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BALLYBODEN ST. ENDA'S G.A.A., CAMOGIE & LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB
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IRISLEABHAR BAILE BUADÁIN NAOMH ÉANNA

FÉILE FANTASTIC

The club scaled new heights in our history of involvement in the various Féile competitions this year winning the first Dublin treble – camogie, football and hurling in the one season. The Under-14B footballers captured Division 8 of the Dublin competition in style with a thrilling win over Kilmacud Crokes (Gerry O'Kelly, Micheál Cooney and John Turner) and the Under-14C football team (Paddy Brady, Dan Browne and Paul Doran) reached the semi-final in that Division. We were the only club in Dublin with three football teams in the competition and we were the only club with a second hurling team (Gerry O'Sullivan and Paul Kirwan) in the Dublin Féile na nGael. The Camogie team's wonderful success meant that for the first time we had two teams travelling to the Féile na nGael finals in Ulster where we were superbly hosted by the great Derry club - Erins Own, Lavey.

While victory eluded the club in the national finals - all teams excelled on and off the field.

At the second Féile na nGael finals to be held in Ulster the camogie team (Nuala Pope, Eileen McNamara and John Byrne) was first into action and enjoyed good wins over Lavey and Dungiven but eventual five times winners

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Under-14 Footballers lead Féile Peil Parade into Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow



Mark Lambert aged 11, who played in the All-Ireland Féile na nGael Finals in Ulster.



Gerry O'Sullivan, Club Chairman presents an ash walking stick specially fashioned by Pat Lambert to His Excellency, the Irish Ambassador to France, Mr. Pádraic MacKernan in the Irish Embassy in Paris during the club's visit last February. The club would like to acknowledge the assistance of Mr. Seamus Brennan T.D., Minister for Transport in facilitating this visit.

A Word from the Chairman

Good Friday is an important day in the Christian calendar. It is also a noteworthy historical moment with the signing of the "Good Friday Agreement" but Ballyboden St. Endas can now claim its own connection because it was on Good Friday last that the club learned the great news that the Government and the Minister for Sport had allocated €250,000 under the Sports Capital Programme for the construction of four dressing rooms at Knocklyon Park, Ballycullen.

Appreciation is due to Aiden Nevin, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Paddy O'Brien (Quantity Surveyor) who worked so hard on the application and to Cumann na mBunscol, Gaelscoil Cnoc Liamhna, and St. Colmcille's Community School who supported the application. The club would also like to thank all the public representatives who lent their support.

As you know the club already has outline planning permission to build dressing rooms on the site. The next stage now is to lodge an application for full planning permission and the club is at an advanced stage in this process.

Players and supporters are reminded to continue to ensure that residents in Woodstown Village are not inconvenienced. A resolution to the parking issue is being processed.

Féile Fantastic

It looks like we won't have any shortage of young stars to fill these dressing rooms given the magnificent performances of our young Féile teams. For only the second time in our history, the club represented Dublin in the All-Ireland Féile Peil finals in Carlow/Laois. The Under-14A football team magnificently managed by Liam Carter, Conor Doolan, Micheál Ó Raghallaigh, Matt Fletcher and Helen McGuinness beat St. Vincent's in the Dublin final and earlier in the competition St. Brigids' – two clubs who have won the All-Ireland title in the last two years. Well done to a great panel of players.

Adding further to the achievement was the victory the Under-14B team ably managed by Gerry O'Kelly, Micheál Cooney and John Turner who got proceedings off to a winning start in Naomh Mearnóg on Sunday 6 May 2002 with a five points victory over Kilmacud Crokes. It was a special day for Micheál and Phil Cooney who had triplets – Fearghal, Oisín and Donal - on the team.

The Under-14C team gave an outstanding display to reach the semi-final stages. The three mentors – Paddy Brady, Dan Browne and Paul Doran did superbly and prepared diligently for the finals.

The U14 Ladies Football team managed by Leby Galvin with Tom and Niamh Madigan and help from Colin Pope and Ned Slattery performed admirably to reach the semi-finals.

U14A hurlers managed by Vinnie Bradley, Frank O'Connor, Eamonn Treacy and Liam Carter took the Dublin title for the fourth time. The U14B team (Gerry O'Sullivan and Paul Kirwan) performed well in their division. The U14A camogie team completed the triple Féile achievement with a magnificent victory in the Dublin final. Well done to manager Nuala Pope, Eileen McNamara and John Byrne. The U14B camogie team (Bernadette McGlynn and Joanne O'Sullivan) also performed well.

Rathfarnham Credit Union to sponsor Summer Camps

The Annual Summer Camps are a prized fixture on the club calendar for a number of years. Under P. J. Donohue's stewardship, the camps have gone from strength to strength with over 1,200 attending last year's seven weeks programme.

The great news is that for the next three years, the Summer Camps will be generously sponsored by Rathfarnham Credit Union. The support of the Rathfarnham Credit Union will greatly ease the financial burden and assist the club to further develop the potential of the camps. Sincere appreciation to Rory O'Connor, Manager of Rathfarnham Credit Union and the Board of Directors for their faith in the club.

For the first time we are able to offer participants the opportunity to enjoy the activities on selected weeks through the medium of Irish.

Discipline

Successes like those mentioned on or off the field are a tribute to the respected position the club enjoys not only in Dublin but further afield as well. It is vital that we zealously preserve that reputation for fairness, friendliness, courtesy and exemplary conduct. Our best public relations experts are our members - playing and non-playing - and we must always display the highest standards of behaviour no matter what provocation we may face on occasions. On or off the field of play the only thing we should ever raise are our voices in encouragement of our teams and in recognition of quality from wherever that comes. We should never let the name of Ballyboden St. Enda's be damaged in any way.

In that regard I would urge all our members to get fully behind all our teams - no matter what the grade, age or the code. All our teams strive to be successful and encouragement and recognition from members, parents, and friends is a huge boost to all concerned.

Showers

The issue of the lack of sufficient hot water in the showers in the men's dressing rooms has been a source of annoyance to players, mentors and officials for some time. Clearly the pace of expansion in terms of number of teams, frequency of matches and training has outgrown the ability of the present system to match demands.

The Executive Committee, present and past, would have wished to tackle this matter prior to now but other events, most notably the fire, intervened. However, the fire in an ironic way has provided the solution.

When the refurbishment of the clubhouse was being planned, the decision was made to switch from oil to gas heating. The availability of gas on the site has now meant that we can replace the original system which was based on electricity heated water to one based on gas heating. The matter has been extensively investigated to find the most efficient and cost effective solution to the problem. The order has been placed with a Plumbing and Heating Contractor. The installation will necessitate some disruption while the work is being carried out but the club has been advised that this will solve the problem. Conor Doolan is due a sincere word of appreciation for his efforts to bring this matter to a conclusion.

Sancta Maria

A planning application has been launched with SDCC for the relocation of the new entrance to the

site off the Green to facilitate better utilisation of the ground. Due to the appalling weather work on the drainage of the area has been delayed. We hope to commence this as soon as possible.

Club Lotto

Year 4 of the Club Lotto has been launched. The committee under Chairman Gerry Hogan has put in place an exciting package of holidays in Disneyland (USA) and the Caribbean as well as the weekly jackpot prizes. It is now up to our members and friends to support the venture. The funds raised are badly needed. The proceeds of the previous three Lottos have been expended on the purchase of Sancta Maria. The first instalment of €635,000 was paid to the Order of Mercy last year. A similar amount is due this Summer. Please do continue to support the Lotto. It is a small investment in what will be a magnificent facility for the future.

Post Script

At the time of going to press, our senior hurling, camogie, football and ladies football teams are well in contention for league and championship honours. Full details of these and the junior hurling final in our next issue.

Beir bua - Buadain

Gerry O'Sullivan

Many thanks to Con Ryan, Chairman of the Dublin Hurling Committee for being Guest of Honour at the presentation of medals to the Junior C hurling team which won the Championship, League and Eddie Barron Shield in 2001.

Well done to Sorcha Farrelly, Joanne O'Sullivan and Aisling Farrelly on their part in UCD's Higher Education Ladies Football League success.

Well done to hurler Donnchadh O Mordha on his part in DCU's win in the Dean Ryan Cup.

Card playing and traditional Irish music sessions will return in the Autumn. Many thanks to Joe O'Sullivan and the card players for their generous support.

Under 15 League Success Well done also the Under 15 hurlers managed by Robbie Lambert, Colin Durkin, Brendan Swords and Liam Hogan who won the league.

John Burns - mentor on the U13B football team is an uncle of Kerry All-Ireland footballer Killian Burns.

Oulart the Ballagh proved marginally too strong in a stirring contest in Lavey. The thrilling win over St. Vincent's in the Dublin final will remain a great memory. The club also had the distinction of fielding two camogie teams in Dublin with the second side (Bernadette McGlynn and Joanne O'Sullivan) performing admirably.

The U14A hurling team (Manager Vincent Bradley – Mentors: Eamonn Treacy, Frank O'Connor, Liam Carter) also opened their campaign with a win over Lavey. This followed up with an emphatic performance against Ballinascreen before an epic tussle with Castlegar saw the Galway champions advance. The performance of 11 year old Mark Lambert (son of Robert and Annette) being one of the highlights of a great game. The last time the club played Castlegar in Féile was in 1992 when we won the All-Ireland title.

The finals in Ulster were memorable with the Lavey club in particular being most generous and hospitable. The two teams paraded in style down the Andersonstown Road in front of President Mary McAleese, GAA President Sean McCague and the Lord Mayor of Belfast Alec Maskey on their way to Casement Park .

Many of the hurlers barely had time to draw breath when they were back in intensive training for the Féile Peil Finals in Carlow. The opening game against host club Stradbally proved to be our undoing. Managed by Liam Carter with Conor Doolan, Micheál Ó Raghallaigh, Matt Fletcher and Helen McGuinness, Stradbally the Laois Féile champions, were under the cosh for most of the game but it was one of those days when the ball stubbornly refused to go under or over the bar. That defeat put the side under huge pressure but they rose to the challenge and comprehensively beat Athy and Salthill in the next two games. But although finishing level on points with Stradbally, we fell to a new rule change which stated that the winners of the game between two teams would decide who advanced to the semi final and not scoring difference as obtained previously. The club had the honour of leading the parade as representatives of Dublin as St. Brigid's had won last year's All-Ireland.

In the Dublin Ladies Football, the club was ably represented by a side managed by Leby Galvin with Tom and Niamh Madigan. Defeat by Fingallians ended their involvement in the campaign but when you consider that the Swords side was beaten by only six points in the All-Ireland final then one gets a truer measure of their achievement.

In all eight teams took part in the four Féile competitions in Dublin – the largest involvement in Féile for any club in the country. So well done to all the mentors, players, parents and schools. Many thanks also to the various sponsors whose help was invaluable and to all who assisted and supported the various fund-raising.



Enjoying Feile na nGael in Lavey – (from left): Liam Carter, Gerard O’Kane, Derry County Chairman; Vincent Bradley, Terence “Sambo” McNaughton, Sean McPeake, Chairman, Erin’s Own, Lavey; Eamon Treacy, Frank O’Connor, Danny Murphy, Ulster Council Secretary.



Dublin Féile na nGael Camogie Champions 2002 – Back row (l-r) John Byrne, Eileen McNamara, Deirdre Farrelly, Simone Comerford, Rachel Ruddy, Aoife Burke, Gillian Ryder, Triona ní Dhuibhir, Lisa Ward, Niamh Scallan, Lorna Curtis, Catherine Pope, Nuala Pope. Front row (l-r) Alana Cronin, Maeve Galvin, Caoilfhionn Ní Néill, Noelle Brogan, Aoife Clarke, Clíodhna McNamara, Orlaith O’Shea, Niamh Hogan, Anne Griffin and Elaine Keogh



Dublin Féile Peil and Under 14 League Champions 2002 – Back row (l-r) Liam Carter (manager), Matt Fletcher (mentor), Stephen Fletcher, Cillian Hussey, Brendan Treacy, Stephen Ryan, Barry McGuinness, Paul Coughlan, David Byrne, Conor O’Gara, Colm O’Connor, Shane Doolan, Sean Cantwell, Conor Doolan (mentor), Helen McGuinness (mentor), Micheál Ó Raghallaigh (mentor). Front row (l-r) Ross Church, Kevin Brennan, Liam McCarthy, Barry Cullen, Seán Ó Raghallaigh, Simon O’Donnell, Stephen McGrath, Simon Conheady, Alan Carter, Colin Hyland, Martin O’Sullivan, Paul Ryan and Andrew Kiernan.



Dublin Féile na nGael Champions 2002 – Back row (l-r) Andrew Breen, Andrew McCutcheon, Pierce Kenny, Edward Fitzgerald, Donal Cooney, Andrew Kiernan, Brendan Treacy, Alan Carter, Kevin Brennan, Simon O’Donnell, Paul Ryan, Barry McGuinness, David O’Connor. Front row (l-r) Cillian Hussey, Andrew Pollock, Martin O’Sullivan, Ronan Breen, Liam McCarthy, Declan Carey, Finn McGarry, John Burke, Fearghal Cooney, Oisín Cooney, Eoin Turner. Manager Vincent Bradley - Mentors: Eamonn Treacy, Frank O’Connor, Liam Carter.

Rathfarnham and District Credit Union to sponsor Ballyboden St. Enda's Summer Camps

The club is delighted to announce that Rathfarnham and District Credit Union is to sponsor the club's Summer Camps for the next three years.

The Summer Camps are a key part of the club's activities and in excess of 1,200 boys and girls between the ages of 6-13 take part in the seven-week programme which commenced on 1 July 2002. The camps were introduced under the aegis of Paddy Walsh, Juvenile Committee Chairman some years ago and are reckoned to be the largest club-based Summer Camps in Ireland.

Don chéad uair tá deis ag paistí freastal ar na campaí tré mheán na Gaeilge. Tá suim mór sa cheantair sa Gaeilge agus ba bhreá linn cabhair a thabhairt. Níl aon Chlub eile sa cathair ag déanamh campaí Samhraidh tré Gaeilge.

For the first time participants now have the opportunity to attend the camps through the medium of Irish.

Rory O'Connor, Manager of the Rathfarnham and District Credit Union commented

"Rathfarnham and District Credit Union has a long and distinguished record of community service. This sponsorship is in keeping with that tradition and we are delighted to be able to work in partnership with Ballyboden St. Endas for the benefit of young people in our area."

Gerry O'Sullivan, Chairman of Ballyboden St. Endas said: "The generous support of Rathfarnham and District Credit Union will greatly assist the club to improve the range of activities on offer which include first class coaching in football, hurling, camogie and ladies football as well as a variety of fun activities, mini-All-Ireland Finals etc. Táimfd an bhródúil go bhfuil leagán Gaeilge againn anois mar tá suim mór sa teanga in ár gceantar. I also wish to acknowledge the assistance of Conal O'Riordan."

The Summer Camps were launched in style at the clubhouse in the presence of several Dublin team captains – Coman Goggins (football), Martina Farrell (ladies football) and Sonya Byrne (camogie). Owing to illness David Sweeney (hurling) was unavoidably absent but Darragh Spain was an able deputy.

The camps are co-ordinated by P.J. Donohue, Club Coach, Enda McNulty, Coaching Director, Fiona Hughes and Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin (Irish Language Camp). Further information at 01 4947950 (Club), P.J. Donohue (087 662 3589), Fiona Hughes (085 725 4407) or Enda McNulty (087 799 5662).



At the launch of the Rathfarnham and District Credit Union sponsorship of the Ballyboden St. Endas Summer Camps were: (Back row, from left) Darragh Spain (Dublin Hurling team), Sonya Byrne (Dublin Senior Camogie Captain), Rory O'Connor, Manager, Rathfarnham and District Credit Union, Martina Farrell (Dublin Senior Ladies Football Captain), Coman Goggins (Dublin Senior Football Captain), Richard Ennis, Chairman, Rathfarnham and District Credit Union. (Front Row, from left) Maris Keane-Egan, Board Member, Rathfarnham and District Credit Union, Paddy Carr, Secretary, Rathfarnham and District Credit Union and John O'Connor, Board Member, Rathfarnham and District Credit Union



A Champion Selection – Standing (from left) Coman Goggins, Dublin Football Captain, Colin Moran, P. J. Donohue, Summer Camp Co-ordinator, Enda McNulty, Director of Coaching, Darren Homan. Seated (from left) Sonya Byrne (Dublin Senior Camogie Captain), Martina Farrell (Dublin Senior Ladies Football Captain), Fiona Hughes, Summer Camp Coach.



From left, Fiona Hughes, Summer Camp Coach, Enda McNulty, Director of Coaching, Gerry O'Sullivan, Club Chairman, Tom Mullen, Club Registrar Richard Ennis, Chairman, Rathfarnham and District Credit Union, P. J. Donohue, Summer Camp Co-ordinator, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin, Summer Camp Coach and Pat Nash, Club Treasurer.



Some of the large gathering who attended the Reception to launch Rathfarnham and District Credit Union's sponsorship of the Summer Camps for the next three years.

FOOTBALL

AFFAIRS

by Donie Kerin

Senior: After completing our 15 game programme we sit in joint top spot of the league table with twenty-six points out of possible thirty. Under the new league format we are now in a top four play-off semi-final for league honours.

This is our most consistent performance since 1995 when we won the treble. There is a strong panel there and with the assistance of our county, players are looking forward to a successful championship campaign. We play UCD in the first round on the weekend of August 9 2002 in O'Toole Park.

Congratulations to our Dubs Stars, Darren Homan and Colin Moran on winning the Leinster final and to our Armagh stars Andrew McCann and Enda McNulty on winning the Ulster Final. Is this a record for one club?

Intermediate: Division 3 is a tough nut to crack as it is mainly made up of first teams many with senior experience. Manager Mick Maher and his boys are struggling but with their final five games against the weaker teams there is every reason to expect them to move away from the danger zone.

Junior A: This team plays in Division 7 and after nine games they are lying third with seven wins. A top four play-off for honours looks well within their grasp. Manager Jim Goodall.

Junior B: This teams plays in Division 9 and are in sixth position after nine games. Manager Eddie O'Sullivan is a happy camper at the moment and he is eagerly awaiting the start of the championship.

Minor A: After four games we are lying in



At the launch of the Valvoline sponsorship, Senior Football Management Team: (l. to r.): Sean Fitzmaurice, Brendan Timbs, Paul Bealin.

second place in the league as well as having reached the championship final. This team gave us great times in Donegal when they won the All Ireland Féile a few years ago and with young Dubs Declan O'Mahony, Cian Hore, Jimmy Donnelly, Kenneth and Dermot Walkin on board, Manager Ronan Hore won't hear of defeat.

Minor B: This team plays in Division 4 and they are in third place after four games with just one defeat. Their victory against St.Vincent's in a "Red Hot" Shield game showed them to be a team with steel as well as considerable talent. Manager Peter Shovlin.

Minor C: After five games in Division 5 we are lying seventh in a twelve team league. This is a fine performance considering we are the only C team in Dublin. Manager [or should this be Manageress]. Sheila Clear is doing a fine job. Welcome on board Sheila.

Finally, we exhort all members of the football section to support our Club Lotto.

Ladies Football Update

by Niamh Madigan

Last year was a very successful year for Ladies Football in the club. After winning the League and Leinster titles, the girls went on to the All-Ireland Club Final only to be pipped at the post by Donoughmore from Cork. The year was rounded off in February with a fabulous trip to Paris. The girls well deserved it! A special thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, a horse, sponsored a race, donated prizes for the raffle and attended all the events which were so well organised. We would also like to thank the Executive for all their support throughout the year.

Congratulations to Louise Kelly on being voted 2001 Player of the Year by the Dublin Supporters Club.

This year's season is well underway. Our Senior A team has won all their matches with Bill Daly, Mark Magahran and Shane Keane looking after them. There is a Senior B team this year and Kevin Cahill with assistance from John Manley, Marie Denvir, Olive Maguire, Joe McAuliffe has come on board to run this team, also an Under 16 team with Gerry Keane in charge and an Under 14 team with Lebbly Galvin and Tom Madigan who took part in the Féile this year. Under 12 A and B and the Under 10 A and B teams are being looked after by Barry Coll, Sheamie O'Neill, Robbie Murphy, Derek Ward, and Karl Young. On Saturday mornings from 11.30am. there is football coaching for girls from age six years upwards and this is proving to be a great success.

We are also doing very well in County football. On the Dublin Ladies Senior team we are represented by the following from our Club - Gemma Fay, Suzanne Hughes, Orla Smith, Sile Nic Coitir, Ceara Nic Coitir, Martina Farrell, Louise Kelly, Tonya Allen, Fiona Corcoran, Sorcha Farrelly, Joanne O'Sullivan and Aisling Farrelly. Sarah Denvir, Eimear Manley, and Julie Monaghan are on the Dublin Minor Ladies team with Charlene McKenna and Julie Walsh on the Under 14 Dublin Ladies team.

Wishing everyone all the best for the coming season and here's to a successful one.

Boden Boys Head East



U-16 Hurler, Brian O'Connor and 'Mangol'

For two weeks, from 6 February to 22 February, two of Ballyboden's brightest young stars headed to India on a school trip with a difference. Craig Curtis and Brian O'Connor left behind the dreary Irish weather, and the harsh post-Christmas training and ventured to Calcutta, India. Whilst there both undertook aid work teaching English to young children in schools. The lads even took time to scout for some new club talent when the hurleys and sliotars that managed to get through customs, were used in a hurling demonstration for the amazed onlookers. Despite some initial confusion with the children attempting to play cricket with the hurls some of the youngsters took to our national game quite well. Craig and Brian were delighted to be able to present the hurls and sliotars, to the school in which they had been teaching, as a gift. All of the students from Coláiste Éanna who travelled on the trip would like to thank the club members who sponsored and supported the boys, and in doing so made the trip possible.

- OFFICIAL - CLUB OPENING

The club was delighted to welcome Taoiseach Bertie Ahern to the club on the 25th of January for the official opening of the reinstated clubhouse. A capacity crowd was present and appreciation is extended to all who attended - to all the national and local public representatives, the representatives of the many GAA clubs; St. Mary's RFC, local schools, community groups, sponsors and friends of the club. Appreciation also to County Board Chairman John Bailey and Chairman of the GAC John Kirwan, Chairman and Secretary of the Dublin Camogie Seamus Massey and Marie O'Brien and John Hillary of the Dublin Ladies Football Board for their attendance. To everyone who assisted in the preparation of the night many thanks. A special word of thanks to Pat Lambert for a superb job in relation to the clubhouse plaque.



Club President Daithi Scolard, Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and Club Chairman, Gerry O'Sullivan at the official opening of the new clubhouse.



Among the guests who joined with the club in celebrating the opening of the refurbished clubhouse were Ms Celia Larkin, Mr. Tom Kitt T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Cllr. Alan Shatter, Ms Olivia Mitchell T.D., Cllr. Maria Corrigan, Mr. John Bailey, Chairman, Dublin County Board and Mr. John Kirwan, Chairman, Games Administration Committee

Meet David Sweeney

SENIOR A HURLING & DUBLIN CAPTAIN

CLUB Ballyboden St. Enda's

AGE 25

OCCUPATION Mechanical Engineer with Allegro Technologies, Dublin

EDUCATION St. Colmcille's NS, Knocklyon; Templeogue College and UCD

HONOURS Two U21 Dublin Hurling Championship medals, one minor hurling and football championship medals, one Division 1 senior hurling league and two Boland Cup medals.

INTER-COUNTY DEBUT Championship v Kilkenny 1998
League v Galway 1998

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT
They are all difficult particularly the likes of Ollie Baker (Clare), Adrian Fenlon (Wexford) and Brian McEvoy (Kilkenny)

FAVOURITE GROUNDS Nowlan Park

FAVOURITE POSITION Midfield

PERSON WHO HAS INFLUENCED MOST
Paudie O'Neill, Principal St. Colmcille's NS and former Dublin Minor and Under 21 manager

FAVOURITE HURLER Charlie Carter (Kilkenny)

FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)

FAVOURITE NON-GAA SPORTSPERSON Stephen Redgrave – Olympic Rower

FAVOURITE MOVIE The Untouchables

FAVOURITE MUSIC Rock

DESERT ISLAND PARTNER My girlfriend, Sandra

PET HATE Winter Training

IF YOU WON THE LOTTO Move to the sun, somewhere like New Zealand

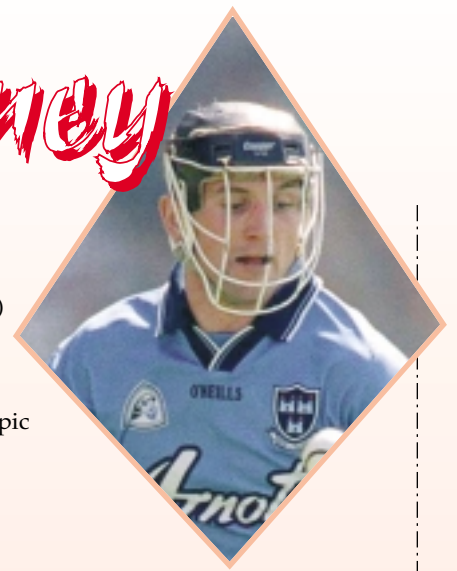
IF TRANSFERS WERE ALLOWED WHO WOULD YOU BUY FOR DUBLIN Charlie Carter

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE IN THE GAA Bring in the sin bin

BEST ADVICE Train 10 minutes a day by playing the ball against a wall

AMBITIONS To win a Leinster title in the short-term with Dublin and to win an All-Ireland club title with my club

DO YOU TAKE HEED OF THE MEDIA To an extent but I don't let it get to me.



Síle Nic Coitir – Player Profile



Date of birth: 13 June 1981
Occupation: Professional Bum
Former schools: Coláiste Iosagáin
Biggest influence on sporting career: My Da Don, and brother Eamon
Inter County Experience: Camogie since 11, Football since 13
Most memorable sporting moment: (Camogie) Coláiste Iosagáin Vs Lucan – my last school game ever – got sent off for NO reason! (Football) Dublin Senior county final 2001 Vs Garda
Toughest opponent: Camogie – Una O'Dwyer Tipperary, Football – Elaine Kelly St. Brigid's
Camogie player(s) you most admire: Una O'Dwyer, Tipperary
Footballer/s you most admire: John O'Leary, and Mary Kirwan (obviously!).

Sportsperson you most admire: I've found Martin O'Neill to be quite adequate in his post.
Favourite TV programme: Too busy feckin training – no time for TV
Pet Hates: Sitting on a wet toilet seat and the problems a dual player faces – I think there should be some kind of agreement to allow players who want to play both to do so.
Favourite food: Spaghetti bolognaise á la Carmel Smith, Irene Kirwan's Christmas dinner.
Favourite music/musician: Kila and Bobby Box of course!
Advice to young players: Train like you play – enjoy it, and be wary of umpires who stick the boot in!!!

ADOPT A WINNING PHILOSOPHY FOR JUVENILES!

by Enda McNulty, Director of Coaching

The influence of sports on the daily lives of young people is profound. Often young athletes are admired, perhaps even worshipped, by their peers and a large segment of the community. Sports and fitness activities are widely encouraged as healthy for the body, mind, and character. However, when taken to the extreme, "pressure" can quickly replace "participation," and develop into unhealthy, self-destructive behavior in a young person. The emphasis on competition, in our society has created an obsession with winning. The

"FUN" is no longer the driving force behind participation for young players, and parents, coaches.

The AEA (American Footwear Association) recently completed a study of nearly 10,000 American student/athletes between the ages of 10-18. When asked to list the ten most important reasons that "I play my best school sport," the respondents overwhelmingly selected "To have

fun, as no.1, and surprisingly listed "To win" at no.10. The study seemed to indicate that winning, the most publicized and pursued goal of sports, is actually a relatively poor motivator for most junior and senior high school athletes.

The study further suggests that the path to excellent performance lies in motivating young people to embrace "self-improvement" and "personal goals" rather than winning.

A very powerful message is being sent to the adult world from the hearts and minds of young people, and it needs to be heard and understood.

Success should not be determined solely by the outcome of a contest. The basic problem in this issue of "worthiness" is that players learn from parents, coaches, teammates to gauge their self-worth largely by whether they win or lose. Consequently, participation in sports can be seen as "threatening" to players, because they equate their achievement with their self-worth

Winning for children is important, but it must become secondary to striving to achieve personal goals!!!!!!!

Success must be seen in terms of players exceeding their own goals rather than surpassing the performance of others. It's the pursuit of the victory, the dream of achieving the goal more than the goal itself that yields the joy of sports. For example a good coach might say that it is the team's goal to score 12 points and to concede 6. This goal is in the teams hands and can be achieved, if the team win and achieve the goals then that would be an added bonus. But at least if the team gets beaten the coach/mentor can still say that the team has achieved its goals. It might be the team's goal to strike the ball from both sides as much as possible in an u-12 match. Therefore if the team goes out and hurls with both

sides then the players are improving their skill. If the team wins while doing this then even better.

Coaches and parents need to adopt a philosophy of "Players First, Winning Second."

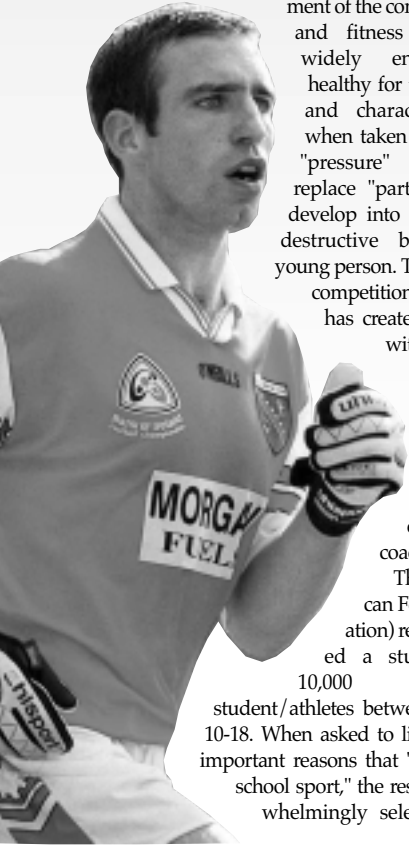
Young people perform at very high levels when they do not feel the "pressure" to win, but instead are concentrating on consistent play, and maximum effort.

Young players need to understand that they have very little control over the "winning" or "losing" of a contest. It is a principle that is easy to state, but very difficult to achieve. However, if parents and coaches help young people understand and implement this principle, they will do more to help them become better players -- and successful adults -- than by any other action. When an player understands this principle, they are much more likely to concern themselves with "how they play," rather than "who they play."

Guiding young players to develop skills in gaelic games promotes self-esteem because they feel better about themselves as they see themselves develop skills that they didn't have before. Gaelic games also provide a great opportunity, one of the few in this society, to learn to work together as a team. As gaelic games are team sports they offer children the chance to learn to deal with differences in each other, and these cooperative skills can transfer to other settings in life.

When winning is kept in perspective, sport programs produce young people who enjoy sports, who strive for excellence, who dare to risk error in order to learn, and who grow with both praise and constructive criticism.

"When winning is kept in perspective, there is room for fun in the pursuit of victory -- or more accurately, the pursuit of victory is fun!!"



PEER COACHING IN GAELIC GAMES

By Enda Mc Nulty: Director of Coaching

Research has shown that as the size of the learning group gets smaller, the achievement of learners increases. In peer tutoring, the tutor is used to demonstrate and teach a sport skill to the learner. Skilled, older, or more experienced players can be matched with players who are inexperienced, or who are less skillful.

A skilled player can provide feedback to a less able athlete in different sport settings. So for example have a boy or girl who is very good at soloing to demonstrate to the other 3-4 in the group, or have a boy who is excellent at striking on both sides to demonstrate and encourage the other 3-4 boys in his group to do the same.

Therefore, if you have 5 groups of 4 in your training session you might have the 5 best hurlers or footballers spread out amongst the groups so that the other boys/girls can benefit by watching and listening to their friends. In other words they help their friends to master the skills. Another good example is blocking in gaelic football. There might only be 4-5 boys or girls who can block the ball proper-

ly and who are not afraid to do so. Therefore if the coach puts 1 good blocker into each group of 5 then this is much more beneficial to the other players learning the new skill than the coach demonstrating and explaining all the time.

Peer coaching formats may provide many benefits:

First, players are divided into smaller groups so that they can provide more individualized instruction.

Second, peer coaching provides more on-task-time instead of waiting and listening. Third, smaller groups or partners can progress at a faster pace to mastery of a skill. Fourth, immediate and specific feedback occurs through error correction because one-on-one instruction typically results in a higher number of correct responses due to the evaluation and the feedback provided by tutors.

The most important benefit is that peer-coaching opportunities are a unique way to create more social and supportive environments that promote a productive training

environment for all players and coaches of all age groups.

Furthermore, peer-coaching strategies may help the coaches in many ways because most of the coaches' time in a practice session is filled with sport specific task and managerial duties. In these circumstances, peers can assist their coaches.

Consequently, peer-coaching implementations should be encouraged in many creative ways to provide an optimal training environment for successful social and performance outcomes for a team. Peer coaching will nurture the peers social skills in that they have to demonstrate, encourage and offer feedback to their teammates. It also will lead to your players becoming more confident in their ability to master the skills.

And remember when you are coaching the numerous skills, the likelihood is that all the boys or girls on your team excel at least one skill; and so the least skilled player on your team might be the best at blocking. Therefore a weaker boy/girl can gain confidence that they would not otherwise have gained.

Camogie Corner

SENIOR CAMOGIE NEWS



Captain of Intermediate Camogie team, Ceara Nic Coitir receives the championship cup from Tipperary senior player Paula Bulfin



Senior A Camogie manager John Kirwan, Irene Kirwan, Iris Kirwan (First Aid) and Ciara Gaynor (Tipperary Senior Player) with the Senior A Championship and League cups.



Winners of Intermediate open cup and championship medals 2001: Ann Hogan, Louise O'Regan, Sarah Dowling, Ann McCormack, Dearbhla Reilly, Emer Naughton, Róisín Mullins



Camogie Presentation Night: Ciara Lucey, Joanne O'Sullivan, Sinéad McNeela, Ciara Hayes, Elaine Hickey.

The Senior A Camogie Championship started for our club on the 25th of May in O'Toole Park with a quarter-final match against St. Vincents. This will be a very difficult encounter as Vincents were out to avenge the 7-11 to 1-2 defeat they got in the semi-final last year. However, our girls will not relinquish their title easily as they chase four-in-a-row championship wins.

A semi-final date with Erin's Isle has been attained on Saturday, 24th August at 7.15 p.m. in O'Toole Park.

For the record our scorers in last year championship were Sinead McNeela 5-3, Irene Kirwan 2-8, Fiona Corcoran 1-6, Jean McNamara 2-3, Joanne O'Sullivan 1-5, Sarah

Crosbie 0-3, Sile Nic Coitir and Darelle Dolan 0-2 each, Ciara Lucey 0-1, giving a total score of 11 goals and 33 points in three games. Meanwhile in the course of winning the League title again last year the girls scored 37 goals and 57 points in seven games.

The Senior B team face a tough first round game against last year finalists O'Tooles in August. This team is doing very well so far this season not conceding a score in their opening two league games and remaining unbeaten in the Open Cup.

Your full support in the upcoming championships would be very much appreciated. Watch the notice board for details.

UNDER-11 CAMOGIE TEAM WIN INDOOR TOURNAMENT

The Under 11 camogie team enjoyed a very successful participation in the Naomh Bríd indoor tournament in Blanchardstown. Played over three week-ends, the team managed by Mona Uí Shúil-

leabháin, Catherine Cummins and Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin, the team beat St. Vincents in the semi final before triumphing over St. Peregrines in the decider with a determined display from all the players.



Back row (l-r) Sarah Cummins, Megan O'Byrne, Laura Murphy, Una McSherry, Jane Nolan. Front row (l-r) Dearbhla Brennan, Danielle Brogan, Róisín Ní Shúilleabháin, Laura O'Philbin and Sophie Ryder. Missing Dearbhla Hone and Sheena Styles.

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS.....

DAITHI SCOLARD

“A nois teacht an Earraigh beidh an lá dul chun sine is taréis na Feile Bhríde ardochaidh me mo sheol”. Strangely these lines of Rafterí kept beating a refrain as we made our way to our early- morning rendezvous at Páirc Uí Mhurchú but, in truth, there was little indication amid the Stygian darkness of any trace of light not to mention ‘dul chun sine’. Instead there was a growing sense of anticipation helped by the surprisingly orderly coming together of so many disparate elements – bonhomie must have been working even before we left. Martin Lennon was obviously smiling on us even though we didn’t have the benefit of his magic bottle.

But back to reality. The airport loomed ahead and important decisions were pending – black or white pudding, two or three eggs, trimmings etc. Finally we were checked in, seated and able to relax and think! THINK! It suddenly dawned on us – as did the day – that there was a complete day’s activity still waiting to surprise us.

A trip to a football stadium didn’t really excite the imagination – for some of the longtime members of the club memories came back of a trip to Liverpool with two juvenile teams when Sean Flynn and Liam Delaney were young men. Our trip took us to visit Anfield and we were not impressed! But Stade de France was an eye-opener. The quality of the guided tour was matched by the excellence of the Stadium and left us wondering and hoping if our own Pairc an Chrócaigh would be comparable.

We were all reunited later in time to embark on a trip by Bateau Mouche to view Paris from the Seine. A most unusual and attractive outlook on the buildings we had seen on our morning bus tour. Groups of bemused Japanese tourists were treated to the group’s own unique rendition of the Fields of Athenry, amongst others as we sailed under Paris’s many splendid bridges.

The day finished on a high note- or should I say high notes - in every sense of the word. We ended the day in an Irish pub – the Coolín – where food and potable beverages were in good supply, all served up by the aforementioned Mr. Lennon’s grandson! The craic was mighty. All were participating with strong leadership from the most unlikely quarters. And so ended a great day!

Thursdays began promisingly and got better as the day wore on. A bus tour of the main central areas was considerably assisted by articulate, witty and informed commentary. Merci Mademoiselle for this and for your patience also. Straight from this we moved to the Irish Embassy. We were received by the Ambassador H.E. Mr. Pádraic MacKernan. He conducted a tour of the main features of this historic premises with an insightful account of its cultural significance much appreciated by the group. Refreshments aided the in-house atmosphere and the

hangovers. When we left the Embassy, lunch beckoned for the senior members, some of whom escaped to the Latin Quarter while the energetic ones took off for Aquaboulevard.

Disneyland beckoned. It was Friday. Rain threatened to dampen the spirits but the carry-over from the the Coolín saw the group spirit really take off. The feared train ride on the Big Thunder Mining Company was taken head on – even some of the Golden Oldies volunteered and the sequel Indiana Jones had a fair sprinkling of all ages taking part. The consensus was that it definitely separated the men from the boys. After these ventures more sedate activities were in order including watching the spectacular parade. An eventful day. A quiet brasserie near Gare du Nord close to our hotel was a big attraction for some while others set out for the Coolín and other haunts. Energy levels were a source of wonder! C’est incroyable!

Come Saturday morning all thoughts focused on the football challenge (in every sense of the word!). Our hosts were Paris Gaels and we were pleasantly surprised by the quality of the playing fields and dressing rooms available. We felt we were among friends. The game itself produced a few surprises. The opposition was all male to which our ladies had no objection and the real find was the (not hidden) managerial talent displayed by a certain Ms. Believeable. Rumour has it that her C.V. is already doing the rounds! A most enjoyable occasion. Later on after a visit to Notre Dame where we assembled for evening Mass we were reunited with our Paris Gael friends at a celebration dinner where many complimentary tributes were paid to the organizing Group and especially to our Chairman, Gerry O’Sullivan as we began to appreciate the enormity of the task they had so willingly undertaken on our behalf.

Our trip home on Sunday was enlivened by a visit to Versailles - and finally a happy, contented group faced west for the safe haven of Firhouse Road.

Memories will remain for a long time. The most abiding one will be of a most united group intent on making the most of every opportunity while at all times doing themselves and the Club proud. Our thanks again to all who supported both teams in their respective achievements, and to those whose contributions to the fundraising efforts finally brought the trip to fruition – buiochas ó croi daoibh.

(Appreciation to all who made the Trip to Paris such an enjoyable and memorable occasion. 85 members drawn from the Senior Camogie and Ladies Football teams, coaches and officials travelled to the French Capital. Appreciation to the team sponsors - Camogie - Fergus Reid (Valvoline) and Ladies Football – Michael Whelan (Maplewood Developments) for their support. Many thanks also to Irish Ambassador in Paris Pádraic MacKernan for his welcome. The support of Minister Seamus Brennan is also acknowledged. Many thanks also to Hugh Liston and Paris Gaels for the game. A video of the trip is being compiled by Dermot Hughes and will be screened shortly.)





Sponsorship Slot

UNDER-14A FOOTBALL TEAM EARNs DOUBLE SPONSORSHIP

The Under-14A team which won the Dublin Féile Peil title (the second time in the club's history) has received sponsorship from the Connacht Court Group - the leading provider of textile rental services for Ireland and Macarthy Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Rathfarnham.



At the launch were (from left) Dermot Byrne (Connacht Court Group), David Byrne, Brendan Treacy and Cathal Macarthy (Macarthy Auctioneers and Estate Agents).

UNDER-14A HURLING TEAM SUPPORTED BY YELLOW HOUSE RESTAURANT, RATHFARNHAM

The Under-14A hurling team winners of the Dublin Féile na nGael title (the fourth in the club's history) has been sponsored by the Yellow House Restaurant, Rathfarnham.



Pictured at the launch were (from left) Frank O'Connor, Liam Carter, Vincent Bradley, Declan Carey, Denis Carey (Yellow House Restaurant), Gerry O'Sullivan and Eamonn Treacy.

UNDER-14A CAMOGIE TEAM ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF BROOKS AND LEE, SOLICITORS

The Under-14A Camogie team winners of the Dublin Féile na nGael title (the eight in the club's history) is sponsored by Brooks and Lee Solicitors, Lower Kimmage Road.



At the launch were (from left) Catherine Pope, Lorna Curtis, Gary Lee (Brooks and Lee), Declan Brooks (Brooks and Lee), Anne Griffin and Cliodhna McNamara.

New CD to promote underage hurling/shinty exchanges

In October 2000, the club had the honour of sending Junior Hurling and Camogie teams and a juvenile hurling team to Dunoon in Scotland to take part in the Linn gu Linn (Century to Century) festival. Among the entertainers on hand to welcome the visitors was a man well known in Ballyboden St. Endas - Graham Bell - who has released a CD which he hopes will raise funds to promote Under 12 international exchanges in shinty/hurling.

It wasn't the first visit of the club to Scotland but part of an ongoing relationship that now stretches back several years. Much of the impetus for these contacts can be traced to the association that St. Mary's Boys NS on the Grange Road has built up with schools and clubs in the Highlands of Scotland over many years. Both Fintan Walsh and Edward O'Riordan and others have been closely involved in this alliance.

On the far side, the main point of contact has invariably been Graham and Linda Bell in Kiltarlity near Inverness. Graham teaches in the local Tomnacross primary school and as well as being immersed in the game of shinty, he is an accomplished musician and composer.

No surprise then when Graham headed for the recording studio that his twin passions of Scottish/Irish traditional music and shinty should merge to produce a fine CD "Linn gu Linn". Funding for the project has been provided by the Columba Initiative, a Scottish-Irish cultural organisation. Graham plays accordion, mandolin, piano, guitar and keyboards on the CD which includes in the acknowledgements a word of appreciation to Fintan and Maureen Walsh.

Graham has taken inspiration from his many visits to this part of Dublin. One track "The Horizontal Piper" was inspired by the sight of foxes cavorting in St. Endas Park. "Fáilte Ríomh Cairde" was written for the first exchange visit made by St. Mary's to Tomnacross and was named by Mary Murphy, a teacher at the school.

The CD is steeped in Scottish culture, history, shinty (especially his beloved



Lovat) and folklore. The music is splendid and anyone who would like a copy can acquire same from Fintan Walsh for just €16.

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HEALTHY

The Importance of Calcium in Children and Athletes

The most abundant mineral in the body is Calcium. Ninety nine percent of the calcium in our body is stored in our skeletal system and in our teeth. Its most important purpose in the body is to build and to preserve strong bones and teeth, as well as to aid in muscle contraction and to protect against muscle cramping. In order to strengthen bone density, the Food and Drug Administration recommends that young adults and children consume 1200 milligrams of Calcium each day. Calcium is so important in the diet of young adults and children because it is up until the age of 24 that the body uses it to build bone and to reach the bone's peak mass.

Calcium intake is especially important for athletes as well. According to Robert Klesges, a preventive medicine specialist at University of Memphis, people, specifically younger kids, who participate in an extraordinary amount of training are more susceptible to stress fractures. Stress fractures are a result of a loss of bone mineral density and can also be linked to shin splints. If there is a deficit of Calcium in the body when the blood needs to supply it for bodily processes, it will be pulled from the bones and teeth in order to maintain an adequate level. These deficits of Calcium further increase the chances for loss of bone mass and injuries such as stress fractures, as well as the conditions of Osteoporosis and/or Osteomalacia later in life.

Calcium is found in dairy products such as milk, yogurt, cheeses, cottage cheese, ice cream, and tofu, as well as green leafy vegetables such as broccoli, collard greens, and kale. It is recommended that three to four servings of any of the above foods be eaten daily in order to provide the body with adequate amounts of calcium.

BACK TO SCHOOL PAYS OFF

In March 2000, the club was damaged by fire putting, among others, our céili dancers out of a home. However with the permission of Sister Basil, Sancta Maria College facilities were placed at our disposal for the monthly Céili. Thanks to this we kept our regular dancers and continued for 18 months. This was done with a lot of hard work and inconvenience to a few people. I would like to thank the following, Joe Purcell, Gerry Hogan, Barry Hynes, Tess Styne and Alice Burke for their great support and assistance. The result of all this is that the céilis have returned, bigger and better than ever in our Club Hall.

As our monthly céili is now the best, this side of the Liffey, our regular dancers are on the increase. Why not drop in on the first Saturday of every month.

A special thanks on behalf of the Club to Ann O'Donnell for her expertise and patience {Joke!}

Tommy Clinton, Céili Organiser

Irish Night/ Grand Raffle

Among the highlights of the fundraising programme for the trip to Paris last February was a very successful and enjoyable Irish Night which incorporated a Grand Raffle.

Like all events, it didn't happen by accident and I would like to say well done to all who helped. May I thank personally the following in our team, Dan Browne, Tom O'Brien, Patsy Glennon, Paul Carroll and Rita Curtis.

The support of the Camogie and Ladies Football teams and all other sections of the club - selling tickets for the Irish Night with the Freewheelers and the Raffle - ensured that the night was a great success.

It was great to see the hall full and everybody enjoying themselves. It was a pleasure to have organised this. I wish to thank the following sponsors and club members who made generous contributions:

*John Fair (Parkside Ltd)
John Ryan [T.V.A Analytical Ltd]
Aiden McGovern
Alex McCarthy
Dan Brown
Paddy Coughlan
Tony O'Toole
Frank Brooks
Paddy Brady
Mick Harnett [Tolmac Ltd]
Michael Moloney*

The successes of the camogie and ladies football teams was tremendous. It gives one a great lift when a team wins especially as we did it together. There is no "I" in the word "team". Many thanks to all again.

P.S. We are now organising a function for over 65s in December next so watch this space.

Yours in sport, Thomas Clinton

Launch of Lotto – Year 4



←
Nuala and Bill Daly
with the
Sam McGuire Cup



Cathal Macarthy of Macarthy Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Rathfarnham
– sponsor of Lotto booklet, with Lotto Chairman, Gerry Hogan.



At the launch were from left: Brenda Bastable-Warren, Teresa Nash and Nuala Daly



Football Committee Officers from left: Sean Flynn, Secretary;
John O'Neill, Chairman; Donie Kerin, Vice-Chairman



Sam visits Ballyboden at launch of Lotto –
Noreen & Sam Fitzmaurice and Michael and Attracta Garvey



Getting a taste of Sam are Donal and Danny Griffin

Golf In The Sun

by Philip Ryan

A cloud burst hit Slade Valley last October and a young group of Ballyboden golfers were called off the course just as they were on the fringe of playing the best golf of their lives. There was only one answer to this – Golf in the Sun. Spain in the spring would provide the ideal setting for full expression of all this frustrated talent. Ballyboden St. Enda's golf was about to go international.

The first big task was to pick the team. With the international reputation of the club at stake, the team would be picked strictly on merit. This responsible task was given to the following selection committee – John Cummins, John Hayes, Oliver Hickey, Joe O'Brien, Terry O'Neill, John Ryan, Philip Ryan and Ned Slattery.

After protracted and fair deliberations, including difficult policy decisions about dual players, the selected team lined out as follows



"Golfers In The Sun" – Back row: Philip Ryan, Joe O'Brien, Terry O'Neill, John Hayes. Front: John Ryan, Ned Slattery, John Cummins, Ollie Hickey.

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| Director of Operations | John Ryan |
| Competitions Secretary | Ned Slattery |
| Accommodation Manager | John Cummins |
| Transport Manager (cars) | John Hayes |
| Transport Manager (buggies) | Oliver Hickey |
| Equipment Manager (shoes) | Philip Ryan |
| Entertainments Manager | Joe O'Brien |
| Financial Adviser | Terry O'Neill |

The team remained unbeaten over four days of intense competition and returned to packed crowds and waving placards (welcome home Daddy) in Dublin Airport. Joe O'Brien was player of the tournament; John Ryan won the perpetual trophy for most improved player over the four days; and the prize for the longest drive was shared by John Hayes and Oliver Hickey – one and a half hours from Torrequebrada to Puerto Banús.

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| THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY – | La Dama de Noche Pro Am (mostly Am) |
| FRIDAY 1 MARCH – | Torrequebrada Joe O'Brien & Terry O'Neill |
| SATURDAY 2 MARCH – | Río Real John Cummins & Terry O'Neill |
| SUNDAY 3 MARCH – | Santa Clara Joe O'Brien & John Ryan |

For the record, the leader board for each day was as follows (see box to left).

Before the final day's golf in Santa Clara, the course was hit by a cloud burst just as the young Ballyboden golfers were on the

fringe of playing the best golf of their lives.

All titles will be put on the line in October 2003.

Xilink - the City West-based world leader in the computer design field has sponsored the Under 16 camogie team. The club wishes to thank the company's representative John Kirwan, son of Tom Kirwan for his generous support. At the launch were (from left) Mary Hyland, Liz Conneely (Xilink), Emma Seery, Siobhan Hayes (mentor), Helena O'Malley (Xilink) John Hayes (mentor) and Aisling Hayes.



The U15A hurling team has received sponsorship from Tom Durkin and Co. Ltd. At the launch were (from left) Colin Durkin (mentor), Danny Griffin, Shane Durkin, Robert Lambert (mentor), Niall Brew, Brendan Swords (mentor), Denis Nagle (mentor) and Liam Carter.



The Junior B football team is sponsored by Complete Office Prints. Celebrating the news are (from left) John Joe O'Sullivan (mentor), Gerry O'Sullivan, Jim Goodall (Complete Office Prints), Cormac Farrell and Danny Griffin.

'Boden Player plays part in DCU Hurling Success



The Ryan Cup weekend in March 2002, hosted by NUIG saw the DCU hurlers take the honours. It was a great experience for me to be part of the DCU panel and to be involved in such a great adventure. We made the final stages following tough wins over Athlone IT and Carlow IT in the earlier rounds.

These wins set up a semi final against Cork College of Further Education. DCU proved far too strong for the Cork team, eventually winning 1-16 to 0-07, after fine performances from midfielder Colin Herity (Capt), full back Aidan D'Arcy and centre back Óisín

Breathnach. We now faced our local rivals St Pats, Drumcondra in the final the following morning at the Dangan Sports Grounds.

The weather was superb all weekend and this led to some great hurling. The final was a close and open game but will be remembered as a free taking dual between Colin Herity of DCU and St Pat's and Ballyboden St. Endas and Dublin player David Curtin. DCU however won out by 1-13 to 0-12 with the second half goal from Meath's Fergus McMahon proving to be a key moment. There were great performances from Willie Doran and James Deegan of Wexford while

Colin Herity of Kilkenny finished the top scorer and was voted player of the tournament.

It was a fantastic end to a long and tough season during which we trained up to three times a week and travelled all over the country playing hurling. I got to play with and against some fantastic players, which has been of great benefit to me. Special thanks must go to our mentors Tom Quinn and Pat O'Halloran and the DCU Hurling Club Chairman Gavin O'Donovan. I'd also like to thank Ballyboden St. Endas for their support.

Donnchadh Moore

Coiste na Sean Gael

In February of this year a group of members of Dublin clubs over the age of 70 were given recognition for their dedication to Dublin GAA at an awards ceremony in our clubhouse. The thinking behind the awards was to reward some of the many unsung heroes who have given a lifetime of service to their respective clubs. These people have performed a multitude of tasks, including managing teams, serving on committees and

maybe some of the less obvious, e.g. put up the nets and flags, lined pitches, and carried the water, over a great number of years. Ballyboden St. Endas was delighted to have five members honoured on the night. Congratulations and Go Raibh Míle Maith Agaibh to Tom O'Riordain, Liam Coffey, Tom Croke, Daithi Scolard, and Kevin Cardiff. The club also congratulates Con Ryan and his Committee for this initiative.



*Standing, from left: Tomás Ó Riordáin, Liam Coffey, Tom Croke.
Seated, from left: Daithi Scolard and Kevin Cardiff.*

Master Fixture List

They said it couldn't be done – well it's happened – A master fixture plan for Dublin GAA.

For the first time ever there is a master fixture plan setting out dates for all Dublin GAA competitions. Players and mentors can now plan their holidays around vital competitions/matches.

A copy of the plan will be kept behind the bar should a query arise while you are socialising in the clubhouse and need information urgently. You can follow the plan for the Senior Hurling Championship. In this year round robin series (2 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 3 teams) our Senior hurlers are out on 10th July, and on the weekends of 28th July and 7th August. The winners of each group go into the semi-finals on the weekend of either the 1st or 8th of September. A play off takes place between the three second placed teams for the last semi-final spot.

The Senior B team will play in the Senior Shield on the same dates (2 groups of 5). The winner of each group plays the runners-up in the other group in the semi-finals. The finals are planned for the 15th of September.

All adult football championships commence on weekend 11th August 2002.

Maplewood Developments Back Senior 'A' Ladies Football Team



Niamh Smith, Bill Daly, Nuala Daly, Michael Whelan, Helen O'Rourke, General Secretary of Cumann Peil Gael na mBan, Sorcha Farrelly and Danny Griffin.



Mary Kirwan scorer of the winning point in Laois's thrilling All-Ireland Football win in 2001 was the special guest at the Medal Presentation Ceremony to the Senior Ladies Football team.



Among those at the launch were (Standing, from left), Diane Spillane, Shane Keane, Conor Doolan, Niamh Smith, Michael Whelan, Tom Mullen, Sorcha Farrelly, Bill Daly, Pat Nash, Danny Griffin. Seated (from left) Gerry O'Sullivan, Helen O'Rourke, Daith Scollard and Bridie Whelan.



Vice President of the club, Kathleen O'Sullivan with Helen O'Rourke – Secretary of Cumann Peil Gael na mBan at the launch of the Maplewood Sponsorship of the Senior A Ladies football team



Maplewood Developments sponsorship of the senior ladies football team. Niamh Smith, Bill Daly, Nuala Daly, Michael Whelan, Helen O'Rourke, Sorcha Farrelly, Danny Griffin



Michael Whelan (right), Managing Director of Maplewood Developments hands over the cheque to Gerry O'Sullivan, Chairman for the renewal of the sponsorship of the Ladies Football team watched by Danny Griffin, Sponsorship Manager, and Bill Daly (team manager).

THE SHOW GOES ON

By Noel Browne

The Social Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who supported any of their endeavours over the past few months.

Following on from the last edition of The 'Boden News, the first task successfully completed was the decoration of the Club for Christmas. I would like to thank Geraldine Browne for doing a splendid job.

Back in December we also had the visit of Santa to the Club. This proved to be a tremendous success as I'm sure all of the parents and children who visited Santa's grotto would agree. I would like to thank Santa (Vincent Harrington), and his helpers; Jessica Browne, Maeve Harrington, and Geraldine Browne. A big thank you also goes to Tom Phelan, Tony Seery, Joe Young, Trish Seery, Bernie Corrigan, Mary Phelan, and to Gerry Hogan for taking all the photos – "Didn't they do well!". If you did not get a chance to visit Sants'a Grotto last year make sure you put a note in your diary to visit this year to prevent your children's disappointment.

Saturday 22nd of December we had music in the lounge by Pat Garrett, Stephen's Night the music was provided by Roy Scully in the hall, and to finish off 2001 we had the New Year's Eve dinner dance with music by Taquila, which again proved to be a great success. I would like to apologise to all those I could not accommodate – another one for your diary for this year – get your tickets early!

Pat Garrett again provided music in the lounge on January 26th in a week which was rounded off by a very successful Racenight to raise money for the senior ladies football and camogie teams. A big thank you to the social committee, the senior ladies football and camogie players who helped out, Irene Kirwan, Sinead McNeela, and Charlie Byrne, and to everyone who bought horses, sponsored races and advertised.

One the 1st of February we put on our play "The Canaries", which I am happy to say, drew a full house. Special thanks to The Cast: Donal Griffin, Rose Sheridan, Gerry Hogan, Johnny Byrne, Sean Flynn, Carmel Dempsey, Cathy Lane, Charlie Byrne, Joanne O'Sullivan and Joe O'Brien. Also to our stage manageress Orla Kelly, our director Phil Fitzpatrick, and to all those who helped out backstage. The video of the play was shown on the 18th of February – special thanks to John Galvin who put a lot of work into making the video. Special thanks also to club chairman Gerry O'Sullivan who stepped in for me to compere both the Racenight and the play.

On the Darts & Pool front congratulations to Iomair Tracey and Hugh Cummins who captained the teams, and of course to all the players who played on the Ballyboden teams which



"The Spice Boys" – Gareth, Ciarán and Robbie.

won the Dollard Cup. The pool teams have won the Super League Cup and now the Dollard Cup. Best of luck to everyone in their efforts to retain it!

OTHER EVENTS HELD

8th March – Ladies football presentation night (well done girls). Thanks to the Bastable Warren Irish Dancers for a tremendous performance.

9th April – This year's Lotto was launched.

12th and 19th of April – Mentor's nights well attended with music by Roy Scully and Mick Quinn.

21st April – We had a night with Dave Browne The Flash Gits in the hall to a full house.

27th April – Another great night with Pat Gar-

rett who I am happy to tell you will be in the club every last Saturday of each month.

1st of May – We had an up and coming group Freefall – Ciaran Doyle, and Gareth Heraty gave a great performance. Well done lads!

21st May - Old Time Music Show in the hall.

21st July – Treasure Hunt

Keep an eye on the Entertainments Notice Board!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Noel Browne (Chairman), Tony Seery, Tom Phelan, John Galvin, Lobby Galvin, Joe Young, Geraldine Browne, Bernie Corrigan, Mary Monaghan, Trish Seery, Mary Phelan, Linda Treacey.



Pat Garrett, a regular entertainer at the club

Minor Hurlers Show The Way

Jimmy Galavan, former Junior hurling Championship winning captain and current Dublin senior selector presented last year's Minor Championship and League winning team with their medals, in the clubhouse recently.

The team, captained by Shane Walsh, was an exceptional one by any standard. This team won seven out of seven A Division Leagues, three out of three A Division Championships (U15, U16 and Minor). It also won the Dublin Feile na nGael and reached the semi-final of the All-Ireland Feile. It won the PJ Troy trophy and the James Stephens tournament in Kilkenny. In seven years of competitive games in Dublin it only lost a mere two games!

Four members of the team picked up their third-in-a-row Minor Championship medal as players – Simon Daly, Stephen Fee, Stephen Hiney and Gary Maguire. All of these players played on the Dublin Minor team in 2001. Seven members of the team were on the previous years (2000) starting fifteen. Two of

the players – Simon Daly and Stephen Hiney played in pivotal positions on our Senior hurling team in the County Final last year – centre back and centre forward – a magnificent achievement for two young players. Both have now graduated to the Dublin Senior Hurling team.

Most of the other players have contributed handsomely to the other adult hurling teams in the Club.

The Mentors last year were John Kirwan (Manager), Aiden Nevin, Jim Humphries, Jimmy Galavan, and Eddie Finn. (Former mentors include Kevin Cahill, Fr. Finn, and John Butler.)

The panel: D Kelly, M Breen, S Walsh, M Coughlan, T Sweeney, S Daly, P Grier, S Hiney, D Noonan, G Maguire, R Carr, S Loane, W Purtill, C Flaherty, S Fee, D Kirwan, B Hoey, S Jacob, D de Faointe, M O'Sullivan, A Hickey, C Curtis, S Nagle, C Nagle, M McGovern, C Cahill.



Shane Walsh, minor hurling captain with Eddie Finn of the minor hurling management team.

Maycock Cup goes from Strength to Strength

Over 110 boys under the age of 10 took part in this year's Maycock Cup internal hurling blitz held in association with Scoil Treasa, Firhouse in celebration of the memory of David Maycock.



Naiose Maguire was the captain of the winning team and is seen here receiving the cup from Paddy Maycock in the presence of David Sweeney, Dublin and Club senior hurling captain, Maurice Curtin, Principal, Scoil Treasa, Eddie Brennan, Kilkenny hurler and Jane Maycock. The club would also like to thank David Kennedy of Tipperary for his attendance.



Michael Healy (centre), Galway Hurling Star was the Guest of Honour at the presentation of medals to the Under 16 hurling team which won the 2001 Championship. Also in picture (on left) Brian O'Connor and James Duffy.



Under 14B Football Team winners of Division 8 of Dublin Féile Peil – Back row (l-r) John Turner (mentor), Micheál Cooney (mentor) Cormac O'Kelly, Gary Fitzgerald, Juan Gaskin, Cillian Hussey, Andrew McCutcheon, Fergal Nally, Shane McCarthy, Kevin Hearn, Patrick O'Hare, Kevin Brennan, Edward Fitzgerald, Mark Ruddy, Gerry O'Kelly (mentor). Front row (l-r) Donal Cooney, David Spring, Seamus O'Connor, David O'Connor, Cian Traynor, Andrew Pollock, Ronan Breen, Oisín Cooney, Eoin Turner, Fearghal Cooney, Bryan Gallagher.

Valvoline Sponsorship

The Valvoline sponsorship of the Senior Football, Hurling and Camogie teams was launched on Friday 8th of February. Many thanks to all who attended especially Fergus Reid of Valvoline, George Probert, Managing Director Valvoline Ireland and the UK, and Jim Finan of Qualvocom. A full range of leisurewear is now on sale.



Ciarán Doyle, Senior Footballer and Elaine Hickey, Senior Camogie Player get shirty at the Valvoline Sponsorship launch



At the Valvoline Reception from left: Danny Griffin (Sponsorship Manager), David Sweeney, George, Prombert (Valvoline), Fergus Reid (Valvoline), Jim Finan (Valvoline), Ciarán Doyle, Elaine Hickey