matches across five Divisions. We had a very solid campaign and have seen huge improvement in skills. While still in Go Games, we also dipped our toes into grading and challenge football matches. For the majority of our training sessions, especially during the summer months we encouraged the boys to bring a friend along to training. This resulted in two new members joining the panel and others trying out Gaelic Football.

Throughout the year we ran over a dozen Sunday Skills sessions, which focused on mixing the players for some shooting practice, free taking, fitness challenges, athletics and most importantly to have a fun experience. We were also happy to provide players to the Under 13 Group when they were sometimes short of players.





The hurling teams had another great year showing great commitment and effort. Our numbers have remained very strong with 69 boys currently playing hurling. The year began with playing several grading games, the first time the boys competed in graded teams. We entered four teams in the U12 league this year with some very high quality of hurling played throughout the season. We also played challenge games against a number of other clubs outside Dublin including, Clarinbridge, Naas, Ballyea, Clane, Na Piarasigh, Cashel King Cormacs and Éire Óg.

Thanks to all the coaches who give their time to coach at U12 hurling. It is a pleasure to be working with such committed players. We must also give great praise to the players who showed great respect to teammates, coaches, referees and opposing teams.



### U13 Football & Hurling

The year began for the U13 boys with 76 players and 17 mentors starting their journey together in competitive leagues while maintaining the focus on fun, enjoyment and pride in representing our club. The boys applied their skills with great endeavor throughout the year. Key to the successes was the rotation of players in both codes allowing over 50% of the group to play in a higher division. To kick start the second half of our season the boys enjoyed a summer visit to Waterford that included a hurling challenge match against Ballygunner, a visit to Waterford fire station (including a water fight in which the coaches lost) and pier jumping in Tramore.

As our season ended the boys enjoyed a visit to Russborough House Adventure Centre to test both their nerves and skills with zip lining and kayaking, not to mention, of course, hot chocolate along the way! It has been an absolute pleasure for all the mentors to have been involved with the boys and to witness their development as the club's future stars. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents for their fantastic support all year. We would like to thank our two sponsors for kitting us out with jerseys this season, EY (Dermot Quinn) and Heavy Forklifts (Stephen Heavy).



### U14 Football & Hurling

The U14 boys had a successful year in terms of retention and development for all the boys. We continued to train Team 1 and 2 together, as we feel that this pushes them on to improve, develop and have fun with their peers. A total of 35 different players throughout the year played Division 1 football. The boys played 15 games in total between challenge games, league and cup. Team 2 came through to finish strong after a tough season in Division 4. The boys qualified for the Shield final after a titanic game away to Na Fianna in the semi-final. The collective spirit was seen in the final where the team was narrowly defeated by Raheny. The players work ethic, team spirit and resilience in games, is growing stronger and leaves the team in an excellent position as they enter 2023.

Team 3 continued to flourish in 2022. This culminated for the Group when they reached the Division 6 shield final, where the boys represented themselves and the Club with distinction as they overcame testing conditions and strong home support to win the final in dramatic fashion in Lucan. The Team 4 boys applied themselves with endeavour throughout the year even though they sometimes struggled to fulfil all their fixtures. However, when they did play the lads always gave their best and were respectful to their opponents and the referee. Other notable highlights of

the year for the U14 boys included the trip to Tralee for the Austin Stacks Lee Strand invitational football tournament. The boys had a brilliant day at the tournament and made some great lifetime memories. A big thanks to all the coaches for their continued commitment to improving and developing the boys in a safe environment where they can grow and have fun.

Normal service resumed this year with the hurling lads finally getting the opportunity to play matches. All three teams participated in league grading matches in the first half of the year followed by championship games in the second half. Our Team 1 reached the semi-final in the Div. 1 Cup where we were narrowly defeated by Raheny. Team 2 battled through a tough Div. 3 championship playing against some very strong first teams. Team 3 competed well in Div. 6 and it was great to see the friendships growing between the players in all the teams. July was a busy month as we sent a team to participate in the Kilmacud Crokes 11 a side U14 tournament, playing teams from Galway, Dublin, and Kilkenny. In July we also organised a footgolf competition followed by pizza and drinks to close the first half of the season. A big thanks to all the players, parents and coaches who have supported the U14 boys hurling this year.



### U15 Boys Football

Preparations for Féile year started back in 2021 and the U15 Footballers commenced the 2022 season with 79 players, fielding 4 teams to compete in Féile. The National Féile Peile took place in early July, hosted by St Judes. We were drawn with Douglas from Cork and Ballinascreen from Derry. In a tight group, Douglas beat Ballinascreen to let Boden into the semi-final where we faced Claregalway from Galway. Despite a fine performance, it wasn't to be our day and ClareGalway were deserving victors.. Following the summer break the League recommenced and Team A took all opportunities to produce some of their best football all year, finally meeting and beating St Peters to become Division1 League Champions. We were delighted to have 30 lads playing with Team 1 across the season. We were also thrilled to see seven of the boys out with the Dublin Development squad. The U15 B team competed in Féile Division 5. After a narrow defeat in the opening game to Clondalkin, and a walkover awarded by Lusk, Ballyboden turned in a top display in the





final group match away to Na Fianna. After beating Trinity Gaels in the semi-final, Ballyboden travelled to Rush to face a formidable St. Maurs outfit in the final. Ballyboden were left to rue missed chances as St Maurs ran out winners by five points. Overall, it was a very enjoyable and competitive showing by Team 2 in the Féile competition. The boys also retained their Division 4 status in the League.

On a fresh Sunday morning in March, the U15 C team departed Ballyboden to meet Beann Eadair in the Féile opener, ending with a draw. Next up was a win against Ballinteer St Johns. We then met the undefeated leaders from St Vincents and were unlucky to lose on the day. This left Boden in the Shield final against Ballinteer where, on this occasion, Ballinteer came out on top. As soon as Féile ended, the boys were back in action for the League, securing a win against Fingallians in the first outing, followed by an impressive win over rival Kilmacud Crokes. The lads finished the season by securing their Division 8 League title. The U15 D team demonstrated real heart and determination throughout their Féile championship. The lads put on an outstanding performance to beat Na Fianna in their back yard and reach the Féile final. The final was against Castleknock and played on their senior pitch. A great occasion for the boys but ultimately they fell just short, losing by a point. In the league campaign, the boys entered the Southside Division 10 and again produced some amazing football against clubs with first, second and third teams.



### U15 Boys Hurling

2022 was a busy year beginning with preparations for Féile. Our playing numbers were good, we enticed a few retirees back and recruited a few new players to leave us starting with 56 hurlers, enough for three teams. Féile started early in February. Team 1 was drawn in a tough group with away trips to Crokes and Lucan, eventually finishing third in the Group. The Team recovered form in the Shield competition with a semi-final win over Cuala and securing victory over Na Fianna in the final. Team 2 won its Group and qualified for the Division 5 Cup semi-final where they recorded a great victory against Good Counsel. They played Thomas Davis in the final in O'Toole Park and recorded a famous victory. Team 3 recorded wins against Cuala and Na Fianna and finished second in their Group. They qualified for a Cup semi-final where they were drawn against Castleknock who proved too strong on the day. Overall we were pretty pleased with the outcome of Féile: one cup, one shield and a semi-final.

Throughout the year Team 1 were competitive in the League and were well placed at the top end of the table. There has been good rotation with 30 players having played in Team 1 over the season. Team 2 was promoted to Division 4 facing stiff opposition and finished mid table. Team 3 operated in a league with a large number of second teams, where they finished mid-table in Division 7. Before the summer break, we arranged a bus trip to Kilkenny to support Fiachra, James & Josh playing for the Dublin U15 vs Kilkenny.

Afterwards we headed to Thomastown for a challenge game and then home by the outdoor pool in Bagnalstown. We were invited to the Naas U15 Tournament in September and even managed to win the tournament.



### U16 Boys

The number of boys staying with the U16 group was impressive with 83 registered players by end of year. This allowed us to enter multiple teams across the different league divisions and in the championship. Our B teams took home silverware, winning the respective Division 5 finals in hurling and football. Winning a Championship title eluded all teams, with the B hurling team missing out on winning the C Championship on the last day of the season. A number of our hurling and football players played up with U17 Minors gaining valuable experience for when they enter the adult grades. Five of our footballers were selected to train and play with the respective Dublin U16 county panel and development squads. Two hurlers played for Dublin Minors and several others with the U16 squad..

### Hurling

The hurling section retained sufficient boys to field two strong teams throughout the league and Championship season. The league competition got underway in March with a win for the As against Lucan Sarsfields. By mid-May both teams were table toppers in their respective Division 1 and Division 5A leagues. A defeat for the A team by a strong outfit from St Vincent's ended any realistic chance of taking the Division title, with the lads ultimately finishing second to their north side rivals. The B team went from strength to strength, winning all of their matches to top the Division 5A table. They then advanced to the final of Division 5 after a comprehensive semi-final victory over Naomh Fionnbarra (2nd in Division 5 B). In the final against Scoil Uí Chonaill, Boden emerged victorious after an epic battle to take the Division 5 title.

The opening matches of the U16 hurling championship were played in early September. It was a hard day at the office for the B team as they went down to a heavy defeat against St Kevins. In a thrilling match against Clontarf, a last ditch defence with all fifteen boys covering the goal line secured a win for the A team. Progressing to the business end of the competition, the A team played away to St Vincents in the A Championship semi-final. Towards the end of the match goals were needed by Boden as the momentum swung with St Vincents. But it just wasn't to be as the Boden bowed out of the Championship.

The B team were playing in great form as they stayed in contention to win the C Championship. Their final match, which would have secured the title, was played against a strong A team from Clanna Gael Fontenoy on their home ground. Clanna Gael got off to a great start scoring a goal and four points without reply. The lads battled on but Clanna Gael did enough to stay ahead and win the match.

### Football

The boys resumed training in January and three teams were entered into the leagues in Div 1, 5 and 7. All teams were competitive in their respective divisions. The highlight of the season was the B team winning the Div 5 league title at the end of June against St Mary's of Saggart. Elsewhere, the C's ended the season mid-table, while the A's finished a creditable third place in Div 1. Preparations continued throughout the summer for Championship. After progressing well in the group stages, unfortunately all of our four teams lost the first round of the knock out



stages, the A team agonisingly losing to Clontarf by a point scored in the dying seconds of the match. The B team lost to Clanna Gael Fontenoy, while the C team lost narrowly to St Sylvesters. The D team played well but found the going tough in their championship campaign.

As the boys now leave the juvenile section they can look back with pride on how far they have come in the past eight years. For the coaches, it has been a pleasure to watch the boys mature and grow into fine young men, and develop sporting skills that will last them a lifetime. They are an exceptional group of lads who have done their coaches, parents and Club proud. We wish them all the best of luck as they continue their journey with Ballyboden or in whatever sport they choose to pursue in the future.







## BODEN VOLUNTEER



**Where you are from:** Knocklyon Road

**When you joined BBSE:** I joined Ballyboden at the nursery so I have been playing for a very long time!

**Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions:** I have volunteered as a coach and in fundraisers for the ladies teams previously. I was one of the key coordinators for the Car Raffle Fundraising event last year.

**What is your position now:** For the last two years I have been Vice Chair of the Ladies Committee.

**What does volunteering mean to you:** Volunteering for Boden is extremely important to me. It gives me a chance to give back to the club that has been such an important part of my life growing up. When we were younger so many parents volunteered, with coaching, giving us lifts to matches and helping with fundraising. It is great that I can get involved with the club while still playing football. It means I have a great understanding of what the players' needs are and how the Ladies Committee can help.

**BBSE in the future:** I hope the Ballyboden Ladies committee can continue its brilliant work in promoting and improving Ladies Football across all levels for both minor and senior players. I would love to have more female participation within the management and coaching, and ensure that everyone feels empowered. I hope that players will have the support they need to go on and win championships.

**Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE:** I would love it if we could get more people involved in BBSE, especially retired players. I would tell people not to be scared that it will become a full time job! There are so many jobs in Boden, both big and small. Whether you can give 1 hour a week or 10, there is a place for you. There is so much experience and knowledge in current and past players. These players would bring so much knowledge, experience & insight to support upcoming underage, minor and Senior players.

# Rachel Basquel

## BODEN VOLUNTEER



**Where you are from:** Born in London, Irish mammy moved us back home to Knocklyon and after a few more moves ended up in Prospect Manor, Rathfarnham.

**When you joined BBSE:** I joined when my son Dan started in the nursery back in 2000.

**Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions:** Paddy Walsh recruited me as I genuinely thought everyone was saying yes to him! I readily admit I knew very little but I threw myself into it and spent the next 17 years involved in mens and ladies football teams. Highlights were our 3 U13 teams all winning trophies on the same day, the U16 Ladies championship victory and the U21 Championship win in 2014 containing the likes of Robby McDaid, Aran Waters, Colly Basquel, Alan Flood and James Madden which paved the way for these lads to go on to win an All-Ireland in 2016. I've had the pleasure of working with so many great mentors but that management team of Marty Masterson, Mark Fee, the great Bobby O'Sullivan and my long time and much missed collaborator Noel Madden (RIP) will always be special to me. In 2013 I joined the adult football committee as PRO and spent 9 years tweeting, doing fixtures posters and organising photographers and match reports for the newsletter, website and our social media channels. I have also designed and printed numerous posters and booklets for the club including the Lotto booklet, the 50th Anniversary calendar and

the Boden News yearly annual. I was asked to oversee the website after Paddy Bates stepped away and still do that today as part of the Comms team. One final thing I did was write a 50th Anniversary song as part of the 50th celebrations, I was well chuffed when it was played at the Gala in 2019. Most people probably kept eating their soup but it made me smile!!

**What is your position now:** I have a fancy title of Website manager now having just stepped down as Adult Football PRO in 2022. I still design and print the Boden News and am still on the Comms Committee.

**What does volunteering mean to you:** For me, it's the relationships you forge with so many great people from top to bottom. From the wise old heads who have seen it all before and guide you along the way to the young lads I coached who are now men I'd gladly have a pint and a laugh with. You can't buy that kind of feeling...

**BBSE in the future:** My hope is that the club continues to invest in the community that supports it with brilliant initiatives like the Boden Braves and the Covid Deliveries that make us so proud. I've no doubt that it will.

**Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE:** Put that hand up and, trust me, you will not regret it. The return on what you put in will be ten fold because you'll be part of something special because as one washed up wannabe once sang.... "we're the clan with a plan and a field on the Firhouse Road"

# Neil Buckingham

## BODEN VOLUNTEER



**Where you are from:** I am originally from Butterfield Ave halfway between the Blue Haven and The Orchard and have been living in Dargle Wood for the last 34 years.

**When you joined BBSE:** I joined about 25 years ago, but my brothers played for BBSE in 1969 and there's even a picture on the wall to prove it!

**Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions:** Yes, nearly from the start. When my eldest lad Sean started playing, Liam Carter asked for volunteers to help run teams. I decided to give a hand as best as I could. I was also involved with my younger son Tommy's teams through the years.

**What is your position now:** Last year 2022 I was Director of footballs for the U19B team (bringing balls to matches) awaiting a new role this year. My other role for the last 9 years is "The Chief Bingo Caller" on a Tuesday night at 8 O'clock (all welcome). I feel it is really important that the club is involved in community activities other than just GAA games. I also assist in the Christmas tree collection.

**What does volunteering mean to you:** I think we all should try to give a little bit back to the community. I have made some great friends through the club because of my involvement.

**BBSE in the future:** My hope is that the club continues to develop strong roots in the areas we serve and that we develop young players to their full potential, even to the highest level, on and off the field. I hope for more success for all grades and adult teams. Including a few more County, Leinster and All Ireland titles.

**Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE:** Go for it. It's a great way to meet and help people in the local community. You will get more out than you put in. Boden Abu!

# Conor Farrelly

## BODEN VOLUNTEER



**Where you are from:** Hillside Park, Ballyboden.

**When you joined BBSE:** I joined Ballyboden in 1994.

**Have you ever volunteered in the club - name other positions:** Shea Lennon and Paddy Walsh asked me to help out coaching the young kids and from there I was hooked. I joined Liam Carters' Juvenile Committee soon after for a number of years, but I felt I had more to give. At the time there was a shortage of parents to take over teams and this allowed me to take on an underage team. After doing a GAA foundation course I took on my 1st coaching role as Manager and mentor to an U9 team with John Archibald. From U9 right through to U16 we never won leagues or cups but we enjoyed the experience of seeing our young lads growing and maturing as great footballers. During this time I was playing Soccer myself as a goalkeeper and it was from here I expressed an interest in coaching goalkeepers within the club. At Minor level I linked my U16 team with Noel Basquel, Fimian Hyland and Sean Crowleys Minor team and I started coaching the goalkeepers. As a minor team we had great success winning the Dublin Championship and league double in 2010. From here I started coaching Goalkeepers from underage to Senior level and in 2012 was asked into the senior football team as Goalkeeping coach and joined a great management team of Conor Deegan, Noel Basquel & Fimian Hyland. I have worked with great managers over the years Andy McEntee, Anthony Rainbow and Brian O'Regan and the rewards were great. Together we won 2 Dublin, 2 Leinster and the holy grail, The All Ireland Club Championship in 2016. It goes to show what can be achieved and the rewards of seeing players you have coached achieve their goals.

**What is your position now:** Recently retired, I continue coaching goalkeepers with the Senior team and with other goalkeepers at various ages keeping the clubs goalkeeper conveyor belt going. I am also working with Dublin's Mens & Ladies Minor teams and with DLGFA with the hope of setting up a goalkeeping Excellence Academy for Ladies U15 to Minor squads.

**What does volunteering mean to you:** Volunteering for club whether it's for Committee or coaching brings it's rewards when you see your efforts and contribution bringing success to players and the club at all levels.

**BBSE in the future:** Boden is a special place because of what it provides to our local community. The ever growing range of sporting facilities provided by the club are doing a great service to all club members, players and the wider community

**Advice to anyone who would like to lend a hand in BBSE:** Get involved at a level that suits you, because for me BBSE means lifelong friendships and a place where everyone is welcome.

# Paul Waters

## Golf Classic 2022

Jack Nolan & Liam Deane



The 2022 Annual Golf Classic reverted to its traditional slot of late May and was held on Friday the 27th of May in Edmondstown Golf Club. We had 48 teams competing from early morning to dusk in perfect weather conditions for good and competitive golf. We also secured some new sponsors this year, such as Ardstone Homes, whose support is much appreciated.

As usual, our hosts in Edmondstown gave us a warm welcome and presented us with a Golf Course in pristine condition. With the fine weather and the greens in such great condition, but playing particularly tough, the scoring reverted to the 80's and 90's.



The committee, Liam Deane, Sean Moran, John Small, Ned Slattery & Jack Nolan, would like to thank all of those who contributed to making the day such a great success. Particularly to Miriam Doyle, John Small, Ned Slattery and Cathal Regan. A special mention to Orla McCabe and Liam Carter, who carried out the reception and starter duties diligently and cheerfully all day. Thanks also to the management and staff of Edmondstown Golf Club and to Costello Catering for looking after us so well with a fantastic meal, which was enjoyed by all.

Most of all we would like to thank the participating teams, Sean Moran of TJ O'Mahony and to our many kind sponsors for their continued support.

Please put Friday the 26th of May in your diary for next years' event. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

**1st Place – 94 Points** Cathal Fitzgerald Team  
Cathal Fitzgerald, Graham O'Reilly,  
Jim Boland & Brian Delaney

**2nd Place – 93 Points** RSA Insurance Team 1  
Seamus McGabhann, Clive Groarke,  
Pierce Williams & Gavin Fitzpatrick

**3rd Place – 91 Points** Tom Durkin Team  
Tom Durkin, Tony Harnett,  
Liam Scally & Dermot Maguire

**4th Place – 90 Points** Deane Homes Team  
Liam Deane, Jim Gallagher,  
Des Browne & Martin Donohoe

**5th Place – 89 Points** Bookstation Team  
Declan O'Donnell, Frank O'Keeffe,  
Mike Curtin & Colin Fallon

**Front Nine - 45 Points**  
H&K International Team

**Back Nine - 47 Points**  
Ray Cosgrove Team

**Longest Drive** Shane Hogan  
(Maplewood Homes Team 1)

**Nearest the Pin** Pat McCabe  
(Greenoak Construction Team)



GM4O started back in January with the group that kept going during Covid. We lost some great players along the way due to family commitments and pregnancies promising to come back (Aoife & Ciara).

We were lucky enough to get our two coaches Ciaran and Ian who are excellent mentors. They already give up so much of their time to other ladies' teams but they say they love to coach us because we listen to them (most of the time) and we do our best to learn the skills of football. We do our warm-ups and then our drills to improve our skills (most of us never played before). We always have time for a game and then finish off with our unique way of warming down through Ciaran teaching us some yoga. It's fabulous.

We did struggle to field a team for our monthly games in the first half of the year, but managed to play our local opposition Templeogue Synge Street, Ranelagh Gaels, St Anne's and Ballyboden Wanderers' both home and away and a very successful Blitz in St Olaf's before finishing up for the summer break.

We got back to training in mid-August hoping we would get selected for the G4MO Yearly All Ireland Blitz in North Dublin. Unfortunately, it wasn't our year for selection. Two of our members Orlaith and Ger volunteered to help out Cuala who got the nod but couldn't field a team at the Blitz. They had a blast even though they were soaked to the skin with the rain!

We decided we needed more recruits having only 10-15 people at training, and so we started our recruitment drive. Orla, Darryl, Carmel, Libby and Ruth set up a table at the Academy meetings and handed out the leaflets to potential members. Others gave the local schools leaflets to pin up in the staff rooms. As a result, we now have creeping up to 50 members. A minimum of 30 women training every week. When we were invited to St Anne's for a Blitz in November, we had two teams to play against the following teams An Tochar, Wicklow, St Marks, Cuala and Naas. St Anne's were great hosts and only down the road too.

It's a wonderful opportunity for us women to be able to get excited putting on the jersey and running onto the pitch to play a game. It's the best feeling! But what really stands out is to watch the comradery, fun and kindness the women show towards each other, and this also applies to the opposition. A special mention again about our coaches, it's down to them how successful our retention of members to the GM4O squad has been. Thanks a million guys... it's been fantastic fun.



#### The Knocklyon GOAL Mile

was back for its second year on Christmas Day, with a new and improved route following the new paths around the Cherryfield Pitch. €2409 was raised to support GOAL's work with the poorest people around the world. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped and participants who came out on the day to walk or run their mile.



To volunteer or get involved next year get in touch with Ciaran at [ciaranahern@gmail.com](mailto:ciaranahern@gmail.com)



After a number of difficult years for Súiltóirí Buadain due to Covid 19, we were eventually able to return to our full activities in 2022. We were back to our normal schedule of 2 walks each Saturday morning – a challenging hill walk, normally of around 4 hours, and a second shorter and flatter walk of around 2 hours. With an increased interest in outdoor activities due to Covid 19, we experienced a big surge in interest in joining Súiltóirí Buadain during 2021 and 2022. While we were able to take in a number of new members, we continue to be restricted in further increasing our membership due to the limited number of experienced guides we have in the group. In the coming year we will be seeking to address this issue and hopefully this will allow us to take in more new members from the ever-increasing waiting list of individuals seeking to join the group.



During 2022 we often had more than 30 people on any given Saturday for our challenging hill walks. We met at 8.30 at the club and covered numerous beautiful treks across the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. To name just a few of our walks in 2022 we trekked the Spinc in Glendalough, Djouce, Tinnahely, Lough Braes, Lugnaquilla, Maulin, Camaderry and the Howth Cliff Walk. There is also interest every Saturday in our shorter walks. These include the Hell Fire Club, Kilmashogue, Cruagh Wood, Boharnabreena waterworks and a loop of Marley Park and St. Endas Park. Every month or so we continue to have a Walk for All which is generally a flat walk of around 3 hours which allows all our members to join together on the same walk. While the purpose of the club is to provide members with the opportunity to get exercise while enjoying the beauty of our hills and mountains, there is another very important aspect to our weekly walks. The walks provide the opportunity for social interaction, developing new friendships and the very welcome tea and scones at the end of each walk.

There is of course much more to Súiltóirí Buadain than our weekly Saturday walks in Dublin and Wicklow. We have always looked to broaden our horizons both within Ireland and abroad. Since 2013 we have experienced some lovely trips in Ireland such as the Black Valley in Kerry and the 12 Bens in Connemara as well as some fantastic walking trips across Spain, Italy, Austria and Croatia. With the travel restrictions imposed due to Covid 19 we were curtailed in our trips during 2020 and 2021 but thankfully in 2022 we were able to resume our travels. In June we had a group of 50 who travelled to Tralee and we enjoyed 2 great days walking on the Dingle Way. We first walked from Dunquin to Ventry where coffee and scones were laid on for us when we arrived at Páidí O' Sé's pub in Ventry. Our second walk took us from Camp to Annascaul finishing up in Tom Crean's pub for refreshments. Needless to say, the ceol agus craic in the evenings was a big feature of the trip. In the first week of September a group of 49 travelled to Mayrhofen in the Austrian Alps for a fantastic week of hill walking and other activities. The ski lifts allowed us to start our walks at a height of around 2000 metres and the views were absolutely stunning. The hotel, the food, the facilities and the entertainment were all of the highest standard. As well as the hill walking, the other activities enjoyed by the group included cycling trips on electric bikes, trips to Innsbruck and to nearby glaciers. It was great to get back to these trips after the difficult Covid years.

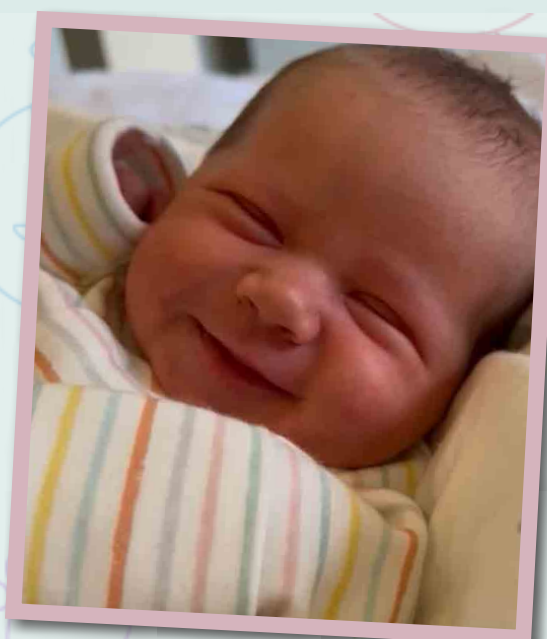


Another activity that we missed for a few years was our annual Christmas party. We got back to normal ways with a fantastic party above the Yellow House at the beginning of December where we had almost 60 people dining and dancing the night away. We now look forward to continuing the success of the group in 2023. We hope to be able to take in more new members to enjoy our weekly walks and work is already underway planning for our trips in 2023.





Caoilinn Curtin born on 22nd March to David and Sheena



Bonnie McGrath born on 2nd February to Alan McGrath and Hannah Keane



Sean O'Sullivan born on 31st July to Martin and Leanne



Diane Maura O'Sullivan born 11th December to Matty and Aisling (and sister Connie)



Liam Enright born 22nd February to James and Lucia

# Boden Babies



Charlie McCarthy born on 16th Nov to Liam and Emer



Rachel Ruddy and baby Cara Conboy



# Boden Wedding bells



Peter Buckeridge and Lorna married on 17th August with reception in Rathsallagh House



Laura Casey and Niall McMorrough in the Merrion Hotel



Fionn Maguire and Ciara Robinson married on 31st July with wedding in Farnham Estate.





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