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Stackstown to Host Club Fund-Raising Golf Classic



Picturesque Stackstown Golf Club is the venue for the Club's 1st Annual Golf Classic in aid of the Juvenile Section.

All golfers or aspiring golfers will get a great opportunity to display their talents at the Club's Fundraising Golf Classic on Monday 30 June in Stackstown GC. Proceeds from the event are being earmarked for the juvenile section and the organising committee under the Chairmanship of John Ryan has put together a wonderful package guaranteed to provide top class golf and a most enjoyable day out. A team of four costs €500 and there are a number of other sponsorship opportunities. Ned Slattery is Secretary to the Golf Classic and he will be happy to take your details.

The Club is delighted that one of Ireland's prestige property development companies – Walthill Properties – is sponsoring the event.

The day will conclude with a Gala Presentation and Social Evening in the Clubhouse that night with some surprise guests providing entertainment. A range of unique items will go under the hammer of guest auctioneer Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh in the Auction that night and the draw for the winners of the Golf Classic Raffle run in parallel with the event



The Camogie Section's Fashion Show was a hair-raising success. See page 16.



Paul McGinley and Pádraig Harrington – 'Boden Ryder Cup Heroes'
Paul McGinley – hero of Europe's Ryder Cup win in 2002 brought Golf's most prestigious trophy to a special function in Jurys Hotel held in honour of the Dublin football team. Former club member Paul is seen here with Gerry O'Sullivan, Club PRO. Pádraig Harrington was also a major part of the Ryder Cup success and we extend our congratulations to both lads.
(Photo: www.sportsfile.com)

will take place at this Function. As if that wasn't enough – there will be a special €5 note draw for two All-Ireland Final tickets that have been independently sourced. Winners must be in the clubhouse on the night of the draw. All members are welcome.

In addition to the Chairman of the Organising Committee John Ryan, the event is being spearheaded by Philip Ryan, Joe O'Brien, Ned Slattery, Ciaran Maguire, Gerry Keane, John Hayes, John Archbold, Gerry O'Sullivan, Brian O'Regan and Enda McNulty.

Sideline Cuttings

- Current or former members with Railway Cup medals are – Football: Leinster Brian Stynes, Paul Bealin, Fintan Walsh. Munster: the late Batt Garvey Ulster: Jimmy Whan. Hurling: Leinster Conal Keaney Munster: Pat Herbert.,

- Well done to Conal Keaney, Niall Clarke, Kenneth Walkin, David Fogarty and Shane Tully who won Trench Cup football medals with the Institute of Technology, Tallaght (ITT) this year. Club Coaching Officer, Brian O'Regan won a similar honour with ITT in 2001.

- Top marks to Matthew Corrigan who won a colleges hurling title with DCU.

- Senior A and Juvenile Camogie mentor Micheál Glynn won an All-Ireland Club Hurling medal with Castlegar on 1 June 1980 in Navan beating Ballycastle McQuillans by 1.11 to 1.8. The team beat Blackrock of Cork by 2.9 to 0.9 in the Semi Final. Mick played in the 1985 final against St. Martin's of Kilkenny when they were beaten in a replay.

- Former member Danny Buckley won All-Ireland Club hurling medals with Blackrock in 1974 and 1979.

- The following former members have won Fitzgibbon Cup hurling medals – Fr. Dick Browne (St. Patrick's College Maynooth now NUI, Maynooth) 1973, 1974; Tom Brown (UCD) 1978, 1979; Danny Buckley (UCC) 1981, 1982.

- Enda McNulty has won Sigerson Cup medals with QUB in 2000 and UU in 2001.

- Senior Camogie player Elaine Hickey won a European Hockey Cup Winners medal – B Division with Loreto over the Easter in Vienna.

- Conor Doolan has been appointed a selector of the Dublin U-15 Football Development Squad.

A Word from the Chairman



It is my pleasant task to pen my first contribution to the 'Boden News'. I am proud to have been elected Chairman of Ballyboden St. Endas GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football Club in December 2002 to follow a small group of people on whom this honour has been bestowed. The AGM was unique in some respects in that five new officers were elected to follow on the great service given by the men who held those onerous positions for a number of years.

I would like to thank Aiden Nevin, Conor Doolan, Pat Nash, Tom Mullen, and Liam Carter for their devotion to the club and the work that they and others have progressed over the recent past. I wish to thank Philip Ryan for contesting the election and subsequently for agreeing to serve on our Development Sub-Committee.

I would also like to pay tribute to the outgoing Development Committee under Aiden Nevin along with John Kirwan, Donal Monahan, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Fergus Reid, Pat Nash and Patsy Monaghan for their valuable contribution.

The Executive Committee had to hit the ground running on a number of fronts, not least, the crucially important issue of the sale of the club's property at Oldcourt. A decision had been taken at a Special General Meeting in October 2002 to place the site on the market for sale by public tender - the ultimate aim being to make funds available to meet the critical development needs of the club.

Among these are the completion of the payment of the purchase price of the lands at Sancta Maria College; the construction of a sports hall at Sancta Maria to be jointly used by the club and the school; the development of top quality grass and all-weather playing facilities for the school and for the club.

The incoming Executive Committee acted on the decision of the members and another milestone in the development of the club was reached on 1 May 2003 when you the members, passed a motion agreeing to the sale of the lands at Oldcourt. The

details are being carefully finalised at the present to implement that decision.

In line with club policy, the Executive Committee will ensure that the proceeds from this sale will be ring fenced for capital development purposes. Ballyboden St. Endas caters for in the region of 1,500 players from 6 years of age – boys and girls. However our current facilities are totally inadequate to cater for these numbers in a manner that befits our stature as one of the country's top clubs. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity but we have to seize the opportunity during this lifetime and put it to the benefit of current and future generations of members. A detailed physical development plan will be put in place to build the type of infrastructure we need and I can assure you that the club will require every cent of income at our disposal as well as the ongoing support of our members.

Fund-raising will continue to be an essential requirement to meet the ongoing recurrent costs of the club and in this regard I wish to commend a number of recent initiatives. I congratulate the Camogie Section – Fashion Show; the Ladies Football Section – raffle; Hurling Section – table quiz; Football Section – race night and Juvenile Section – golf classic. This type of fund-raising activity will continue to be required despite the sale of Oldcourt. I ask each section to liaise with Noel Browne of the Social Section when organising your events.

The Lotto Committee, under the Chairmanship of Gerry Hogan will soon be launching Year 5 of the Lotto. The theme for the coming year will be the support of juvenile coaching in all four codes both within the club and in partnership with the schools. I ask for your support, both financially by purchasing Lotto tickets, and practically by serving on the Lotto Committee and selling Lotto tickets.

The championship season is upon us again and our aim must be to achieve success in all four codes, football, hurling, and camogie and ladies football, particularly at senior level. Our camogie and ladies football teams have shown us the way over the last few years and now it is up to the other codes to go that step further. The early season signs are promising and hopefully they will continue to prosper.

While the effort of underage teams to achieve championship and league success is not being ignored, the ultimate aim is to win senior championships. The Executive Committee is committed to providing whatever support is necessary to our teams to achieve the success we all now need. I wish players and managers of all teams every success in their efforts.

I would like to thank former Chairman Gerry O'Sullivan for all his help and advice, since my election, and I am delighted that Gerry will continue in his role as P.R.O. for the Club. Thanks to Mark Magahran, Iris Kirwan and Sportsfile for some of the photographs.

To Noel, Paddy, Sinead, Vincent, Tommy (C), Pat, Lebby, Danny, Noel, Tom (O'B), I thank you for all the hard work and long hours over the past 5 months.

Ronan Hore
Chairman



Executive Committee 2002/03: Back row (l-r) Pat Walsh, Paddy Walsh (Secretary), Vincent Harrington (Registrar), Danny Griffin, Tommy O'Brien, Noel Browne, Tommy Clinton. Front row (l-r) Lebby Galvin, Ronan Hore (Chairman), Noel Sheridan (Vice-Chairman), Sinead Nic Niallaigh (Treasurer).

A First Time for 'Boden "Seniors"



Enjoying the Party - From left – Tess Stynes, Brian Stynes, Alice Burke, Pat MacMathúna, Diarmuid MacMathúna, Anne O'Donnell and Colm O'Donnell.

It looks like a new date has to be added to the Social Calendar. The Club's Senior Members are already looking forward to the next Christmas Party for Senior Citizens in the club. The inaugural event last December was a great success when nearly 120 invited guests from Ballyboden, Firhouse, Knocklyon and Rathfarnham were treated to dinner and live entertainment including Santa Claus.

The initiative came from Tommy Clinton with assistance from Dan Browne, Tommy O'Brien, Patsy Glennon, Paul Carroll, Gerry Hogan and John Fair. Bobby Grace was an able MC for the event and Brendan Scully came in the guise of "you know who".

Organiser Tommy Clinton said "Paddy Brady and staff were ably assisted by the lovely ladies of the club in preparing and serving the meal." The organisers would also like to thank Bar Manager Ned Slattery and staff for their help.

Fundraising projects for this year's Party will be announced later and members support would be welcomed.



Working Hard at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2002 - From left – Tommy Clinton, Dan Browne, Paul Carroll, Niamh Brady, Patsy Glennon, Caitriona Glennon, Tommy O'Brien and John Fair.

Lotto

Year 5 of the Club's Lotto will be relaunched shortly with the proceeds going to supporting the Club's Coaching Programme. The largest jackpot winner to date was €10,000 and it was won by Ben Conlon of Orlagh Rise.



Club Chairman Ronan Hore (on left) presenting Ben Conlon with a cheque for €10,000 as a winner of the Jackpot in the Club's Lotto. Also in picture is Gerry Hogan, Chairman of the Lotto Committee.

Distinguished Service

Coiste na Sean Gael held their inaugural presentation ceremony in the Clubhouse in February 2002. The initiative had an impressive start and for their second outing An Coiste headed for Faughs GAA club where three club members were honoured for their services to gaelic games. They received specially commissioned certificates from County Board Secretary John Costello.



Coiste na Sean Gael Award Recipients (from left) Colm O'Donnell, Joe O'Sullivan and Liam Delaney.

Social Committee

Following the sell-out PICTUREHOUSE concert in February, Noel Browne and his social committee are bringing the hugely popular band back to the Clubhouse. Saturday 28th June is the date for your diary. PICTUREHOUSE have just come back from an acclaimed tour of South Africa and will no doubt draw another full house.

Also on the way to the 'Boden is the NIAL TONER BAND on Saturday 14 June. The show starts at 10.00 pm. Tickets available soon from Noel Browne and members of the Social Committee.

Coming Events

14th June

Niall Toner Band

28th June

Picture House

13th September

Music In Hall (Eve Of All Ireland Hurling Final).

– Roy Scully

18th September

Mentor's Night

20th September

Mentor's Night

27th September

Music In Hall (Eve Of All Ireland Football final).

11th –12th – 13th November

Variety Show rehearsal

Top End Of Hall

14th – 15th November

Noel Browne Variety Show 2003.

29th November

Club Mass

5th December

Players Night

7th December

Santa Comes To Club at 3.00pm

26th December

St Stephen's Night – Music in Hall

31st December

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance



Conal Keaney was presented with the Vodafone Player of the Month for February by Paul Donovan, Chief Executive of Vodafone Ireland. (Photo: Sportsfile)

HURLING – BOLAND CUP SUCCESS NUMBER 4

It took a replay and extra time to decide the destination of the Boland Cup 2002 but at the end the trophy returned to the club for the fourth time in our history. The campaign spanned two managerial teams so well done to Dan O'Sullivan, Noel Sheridan, Paul Daly, Brian Carty and Brian Reilly as well as Paudie Ó Neill, John Ryan and Paddy Corrigan. Tomás and Niall Ó Riordáin, Gary Cullen and Jonathan Kenny have been members of all winning squads.

In the current season the Senior A team (Paudie Ó Neill, Paddy Corrigan, John Ryan) has made an impressive start with three wins out of three in the League - Kilmacud Crokes, Naomh Jude and Commercial and an opening championship victory over Crumlin. The Senior Bs (Conor Sheehan, P.J. Breen and Francis Sharkey) have yet to garner some points but the Interme-

mediate side (Bernard Curtis, Ciaran Smith and Brian Reilly) have made steady progress winning three of their four league games. The Junior B team (Emmet Pullan, Mick Fletcher, Dermot Maguire and Ultan Mac Mathúna) remain unbeaten with four out of four wins in the League.

Unfortunately the Minor A side (Martin Donohue and Oliver Hickey) were eliminated by St. Vincents from the Championship but the Minor B team (John Keating, Joe Ryan and Liam Hogan) had a great victory over Parnells to take this title for the first time in the club's history.

The club has currently Conal Keaney, Stephen Hiney, Darragh Spain, David Sweeney, Alan Ryan and Simon Daly on the County senior hurling team with Michael Griffin and Raymond O'Higgins featuring on the minor side.

Football Affairs

by Seán Flynn

The club has entered nine teams for adult football competitions for the 2003 season – Senior, Intermediate, three Junior teams, Under 21 and three minor teams.

The Senior team has made a bright start to the season taking 11 points from their first six games with wins over Raheny, St. Vincents, St. Annes, Cráobh Chiaráin and Thomas Davis and a draw with Naomh Olaf. The Intermediate team has two points from six games while the Junior As have seven points from a possible ten. The Junior Bs have two wins and one draw and the Junior C team under new manager Andrew Conaghy has two points from five starts.

In the Minor football championship – the A team reached the Quarter-final before going down to Kilmacud Crokes who at the time of writing have reached

the final against St. Sylvesters. The B team under the baton of Sheila Clear and Don McMahon reached the second round while in the Shield – the C team with Robert Lambert in charge also advanced as far as Round 2.

Congratulations to Declan O'Mahony and Conal Keaney on their Leinster U-21 success, and Gavin O'Gara on making the Dublin Minor panel.

Great to see Colin Moran restored to his best position at half-back in the Dublin senior lineout and we look forward to seeing him return to his glory days for club and county. Darren Homan was highly impressive when introduced as a substitute against Roscommon and Galway. Tommy Lyons would be unwise to ignore him.

Finally, Enda McNulty made a big impression at centre forward when he came into that position against St. Vincents. Has "big Joe" been told?

CAMOGIE



Seamus Massey, Chairperson, Dublin Camogie Board presents Senior B Open cup (2002) to Captain Jane Hogan, assisted by Team Manager, Dermot Hughes.



Ciara and the President

Senior Camogie player Ciara Lucey (extreme right) was the recipient of a special award for Young Sports People in 2002. Ciara received her presentation in Aras an Uachtaráin from President Mary McAleese. Also pictured (from left): Máire Uí Scoláí, National PRO Cumann Camógaíocht na nGael., Katie McAuley (Derry).

Ag Feachaint Siar



Martin is seated on extreme right; Paddy is fifth from left, back row

Galway Minor Hurling Champions 1952

Fifty years after they won a Galway Minor Hurling Championship medal in 1952, with Meelick-Eyrecourt Martin and Paddy Kenny were guests along with their teammates at a Golden Jubilee celebration in the Shannon Oaks Hotel, Portumna earlier this year.

(Photo Courtesy: Connacht Tribune)



Bottom photo Martin is fourth from left; Paddy is sixth from left.

Bronnadh an Chathaoirleach



The AIB, Rathfarnham generously sponsored the event – Bronnadh an Chathaoirleach – Chairman's Presentation Awards held to honour players and mentors involved in Inter-County Championship duty from minor upwards in 2002. At the function AIB Manager Andy O'Loughlin (right), with (from left) Martin Breheny (Sunday Independent), Declan Sweeney (AIB), John Costello (Secretary County Board), John Bailey, (Dublin County Chairman), and Danny Griffin, (Club Sponsorship Manager).



Minor Hurling – Michael Griffin



Minor Hurling – Dearbhla Reilly



Daithi Scolard, Club President, makes a presentation to Sean Kelly, President GAA



Under-21 and Minor Football – Declan O'Mahony



Minor Football – Jimmy Donnelly



Senior Football – Colin Moran

Presentations were made by Ronan Hore, Club Chairman, and Noel Sheridan, Club Vice-Chairman



Minor Football – Cian Hore



Minor Football – Kenneth and Dermot Walkin



Senior Football – Darren Homan



*Armagh All-Ireland medallist and Vodafone All-Star
Enda McNulty with Sean Kelly, President GAA*



*Former Armagh great and club member jimmy Whan
accepts a presentation on behalf of Andrew McCann*



Minor Ladies Football – Julie Monaghan



Minor Ladies Football – Eimear Manley



Senior Ladies Football – Suzanne Hughes



*Geraldine Giles,
President Cumann Peil na mBan*



Senior Ladies Football – Sarah Denvir



Senior Ladies Football – Aisling Farrelly



Senior Ladies Football – Helen Barr



Senior Ladies Football – Joanne O'Sullivan



*Senior Ladies Football, Wexford –
Eveleen Kehoe*



Senior Ladies Football – Sile Nic Coitir



Senior Ladies Football – Karen Hopkins



Senior Ladies Football – Louise Kelly



Senior Ladies Football – Gemma Fay



Senior Ladies Football – Martina Farrell



Senior Ladies Football - Sorcha Farrelly



Senior Hurling – Philip Loane



Senior Hurling – Simon Daly



Senior Hurling – Dermot Maguire



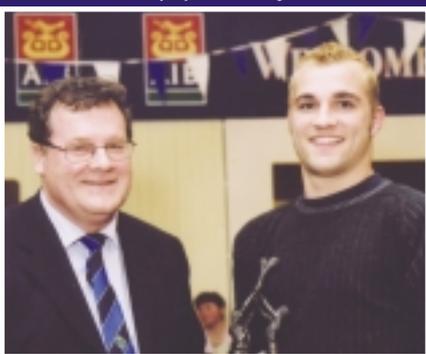
Junior Football – Paul Bealin accepts on behalf of Derek Byrne



Senior Hurler David Sweeney with Dublin Manager, Marty Morris



Senior Hurling Selector, Jimmy Galavan



Senior Hurling – Stephen Hiney



Senior Hurling – Darragh Spain



Under-21 Selector – Malachy Day



Senior Hurling – Conal Keaney



Maurice, Stephen and Chris Nagle won Minor Hurling League honours in 2002



Minor Hurling – William Purtill



Minor Hurling – Tim Sweeney



Minor Camogie – Jenny Sinnott



Senior Camogie Manager, P.J. Donohoe



Minor Camogie – Fiona Ní Shuilleabháin



Senior Camogie Mentor, Paul Crosbie



Minor Camogie – Aoife Scallan



Senior Camogie – Elaine Hickey



Senior Camogie – Fiona Hughes



Senior Camogie – Sinead Nic Niallaigh



Senior Camogie – Ciara Lucey



Senior Camogie – Sarah Crosbie

Junior B Football League Winners 1976

Sean Leane Reflects



Standing (from left) P.J. Cregg, A.N. Other, Vincent Glavey, A.N. Other, A.N. Other Mick Doolin, Liam Kane, Terry Noone, Tony Lennon, Phil McGovern, Eamonn Croke, A.N. Other, A.N. Other Front (from left) Sean Ó Riordáin, Sean Fitzmaurice, Barney O'Sullivan, Pat Flannery, Eugene Kenny, Pat Doyle, Gerry Hogan, Johnny Cardiff, John Caferky. Maybe some reader can fill in the missing names

Up to the Summer of 1976 the only Junior football team in the club was managed by Paddy Connolly and they won the Conlon Cup that year. The late Ned Murphy Club Chairman at the time decided to form a junior B team and appointed Sean Leane as manager and Pat Ledwidge as his assistant.

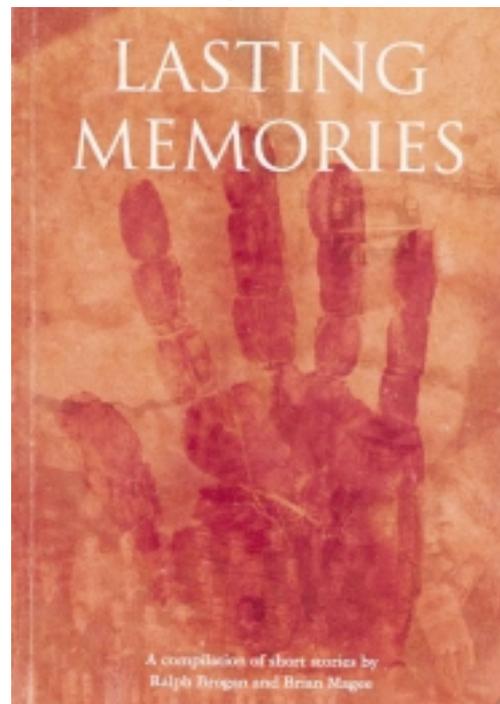
In the early days it was a struggle to muster 15 players and occasionally the selectors had to sub-up! The team managed a few early successes and as new recruits were added the team got better and better. The team played 41 games that season and won 40 of them including the Southside league section and the play-off against St Brigid's (Northside winners) for the Dublin League title the first Ballyboden St Endas football team to do so. The only defeat of the season came in the semi-final of the Parson Cup against "a very strong" St Marks!

It is interesting to note that now almost 27 years later, the fathers of two of the players are club trustees and nearly one third of the panel of players are still very active in the club and have given many years of service and coaching back to the later generations of players. Wouldn't it be nice to think that in 2030 someone will look at a photo of one of our present teams and say the same thing.

Panel of Players

Liam Kane	Pat Donovan
Sean Fitzmaurice	Tony Lennon
Pat Flannery	Sean Ó Riordáin
Terry Noone	Vincent Glavey
Mick Doolin	Johnny Cardiff
Sean Martin	Gerry Hogan
D Keirnan	Pat Doyle
Eamonn Croke	Barney O Sullivan
Eugene Kenny	Des Kenny
John Lennon	Pat Riney

Literary 'Boden



A number of young members of Ballyboden St. Endas have revealed hidden literary talents as part of Coláiste Éanna's Young Entrepreneurs' Scheme. "Lasting Memories" is the title of a collection of short stories compiled by students at the school – Ralph Brogan and Brian McGee. Among the contributors are club players Michael Griffin and David Kelly. The book is on sale in the Church Shop in Knocklyon and in the Map Bookstore in Rathfarnham Shopping Centre and in Easons. Price €7.99.

Hurling Championships 2003

Senior Hurling Championship 2003	
Group A	
Faughs	
Kilmacud Crokes	
Commercials	
Trinity Gaels	
St O Plunketts E. Ruadh	
Group B	
O'Tooles	
St Brigids	
St Judes	
Naomh Mearnog	
Good Counsel	
Group C	
Naomh Fionnbarra	
Lucan Sarsfields	
Cuala	
Kevin's	
Craobh Chiarain	
Group D	
Ballyboden / St Endas	
Crumlin	
St Vincents	
Erins Isle	

Intermediate Hurling Championship	
Group A	
St Vincents	
St Sylvesters	
Scoil Ui Chonaille	
O'Tooles	
Civil Service	
Group B	
Craobh Chiarain	
Naomh Olaf	
St Marks	
Thomas Davis	
St Patricks P	
Group C	
Ballyboden / St Endas	
Raheny	
Faughs	
Round Towers C	
Group D	
Kilmacud Crokes	
Setanta	
Clanna Gael/Fontenoy	
Na Fianna	

JUNIOR HURLING 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP	
Group A	
Fingallians	
Erins Isle	
Naomh Mearnog	
Crumlin	
Group B	
Ballinteer/St Johns	
Whitehall/Colmcille	
St Peregrines	
Cuala	
Group C	
Ballyboden / St Endas	
Naomh Barrog	
St Judes	
Group D	
Kilmacud Crokes	
Lucan Sarsfields	
St Brigids	

Junior Hurling 'B' Championship	
Group A	
Good Counsel	
St O Plunketts E Ruadh	
Naomh Fionnbarra	
Na Fianna	
Ballyboden / St Endas	
Group B	
St Finnians S	
Faughs	
Clontarf	
St Vincents	
Kevin's	

Football Championships 2003

Senior Football Championship 2003	
Preliminary Round	
UCD	v St Vincents
Erins Hope	v St Sylvesters
Round 1	
Naomh Olaf	v O'Tooles
Naomh Fionnbarra	v O'Tooles
Whitehall/Colmcille	v St Margarets
Naomh Mearnog	v Ballymun Kickhams
Craobh Chiarain	v Erins Isle
Trinity Gaels	v
St O Plunkett/E Ruadh	Winners A
Round Towers C	v Clontarf
Lucan Sarsfields	v Thomas Davis
Fingallians	
Raheny	
Winners B	
Ballyboden/St Endas	v Garda
St Annes	v
Naomh Barrog	v
St Judes	v

Round 2	
Trinity Gaels or St Marks	v Naomh Barrog or St James G/Robert E
Naomh Olaf or Kilmacud Crokes	v Naomh Mearnog or Ballymun Kickhams
Erins Hope/St Sylvesters/St Brigids	v Naomh Fionnbarra or O'Tooles
St Annes or St Finnians S	v Raheny or St Marys
St Judes or Ballinteer/St Johns	v Ballyboden/St Endas or Garda
Fingallians or Na Fianna	v St O Plunkett/E Ruadh/UCD/St Vincents
Lucan Sarsfields or Thomas Davis	v Round Towers C or Clontarf
Craobh Chiarain or Erins Isle	v Whitehall/Colmcille or St Margarets

Intermediate Football Championship	
Scoil Ui Chonaille	v St Brigids
Thomas Davis	v Parnells
Bye	v Cuala
Naomh Olaf	v St James Gaels/R Emts
St Vincents	v Ballyboden/St Endas
St Judes	v Templeogue Synge St
St Patricks P	v Fingal Ravens
St Marys	v Kilmacud Crokes
Bye	Ballymun Kickhams
Garristown	v Round Towers L
Erins Isle	v Lucan Sarsfields
Clanna Gael/Fontenoy	v Clann Mhuire
Fingallians	v O'Dwyers
St Sylvesters	v St Maurs
St Peregrines	v Innisfails
Good Counsel	v Skerries Harps

Junior 'C' Football Championship	
Prelim Round	
St Peregrines	v Ballyboden/St Endas
Round 1	
St Vincents	v Erins Isle
St Brendans	v Winners A
Naomh Barrog	v Garristown
Naomh Fionnbarra	v St Sylvesters
St Marks	v St Brigids
O'Dwyers	v St Judes
St James G/Robert E	v Clontarf
Thomas Davis	v AIB
Clanna Gael/Fontenoy	v Round Towers C
Kilmacud Crokes	v Clann Mhuire
Park Rangers	v Templeogue Synge St
St Margarets	v St Marys
Whitehall/Colmcille	v Scoil Ui Chonaille
Liffey Gaels	v Ballyboughal
Ballinteer/St Johns	v Raheny
Wild Geese	v Parnells

Junior 'B' Football Championship	
Naomh Mearnog	v Erin go Bragh
Trinity Gaels	v Fingallians
St Finnians S	v Na Fianna
St Sylvesters	v Ballinteer/St Johns
St Kevin's/Killians	v Cuala
St Marks	v Beann Eadair
Good Counsel	v Kilmacud Crokes
Castleknock	v St Peregrines
St Vincents	v St Maurs
Fingal Ravens	v Ballyfermot de la Salle
Portobello	v Ballymun Kickhams
Man-O-War	v St Josephs/OCB
Ballyboden/St Endas	v Craobh Chiarain
St Patricks P	v Stars of Erin
St Annes	v O'Dwyers
Naomh Fionnbarra	v St Colmcilles

Junior 'D' Football Championship	
Premier Round	
Cuala	v O'Tooles
Crumlin	v Geraldine Patrick Morans
Donnybrook	v Rosmini Gaels
Round 1	
Naomh Olaf	v St Josephs/OCB
St Vincents	v St James G/Robert E
Ballyfermot De La Salle	v Thomas Davis
St Annes	v Winners B
St Judes	v St Martins
Winners C	v St Marys
Skerries Harps	v Croi Ro Naofa
Na Fianna	v Ballyboden/St Endas
Winners A	v St Brigids
Lucan Sarsfields	v Innisfails
Na Dubh Ghall	v St Maurs
St Finnians S	v Ballinteer/St Johns
Fingal Ravens	v St Colmcilles
Cabinteely	v St Finnians N
St Patricks D	v St O Plunketts/E Ruadh
Starlights	v Castleknock



These girls don't want to let go of Sam at Naomh Pádraig NS, Ballyroan



Ballyroan Boys N.S. - Dublin v Meath



Roll up ...Roll up at Loreto....



Beirt páistí o Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna



Suzanne Hughes, Dublin and Ballyboden St. Enda's ladies footballer is the star attraction at her alma mater Naomh Pádraig.



Children at St Colmcille's N.S.



Firhouse Community College turn out in force.

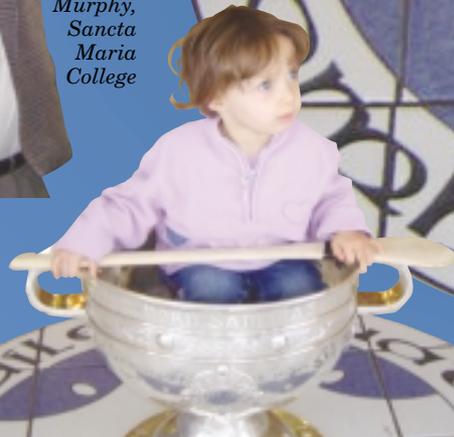


From left, Bill Daly, C. McNulty display the silver

Sam Maguire



Tá an athas... Maurice Murphy, Sancta Maria College



Daire Dunne - Granddaughter of Patsy and Theresa Glennon



Maurice Curtin, principal Scoil Treasa NS, Firhouse, and staff members with Enda and Brian.



Collaiste Éanna teacher welcome Enda, Brian and



Enda and Sam with trophies at Loreto NS



Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna ag fanacht



Excitement at St Colmcille's N.S., Knocklyon

ire on Tour



A special welcome for Enda and Sam at St Mary's Boys N.S.



Johnny Culkin and friends keep an eye on Sam



Scoil Treasa - another big welcome



Enda with Armagh supporter Bronwyn Hampfey, a teacher at St. Marys.



Sancta Maria Camogie team with Sister Basil, School Principal.



Joe Farrell with students and Conal.



From left, John McKennedy, Principal of St. Colmcille's Community School with Sarah Denvir and Enda McNulty and above students at St. Colmcille's C.S.



Hip hip... Ballyroan Boys' N.S.

Championship Winners

2002



Minor Football Champions 2002

Standing (l-r) Kieran Whitty, Colin Leane, Declan O'Mahony, Keith Ryan, Craig Curtis, Mark Donovan, Daire Walsh, Graham McGuinness, Dermot Walkin, Cian Hore (Captain), Shane Tully, Craig Mooney, Eoin Nevin, Kenneth Walkin, Gavin O'Gara, Liam Tully. Front row (l-r) James Donnelly, Cian Hiney, Daire Shoulin, Declan Burke, Niall Murphy, Murray Breen, Graham Moles, Conor McAteer, David Brophy and John Fleming.



Ladies Football Senior Leinster, Dublin Championship and League winners 2002

Back row : L-R : Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Sharon Molloy, Sarah Denvir, Niamh Smith, Tonya Allen, Helen Barr, Eveleen Keogh, Martina Farrell, Julie Monaghan, Emer Manley, Suzanne Hughes, Diane Spillane, Mary Waldron, Front row : L-R : Gemma Fay, Sorcha Farrelly, Aisling Farrelly, Joanne O'Sullivan, Louise Kelly, Sile Nic Coitir (Captain), Orla Smith, Sorcha Timmins, Karen Hopkins.

Ladies Football

President of Cumann Peil na mBan Geraldine Giles and Dublin player Orla Colreavy were guests of honour at the presentation ceremony to the Senior team that won the Leinster and Dublin Championships as well as the Senior Division One League in 2002. The team achieved the unique distinction of successfully defending all three titles won in 2001.

Player of the Year awards for 2002 were presented at the Presentation Ceremony to (from left) Most Improved Player – Sorcha Timmins, Player of the Year – Sile Nic Coitir; and Young Player of the Year – Sarah Denvir.



The Bill Daly Cup

Bill Daly has done trojan work for ladies football at local, provincial and national levels and his name will never be forgotten now that the winners of the Leinster Senior Club Ladies Football title will be the proud recipients of the Bill Daly Cup. Bill completed his term as President of the Leinster Council in 2002 and one of his final acts was to donate a cup for the competition. The first name to appear on the base was of course Ballyboden St. Endas.

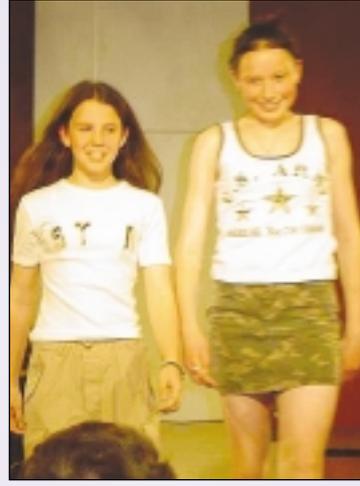
Bill Daly and the new Leinster Senior Club Ladies Football Cup.

Under 12 Girls capture Shield title

The U12 team had a thrilling 4.2 to 2.2 win over Croí Ró Naofa in the Shield Final on 3 April 2003. Mentors: Robbie Murphy, Karl Young and Joe Brennan

Joyful Celebration for Under 12 Win





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SCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER

Scoil Treasa – Firhouse

Girls make history

In the first week of September 2002, twenty-two girls committed themselves to this year's football squad. Little did they think that they were to become part of what was to be an historic year for girls football in Scoil Treasa.

In the group stage of the competition, the girls overcame strong opposition from schools in Ballinteer, Balally, Blanchardstown and Cabinteely. They also played in a very tight match in Bushy Park against a strong Sandymount side.

By winning all their matches, the girls topped their group and faced Archbishop Ryan's NS, Balgaddy in the semi final. The match was played in Cherryfield in front of terrific home support. This no doubt helped the girls to overcome the nerves and go on to win the game.

Anything after that would be a bonus as the girls had already made history by being the first girls football team from Scoil Treasa to get to a final. And as if that wasn't good enough, the news got even better when we were informed that the final was to be played in Croke Park.

Our opposition in the final was Rush NS and the whole school came along to support us on our momentous day. Despite a strong and brave performance, the girls' luck ran out. Although they led throughout the game, a goal scored in injury-time meant Rush NS won the cup by two points. A heart-breaking end to what had been a wonderful campaign but all were in agreement that the girls had done us proud!

Squad: Sarah Troy, Fiona Canavan, Orlagh O'Neill, Eileen Corrigan, Dianne McDonagh, Ashling O'Neill, Róisín Ryan (captain), Sonya McGlynn, Megan Reilly, Shauna Maxwell, Aisling Dunne, Julianna Cooke, Sarah O'Brien, Alison Walshe, Gemma Mulready, Emma McEnroe, Sinead Mooney, Karen Nicholls, Bronagh Henry, Danielle McGlynn, Róisín McKenna, Laura Fallon.

Captains Fantastic

These three boys are members of the Club's Under 13A football team and uniquely they all captained their respective school teams in Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park this season.



From left, Darren O'Reilly (Ballyroan Boys NS), Ciarán Maguire (St. Colmcille's NS, Knocklyon) and Donal Ahern (St. Mary's Boys NS, Rathfarnham)

St Colmcille's NS, Knocklyon

Kings of Croker

by Cian Fitzgerald, 6th Class, R 4

Both teams came to Croke Park with only one thing on their minds – WINNING. But would it be a much improved Hollypark or Knocklyon with an unblemished record on their side. With the first score of the Corn Royal Breffni final going to Hollypark, Knocklyon looked nervous but they quickly removed that fly from their ointment notching up several fantastic scores. You could tell they wanted this trophy.

They went into the break with a huge lead. There wasn't going to be any stopping this team. With several more great scores, Hollypark just weren't going to get back. With the final score at 6.5 to 0.3, the 20 point margin told the whole story.

With one half of the double done there was a lot of pressure on the boys. When they got on the pitch you could tell they had trained hard for this and they took an early lead. They too went into the break the happier of the two sides. In the sec-

ond half Marino got more scores and a comeback was on the cards but it was Knocklyon who came up trumps.

Further scores were added to Knocklyon's tally and they strolled to victory by a margin of 14 points. The captain Ciarán Maguire was more than happy to accept the Sciath Mhic Craith. With the double done and two more pieces of silverware added to Knocklyon's impressive collection, a sea of red and black exploded in the stands.

St Mary's Boys NS, Grange Road

The Big Day

by Jamie Ryan (Rang a Sé)

The St. Mary's Team arrived early at school on the 22nd of November 2002. The flags were up all over the school and we were all very excited. We crowded on to the bus and left for Croke Park. We discussed tactics and thought about the game. We sang some school songs to get our nerves away but when we caught sight of Croke Park we all fell silent.

We parked in the car-park and headed for the dressing-rooms. We togged out and had a warm-up on the Astroturf pitch. Mr. O'Riordan gave us his pep talk and we headed on to the pitch. The crowd weren't there yet which kind of spoiled our entrance but we were happy to be on the lovely turf of Croke Park. We warmed up again and waited for the starting whistle.

We played a great first half and were up by 9 points at half-time. Our opposition certainly wouldn't give up that early and we were looking forward to the next 30 minutes. We went well on top after that with goals and points coming onto the scoreboard quickly. All our subs got a run and we really enjoyed it. At the final whistle we were delighted with our victory and of course our brilliant supporters were too. The final score was .20 to Mary's and 2.7 to Belgrove. A well deserved victory.



St. Mary's Boys NS, Grange Road – Corn Oideachais Winners 2002
Back row (l-r) Edward O'Riordan (manager), Luke Carey, Seán Nixon, Barry Sexton, Barry Kehoe, Cillian Moffat, Eoin Kelly, Mark Fallon, Brian Moffat, John Kehoe, Eoin Moriarty, Cormac O'Farrell (mentor)
Front row (l-r) Brian Fitzgerald, Jamie Ryan, Darragh Freeley, Matthew Curran, Darren Soon, Donal Ahern (captain), Dylan Soon (mascot), Daniel McCarthy, Seán O'Reilly, Jordan Lee and Michael Nevin

MEET

Stephen Hiney



Date of birth 27-10-83

Height 6' 2"

Weight 14 stone

Occupation UCD Student

Schools Attended St Mary's Boys NS Rathfarnham, Coláiste Eanna

Honours won U15, U16, 3 minor hurling championships Walsh cup, Boland Cup, Leinster Colleges Senior A with Dublin Colleges

Intercounty Debut versus Antrim, League relegation play-off, 2001

Favourite Players Sean Mc Mahon of Clare

Favourite non-GAA sportsperson Michael Johnson – athlete

All-Ireland Hurling Tip 2003 (Excluding Dublin) Tipperary

If a transfer market existed who would you like to buy for Dublin Henry Shefflin of Kilkenny

Best piece of advice received practice makes perfect

Last movie seen Private Madness 2

Favourite album Spice Girls (its inspirational)

Last book read Introduction to Advanced Fluid Mechanics

Best day in Blue Walsh Cup final against Kilkenny

Worst day in Blue putting the ball straight out from side line live on the news against Clare last year.

Desert Island Partner girlfriend and a cook!

What would you do if you won the Lotto move to Bali

Favourite Joke of the moment too dirty to mention here.



The Ten Coaching Commandments!!!

Enda McNulty
Director of Coaching

Ballyboden St. Endas GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football Club is the biggest GAA club in the world. We have 51 juvenile teams out of an overall total of 73 teams. Approximately 150 coaches tend to the needs of the juvenile teams in the four sports. While bearing in mind that the dual player element reduces the actual number of individuals, it is nevertheless the case that in the region of 1,000 boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 16 are catered for. The fact that there are dual players does not lessen the burden as the requirements and demands on the club to provide resources and coaching for football/ladies football and hurling/camogie are different.

Clearly given the scale of this operation it is difficult to contest the view that the most important section of our club is the juvenile section. The young players of today are the stars of tomorrow.

Therefore it is imperative that we as coaches ensure that there is an accepted coaching policy in all codes. In order for Ballyboden St. Endas to become more successful at adult level we must have a co-ordinated approach to juvenile coaching.

This coaching policy provides guidelines which will enable every coach to ensure that we are progressing in a positive, unified manner. It is an evolving policy and will be amended in the light of experience.

It is of the utmost importance that these guidelines are adhered to by all coaches.

1. 1 ball/sliotar per child

It goes without saying that if young players are to improve their hurling/ football game, that they must have a sliotar/football of their own. If we accept this, then why not ask our players to arrive at training with their own footballs/sliotars. (Their name would be printed on the ball/sliotar in large print).

The French Football Federation initiated a youth development programme in the early



Kevin Walsh in action against Enda McNulty in the Vodafone 2002 GAA All-Stars Exhibition Game in San Diego, California.
(Photos: Sportsfile)

nineties. Each young French player was expected to arrive at training with their football. At under thirteen level, the French play with their own ball, for the first fifteen minutes of training. The player decides what to do with the ball. This personalises their game.

Imagine how many more ball/sliotar contacts our players will make at training if we introduce this policy. The more ball/sliotar contacts, the more improvement in skill, coordination, touch, and handling.

Pat Daly (Head of Games Development in Croke Park), recommends that each player should have 150-200 ball/sliotar contacts per session. In the case that each player has their own ball/sliotar, this figure could be doubled.

It is not feasible for the club to buy each child a ball/sliotar. But most children have a ball or sliotar, all they have to do is print their name on it and bring it to training. It does not have to be an O'Neills, as all skills can be practiced with cheaper versions. After all Zinedene Zidane, the famous French soccer player, made his own football with chicken wire wrapped around a ball of newspaper.

2 No fitness training for juveniles

Most of Ballyboden's players train with school and the club. A lot of our players are also dual players. Furthermore, a lot of our



Vodafone 2002 GAA All-Stars team in San Diego.

young players take part in other activities/sports, for example: rugby, soccer, basketball, swimming, hockey, gymnastics.

Therefore it is quite plausible for a 14 year old boy who plays hurling, football and takes swimming lessons; to be training or playing a match five to six times a week. Most of our juvenile players are training on a more regular basis than our senior players. Taking into account that none of our juvenile players have physically or psychologically matured, surely they don't need any further "fitness training!"

The point is that there is certainly no necessity for our young players to participate in fitness training. The majority of time at a training session should be spent with the ball or hurley in the hand. During 2002 the Armagh Senior football team used a ball for 80% of all sessions!

The French Football Federation recommends that

- * Under 13's participate in two to three training periods and one match.(club)
- * 13-15 year olds participate in 3-4 training periods and one match.

3 Fun games at start of session (fundamentals)

The first thing that is taught to all coaches on the G.A.A foundation course is that "the main coaching priorities are: skill acquisition and fun!"

Anybody who has ever coached a team will know that young players will:

- a) get bored very quickly if they're not having fun
- b) learn their skills much quicker if having fun
- c) be far more likely to come back to training if having fun.

It is preferable to make all the sessions as much fun as possible especially the warm up. Fun games are a perfect way to start a training session. They should involve as much movement/changes in direction/jumping/side stepping/changes in pace/mimicing of game situations as is possible.

Fun games like tig (tag), bull dog, catch the tails, stuck in the mud, ball tig, trucks and trailers, opposites; are all invaluable for the following reasons:

1. they are FUN! Hence the children come back!
2. the movement which kids perform are exactly the movements they will make in a match.
3. children learn side steps naturally while playing games like tig and bull dog. If you try to explain to young players how to do a side step, the majority will not understand.

You can make up your own fun games, or find new ones on the net. Even if you don't know any fun games ask the children, They are sure to know plenty!

4 Set aims/target/at start of season/session/match and regularly review

Not having an aim, target or not setting objective/goals for your season is like getting into a car and not knowing where you are going. Can you imagine a company not having targets at the start of a year. Targets are as important in the sporting arena as in any other.

Simple as this, if you don't know where you are going, how are you going to get there?

All aims and objectives or goals should be: **S.M.A.R.T**



Over 50 club coaches attended the Speed, Agility, Quickness (SAQ) course, organised by Enda McNulty under the direction of Jim Kilty (3rd from right, front row), director SAQ Ireland.

Specific: goals should be very specific. For example, it is our goal to ensure that all of our players can kick a ball over 20 yards with both feet

Measurable: objectives should be measured frequently. For example, we are going to make sure that all of our players get at least 30 minutes in every match by keeping a record in our logbook.

Action related: Aims must be associated to an action. For example, BBSE's Under 13 hurling or camogie team, is going to spend 10 minutes of each session working on creative practice.

Realistic: obviously aims must be realistic. There is no point in having a goal of winning every game by 20 points... it is not realistic.

Timescale: set a time or date by which you want to achieve your goal. For example, we want every player to be able to solo with left and right foot by July!!!!

5 Home practice is the most important practice

The most important practice of all for a child is the practice which they do on their own or with friends/family. This cannot be emphasised enough.

If you consider any of the GAA "stars" the one thing which they have in common with all the sporting "stars" in the world is that they all spent their childhood with a ball, hurley, American football, tennis racket etc.

Sporting greats are not born; they all have spent many thousands of hours of their childhood playing the sport they love.

After each session when a new skill is introduced or practiced the coach should set home practice for all the team. It is advisable to show the children the different ways of practicing the skill, perhaps against a wall or with a friend.

Scientific research has concluded that it takes 8-12 years of training for a talented athlete to reach elite levels (Bloom, Ericsson and Charness, 1994). For all athletes (players) this translates as slightly more than three hours of practice daily for ten years (Salmela, 1998).

Put simply for gaelic games, young players must spend a huge amount of time practicing if they are to become the D.J's, Peter Canavans, Maurice Fitzgeralds, Christy Rings, Sile Ni Coitirs, Cora Stauntons, Fiona O'Driscolls.

A good quote for youngsters is...practice doesn't make perfect...perfect practice makes perfect!!!!

6 Creative practice, part of every session

If you ask anyone - who are the five best camogie, hurling, ladies footballers or footballers. Invariably people will talk about the Peter Canavans, D.J Careys, Cora Stauntons, Pat Spillanes, Christy Rings. One quality which all of these players have is that they are creative.

All young players should be encouraged to be creative, but how do we coach them to be creative? Simple, ask them to copy the D.J's, the Colin Coopers of this world.

Let them practice what ever skill they want in whatever way they want...ask them to try something new, a skill they don't usually try.

How many coaches encourage their young players to try a "fancy" skill, a new skill or a more difficult skill?

If players are not encouraged to try something new or creative in a match or in training, then only a minority of them will try a new skill themselves.

So in order to introduce creativity into your training sessions: set a period in each session (7-10 mins) in which the young players can do whatever hurling/gaelic skill they want. Therefore this allows them to express themselves and allow them to "personalise" their game.

7 Football - left and right foot/ hand developed in every session/ match

It should go without saying that every young player should be constantly "encouraged" to use left and right hand/feet. This should happen in every session, not just the odd one. Young players should also be encouraged to use left and right hand/feet in matches (for the simple reason that if for example, a boy never uses his left foot in games until he is 16. It is highly unlikely that he will begin to, after this...unless he has a very determined coach).

How many players on your team are "natural" at using left and right feet and hand? Is this the players fault or is this due to inadequate coaching? Unfortunately it is the fault of the coaches!!!! Equal time must be spent developing both sides...

It is not too extreme to say that this must be ENFORCED. That is, drills, skills, games, shooting, matches home practice, all must involve players developing their left and right sides.

If you as a coach have not preached the above before...it is not too late to start!!!!

8 Hurling - left and right side developed during every session/ match.

All young players should be taught to strike off their left side just as much as their right side and vice versa. Also each young player should be taught how to catch and hand pass competently off both hands. DJ wasn't born with the talent to strike perfectly off both sides; this came with quality coaching and endless hours of practice.

9 No Pigeon Holing.

In the U.S they use the phrase "pigeon holing" to describe the categorisation of a child as a certain type of player from a young age. For example, how many young players are played at full back because their father or brother played there?

How many of us as coaches have put a young player into full forward because they are "slow" but have decent skill? I have recently been talking to Malcolm O'Kelly (Irish Rugby player) and Padraig Harrington (pro golfer). They both informed me that

while playing for BBSE they were made to play in goals as they were "big/slow and awkward". Both players left our club.

Ajax of Amsterdam, are famed for their youth academy which has produced several international soccer players. One of the policies which they implement at youth level is that all players experience playing in all positions in training and in matches. They feel that this leads to better all round players who are comfortable and knowledgeable about playing in all positions.

So it is much better for young players' confidence and ability to experience as many different positions as possible in matches as well as in training!

10 Winning is not everything or the only thing

"Winning is not everything or the only thing...in Ballyboden St. Endas Juvenile club.....player development, enjoyment, and player retention are the most important things!"

Unfortunately, parents and coaches in many sports still approach training and

matches with an attitude best characterized as the "peaking by Friday" approach (Balyi and Hamilton, 1999). We now know that a long term commitment to training is required to produce elite athletes in all sports (Ericsson and Charness, 1994).

Why then in Ballyboden St. Endas are "we" all so interested in winning under 10, 12 or 13 leagues and championships. It seems to be an accepted view in the club that "we have to win the Feile!"

Of course it is good for our teams to be successful at juvenile level. Ballyboden St. Endas is among the top clubs in Dublin, in terms of juvenile leagues and championships. The question we have to ask ourselves is, "are we happy being the biggest and best juvenile club in Dublin?" Or, do we want to ensure our juvenile section is utilised as a conveyor belt which produces all round, complete players?

So that by the time our players become senior players, that they have developed all aspects of their game! Therefore we should be in a position to compete with the Crossmaglens, Nemo Rangers, Birrs, Carnacon, Saint Ibars, Na Piarsaigh, Athenry's, Dunloys.

Mol an Óige

Nursery Coaches take a Break

Almost a century of service to the club's hurling, football and camogie nurseries was honoured when Kilkenny's D.J. Carey, John Power and Michael Rice and Ballyboden St. Endas and Dublin's Colin Moran were special guests at presentations to coaches who have given years of service on Saturday mornings at Pairc Uí Mhurchú, Cherryfield and the Hermitage.

In 23 consecutive years, hurling coach Marius Martin missed only six sessions as he devotedly turned up each Saturday morning to start hundreds of young boys on their hurling careers.

For much of that period the Lennon Brothers Shay, Tony and John as well as Bill Daly were actively involved in imparting the skills of football at Pairc Uí Mhurchú and the Hermitage respectively while in camogie Olive Maguire, Mary Keating and Kathleen O'Sullivan introduced countless girls to the joys of camogie.

Due to other commitments Bill Daly and Kathleen O'Sullivan were unable to be present on the night.



John, Shay and Tony Lennon with one of their protégés – Dublin star Colin Moran.



Camogie Coaches – Mary Keating (on left) and Olive Maguire enjoying the company of Kilkenny's John Power, D. J. Carey and Kilkenny minor All-Ireland winning captain 2002 Michael Rice.



Marius Martin receives a presentation on behalf of the club from Kilkenny hurling legend D. J. Carey.

Sponsorship

The Club is delighted to announce that MUTEK, the Municipal and Utilities Truck Equipment Company - the Daimler Chrysler AG Dealer for Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicles has decided to sponsor the Club's Minor Hurling team. The team strip will carry the famous Mercedes Benz logo as well as the words MUTEK.IE.

John Connolly of Mercedes Benz - MUTEK.IE on the Naas Road, Dublin (second from right) at the reception to announce the Company's Sponsorship of the Ballyboden St. Endas Minor team. Also in picture (from left) Danny Griffin, Club Sponsorship Manager, Andrew Hickey, Ronan Hore, Club Chairman and Michael Griffin.



Successful Sevens



Winners Paul Goodall's Team – Back row (l-r) Nigel Loughman, Brian Canavan, James Karney, Andrew Kerin, Charles Kennedy, Joey Byrne, Paul Goodall (manager). Front row (l-r) John Corrigan, Karol Cronin, Darragh Walsh, Cian Hore, Sean Lally.



Runners up, Pat Keane's team – Back row (l-r) Darragh Kiernan, Niall Healy, Richie Connell, Cormac O'Farrell, Paul Bealin, Martin Masterson. Front row (l-r) Alan Moran, Gary Coughlan, Brian Lenihan, Conor Morris, Pat Keane (manager).

Over 70 players took part in the extremely successful 7-a-side Adult Football Blitz on Saturday 22 March. Organised by Jim Goodall and Conor Hand and sponsored by Mellon Mortgage Services (David Mellon/Pat Keane - 01 492 0044), the Blitz was divided into 6 teams with players from Junior C to Senior taking part.

The "paper" favourites were Team E with notable senior players Shane Heraty, Ian Clarke and Paddy Healy (and birthday boy Shane Tully) lining out. But, as often happens on occasions like this, the form-book was torn up and the favourites ended up with the wooden spoon.

On a glorious day for football, the dark horses, Team C, went quietly about their business and scraped into the final. On the other side of the draw, Paul Bealin, Darragh Kiernan and company strolled into the final and were now the bookies favourites to take the gold. Paul Goodall, Team C manager, however, putting down a marker as a potential future senior team manager, outfoxed the other Paul and the game saw some excellent moves and scores that have already marked out some of the players involved as ones to be watched in the future. A large crowd watched a good final and a very successful day was capped with a lovely function, later that evening, with a meal prepared by Paddy Brady and music and song supplied by the bould John Doyle.

Vouchers were presented to the first and second placed teams, and wooden spoons were presented to each member of the aforementioned Team E. Following a moving acceptance speech, the manager of Team E, Bobby O'Sullivan, graciously donated his spoon to Paddy Healy.

For the record, the members of the panel of the winning team were Joey Byrne, James Kearney, Nigel Loughman, Charlie Kennedy, Cian Hore, Karol Cronin, John Corrigan, Daire Walsh, Andrew Kerin, Sean Lally and Brian Canavan.

On the night, player of the year awards for 2002 were presented to Darragh Kiernan (Senior), Mark Fitzgerald (Intermediate), Paul Manley (Junior A) and Eamonn McConnell (Junior B).

The organisers thanked the Juvenile and Camogie Sections for re-arranging some of their fixtures to facilitate the event, the referees Dave Conway and Senan Finucane, Paddy Brady for the food, John Doyle for the music and Ned Slatery and his staff for looking after matters in their normal professional way.

Report: Paddy Walsh



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