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## Plans being laid to tackle financial problems

"Our everyday expenses are running out of control and eating into the capital monies received from the sale of Oldcourt. This position cannot continue, if we are to remain viable." That is the blunt message from new Club Chairman, Paddy Walsh to Boden News readers. He adds "the members, by their contributions at the AGM, have pointed the Executive Committee in the direction that it must take to steady the ship over the next 12 months."

A key element of that strategy is the setting up of a Finance Committee under Chairman Terry O'Neill. Former Senior hurler, Terry is now a juvenile camogie coach. A Finance Executive, he and his team have been tasked with the job of devising the strategy for the Executive Committee.

Cost control and income generation will feature prominently in that strategy and already a decision has been taken to hold a major fundraising day. John Archbold explains "the Executive Committee has asked me to chair the organising team that will plan A Day at the Irish National Hunt Festival in Punchestown on Thursday 27th July 2006.

"The Festival is a major part of the horse racing calendar and draws huge numbers each year".

John who is also secretary of the juvenile committee says "Our target is to sell 150 tables (at ten guests per table) to make this day a success. To that end, we'll be looking to each team in the club to sell at least one table. The final details are being worked out and we will be issuing the information early in the New Year."

The Lotto is also being re-launched in 2006 under new Chairman, Kevin Geoghegan, an active supporter of juvenile teams in the club. There will be no shortage of projects in which to invest this money and the proceeds of the sale of Oldcourt following the AGM's decision to approve a multi-million euro capital programme. Facilities to be provided are new dressing rooms in Knocklyon Park, Ballycullen; a Sports Hall at Sancta Maria College; development of playing pitches - Prunty-type and all-weather at Sancta Maria; skills wall - Páirc Uí Mhurchú; property acquisition at Coláiste Éanna and support for St. Colmcille Community School's new playing pitch. Despite the many challenges lying ahead, Paddy Walsh remains optimistic "the future is bright for the Club."



All-weather boys (from top) Harry Coffey, Adam Carney and Jack Mahon

The club's new all-weather pitch at our grounds at Sancta Maria College is now in use.

## All-Ireland Club Champions 2005



Aisling Farrelly, captain on the day receives the All-Ireland Senior Ladies Football cup from Geraldine Giles, President of Cumann Peil Gael na mBan.

*Nollaig faoi sheán is faoi mhaise do gach éinne.*



❑ Gary Maguire was Dublin's only representative on the Leinster Interprovincial Hurling team that played Munster in the Final in Boston.

❑ Colin Moran won an Interprovincial Medal with the Leinster football team and also had the honour of being joint captain on the night when the team beat Ulster in Parnell Park in the first floodlit final in this competition.

❑ Paul Bealin is the first club member to manage a Senior Intercounty Team when he took up the job as Wexford football boss.

❑ Liam Coffey was appointed club trustee in January 2005 in place of Kevin Cardiff who passed away in 2004.

❑ For the second time in our history, the club fielded three minor hurling teams, an achievement unmatched in any other county.

❑ Andrew Hickey finished third in the inaugural Dublin Poc Fada competition.

❑ Appreciation to John Keating who moved to take up another appointment for his services as an employee of the club.

❑ Michael Griffin won Tallaght IT Hurler of the Year in 2005.

❑ The Australasia Ladies Football team played the senior ladies team in September as part of their preparations for their visit to Ireland.

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## A word from the Chairman

From the frying pan into the fire. Many believe that this is the choice I made in letting my name go forward for election as Chairman of the Club having been Secretary for the last three years. In any event, it is a great honour to have been elected as Chairman of this Club at the Annual General Meeting on 24 November. And what a way to start my tenure as Chairman of the Club with the Senior Ladies Football team bringing back the All-Ireland Club trophy for the second year running on my third day in office.

The AGM, held over two nights and with nearly six hours of discussion, was an interesting occasion and one where the current problems facing the Club were given serious attention. Without doubt the main issue is the current financial position of the Club. Our everyday expenses are running out of control and eating into the capital monies received from the sale of Oldcourt. This position cannot continue, if we are to remain viable. The members, by their contributions at the AGM, have pointed the Executive Committee in the direction that it must take to steady the ship over the next 12 months.

Accordingly, a Finance Committee has been set up, under the Chairmanship of Terry O'Neill, to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on ways to extricate ourselves from the present position. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find details of our overall financial position. Members must now see that there is no crock of gold to support everyday spending at previous levels and that, in order to remain viable, the choices facing us are limited - income must be increased or spending must be reduced. On the income side, a new Lotto will be launched in the New Year and it is essential that all members support this fundraising venture. A player's annual membership subscription barely covers his/her competition fees and player injury fees. This leaves referees fees, footballs, sliotars and other coaching equipment to be covered before we even consider the costs associated with our full-time coaching staff. Therefore, it is essential that all members (including the parents of students and juvenile members) support our Lotto.

I want to thank Iomair Tracey for his efforts with the Lotto over the past 12 months as he steps down due to work commitments. Into the breach comes Kevin Geoghegan and he deserves the support of all members as we try to increase the number of members of the Lotto. This Club is your Club and it is only with the support of all of you that we in the Executive Committee can try to guide the Club into safer financial waters. Members must realise that if income does not increase dramatically (e.g. if the Lotto is not a huge success) there will be no option but to cut costs radically. I appeal to all mentors, players, parents and members to join the Lotto and make it the huge success that it can be.

The second major initiative on the income side will be aimed at the corporate sector and will be a day at the races in Punchestown during the festival on 24 April 2006. John Archbold has taken on the task of organising this and he needs the help of those of you in business, or working for a business, who might be in a position to purchase a table of ten at the races - see elsewhere in this Newsletter for further information on this project. If we make a success of these two ventures, with your support, there will be no need for other fundraising efforts during 2006. On the capital side of things, the AGM gave approval for some major works to be undertaken over the next 12 months. Any of you who have been in Sancta Maria lately will have seen that the work on the all-weather hockey pitch is completed. The next major project to start is likely to be the dressing rooms in Ballycullen at a cost in the region of €1.2 million. While this seems to be a high price for a building containing four dressing rooms with showers, a meeting room and a referees room, there are huge costs relating to the provision of a car park, landscaping and complying with the planning conditions to make the building fit in with the houses in the area. On the plus side, we have received a Lottery grant of €250,000.

We are required to develop two full-sized pitches in Sancta Maria. The AGM agreed that the pitch in front of Sancta Maria House will be a synthetic pitch with lights, similar to that of Ballymun Kickhams and the one on the raised area beside Templeroan will be a prunty-type pitch, similar to that of Clanna Gael/Fontenoy. It is hoped that work on both will commence in the next few months. The AGM also agreed, among other things, that we purchase 5.5 acres of land in Coláiste Éanna; that we make a contribution of €80,000 to Knocklyon Community School to help defray their costs of providing a pitch to which we will be given certain rights, and to build a hurling wall at the far corner of the pitch at Páirc Úi Mhurchú. We are also required to build a sports hall in Sancta Maria - more about that in later editions.

It is clear from the above that the Executive Committee and the General Manager will have a busy year ahead. In this, my first Newsletter as Chairman, there is little to talk about on the playing side of the Club as most competitions are now completed. It has not been a very successful year on the playing field with the notable exception of the aforementioned Senior Ladies Football team. Hearty congratulations to all involved, players, management and Committee. It would be remiss on this occasion not to recognise the enormous contribution of Bill Daly towards the success of this team, from the introduction of Ladies Football to the Club right through to the success of last year. *Thanks Bill*

A new year brings new hope and already teams are preparing for the new season with high expectations. I know we are not far off the standard required to win senior championships in Football, Hurling and Camogie to match the success of the Ladies Footballers. The involvement of UCD in the senior hurling championship has denied our hurling team one, if not two, senior hurling championships over the last two years. Our Club is not against UCD participating in the championship; all we want is that they compete on the same terms as the rest of us. The logo of AIB, the sponsors of the Club Championship, says "One Life, One Club". If the UCD players are required to comply with this principle, then no one will object to their involvement in the Dublin hurling championship. I wish Dan O'Sullivan and Liam Hogan the very best of luck in the coming year as they strive to emulate the success of Pat Nash and his backroom team as they try to bring senior championship success to the Club. Every good wish to all other team managers and mentors as you strive for success on the field. Remember, however, that keeping players involved in our games is, in itself, a major success that is appreciated by the Club and the wider community.

Finally, you would not be reading this Newsletter without the huge amount of time and effort put in to the role of PRO by Gerry O'Sullivan. Thanks Gerry.

Finally, finally, I wish you all a relaxing and merry Christmas and I hope to see you in a confident and supportive mood in the New Year. The future is bright for the Club.

Le gach dea-ghuile haghaidh na Nollag agus na h-athbhliana uaim féin agus ón gCoiste Feidhmeannach go léir.

*Paddy Walsh*

# A Day at the Irish National Hunt Festival PUNCHESTOWN

**Race Day**



**Thursday 27 April, 2006**

**Lots of entertainment, celebrity pundits from GAA; Horse-racing; other sports, world of comedy**

**Target:** We need to sell 150 tables (at ten guests per table) to make this day a success.

To that end, we'll be looking to each team in the club to sell at least one table. A detailed Programme of the day will be issued early in the New Year.

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT.**

**Chairman: John Archbold**

## Committee set up to address financial situation

Following the Club AGM, the Executive Committee has implemented a recommendation from that meeting to set up a Finance Committee to review the financial affairs of the Club and to present a plan to ensure the Club is put on a sound financial footing.

**Finance Committee Chairman, Terry O'Neill outlines** why a financial plan is required and the steps that are being taken to manage the Club's finances going forward.

### Club Finances

Everyone knows that if their day-to-day expenses exceed their salary they soon run into financial difficulty. It is similar with the Club.

#### What is the problem?

It can be summarised as follows:

In 2005, the Club spent €250,000 more on the day-to-day running of the Club than it generated in income.

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It is clear from the above that over the last three years, the Club has spent almost €750,000 more on the day-to-day running of the Club than it has generated in income. This is obviously not sustainable and will need to be addressed by a combination of raising additional income and reducing expenditure.

### Members perception

Since the AGM, I have spoken to many members in relation to the Club's financial position. The following reflects a common reaction among members:

"I did not realise the Club had financial difficulties."

"Hasn't Ballyboden plenty of money from the sale of Oldcourt?"

"Why doesn't the Club have enough income – the Club is always engaged in fundraising."

I would respond to the above reaction as follows:

The Club is in financial difficulty but the position can be successfully rectified.

Yes, Ballyboden did obtain €12 million from the sale of lands at Old Court. This has been used as follows:

€0.75 m has been spent in the last three years on meeting the day-to-day running costs of the Club.

€3 m has been spent on the purchase of the Sancta Maria grounds and on the commencement of development of the all-weather pitches in Sancta Maria.

The Club bar has been renovated at a cost of €0.375 m.

That leaves approximately €8 million. What is happening to this? The current estimates of pro-

jected spending, based on today's prices, on dressing rooms at Ballycullen, all-weather pitches in Sancta Maria, a sports hall (to a basic standard) in Sancta Maria and pitch acquisition at Colaiste Éanna amount to a minimum of €9 million. Consequently, it is clear that, even based on today's prices, the funds available of €8 million will not meet the total cost of facility improvements, expenditure on which has been approved by the members.

(iii) In relation to fundraising, there has been a lot of effort put in by various organisers of fundraising projects. Although significant revenue has been raised through the lotto and monster draw, the breakeven point (i.e. revenue required to meet cost of prizes) on such draws is very high. After the breakeven point, 100% of ticket sales represent pure profit. However, many members have not supported the major fundraisers.

### What needs to be done?

#### Day-to-day running of Club

In 2005, the day-to-day running expenses of the Club were €650,000. Membership and bar profit generated €130,000, or approximately 20% of total expenditure. When the additional facilities at Sancta Maria come on stream, there will be significant additional annual costs incurred in running and maintaining these facilities.

Consequently, in order for the Club to "balance its books" on an annual basis, it will be necessary to generate additional income from fundraising every year and reduce expenditure from its current level.

#### Capital expenditure

The proposed facilities at Ballycullen, Sancta Maria and Colaiste Éanna are projected to cost more than the balance of the funds currently avail-

able from the sale of Old Court. Consequently, there is a choice to be made whereby either: the projects are scaled back; or additional revenues are generated to fund the expenditure on the facilities.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has been established to undertake the following:

- Review the financial affairs of the Club.
- Communicate with the members in preparing and presenting a 3-year financial plan.

The Committee has had its first meeting and has identified communication to members as a key element of successfully implementing a financial plan to support Ballyboden's objectives of being a first class GAA Club in all aspects. We are confident that where members have a clear understanding that the Club has an overall club coordinated approach to fundraising and expenditure, member support will be forthcoming. However, the Committee does not have all the answers and would actively encourage everyone to contribute their ideas and suggestions.

The Finance Committee has agreed to report back to the Executive Committee on a 2006 budget plan early in January 2006 followed by the 3-year financial plan by the end of February 2006 at which time it will be presented and communicated to members for their input.

In the meantime, we look forward to liaising with members and obtaining their input.

The Finance Committee members are Terry O'Neill, Ger Flaherty, Liam Hyland, Greg Heraty, Tom Mullany, Donagh O'Farrell, John O'Toole and Donal Ryan. Ex-officio members are Sinead McNeela and Paddy Walsh.



*Renault Car winners in the Monster Draw - Shane Plowman, Thomas Davis (second from left) and Greg Heraty with Club Chairman Paddy Walsh and Fundraising Committee Chairman Malachy Daly.*

# David Sweeney



*David Sweeney –  
Dublin and  
Ballyboden  
St. Endas Star  
Hurler*

# Fintan Walsh recalls half a century

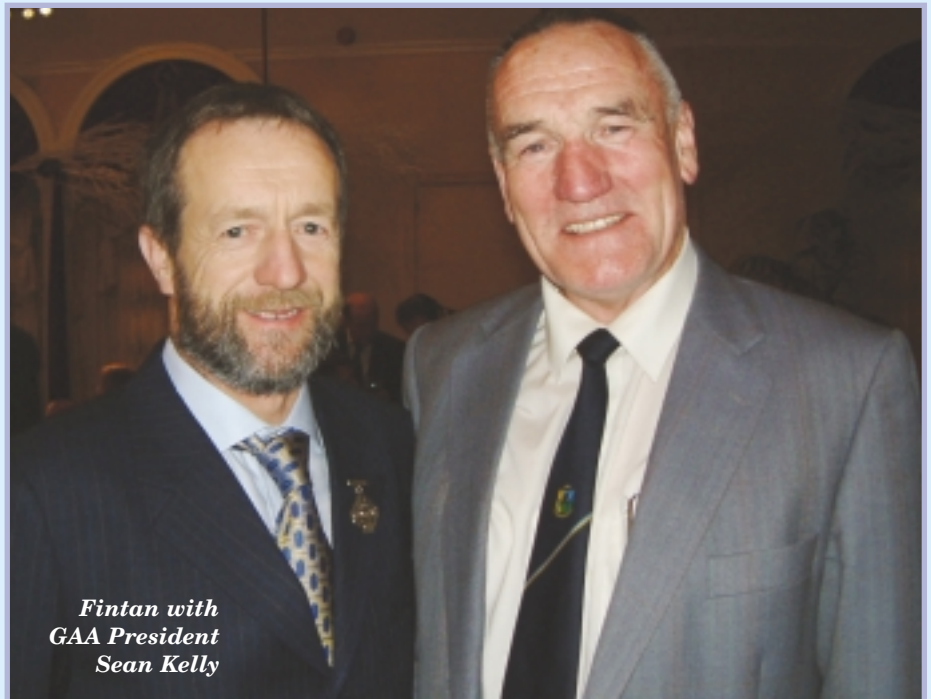
On 24 March next, a group of special men will gather in Killarney to commemorate probably the most historic moment in club football in the history of the GAA. Among them will be Fintan Walsh, member of Ballyboden St Endas and for almost 30 years a driving force behind hurling and football in St. Mary's Boys National School on the Grange Road.

The event in question will be the celebration of Erins Hope's victory in the 1956 Dublin Senior Football Championship final when a team comprising of student teachers at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra beat the mighty St. Vincents team which had won the previous seven championships. The measure of the achievement is underlined by the fact that Vincents came back to win the next six championships on the trot to make it 13 wins in 14 years. The uniqueness of the achievement is further strengthened when you realise that all of the Erins Hope team were under the age of 21 – so they are arguable the youngest team to win a senior title in any county in the history of the association. Something that is unlikely to be repeated.

The native of Ballylinan, Co Laois recalls the year. "I entered St. Pats in 1955 and along with the great Kerry footballer Tom Long I used to represent Erins Hope at County Board meetings. We had been making representations to the Board to be allowed enter the Dublin championship and eventually they agreed. Tom Russell was the chairman at the time – St. Brigid's grounds Russell Park is named after him. We knew we had the nucleus of a strong team. We had Mattie McDonagh of Galway, Tom Long of Kerry, Martin Queally of Clare, Brendan Keane of Mayo, John Joe Breslin of Roscommon and a superb corner back from Castleisland by the name of Mick O'Donoghue. While the rest of the team would not have been prominent at inter-county level we got to be very good as a unit. We went on to beat Garda, Clanna Gael and Na Fianna to reach the final."

So by the time the Summer holidays came around the student team were in the final at their first attempt. Amazingly it would take another six months to play the final against champions St. Vincents.

Fintan takes up the story. "Part of the reason was Na Fianna objected to the result of our match due to a disputed score and the Dublin team had gone to America as a reward for reaching the All-Ireland final in 1955. So the game did not take place until Sunday 16 December 1956 before a crowd of nearly 10,000 in Croke Park. It was a see-saw game with Vincents making a concerted barrage of attacks on our goal as the game entered the final stages. We were hanging on pretty desperately when the ball broke to Tom Long. He soloed up the field and put it over to a guy called Donal Hurley from Cork and he put it low into the corner of the net. We hung on after that. Nobody would have passed any notice of the thing only for the fact that Vincents were champions for the previous seven years. The six months since the semi-final was a help, as when we came back to college in September we trained night and day. The result was a huge disappointment for St. Vincents and the arguments used then were exactly the same as used against UCD today."



*Fintan with  
GAA President  
Sean Kelly*

Fintan had the honour of captaining the side. "Myself and Mattie McDonagh stood for the position and I was elected. Mattie was a tremendous footballer and between the semi final and final he had won a Senior All-Ireland with Galway when they beat Cork in the decider in September. I visited him in late 2004 shortly before he died in Galway Regional Hospital and he entertained Máirín and myself for two hours."

Death played a part in the young life of Fintan Walsh. "I was only six years of age when my father Joe died. At the time, there were three others in the family and my mother was expected her fifth child. My father was a Garda and he came from Manor Kilbride in Wicklow. My mother Sheila Kelly was from Borris in Co. Carlow and worked as a District Nurse. But life cannot have been easy for her with five children under the age of six. She married again – a man from Ballylinan – Pat Condrón and they had four more children. So in all there were five Walshs – Myself, Imelda, Aidan, Brendan, and Joe and four Condróns – Patricia, Enda, Pamela and Leo. My brother Joe was tragically killed in a car crash near Athy in 1984."

It would appear as if it was from his mother's side that he inherited his sporting prowess as an uncle – Luke Kelly played at midfield for Carlow in that county's only Leinster senior football success in 1944.

Fintan attended the local national school where football was the only game. In wartime Ireland, life had its hardships and Fintan recalls heading into the wood near the school to collect sticks or "rotteners" as they were called to start the fire. But there was a strong appreciation for the value of education in his family and when he finished his primary schooling he headed for Knockbeg College as a boarder.

It was here that he first took up the game of hurling. "There was a fellow there from Graiguenamanagh – Billy Walsh - who later

played on a Carlow team that won an Intermediate All-Ireland title. He was by our standards a truly marvellous hurler. To us, from a football background, watching this fellow was really like looking at a man from another planet. We got good simply by looking at him!"

Success came in the form of the Leinster senior colleges double in 1955 when they beat St. Joseph's Fairview powered by Lar and Des Foley in the hurling final and O'Connell Schools in the football. "One of the highlights of the hurling win was beating St. Kieran's Kilkenny in the semi-final. They had a very youthful Eddie Keher in their team."

In those days, the college competitions did not extend beyond the provinces but there was the possibility of getting a place on the inter-provincial colleges team. Fintan was honoured with selection on both teams and in 1954 was on the Leinster hurling team that beat a Munster side that included Donie Nealon in its lineout.

Interestingly he never played minor football for Laois. Although selected, the Knockbeg authorities would not allow him out due to exam commitments. He did play minor hurling though for his county.

A senior intercounty debut wasn't far off and although selected to play in the 1955 Leinster championship – the Knockbeg bosses put a stop to that and he didn't make his debut until the National League that October against Dublin when he marked Maurice Whelan of St. Vincents.

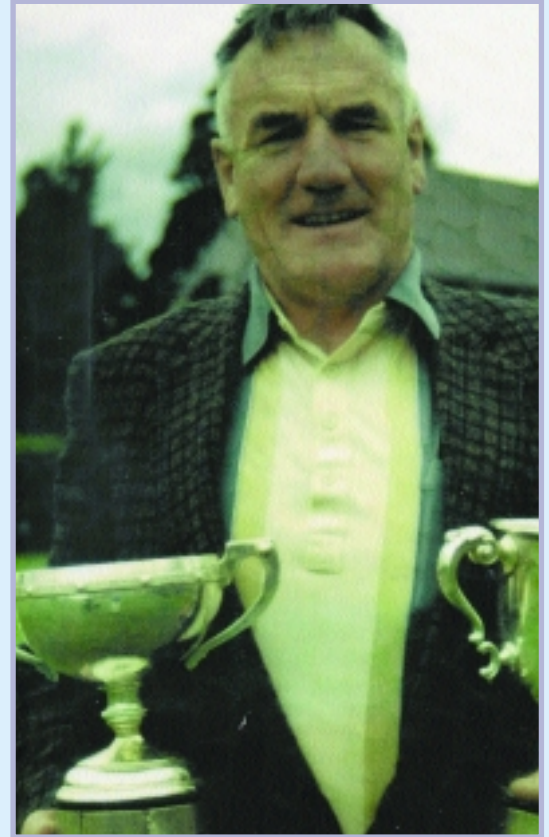
He would wear the Blue and White until 1968 reaching two Leinster Finals – 1959 and 1963 but on each occasion Dublin proved too strong. "In 1963, we only lost by two points and that Dublin team went on to win the All-Ireland."

Fintan looks back with disappointment on the National League structures at the time. "The country was broken into four groups of

# of involvement in Gaelic Games



Fintan with Tipperary manager Michael "Babs" Keating.

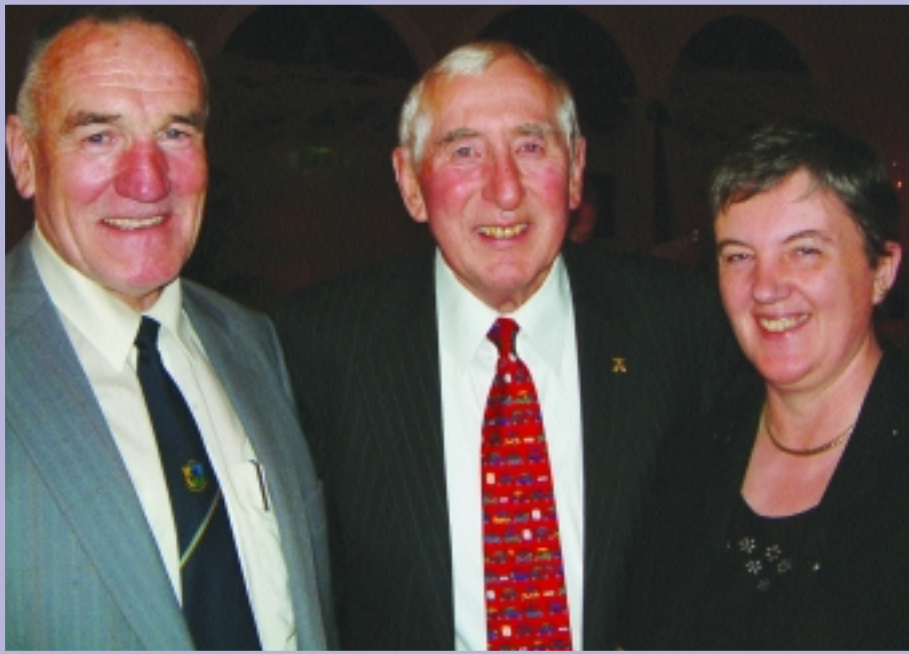


Fintan with the prestigious Cumann na mBunscol Corn Oideachais and Corn Herald.



Report of 1956 Dublin Senior Football Championship Final in the Irish Press written by fellow Laois man, the late Mick Dunne





*Fintan won a Dublin SFC medal with Erins Hope in 1956, the same year as Ronnie Delany won Olympic gold in the 1500m in Melbourne. Seen here with Camogie Secretary Mona O'Sullivan and at the 2005 Cumann na mBunscol/Roadstone Awards in the Berkeley Court.*

eight teams and they never changed. So although I played for 13 years for Laois I only played against less than a third of the counties."

Railway Cup honours came his way in 1959 and 1961. "In 1959, I was at midfield with Des Foley and I was matched to mark Mick O'Connell but for whatever reason best known to himself he didn't turn up. So I never got to play on him." Uniquely, Fintan was never chosen twice in the same position by Leinster. "I played at No. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15."

On the club front, he won junior and intermediate football championships with Ballyli-

nan. But he found his efforts to play hurling in his county extremely frustrating. "I played for Abbeyleix one year – one match; Errill another – one match and I played for a half an hour in a senior final with Clonad which we won, with fellows I didn't even know. It was a factor in me leaving Laois as I couldn't get hurling."

After completing a five year spell teaching in schools in the Ballylinan area, (He taught Beano McDonald's father Tom in Arles NS), Fintan got a job in Mary Queen of Angels in Ballyfermot. He joined Clanna Gael and played football and hurling with the club winning a Senior football title in 1968 with the

likes of Mickey Whelan, Paddy Holden, Donie O'Sullivan (Kerry), Mick Byrne (former Irish Soccer Physio), Mick Casey (father of current Dub, Paul), Christy Kane, Eugene and Gerry Davey and a junior hurling championship when they beat Ballyfermot. "I never enjoyed anything as much as the four years I had hurling – a really wonderful experience."

The travel bug bit in 1969 and Fintan and his wife Máirín (Fitzgerald) from Marhin, Ballyferriter and 15 month old son Adrian headed for Zambia to take up a position training teachers in the African state. They would spend three years working some 140 miles south of Lusaka.

Adrian grew up with the local children and like the locals he used to play barefooted. He had a close escape with a local hazard when he was about four years of age. "One day I went out to call him for his tea and I found him on the road. There was a snake on the road and Adrian was talking to the snake and giving out to it. However luckily the snake just slithered away and that was it."

A very promising hurler in his youth, Adrian was a Dublin minor for three years but injuries to both knees brought a premature end to a very promising career.

Adrian's sister Niamh was born in Zambia in 1971 and now lives in Australia with her husband and their one year old son – Finn.

Fintan and Máirín have lived for the best part of 40 years in Butterfield Orchard and in 1966 when a circular went around the locality seeking support for the purchase of a site for a GAA pitch on Firhouse Road, Fintan was among those who conducted the house to house collection. He also attended the first meeting that led to the formation of Rathfarnham St. Endas. "I remember being at the meeting with the likes of Daithi Scolard, Kevin Cardiff, Martin Lennon, Brod Foy, Stephen Riney, Ned Murphy, Jimmy Whan, Breandán Mac Lua, Paddy Corrigan, Tom Kirwan and others I can't recall. It was a landmark decision when you see what the club has done since – it's truly astonishing".

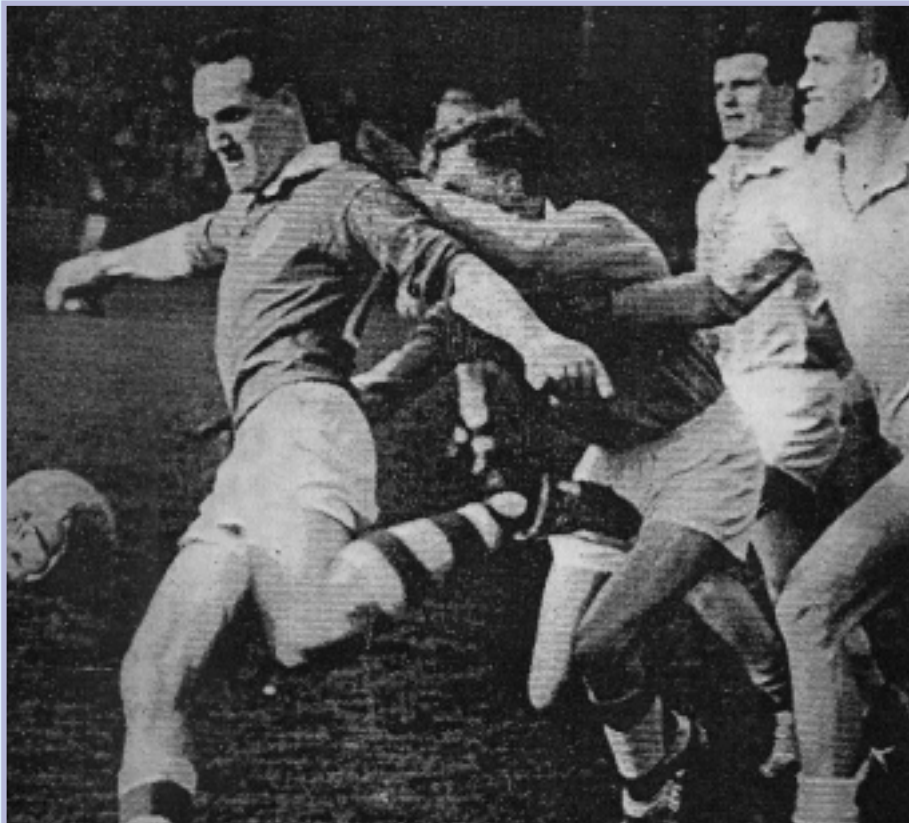
He took up boxing in his mid twenties when an evening BA student in UCD and won the 1965 Irish Universities light heavyweight title.

He maintained his close links with Clanna Gael serving as club secretary and committee member as well as managing the senior hurling team. Although never a committee activist in Ballyboden, his input through his involvement with St. Mary's is incalculable. "I started hurling in Marys – wall to wall hurling. We made great use of the Hermitage and we built up a corpus of hurling in the area." He developed his talents as a mender of hurleys and served Cumann na mBunscol as chairman from 1982-84. He is still Treasurer – a position he has held for over 20 years.

A keen sailor with his friend John Egan, Fintan has recently taken up the clarinet to go with his interests in reading and gardening.

He was never sent off or booked in his career and in 2000 was chosen on the Laois Football Team of the Millennium. "I suppose if there is one thing I had it was that I could catch a ball. I was also quick over a short distance and in football possession of the ball is nine tenths of the battle. It was very nice to be picked on the team with the likes of the Delaneys and Tommy Murphy – men who were icons to me when I was growing up."

To that list add the name of Fintan Walsh – Ballylinan, Knockbeg College, Laois, Leinster, Erins Hope, Clanna Gael-Fontenoy, St. Marys Boys NS, Cumann na mBunscol and Ballyboden St. Endas. They are all in his debt.



*Fintan in the Leinster colours during the 1963 Railway Cup final in Croke Park against Ulster being chased by Cavan trio Jim McDonnell, Gabriel Kelly and Tom Maguire*

# “Intensive Training the only way” says a Special Correspondent

The Junior A hurlers left no stone unturned or bottle unopened in their quest for county honours in 2005. Led by the “Fun Boy Three” of Martin Donohue, Ollie Hickey and Mick Kennedy they realised early in the season that a foreign trip was needed for some specialist training. After much deliberation, Philly Larkin said they should go to Louth. Now Philly is a man you don’t contradict. He likes nothing better than to stand beside the opposing full-forward at the throw-in and in the most concerned tone imaginable inquire “would you be in the VHI?”. So it was off to An Tain Adventure Centre in Carlingford.

On arrival at An Tain, Mark McGovern lodged €300 in the night safe and that’s where it stayed. However he had other things on his mind given that he was in charge of the high energy meals that were an essential part of the specialist training. Every morning, Mark rose from his bed to make the porridge and every night Philly Larkin rose from his bed to make the porridge for the supper. Apparently there was a big demand for “soakage”.

Female distractions were few as Toss Cronin had chased all the women around Carlingford back to County Down. Some of them didn’t even bother to use the roads.

So under great protest there was little else to do only head for the pub.

New talent was discovered in abundance. Peter McEvoy is on his way to “You’re a Star” success following his rendition of Lisdoonvarna. It is said to have brought tears to the eyes of all music lovers present!!! Christy Moore however has threatened to sue.

The week-end wasn’t all pain and suffering though. They tried their hand at canoeing, archery, abseiling, boat building but the consensus was they were useless at all of these things so it was back to hurling where to repeat the immortal words of Joe Young uttered some years ago at a half time talk “I’ll give ye 100% for effort but 0% for intelligence”.

By all accounts it was a memorable trip!

## APPRECIATION

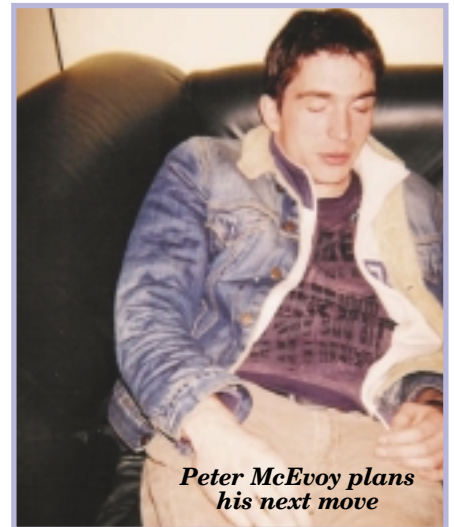
A splendid time was had by one and all and it would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship of Shane Kenny and Massey Brothers. The entire panel genuinely appreciated the support.



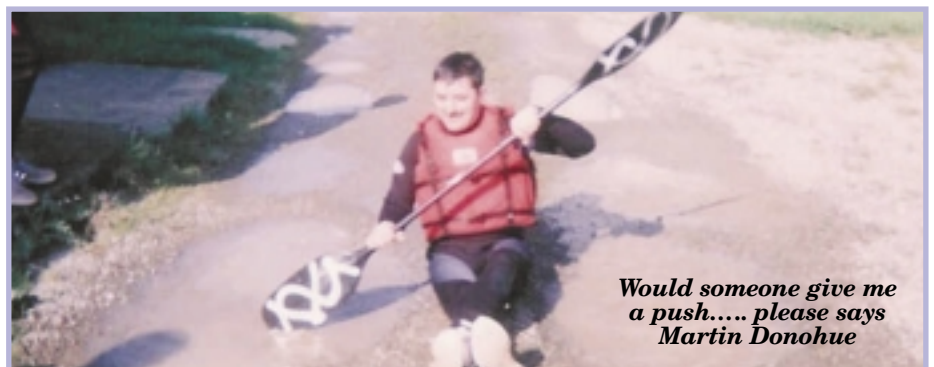
*Junior A hurlers test out some new playing gear*



*This is how fellows who don't turn up for training will be dealt with in 2006*



*Peter McEvoy plans his next move*



*Would someone give me a push..... please says Martin Donohue*



*John Healy*



# Sponsors *Together we can make a difference*



The Intermediate hurling team were kept motoring with support from Finn Reddy Motors (01 410 0400). Launching the sponsorship were (l-r): Malachy Daly (Executive Committee), Dave Finn, Managing Director of Finn Reddy, Emmet Pullan (Manager), Alan Mangan (Finn Reddy Motors), Mick Fletcher (Mentor), Lorraine Finn (Finn Reddy) and Danny Griffin (Club Sponsorship Manager).



The Under 15A football team were helped on their way to an outdoor adventure week-end in Carlingford with welcome assistance from Carroll and Kinsella Motors (01 298 3166). Launching the sponsorship (l-r) were Fonsie Carroll (Carroll and Kinsella), Hugh Ruddy, Ciaran Maguire, Colin Moran (Dublin Senior Footballer), Kevin Maguire (Mentor), Loughlin Murphy (Carroll and Kinsella), and Darren O'Reilly in canoe.



Jack Mahon was the winner of the bicycle sponsored by Hollingsworth Cycles (01 4905094), Templeogue for the Camogie Raffle. Jack is seen enjoying his windfall with Elizabeth Hollingsworth and Tom Hollingsworth along with Jack's uncle David Coffey. Hollingsworth's is Dublin's oldest cycle shop being established eighty years ago in 1925.



The Intermediate Football Team received generous sponsorship in 2005 from GPK Properties (01 4903511). At the launch (l-r): Evan Brennan (GPK Properties), Daragh Shovlin, Richie Connell (Football Chairman), Sean Fitzmaurice, Olivia White (GPK Properties), Shane Heraty (Captain Intermediate team), Danny Griffin Sponsorship Manager.

Appreciation to GVA Donal Ó Búachalla, Property and Rating Consultants, Estate Agents and Auctioneers, 86 Merrion Square, Dublin 2 (01 676 2711) for sponsorship support.



The Junior A Hurlers were very grateful for the support received in 2005 from Massey Bros (01-492 6925). At the launch: Back Row (l-r): Brian Kelleher, Don O'Neill, Peter McEvoy, Brendan Whitty, David Pluck, Philip Larkin, Jonathan Kenny. Front Row (l-r) Paddy Kenny (Massey Bros.), Niomh Madigan, Mick Kennedy, Shane Kenny (Massey Bros.), Martin Donohue, Martin Kenny.

# Gala Presentation for All-Ireland Champions



*Lebby Galvin, Chair of the Ladies Football Section.*



*Bill Daly, team manager with his wife Nuala receives a presentation from club Chairman Ronan Hore*



*Helen Barr who earned distinction in 2005 as a lifesaver when coming to the rescue of two people who were in swimming difficulties in Spain receives her award from Geraldine Giles, President Cumann Peil Gael na mBan and Cathal Friel, Leinster Council*



*It was an extra special night for Sarah Denvir as she was celebrating her birthday along with Charlie Kennedy and Chef Paddy Brady*

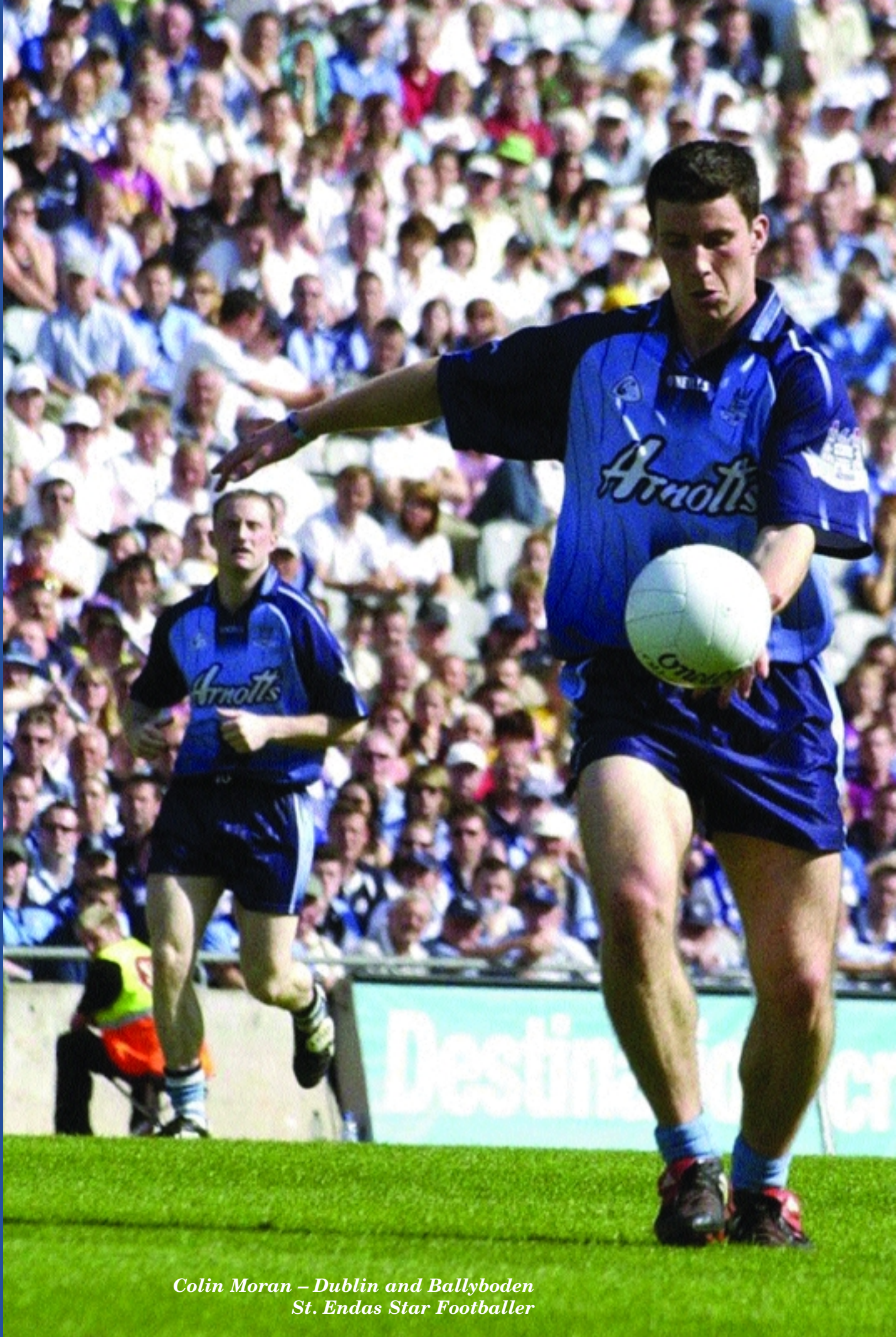


*Government Chief Whip and Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach Tom Kitt TD was Guest of Honour at the presentation ceremony to the All-Ireland Winning Ladies Football team 2004. Tom is seen with Cllr. John Lahart.*



*Suzanne Hughes is honoured by Geraldine Giles, President Cumann Peil Gael na mBan and Cathal Friel, Leinster Council*

# Colin Moran



*Colin Moran – Dublin and Ballyboden  
St. Endas Star Footballer*

# The Road to Glory

## Back-to-Back

## All-Ireland Champions



*Orla Scolard cuts inside with the bench on tenter hooks*

Drogheda has a prominent place in Irish history – St. Oliver Plunkett, Cromwell, the Battle of the Boyne but for Boden fans it will always be remembered as the venue for the club's second All-Ireland Senior Ladies Club title.

To win one All-Ireland title is a fantastic achievement but greatness comes when you have the hunger to go back again and repeat the exercise and silence any doubts there may be.

Six Dublin titles on the trot were accomplished with style and Leinster offered some resistance but at the end of the day – the team had a bit to spare. The All-Ireland campaign was a different matter and Donaghmore with players from Cork's senior inter-county All-Ireland success were determined to right what they believed to be a mistake in Birr.

The first game on Cork soil was a mighty battle with Boden being taken to extra time. But time could not separate the sides and it was back to Páirc Uí Mhurchú for more of the same a week later. A great closing spell in the first half set the team on the way and in goals Suzanne Hughes was unbeatable - arguably the player of the year for her brilliance between the posts and some vital saves throughout the campaign. But this is a team of many parts and all are integral to the success.

Donaghmore proved they are a coming team in the All-Ireland final on 27 November but Groundhog Day struck and Louise Kelly was up to the task to repeat her penalty goal-scoring exploits so ably demonstrated in Birr in 2004.

Manager Pat Nash with Bobby O'Sullivan, Brian O'Regan, Martin Masterson and Niomh Madigan have excelled with the players in keeping the club name in the headlines.

### Dublin

1st Round	Ballyboden St. Endas	1-21	Lucan Sarsfields	0-04
2nd Round	Ballyboden St. Endas	8-16	Fingallians	0-09
3rd Round	Ballyboden St. Endas	4-21	Kilmacud Corkes	1-03
Semi Final	Ballyboden St. Endas	2-20	Round Tower, Clondalkin	1-05
Final	Ballyboden St. Endas	1 - 11	Na Fianna	2 -03

### Leinster

1st Round	Ballyboden St. Endas	1 -15	Grangenovlin (Kildare)	0 - 02
Semi Final	Ballyboden St. Endas	2 - 11	Clonee (Wexford)	1 - 05
Final	Ballyboden St. Endas	2 - 13	Timahoe ( Laois)	1 - 04

### All-Ireland

Semi Final	Ballyboden St. Endas	2 - 7	Donaghmore (Cork)	1 - 10
Semi Final				
(Replay)	Ballyboden St. Endas	0 - 9	Donaghmore (Cork)	0 - 7
Final	Ballyboden St. Endas	1 - 6	Donaghmore (Monaghan)	0 - 6



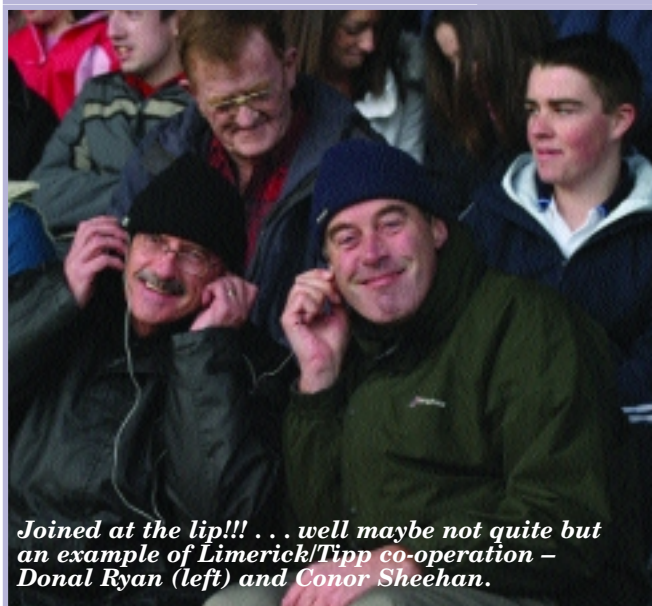
*Louise Kelly slots over another classy point.*



*Joanne O'Sullivan with super fan Kara O'Connell.*



*Gemma Fay – winner of an All-Star award for Dublin 2005 makes a determined dash.*



*Joined at the lip!!! . . . well maybe not quite but an example of Limerick/Tipp co-operation – Donal Ryan (left) and Conor Sheehan.*



*The Boden Chorus.*

# All-Ireland Senior Ladies



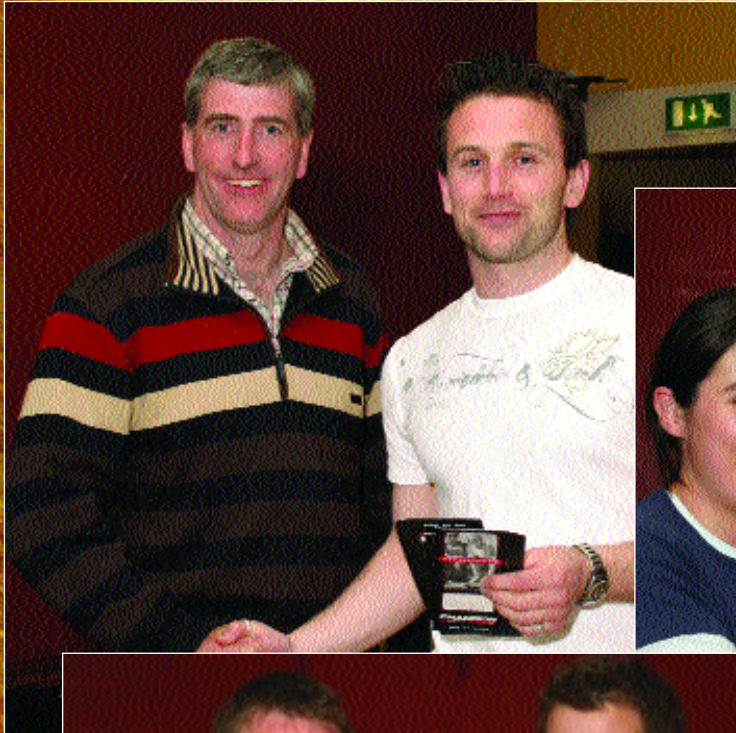
Back row (l-r) Pat Nash (manager), David Cunningham (Physio), Martin Masterson (mentor), Niomh Madigan (mentor), Suzanne Hughes, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Coitir, Ceara nic Coitir, Bobby O'Sullivan (mentor) Front row (l-r) Louise Kelly, Susan White, Róisín Ryan, Karen Hopkins, Sorcha Farrelly, Noelle Comyn, Orla

# Football Club Champions 2005



Amy Keane, Jennifer Walsh, Aisling Farrelly, Susan Hughes, Claire Butterly, Tonya Allen, Natalia Hyland, Charlene McKenna, Brian O'Regan (mentor), Sile nic Scolará, Joanne O'Sullivan, Sarah Denwir, Gemma Fay. Missing Martina Farrell, Teresa Molohan.

# Visit of the GAA President-elect Nickey Brennan for Presentation Night in May 2005



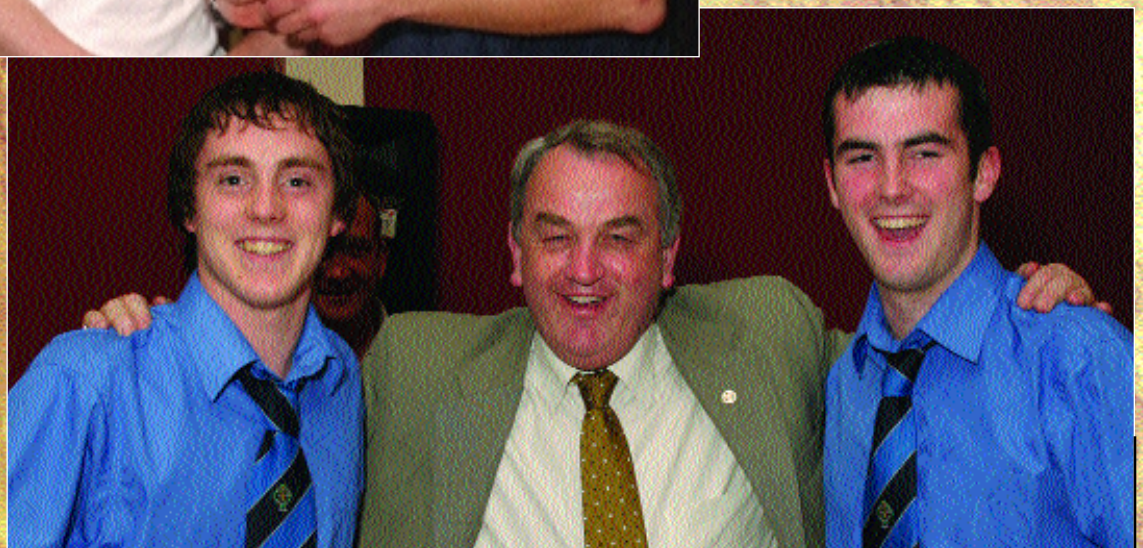
*Senior Hurling  
manager John  
Ryan congratulates  
David Sweeney*



*Senior Camogie star Ciara  
Blair receives her awards  
from Nickey Brennan*



*David Curtin presents  
Simon Daly with his award*



*President elect Nickey Brennan shares a joke with Darragh Ahearne and David Keville*





*Junior camogie stars of 2004 Rachel Ruddy and Michelle Glynn with Nickey Brennan*



*Paddy Corrigan presents intermediate hurler Fergal O'Neill with his medal watched by Gary Cullen, Mick Keville and Darren Lennox*



*Successful senior camogie players Anne Griffin, Maeve Gaynor, Gemma Browne and Emma Seery with Nickey Brennan*

# Summer Camp 2005 Sponsored by



Paddy Christie was one of the star guests at the camp



Dublin Minor hurlers Shane Durkin and Ciaran Twomey brought the Leinster Cup to the Camp



Enjoying their lunch on the steps of the Cusack Stand



DCU student Austin Lynch (top) was on work placement in the club during the year and played a huge part in the organisation of coaching and the summer camps. Star guest Conal Keane also attended.



Rachel Ruddy and Cathal Ryan took their group to the Zoo



All Washed Out . . .

# Mentors, Micko and "De Brother"

The annual social nights for mentors have become a very popular feature in the club calendar. Special guests are an essential element of the night and this year the club was honoured by the presence of Kerry legend, Mick O'Dwyer for the Football Night and Larry O'Gorman, Wexford All-Ireland hurler 1996.



Among the large attendance were standing (l-r) Kevin Cahill, Patricia Mullen, Tom Mullen, Teresa Nash, Niall Kelly, Fergal Brennan, Pat Nash. Seated (l-r) Maeve Cahill, Caroline Glennon, Fiona Kelly, Orla Brennan, Mark Magahran



Mick O'Dwyer is a cousin of John Galvin (front left) and is seen here with Annette Sheehan, Lebbly Galvin. Standing (l-r) Miriam Hore, Ronan Hore, Tom Madigan, Niomh Madigan



Donal and Margaret Monahan were at the Football Mentors Night



Eamonn McKenna was honoured for his 20 or more years of service as Registrar of the Juvenile Section. Eamonn is seen with his wife Phyllis, Mick O'Dwyer and Paddy Walsh



Wexford All-Star, Hurler of the Year and All-Ireland medal winner 1996, Larry O'Gorman with (l-r) Ronan Hore, Paddy Walsh, Rose Sheridan, Noel Sheridan.

# "More effort, more participation will bring more success"



Fergus Reid, team sponsor Ferguson (left) with Pat Conway, team selector, renewing memories of ten years ago.

After just a few weeks in the position of Chairman of the Football Section, I am just beginning to realise the enormity of the job ahead **writes Sean Fitzmaurice.**

With only one minor football trophy in the cabinet, the Junior A team promoted and in the Stacey Cup final and (hopefully won at this stage), it is a small haul for a section of this size. Lots of reasons and excuses can be found but when they are put together there is still a big gap between where we are and where we should be. A range of factors have contributed to what can be described as failures. Everyone involved and more particularly those who are not, but should be, will have to re-double their input in 2006.

As I stated at the Football General Meeting, players will have to become more responsible for their fitness levels and become more part of the club – not just only their team. They must look to their

club as their pride and joy. They must have more active participation particularly by having an input into the juvenile section. This would go a long way to putting back some of what they have learned when they came through their juvenile years. I will be talking to all teams individually in the new year and suggesting ways and means of going about this and other proposals.

Memberships and injury subscriptions will have to be paid on time in order to clear players to play. I will be meeting the managers and mentors in partnership with the committee during the year. All teams will be guaranteed to get as much back from the club and committee as they themselves put in.

Every player and selector/mentor is very important to the success of our football section. All should be treated as such and with great respect. We are all giving of our time voluntarily. Players and mentors should visit the club particularly after home matches as the supporters like to rub shoulders with those they admire on the field of play.

I am taking these words from one of our senior players and putting them forward as our Mission Statement **"Talk well of your team mates, think well of yourselves."**

A number of changes will take place during the coming year. The committee is asking for your support. Any suggestions for improvements will be more than welcome.

Among those present were Standing (l-r) - Enda Timoney, Paul Stafford, Karina Stafford. Seated (l-r) Orla Molloy, Ben Molloy, Patrick Greville, Amy Greville.

Finally, thanks for all the effort put in over the past season. Enjoy the break over the festive season although for some it will be short.

I know if the determination is there to put in 100% next year we will have more success.

To all club members on behalf of the Football Committee, I want to wish all members and their families a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.



At the reunion of the 1995 SFC win were Ken Murray, Tom Prendergast, Micheal Gardiner, Emma Gardiner, Sean Fitzmaurice, Tony Duffy and Tomás Ó Riordáin.



Mick Higgins tries his luck with Chris Eubanks!



Former World Super Middleweight Boxing Champion bumped into Paul Magahran while the Boden man was working for the Niall Mellon Township Challenge in South Africa.

# Achoimre 2005.....a look back at some of the highlights

## Football

The Junior A football team managed by Conor Hand with Tommy Flynn and Denis Donoghue set the headlines for the big ball game in 2005. Although the side fell to Man-O-War in the championship, the team had the satisfaction of overcoming the same opposition in the Promotion Play-Off final in the league to secure a deserved spot in Division 6 for the coming season. The side also reached the Stacey Cup final against Clontarf. Result unknown at the time of going to print.

On the minor front, the Minor As under Liam Carter, Conor Doolan, Matt Fletcher and Helen McGuinness were pipped in a thrilling championship semi-final against Ballymun Kickhams. The woodwork denying Alan Carter a winning goal in the final minute. However, the side successfully defended the Christy Reardon Cup in Thomas Davis with wins over St. Patrick's (Palmerstown) and St. Judes before overcoming the host club Thomas Davis in a game that required extra time to separate the sides.

## Representative honours

Conal Keaney established himself on the Dublin Senior Football team and Colin Moran recovered from a serious arm injury to star in attack and defence for the Dubs. He also helped lead Leinster to inter-provincial success in Parnell Park.

Injuries ruined Declan O'Mahony's playing season and we hope 2006 is kinder to this fine player. Declan and Cian Hore were part of the Dublin Under 21 squad that won the Leinster title.

Barry Cullen and Shane Durkin were part of the Dublin Minor Football squad. Conor Doolan was a selector of the Dublin Under 17 Development Squad.

## Hurling

The Senior hurling team managed by John Ryan with Paddy Corrigan and Emmet Pullan fell at the semi-final of the championship to the eventual winners UCD who went on to contest the Leinster final before losing narrowly to the All-Ireland champions - James Stephens. The side won the Willie Phelan cup defeating Ballygunner and is still in contention to defend the League title won last year. The Intermediate team with mentors Emmet Pullan and Mick Fletcher is still in contention for league honours with the competition due for completion at a date unknown! The Junior A team managed by Martin Donohue, Ollie Hickey and Mick Kennedy finished runners-up in the championship.

In Minor hurling, the "A" team with Tom Durkin, Robbie Lambert, Colin Durkin, Brendan Swords and Austin Lynch went down by just two points in the championship final to Lucan Sarsfields. Again, the position in regards to the "B" and "C" teams chances of cup success is somewhat of a mystery given the state of GAC disorganisation.

The Under 21 championships won't commence until late January 2006.



*The club had three members on the Dublin minor hurling squad that brought home the Leinster title for the first time in 22 years - front row (l-r) Shane Durkin, Conor McCormack. Back row (on right) Ciaran Twomey.*

## Representative Honours

Senior: Gary Maguire, Stephen Hiney, Daragh Spain, Stephen Perkins, David Sweeney, Tim Sweeney, Simon Daly, Emmet Carroll and David Curtin who captained Dublin.

Under 21: Tim Sweeney, Michael Griffin, James Duffy and Michael Mc Garry

Minor: Ciarán Twomey, Conor McCormack and Shane Durkin - winners of the Leinster Championship

## Camogie

The Senior A team under P J Donohue, Paul Crosbie and Anne Scallan won the Open Cup for the first time and successfully defended the Naomh Jude Floodlight 9-a-side competition. The Intermediate team led by Mary Jo Glynn, Sheila O'Shea, Mick Glynn and Tomás Ó Riordáin finished as League runners up.

The Under 16A camogie team put up a fighting performance before going down narrowly to St. Vincents in the championship final. The mentors are Mick Glynn, Clarinda Noonan and Sheila O'Shea. They were also league runners-up. While the Under 14A team reached the Final of the Dublin Féile Division 1 under Fiona Ní Shuilleabháin, Catherine Cummins and Mona Uí Shuilleabháin before losing narrowly to eventual All-Ireland finalists St. Vincents. There was a league title for the Dublin 11A team with Ciara Lucey and Elaine Hickey at the helm.



*Ciara Lucey became the first Dublin O'Neills Camogie All-Star in 2005*



The Féile na nGael hurling team which excelled in the National Finals in Cork. Back Row : Ciaran Byrne, Mick Keville (Mentor), Daire Lambert, Eoin Moriarty, Oisín Cannon, David O'Flaherty, Cillian Moffat, Sean O'Shea, Paul O'Brien (Mentor), Stephen O'Connor (capt). Middle Row : Tadhg Griffin, Shane Doyle, Niall Ryan, Naoise Maguire, Finian McDonagh, Ian Kenny, Niall McGovern, Cian Keogh. Front Row : Cillian Gallogly, Colin Kennedy, Kane O'Doherty, John Breen, Cian Durkin, Eoghan Horgan, Shane Butler. Missing : Marcus O'Beirne, Thomas Sweeney and Jack Brady



All-Ireland Junior Camogie winners with Dublin (l-r) - Anne Griffin, Ciara Lucey and Emer Lucey.



Celebrating the Minor A football team's success in the Christy Reardon Cup final in Thomas Davis were the Doolan family (from left) Shane, Conor (mentor), Fiona and Conor Jnr.



The Junior A football team celebrate promotion to Division 6 of the League with manager Conor Hand



The Senior B ladies football team won the Tracey Staunton Sevens in Clanna Gael-Fontenoy for the second year in a row. Standing (l-r) Jenny Keane, Katy Giblin, Tanya Hughes, Emma Hunt, Carol Ryan. Front row (l-r) Edel Drury, Aoife Clarke, Kathryn Corrigan, Teresa Molohan, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin.

## Representative Honours

Dublin Seniors/Juniors : Ciara Lucey, Emer Lucey, Anne Griffin who were on the Junior team that brought the All Ireland back to Dublin for the first time in thirty years. Also congratulations to Peter Lucey, a former juvenile hurling mentor, who was nominated for Manager of the Year.

Dublin Minor: Caoilfhionn Ní Neill, Sharon Glynn, Sarah Noonan, Katie Sinnott - narrowly beaten by Kilkenny in the Leinster Final.

Dublin U14: Dearbhla Brennan, Aoife O'Leary, Jane Nolan, Danielle Brogan - reached the Leinster Final.

## Ladies Football

The Senior B team managed by Marie Denvir, Kevin Cahill, Mick Hunt and Madeline McAuliffe began their year with participation in the Holyrood Hotel Tournament in Donegal. The side had the honour of successfully defending the Tracey Staunton Sevens at Clanna Gael-Fontenoy in August with Teresa Molohan earning the Player of the Tournament award.

The Minor A team under the guidance of Paul Coffey, Mary Cummins and Feargal Brennan will have to wait until 2006 to see if they can capture the League and Championship. Optimism is high after a fine win over the favourites Fingallians, champions in 2004.

Barry Coll's Under 16 side with help from Aine Kelly and Pat McGrath has also to complete its championship and league programme and could yet finish in the winners enclosure. Barry and Aine also worked hard with their players to secure a runners-up spot for the Under 14B team in the league.

The Under 12A team and mentors Seamie O'Neill and Derek Ward had a great season winning the league and championship double as well as taking on opposition in Meath, Wexford and Laois.

The Under 10 team also enjoyed a great year under Barry Coll, Pat McGrath and Mick Aylmer winning the double and also capturing the Under 10 Blitz at Cabinteely.

## Representative Honours

The club was represented on the Dublin Senior Leinster title winning squad by Sorcha Farrelly, Karen Hopkins, Martina Farrell, Louise Kelly, Noelle Comyn, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Gemma Fay and Joanne O'Sullivan. We also had 6 players on the Dublin "B" team who were runners-up in the Leinster Junior Final - Suzanne Hughes (Captain), Aisling Farrelly, Orla Scolard, Claire Butterly, Sarah Denvir and Lisa Smith.

Congratulations to Jill Kinevane, Aoife O'Leary, Eadaoin Walsh and Rachel Nugent who were part of Dublin's Under 14 All-Ireland success.

## Juvenile

In juvenile hurling there were league and camaint successes for the Under 11 team managed by John Maher, Ray McKenna, Liam Phelan. The Under 12 team under the stewardship of Paudie Ó Neill, Niall Desmond and Paddy Corrigan captured the Alan Cregan Tournament run by Erins Isle and won the Kevin Cardiff Cup at the club's annual Féile Iomána. The Under 13 team made up for the disappointment in the inaugural championship final at this age with a league success. Mentors Ciaran Maguire, John Ryan, John Small and Mick Garry. The Under 13B team won their Section of the P J Troy Cup with mentors Sean Gilheaney, Dave Harford, and



Manager Vincent Carney gives his Under-14 team a pep talk before one of the Féile Peil games.



Dermot Daly accepts the Willie Phelan Cup from Bridie Phelan after the Senior Hurlers beat Ballygunner in the annual event.



Under-10 Girls Football Double Champions Front row (l-r) Mick Aylmer, Barry Coll, Orla Dooley, Julie Sadler, Cathriona Sinnott, Martha MacLachlan, Maedhbh McNamara, Katie Murphy, Ashling O'Leary, Lisa Gillen, Danielle Aylmer, Pat McGrath. Middle row (l-r) Niamh McLoughlin, Una O'Riordan, Lauren Falconer, Maria McGrath, Aoife O'Brien, Jessica Nugent, Amy O'Halloran, Ashling O'Leary, Kate O'Toole, Ruth Gillen, Jessica McGirr.



The Under 11A camogie team which won their league with mentors Ciara Lucey and Elaine Hickey.



Under 12A football team that won the South City U12 league: Back row: Paul Waters, Ned Flood, Thomas Mc Grath, Pierce Griffin, Robert Mc Daid, Adam Jermyn, David Ryan, Lorcan Mullany, Jamie Desmond, Conor Dooley, Don Mc Mahon, Pat Murphy. Front Row: Gavin Corrigan, Conor Robinson, Oliver Barrett, Brian Mc Carthy, Fiachra Sudway, Alan Flood (With Mascot Shane Flood) Sean Mc Mahon, Dara Murphy, Eoin O' Neill.



Back (l-r): Fiona Ni Shúilleabháin (mentor) Caoimhe Murray, Dearbhla Brennan, Jane Nolan, Eadaoin Walsh, Jenny Dunne, Aoife O'Leary, Laura Murphy, Sarah McCarthy, Sarah Barrett, Sarah Cummins, Mona Uí Shúilleabháin (mentor). Front (l-r): Sarah-Marie Feighan, Aisling Keane, Roisin Ni Shuilleabhain, Ciara Farrell, Niamh Reilly, Ciara Donovan, Coleen Daly, Danielle Brogan, Una McSharry, Kym Doyle, Lorna McMullan. Missing Catherine Cummins (mentor)



The Minor A Football players in a happy mood after winning the Christy Reardon Cup



U14 Ladies Féile team: Elaine Young, Kym Doyle, Laura Murphy, Eadaoin Walsh, Jane Nolan, Michelle Tighe, Aoife O'Leary, Leanne Malone, Rachel Nugent, Ashling Keane, Zoe Ennis, Dearbhla Brennan, Una MacSharry, Colleen Daly, Lorna Mc Mullen, Jill Kinevane, Ciara Donovan, Jenny Wallace, Danielle Brogan, and Sinead Birmingham. Mentors Robbie Murphy, Karl Young, and Joe Brennan.

Tomás Ó Riordáin.

The Under 14A team reached the Féile na nGael final going down to eventual All-Ireland champions Kilmacud Crokes. The team further excelled itself in the All-Ireland finals in Cork recording victories over Newtownshandrum and Galway champions Turloughmore. The Under 15A team managed by Paul Daly, Francis Sharkey, Aidan Kennedy and Robert Woodcock reached the county final and will have a play-off with champions St. Brigids to decide the destination of the league title.

In juvenile football, the Under 11C team has attained Division 1 status under Mentors: Neil Buckingham, Mary Costello, Aidan Byrne, Seamus De Frein, Aidan Brophy and were winners of the Division 2 Plate competition. The Under 12A (Division 1) team with Mentors: Ned Flood, Patrick Murphy, Paul Waters, Don McMahon had a great year taking the league and the October Blitz at Ballymun Kickhams.

The Under 13A side under the baton of Mentors: Noel Basquel and Sean Crowley finished runners up in the championship to Ballymun Kickhams. A gallant bid by the Under 15A team for that elusive Juvenile Championship title was denied this team in extra time by eventual winners Erins Isle. Mentors Vivian Ruddy, Jim Keane, Declan O'Reilly, Kevin Maguire, John Mulligan and team remain in contention for the league.



The Under 16 camogie team – Championship and League Runners up Back row (l-r) Róisín Walsh, Lauren Coffey, Michelle Barr, Sinéad Hughes, Megan Murphy, Maria Shanahan, Grace Maher, Grace Brennan Capt), Caoilfhionn Ní Neill, Sheila Whelan. Front row: (l-r) Shauna Cannon, Sarah Noonan, Katie Sinnott, Fiona O'Shea, Noelle Brogan, Paula McGrath, Fiona Nea, Sharon Glynn, Natalia Hyland, Rachel Maunsell



The Under 13 hurling team reached in the inaugural Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland 11 aside final before being pipped by Na Piarasaigh. Back (l-r) Ciaran Maguire, John Ryan, Naoise Maguire, Finnian McDonnagh, Niall Ryan, David Garry, Cillain Moffat, Darragh Geoghegan, Sean Prendergast, Mick Garry, John Small. Front (l-r) Ronan Cleary, Alan Ryan, Ryan Basquel, John Breen, Andrew Hand, Stephen Jordan, Ronan Glynn, Eoin Small.



The Under 12 Ladies Football team won league and championship titles - Back row (l-r); Seamie O'Neill ( mentor ) Niamh Brien , Megan Kelly, Jennifer Ward, Nicole Basquel, Stephanie Connell, Alice Gillen, Niamh Doyle, Elaine McGrath, Michelle Clancy, Aoife O'Gara, Ciara Ruddy, Emma Doyle, Derek Ward (Mentor). Front row (l-r): Anna Stafford, Suzanne O'Reilly, Tracey Kennedy, Megan Carney, Sarah O'Brien, Maria McGrath, Michelle O'Reilly, Cathy O'Neill, Ashling Claffy.

# ANSEO IS ANSIUD



Bill Daly receives the Hall of Fame award at the Dublin County Board awards night from County Chairman, John Hillery

Pat O'Donovan, General Manager of Harold's Cross Greyhound Track makes a presentation to senior ladies footballer Sarah Denvir of some footballs during the club's Night at the Dogs.



Cast and crew of the Bodén Drama Group who performed "All in favour say No" in the club in 2005 Left - Right. Back row: Mark Magahran (sound & light operator), Gordon Haughton (stage management), Joe Kearney (Eddie Malone), John Joe O' Sullivan (Producer), Aiveen Carr (Sally). Xavier Goodwin (Ronnie Partridge), Declan O'Brien (Director), Seán Fitzmaurice (Christy Medcalf), Ciarán Griffin (Liam), Mick Keவில் (Dave). Front row: Caroline Glennon (wardrobe), Hilda Kelly (Dee Kavanagh), Ceara Nic Coitir (Joan), Liam Delaney (Gilbert Donnelly), Cathy Lane (Miss Temple), Ms Lane junior (Ticket Attendant),



Dramatic Cast! (l-r) Brendan Timbs, Mick Keவில், Seán Fitzmaurice, Ciarán Griffin, Joe Kearney, Ailish Bates, John Joe O'Sullivan, Declan O'Brien, Aiveen Carr, Sean Flynn, Xavier Goodwin. Front: Ceara Nic Coitir, Hilda Kelly (Seated), Cathy Lane and Liam Delaney.

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*Coiste na Seana Gael – award recipients 2005 . . . Diarmuid Mac Mathúna, John O'Neill and Séan Flynn were honoured for their services to gaelic games by an Coiste na Seana Gael. Watching on are previous recipients (standing) Liam Delaney and Tomás Ó Riordáin.*



*Dermot Manley, nephew of former GAA President Séan McCague was the winner of the Camogie Section's Guess the Score of the All-Ireland Hurling final. Dermot is seen receiving his prize from Mona O'Sullivan (left), Secretary and Anne Scallan, Vice Chair of the Camogie Committee.*



*The Special Prize of a Volkswagen Golf 1.4 was won by John Keogh, Delaford Lawn, Knocklyon. John bought the first ticket sold in the Lotto. Seller: Iomair Treacey. John is seen here collecting the keys for the Volkswagen Golf 1.4 the special lotto prize. Left to right : Danny Griffin (Executive member ), Iomair Treacey Jnr (Sales Executive Park Motors), John Keogh ( winner of lotto Volkswagen ) and Iomair Treacey ( Lotto Chairman Ballyboden St. Endas ).*

*The Minor C hurlers and Under 16 camogie players teamed up as Marshals for the Adidas Dublin City Marathon on Bank Holiday Monday. The Race was organised by Club Social Member Mick McCartan. In the picture (l-r): Andrew Buckeridge, Peter Buckeridge, Greg Byrne, Eoin O'Reilly, James McCarthy, Paula McGrath, Neal Farrell, Sarah Noonan, Aidan Horgan, Shane Lucey, Cormac O'Kelly, Daire O Súilleabháin, Ronan Henry, Danny Scully and Lauren Coffey.*



# ANSEO IS ANSIUD



Over 100 young boys took part in the annual David Maycock Memorial Cup competition with victory going to Longford captained by Fionn Maguire, accepting the Cup from Paddy and Jane Maycock



Over 110 girls under the age of 12 took part in the Annual Camogie Mini All-Ireland. Caoimhe Murray with her team



Ciara Donovan with her team in the Mini All-Ireland Camogie Blitz.



The Under 13 footballers were guests of Claregalway during 2005.