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IRISLEABHAR BAILE BUADÁIN NAOMH ÉANNA
Nollaig 2008

Sancta Maria Complex – taking shape

As the club enters its 40th Anniversary Year in 2009, the sparkling development at the Sancta Maria Complex is a wonderful testimony to the club and the manner in which it has responded to the challenges of the times.

In 1999, the Club voted to purchase the site and for the past decade, the club has diligently proceeded to develop the complex. To date a floodlit Astroturf type All-Weather pitch has been provided; a superb floodlit All-Weather pitch (140m x 81m) came on stream in 2008 and next Spring the Prunty pitch (138m x 86m) will be used for games. Already, the club has claimed honours – Senior hurling league and Under 14 football league titles on the new pitch – a happy omen for the future.

The AGM held on 4 December 2008 gave the go-ahead to commence the construction of six dressing rooms at the site. Dressing room facilities will also be provided in Knocklyon Park.

Sports Capital grants will assist greatly in meeting the costs of these facilities and the club is extremely grateful to all who have supported the club in these endeavours.



New Floodlit All-Weather pitch at Sancta Maria



World Exclusive Boden man introduces world's fastest man to the World's fastest game

Under 14 camogie mentor Ken Giles secured a Boden News exclusive when he caught up with Usain "Lightning" Bolt of Jamaica the world record holder and Olympic Champion over 100m and 200m and presented him with a hurley.

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- In his 13 years in charge of sponsorship Danny Griffin has raised in excess of €260,000. A magnificent achievement and he has also completed a 17 year stint on the Executive Committee.
- Appreciation to Patsy Monaghan for his services on the Executive Committee. Always a valuable advisor on building projects and a great worker on the Lotto Committee.
- Kevin Cahill has every one of Sportsfile's publication A Season of Sundays bar one. If any member has a copy of the 1999 edition, Kevin would love to hear from you.
- Senior intercounty footballers in 2008 – Conal Keaney, Colin Moran and Declan O'Mahony, Dublin Junior football squad members Darren Homan and David Hughes while the club was represented on the minor panel by Darragh Nelson, Seamus Keane and Sean Gibbons.
- Representing the club on Dublin hurling teams: Senior – Stephen Hiney (captain), David Curtin, Gary McGuire, Paul Ryan and Simon Lambert. Under 21 – Simon Lambert, Shane Durkin, Paul Ryan and Finn McGarry. Minor – Mark Lambert, Dean Curran, Matthew Curran, Niall McMorrow, Barry Keogh, John Keogh and Stephen O'Connor. Intermediate: Selector John Keating – players – Darragh Spain, Cathal Ryan, Tim Sweeney, David Sweeney, Emmet Carroll. Over 40 Brian Kelleher. Malachy Travers represented Wexford.
- On Dublin Camogie teams: Senior – Ciara Lucey, Rachel Ruddy, Fiona Ní Chorcóráin, Sile ní Coitir. Under 16 – Ciara Donovan, Lauren Edwards and Aisling Keane. Under 14 – Amy Ryan and Alyson Doyle.
- In Ladies football – Noelle Comyn, Natalia Hyland, Karen Hopkins and Edel Drury won Leinster Senior honours while Natalia Hyland and Rachel Nugent won All-Ireland Minor Honours and Clare King captained the Dublin Under 14 team.
- Sean Jennings won the Golf Society's Player of the Year award.
- Membership in 2008 hit a total of 2,141

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This time last year, having completed three years as Club Chairman, I indicated that I would not be seeking re-election this year. Obviously, I am a sucker for punishment and here I am again at the helm. This, however, is definitely my last year as the Club Bye Laws and Rules limit my reign to four years.

This was another great year for the Club on the playing fields as we won over 35 trophies with many other teams in runners-up positions. Some teams won league and Championship doubles which is a great distinction for them. As many of these victories were in the younger age groups, it shows that we have many good young players coming through the system.

Another first for the Club in 2008 was the winning of the Camogie Leinster senior championship final. Winning the Dublin final was special in the manner of the win but the Leinster was extra special on an otherwise rotten day in Rathnure. But the result is the important thing and it fell our way. The team also won the Open Cup and was unlucky to be beaten in the league final. The senior B Camogie team also had a great win in the shield final.

After our defeat to Birr in the first round of the Leinster senior hurling championship, our team and management were very dejected. I suppose it is a sign of how far we have come in two years that we genuinely expected to beat Birr. It did not happen on the day but it was not for want of effort on the training field and on the field of play. If, this time two years ago, we were offered two senior hurling championships, one league (2007) and a Leinster final, we would have taken it without question. The performance of the Hurling Section generally has been exceptional. The senior B team retained senior A league status. The minor A team won the championship and league and the minor B team also won the Championship.

We have become used to the successes of the Senior Ladies footballers over the years and have begun to take their successes for granted. They won their 9th senior county final this year – what a record and what a team, and they also won the league. Unfortunately they were beaten in the Leinster semi-final by a very good Mountmellick team. At underage level, the section continues to grow and grow with championship and league wins at different age levels. Indeed, the Under 14A team did the treble – Féile, Championship and league. The future is surely bright.

The senior footballers had a good start to their championship. However, following a great contest with Ballymun Kickhams in the quarter final, they were extremely unlucky to be beaten by virtually the last action of the game with a last minute sucker punch of a goal. Despite a disappointing league, having to win their last game to be guaranteed Div 1 status next year, there is still the nucleus of a team there that is capable of winning the Championship. The Junior A footballers kept the football flag flying by winning the Stacey Cup on another horrible day in Ballycullen.

The success of our Juvenile Section is the envy of many clubs. The highlight of the year, among the many successes, especially in the eyes of the outgoing chairman, John Ryan, was the U16 championship victory over our neighbours, St Judes. This team had been beaten in three championship finals by this same Judes team so this victory was particularly sweet. There were also excellent wins for the Under 14 footballers who won the league, the under 13A footballers who did the double, the Under 13C footballers who won the championship/shield and the U12 and U 13 hurlers who won the Camaint and PJ Troy trophies respectively.

Our Academies, are thriving on Saturday mornings thanks to the hard work of Brian O'Regan, Paul McLoughlin and their cohort of workers. A new academy in Ballycullen was set up recently and hopefully it will take some of the pressure off the local academy at the Club. The Summer Camps continue to be one of the most popular in the area thanks to the organisational abilities of PJ Donohue, with Brian and Paul.

Fundraising continues to be an important part of Club finances as we strive to run the Club to the required standard. The current recession is likely to have a negative effect on our fundraising efforts. We urge all members to help in any way you can.

An ongoing source of income for a number of years now has been the Lotto and this year again it contributed a considerable sum to our coffers. The potential income from the Lotto is huge. It is therefore very disappointing that there are still a large number of members who are not members of the Lotto. If all members were contributing, we could raise a further 45,000 or more annually.

The bar has been a regular source of finance over many years. However, this year again there is a drop in the overall bar turnover. I would ask members to use our lounge when ever possible. On Wednesday nights there is a very good music session in the lounge and if you are a musician, you are welcome to join in. Otherwise, why not just come down and enjoy the seisiún. We also have a Drama Society, an Art Society, set dancing on a Wednesday night, cards on a Friday night, pool and darts, and a Senior Citizens Network that organises social outings, so there are plenty of activities around the Club that might interest you. If you are worried about your heart giving up while in the Club, don't worry, we have a defibrillator, thanks to Niall Sudway, and we have trained operators thanks to Anne Marie Sudway.

Gaelic Telecom is another way members can painlessly contribute to Club finances by simply transferring from their current telephone supplier to Gaelic Telecom. The Club will then get 15% of the cost of calls made. I would encourage everyone to consider moving to Gaelic Telecom.

On the capital spending side, it is a great relief that Sancta Maria all-weather full-size pitch is now up and running and receiving very positive comments from players and mentors alike. The entrance road and the car park are in use and the Prunty-type pitch should be ready for play next year. Having completed the purchase of the additional buildings in Sancta Maria, we sought and were granted planning permission to build 6 dressing rooms. We also successfully applied for Lottery funding and we were awarded a grant of 350,000. Hopefully building will commence early in the New Year. I ask mentors/players to close and lock the gates to the Green Route if yours is the last car to leave the car park.

In Ballycullen we have been granted planning permission for the dressing rooms and we intend to proceed with them as soon as some logistical problems are sorted out with the Council in relation to a large water main that will be laid beside the pitch. Again, it is essential that the gates are closed and locked after the last car leaves the car park.

Next year is the 40th anniversary of the Club and we hope to celebrate it in a proper manner. Next year is also the 125th anniversary of the founding of the GAA so we may be able to combine both celebrations. It is probable that we will officially open Sancta Maria during 2009 so this will be a big occasion – any ideas about this would be appreciated. There will be many challenges, including trying to retain the trophies we have won and trying to add the other senior trophy (football) to our collection.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind members that they have a responsibility to ensure that the Door Duty roster is complied with. Members will have to do the door duty no more than once a year. So please check the Club website (www.bodengaa.ie) to see when your turn arrives.

I wish all the incoming Committee members, managers, mentors, coaches, board delegates, players, Ned and his bar staff, sponsors, fundraisers, our general membership, our schools and our General Manager, Noel Sheridan, the best of luck for the New Year.

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.

To my wife Theresa, and my family, a special thank you for your patience over the years and I ask for your indulgence for one more year.

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 agus do mbeiradh muid beo ag an am seo arís.

Paddy Walsh

LOTTO "A Valuable Source of Revenue" says Pádraig Cullinane, Lotto Chairman

The LOTTO is now in its ninth year and continues to be a valuable source of revenue for the club. However over the past few years the number of subscribers has declined and now stands at 765. This is well down on previous years. We have now reached a critical stage and should the downward trend continue we will be close to a situation where the LOTTO will no longer be a money earner.

The LOTTO is a key fundraising source and the funds raised are spent on coaching and facilities which benefits all members of the club. The changed economic situation will put pressure on all the revenue sources. It is therefore very important that the LOTTO continues to play a central role in our fundraising activities. An examination of the list of LOTTO subscribers shows that the take-up by members is poor. Members who do not participate in the LOTTO are therefore encouraged to become involved. If it is not possible to commit for a year as a registered subscriber, members can contribute through the weekly €2 envelope or through the online service. This can be accessed through www.bodengaa.ie or through www.localotto.ie. A drive for new subscribers will be undertaken in the New Year and we look forward to a positive response from everybody.

Over €90,000 is distributed in prizes which is a substantial sum. The odds of winning are also very good with over 300 winners throughout the year. In LOTTO 2008 which began in April there already have been over 190 winners.

Monday night is LOTTO night. So why not drop down to the clubhouse and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere which surrounds the LOTTO draw. The draw takes place at 11.00pm.

A special word of thanks to Cathal Macarthy of Macarthy Auctioneers for his continuing sponsorship of the LOTTO.



Jack and Vera McNeela receiving their €10,000 Jackpot cheque from Club Chairman, Paddy Walsh and Pádraig Cullinane, Lotto Chairman (right)



Lotto Committee: Back row (l-r) Pádraig Cullinane, Diarmuid MacMathúna, Sean Flynn, Kevin Geoghegan (former Chair), Linda Treacey, Sarah Jennings. Front row (l-r) Annette Sheehan, Attracta Garvey, Patsy Monaghan, Liam Delaney.



Dolores Hamm Farrell a €4000 Jackpot winner with Pádraig Cullinane and Paddy Walsh.



Kieran and Marie O'Malley - €10,000 Jackpot winners with Pádraig Cullinane

STAR FILE



Name: Anne Griffin
Team: Senior Camogie
Height: 5'7

Fave Food:

Pasta + Subway

Fave Music:

A bit of everything really- Rihanna, Westlife, Kings Of Leon

Fave TV:

Desperate Housewives/X-Factor/Home and Away

Fave Book:

To be honest don't read books....prefer magazines

Favourite Grounds:

Páirc Uí Mhurchú & St Peregrines

What has been your greatest moment in sport?

Winning Club Leinster Final 2008

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?

Louise O'Hara-Erin's Isle and O'Donovan Rossa in general

What are your hobbies?

Walking and socialising

What are your vices?

Vodka and Red Bull

Nominate the laziest person you know?

Definitely Emer Lucey (You would not think it on the pitch though)

GAA Gripes?

Inconsistency with refereeing decisions and the way women don't get the same recognition as men in GAA.

Childhood heroes?

DJ Carey & Fiona Corcoran

Do you play any other sports?

No.....used to play soccer, Gaelic + basketball

Do you have any superstitions before a match?

Yep...have to put on fake tan and paint my nails. Takes my mind of the game

The highest point of your career to date?

Leinster Champions 2008

Biggest Disappointment:

Well there is a few.....Losing Leinster final 2006 by a point. Losing to Vincent's in 2007 in extra time of the replay and then of course losing All-Ireland semi-final this year.

Other players with a promising future:

Aoife O'Leary, Natalia Hyland & Jane Nolan

Ways of improving GAA:

Making sure the championship is finished by the end of September and also making sure that big club matches are not on the same day so that the teams can go support each other.

Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse:

Hayyyyy & "Maura,Maura,Maura"

Pet Hates:

People chewing too loud and slurping their tea.

What advice would you give to young players?

Train as if your playing a match and just enjoy it.

How would you like to be remembered?

As a bit of a laugh + a good team player.

How do you think you will be remembered ?

"Your one who lived in Coppers"

STAR FILE



Name: Gary Maguire
Team: Senior Hurling
Height: 6' 1"

Fave Food:

Lasagna and chips

Fave Music:

Bloc Party & Modest Mouse

Fave TV:

Scrubs

Fave Book:

The Godfather

Favourite Grounds:

Nowlan Park & Thurles

What has been your greatest moment in sport?

Paolo Di Canio pushing over the referee. Ha!

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?

Henry Shefflin

What are your hobbies?

Relaxing listening to some tunez

What are your vices?

Puck outs

Nominate the laziest person you know?

Tim Sweeney

GAA Gripes?

Lack of time off between seasons

Childhood heroes?

Seanie McMahon and Johnny Pilkington

Do you play any other sports?

No

Do you have any superstitions before a match?

Not really just stick to the same routine as much as possible

The highest point of your career to date?

So far winning 2 senior titles in a row with the club

Biggest Disappointment:

Our performance against Birr this year

Other players with a promising future:

Niall McMorrow & Barry Condon

Ways of improving GAA:

Pay the players would be good but couldn't work

Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse:

A combine harvester would turn quicker

Pet Hates:

Hurlers on the ditch/ back slappers

What advice would you give to young players?

Practice as much as you can

How would you like to be remembered?

As a good skilful player

How do you think you will be remembered ?

Probably as an alright hurler who did stupid things

STAR FILE



Name: Mark O'Sullivan
Team: Senior Football
Height: 5 ft 9 in

Fave Food:

Pizza

Fave Music:

Kings of Leon

Fave TV:

Top Gear

Fave Book:

Bringing Down the House

Favourite Grounds:

Croke Park

What has been your greatest moment in sport?

Winning the Dublin Minor Championship & Cycling from Malin Head to Mizen head in 4 days.

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?

Dessie Farrell

What are your hobbies?

Gaelic Football, Cycling and Surfing.

What are your vices?

Beer!

Nominate the laziest person you know? Joanne O'Sullivan

GAA Gripes?

Bad Refs

Childhood heroes?

Larry Tompkins

Do you play any other sports?

Not anymore I'm too old!

Do you have any superstitions before a match?

No

The highest point of your career to date?

Dublin Blue Star & Captaining the Ballyboden Senior Football Team

Biggest Disappointment:

Not winning a Dublin Senior football championship, YET!

Other players with a promising future:

The current minor team are very good at present and two players to watch out for would be Seamus Keane & Stephen O'Connor.

Ways of improving GAA:

Continued player development.

Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse:

You didn't lick it from a stone.

Pet Hates:

Bad Refs.

What advice would you give to young players?

Enjoy your football and hurling.

How would you like to be remembered?

A happy person.

How do you think you will be remembered ?

Happy/cranky depends on who you are!

STAR FILE



Name: Teresa Molohan
Team: Senior Ladies Football
Height: 5'4"

Fave Food:

Sunday Roast

Fave Music:

Razorlight, Killers, U2

Fave Book:

Its Not About The Bike (Lance Armstrong)

Favourite Grounds:

Cusack Park Ennis

What has been your greatest moment in sport?

All -Ireland Club 2005 and Leinster Club 2006

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?

Siobhan McGrath

What are your hobbies?

Music, Reading, Scuba Diving

What are your vices?

A little drop of whisky!

Nominate the laziest person you know?

My brother!

GAA Gripes?

Cancelled matches at last minute

Childhood heroes?

Marco Van Basten, Ray Houghton, Michael Jordan

Do you play any other sports?

Bit of rugby & soccer

Do you have any superstitions before a match?

Not really

The highest point of your career to date?

Club All-Ireland 2005, Leinster Club 2006

Biggest Disappointment:

Losing to Mountmellick this year

Other players with a promising future:

Paula & Elaine McGrath, Rachel Nugent

Ways of improving GAA:

Better scheduling of games, improved facilities

Pet hates:

None really

What advice would you give to young players?

Play as many sports as possible as it will make you a better player. Work hard for your team, enjoy playing. It'll be over before you know it!

How would you like to be remembered?

Haven't thought about that yet. I've a year or two left!!

Hurling Review - Championship titles from Under 16 to Senior

What a year! Two teams competing in Division 1 of the senior league – more than likely a national first; a successful defence of the senior A championship; a double minor championship and an under 16 championship crown. A truly remarkable year and there were a few near misses as well.

2007 was an historic year. But no doubt there would have been doubters outside the club who would have revelled if we could not retain the senior title. They did not get the opportunity as the team claimed the crown with an impressive win over Kilmacud Crokes. The form may not have been as impressive as in 2007 but there was still huge expectation and hope when the side faced Birr in the Leinster club championship. But the team never performed and Birr were deserving winners. But a terrific year nonetheless for the players and management team of Liam Hogan, Robert Lambert, John Kirwan, Jim Kilty, Gerry Aherne

and those associated with the team.

The double minor success – Minor A (Francis Sharkey, Conor Sheehan, Donal Ryan, Paul Daly, Robert Woodcock) and Minor B (Dave Harford, Eddie Finn, John Small, John Ryan) broke another frontier. While the success of the Under 16 team over St. Judes (John Small, John Ryan, Mick Garry, Eoghan Carroll, Mick Ryan) showed that there's no beating persistence.

In 2009, there is a possibility the Senior team will take part in the Leinster League while the Senior B side (Emmet Pullan, Mick Fletcher, Philip Larkin) has retained its Division 1 status - no mean feat.

Senior A championship - The Back to Back Win

Group Stage

Dublin South East

2 – 23 to 0 – 9

Kilmacud Crokes 1 – 16 to 1 – 11

St Brigids

2 – 20 to 1 – 9

Quarter final

St Vincents

0 – 11 to 0 – 11

St Vincents

2 – 8 to 0 – 11

Semi Final

Lucan Sarsfields 2 – 15 to 2 – 10

Final

Kilmacud Crokes 0 – 17 to 0 – 7

AIB Leinster club championship

Round 1

Birr

0 – 8 to 1 – 17



Who is the longest serving manager in the club? Ned Slattery - 10 years Junior Hurling and 14 years as Bar Manager!!!!



Winner of the Senior Hurling Fundraising Draw Brian Mahon of Trackline Crane Hire receives his cheque from Executive Committee Member Danny Griffin in the presence of his wife Sheila and Eddie Finn, Hurling Committee Chairman.



Michael McGarry and Maurice Nagle enjoying the Senior Hurlers trip to Portugal



John Kirwan and Tomás Ó Reachtabhra enjoying the sun on the Algarve.



Paul Cullen (third from left, Front row) of Life Goals Financial Services is the sponsor of the Senior B hurling team. Back Row: Emmet Pullan, Gary Cullen, Mick Fletcher, Barry Condrón, Brendan Wall. Front Row: Dermot Maguire, Natalie Cullen, Paul Cullen, Chris Nagle, Tom Cullen, Philip Larkin, Darren Lennox



Captain of Back-to-Back senior championship wins - David Sweeney



Former Wexford Hurling great George O'Connor with Camogie coach/player Fiona Ní Shuilleabháin at a coaching course in Sancta Maria.



Chris Lynam of St. Brigids and Reservoir Dubs took this fine action shot of Michael Griffin from the County Final.



Shane Durkin gave a man of the match performance in the Senior Championship final.



Minor A hurling champions 2008 - Back Row: Stephen O'Connor, Dean Curran, Eoin Small, Ronan Cleary, Seamus Keane, Dermot Coffey, Niall McMorrow, John Breen, Thomas Sweeney, Eoin Moriarty, Kieran Byrne, Darragh Lambert, Cillian Moffat, Sean O'Shea. Front Row: Naoise Maguire, Cillian Gallogly, Colin Kennedy, Sean Nixon, Finian McDonagh, Niall Ryan, Oisin Cannon, Ian Kenny, Ronan Sharkey, Darragh Creighan, Matthew Curran, Barry Kehoe, John Kehoe, Mark Lambert and Robert Lambert Jnr.



The Minor B hurling team which won the Minor E Championship - Back row: John Small, Peadar Walsh, Ronan Henry, Scott Whelan, Cillian Moffat, Conor Doolan, Brian Moffat, Finbarr Furey, Hugh Ruddy, Alan O'Connor, David Garry, Ronan Glynn, Sean Walsh, John Ryan. Front row: Dave Harford, Darragh Geoghegan, Sean Prendergast, Alan Ryan, Stephen Jordan, Ryan Basquel, Brian Gilheaney, Andy Hand, Eoin Crowley, Mick Burke, Paul Kennedy, Adam Jordan, Eddie Finn

Medal Presentation Night for the first Senior Hurling championship winning team



The Management Team - Mick O'Regan, Robert Lambert (selector), Nickey Brennan, Denis Nagle with Club Chair Paddy Walsh



From left: Minister Tom Kitt TD, John Costello, Chief Executive, County Board; Nickey Brennan, GAA President and Eddie Finn, Chairman, Hurling Committee



Theresa and Paddy Walsh with Gerry Harrington, Dublin Board Chairman



Manager Liam Hogan



Gerry Maher had a special song for the occasion



Joe Young and Martin Kenny snr with Nickey Brennan

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James Stephens Under 13 Hurling Tournament



Under 13 James Stephens Shield Winners



Colm O'Neill with Kilkenny Boss Brian Cody



James Madden accepting the Shield

Football Review 2008

After a difficult league campaign where the senior team was often missing a range of regulars, the side managed to put together a very respectable championship campaign. Wins over Naomh Mearnóg and Na Fianna in the group phase put the side into the quarter-finals. However with the finishing line in sight, Ballymun Kickhams snatched a last minute winning goal.

The Junior A team was pipped for promotion but had the consolation of winning the Stacey Cup in a replay against St. Annes.

The Minor A team looked like a championship was in prospect until the side was beaten by Na Fianna in the semi final. However a league play-off may yet yield a reward for all the hard work.

On the intercounty front Colin Moran and Conal Keaney won Leinster and O'Byrne Cup honours with Dublin while Darren Homan and David Hughes were part of Dublin's Junior All-Ireland success.

Ciaran Maher returned home to celebrate the silver jubilee of the 1983 All-Ireland win and the 1983 Division 3 league success with the club. Present at a reunion in the club was the manager of that team Frank Quinn who sadly passed away a short time afterwards. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

After 36 years of service, Ken Murray hung up his boots and was duly honoured for his great achievement.

A Football Review group under Brendan Young with help from Shane Heraty, Mick Maher, John O'Neill, Jody Moran, Sean Manley, Mark Fee, Ger Flaherty, Mick Higgins, Ian Clarke, Richie Connell, John Archbold and Peter Shovlin conducted a searching analysis of the state of adult football in the club.

In a detailed review, the report highlighted a range of recommendations in the areas of

1 Player Management

- Development of an adult player management/cross panel policy. (Formal process for moving players across panels)
- Development of a formalised under



GPK Properties sponsored the Intermediate Football team in 2008. At the launch were Liam Carter, John Galvin (Selector), Noreen Donnelly (GPK Properties), Conor Doolan (Intermediate football manager), Liam Carter, Danny Griffin (Sponsorship Manager)

age transition policy

- Adult panels will consist of two teams. (Sen & Inter; Jun A & Jun B)
- Implementation of a Player Liaison Officer role to support the above.

2 Coaching and Football Practice

- Development of an adult coaching program.
- All players to be coached to a consistent standard by way of above program.
- A pool of talented and well directed coaches required to sustain the coaching program
- Critical mass at football practice to enable football coaching objectives.
- Coaching program to be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant
- All players become part of a panel comprising greater than 1 team
- All players to attend football practice in a communal football practice facility

3 Communication within Football

The Football Committee is central to good communication. It must be strong, clear minded and base all decisions on the agreed goals of the football section.

- There must be open and honest communication amongst managers in all aspects of panels, teams, players and fixtures.
- A player and manager charter should be developed with communication as its cornerstone. There must be respect between all parties concerned
- Text messaging should be the preferred form of communication from players and managers.
- An end of season players forum to be developed to encourage open feedback/lessons learned on the season.

4 Morale/Motivation

- All adult teams to train in the same location. Building stronger bonds across teams.



Junior A football team - Stacey Cup winners: Back Row: Denis Donohoe (selector), Ciaran Dempsey, Ger Flaherty, Nigel Curran, Graham Ward, Liam Mulrooney, Andrew Brennan, Vinny Moran, Conor Nevin, Middle Row: Ronan Donohoe, Michael Byrne, Aaron O'Reilly, Stephen Coughlan, John Spain (captain), Brendan Young, Martin Basquille, Mick O'Dwyer, Paddy O'Connell, Shane Hogan, Tommy Flynn (selector) Front Row: John Corrigan, Andy Gardiner, Derek Saville, Trevor Morgan, Joey Marrinan, Stephen Coughlan, Karol Cronin, John Fleming, Colm Reade, Alan Kennedy, Paddy Bates.

- Communal training will create a transparency of effort where players who are performing well will rapidly come to the attention of management and be given an opportunity of promotion up the ranks of adult football.
- The club and the players should cooperate with each other in planning social events.
- Players to receive regular structured feedback on progress or regress to enable positive action to be taken to either reinforce or remedy the situation.

These recommendations will receive further study during 2009.



Ken Murray was honoured for his great service to the club with a presentation from Paddy Walsh



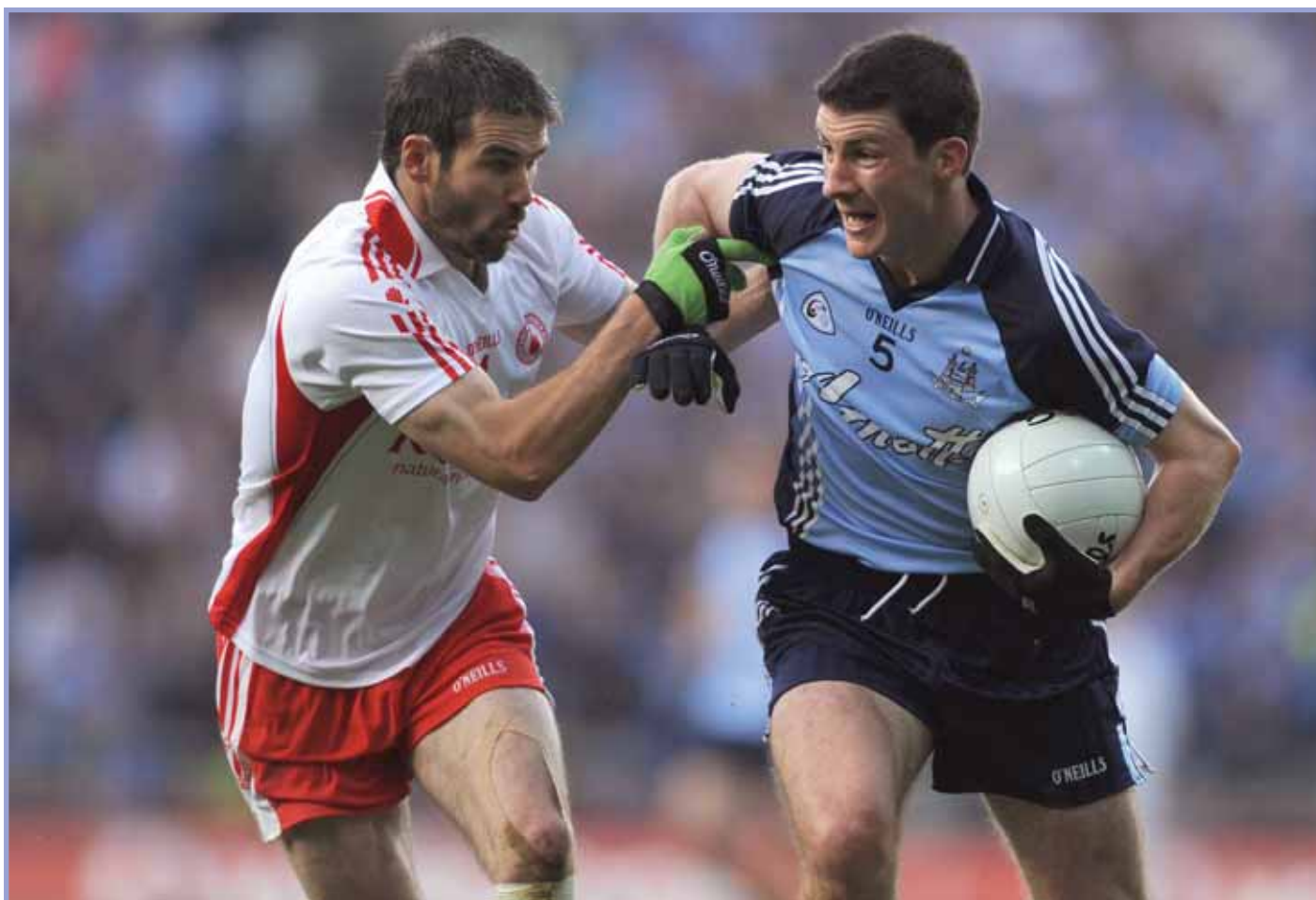
Ciaran Maher receiving a presentation from Tom Croke in the presence of Club Chairman Paddy Walsh and Ciaran's brother Mick on left.



Members of the senior and intermediate football teams raised €25000 for the Irish Cancer Society with a fund-raising cycle from Malin to Mizen Head. Back (from left) David Ryan, Paul Shields, Gerry Byrne, Aidan Hagan, Sean Dolan, Tony Shields, Aonghus Ó Dulaing, Derek Doyle, Ciaran Shields Front (from left) Ann-Marie Hendrick, Mark O'Sullivan, Jillian Clarke (ICS), Barry Mc Donald, Mairead Shields.



*Puma unveiled the new v1.08 Speed Boot X-ray concept to the Irish market. Pictured at the launch is Conal Keaney, Dublin. Ballsbridge, Dublin.
Picture credit: David Maher / SPORTSFILE*



*Colin Moran, Dublin, in action against Ciaran Gourley, Tyrone. GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Quarter-Final, Dublin v Tyrone, Croke Park, Dublin.
Picture credit: Paul Mohan / SPORTSFILE*

Juvenile Review

Reviewing the way the club operates was a common theme in 2008. Taking its cue from this approach, the Juvenile Section ably advised by coaching officer Brian O'Regan and Games Promotion Officer Paul McLoughlin embarked on an exciting new development.

After operating largely along the same lines for over 30 years, very successfully one might add, it was felt the time was right to review the nursery operations and inject a slightly new approach.

What emerged was the new Academy Structure in football, hurling, camogie and ladies football. The new branding has generated great interest and the satellite Academies in Páirc Uí Mhurchú, the Hermitage and for the first time at Knocklyon Park, Ballycullen are attracting large numbers.

Players are exposed to a range of coaching basically incorporated into seven 10 minutes coaching stations. Players rotate between the stations which incorporate Fundamentals stations, Skill Stations, Fun Game stations, Skill Games stations and Match stations.



Maycock Cup Winners – Captain of the winning Dublin team Brendan Moran is presented with the cup by Paddy Maycock and also Paddy Walsh, Club Chairman



Under 14 League Champions: Back Row Left to Right - Tony McKeown (Mentor), Jimmy Walsh (mentor), Donal Butler, Dara Hyland, Conor McKeown, Barry Higgins, Dean Doyle, Cathal Flaherty, Daniel Buckingham, Ryan Gillen, Dara Kilduff, Sam Moloney, Eoin Lewis, Ger Flaherty (mentor), Neil Buckingham (mentor). Front Row Left to Right - Eoin Rodgers, Conor McHugh, Niall Keegan, Conor Maher, Neil Jordan, Dara Walsh, Sean Keller, Darragh Bermingham, James Roche, Evan Flanagan. Missing from photo: Ben McAuliffe, Dylan Soon, Aaron Ennis.



Under 13A Football Championship and League winners: Back row l-r: Tom Hanifin, James McGrath (c), Andrei Martinyuk, Alex Fullerton, Corey McClelland, David Mahon, Keith Robinson, Stephen McDonald, Matthew Timmons, Noel Madden (mentor) Front row l-r: Colm Basquel, James Madden, Fionn Maguire, Cathal Burke, Brian O'Shea, Colm Ó Néill, David Gilheaney.

Paul McLoughlin comments "A special thank you goes to Eoin O'Riordan, U9 Football mentor & coach. Eoin through his employer, Leahy & Co Chartered Accountants, very generously sponsored the purchase of coaches' tops for our 100 or so coaches, as means of recognising them when training is on. We are very grateful to Eoin for this support."

The popularity of the many club juvenile blitzes continues to improve each year. One of the longest established is the prestigious David Maycock Cup. The 13th annual competition drew over 80 Under 10 and Under 11 boys for the hurling event with victory going at the finish to the Dublin team.

After a string of near misses at U13, 14 and 15 championship levels, the Under 16 hurlers finally got their reward when in a thrilling encounter the side managed by John Small, John Ryan, Eoghan Carroll, Mick Garry with First Aid help from Mick Ryan overcame St. Judes. The squad also made a huge input into the two minor hurling championship successes.

In football, the Under 14A team reached the final of Féile Peil before losing to the eventual All-Ireland Champions Kilmacud Crokes. The side bounced back from this to capture the league title.

Going one better was the Under 13 side (Noel Madden, Paddy Brady, Brendan Burke) which took championship honours despite having to endure a re-fixture after the first game was abandoned due to bad light at 3.00 pm! It was that kind of Summer. The Under 13C team (Donal McCarthy, Michael Clancy) had an equally merited win in their Shield final.



The Under 12 football team put up a great show to reach the final of the Glenn Keegan Cup. Back row: Noel Basquel, Vincent Carney, Jack Woulfe, Cormac Healy, Adam Carney, Darragh Maguire, Harry Coffey, Ciaran O'Brien, Bryan Kirwin, Derek Ward. Front Row: Michael O'Flaherty, Barry Downey, Cillian O'Donoghue, Stephen Ward, Conor Deane, Brian Bobbitt, Colm Basquel, Chris Gaynor.



Under 16 hurling team – League and Championship winners: Back(L-R): Finian McDonagh, Naoise Maguire, Ronan Cleary, Eoin Small, Alan Ryan, John Breen, Alan O'Connor, David Gary, Niall Ryan, Cillian Moffet, Finbarr Furey, Stephen Jordan, Jamie Desmond, Sean Prendergast. Front(L-R): Darragh Geoghegan, Gavin Corrigan, Ronan Glynn, Eoin Crowley, Ryan Basquel, Andy Hand, Brian McCarthy, Conor Butler, Brian Gilheaney.



Some of the huge crowd of players, parents and supporters who attended the Glenn Keegan Cup competition



Brian Cody, Kilkenny's supremely successful hurling manager was a visitor to the club during 2008



Troy Cup – Joyful scenes as the Under 13 hurlers take the P J Troy Cup



A Saturday morning in the Hermitage with Mick Garry



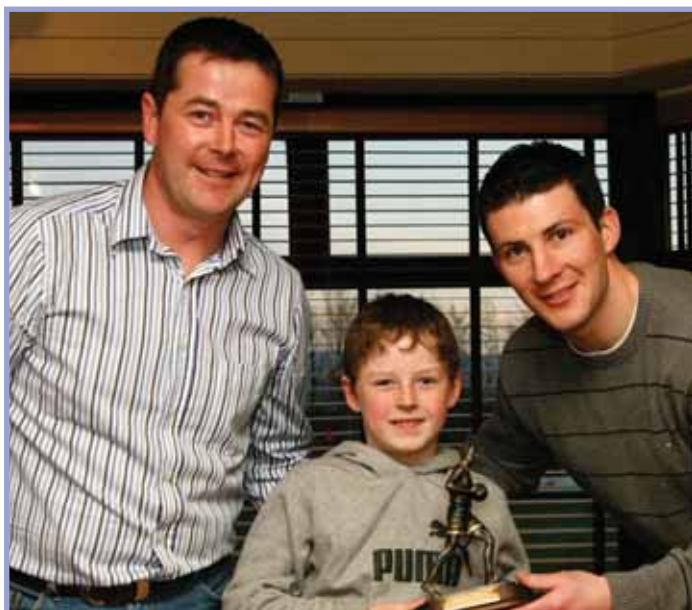
Wall Ball Action at the Cian Durkin Skills Wall



Kerry Football Boss during 2008, Pat O'Shea gave a coaching session to a well attended audience



Brian Stafford (left) and Donal Monahan with some of their Under 10 charges



Under-10 Player of the year Laurence Murphy with Dad Martin and Colin Moran



Most improved player Paddy Cahalane with Mum and Colin Moran



Overall under-10 winner of the Year, Nathan Benson with Grandad Tony Benson and Colin Moran



Cardiff Cup: Under 10 Hurlers who won the Shield competition in the Annual Kevin Cardiff Féile Iomána. Back Row (L to R): Dylan Walsh, Ciaran Ryan, Adam O'Neill, Ciaran Crowley, Robert Byrne, Ieuan Hopkins, Cilian Byrne, Donal O'Reilly. Front Row (L to R): Conor Fallon, Barry O'Donnell, Aaron Coffey, Ciaran O'Meara, Niall O'Reilly, Sean Gorman, Cathal O'Tuile, Conor Mealy.



Cian Durkin Memorial Cup

Paul O'Brien presents the Cian Durkin Cup to Josh Kra captain of the winning Douglas team from Cork.



Deirdre Conway sang Amhrán na bhFiann with help from young members and friends of Cian Durkin



A fine action study by Mick Garry of Jamie Desmond from the Cian Durkin Cup final 2008



*Under 15B Shield Winners: Back row (left to right) Joe Johnston (mentor), Daragh McCusker, Fiachra Maguire, Stephen Kirwan, Joseph Johnston, Carl Molony, Ian Lynch, Michael Keogh, John O'Flaherty, Ross Callery, Tadhg O'Connor, William Sisk, Denis Molony (mentor)
Front row (left to right) Pat Drohan (manager), Noel McNamara, Daragh Kilduff, Eoghan Culligan, Daragh Hyland, Alex Murphy, Alan Skeffington, Sam Molony, Seamus O'Flaherty (mentor)*



Under 13C Football Shield Winners. Michael Clancy (Manager); Cathal Hester; Morgan Ryan; Donal McCarthy; Gavin Murphy; Sean O'Dwyer; Keith McCarron; Conor Clancy; Brian Kilduff (capt); John Healy; Cian Gallagher; David O'Connell; Daire Mc Cormack; Graeme Bagnall; Donal McCarthy (Manager); Niall McNevin; Fionn Wardick; Conor Kavanagh; Conor Corrigan; Shane Younge; James Hamm; Padraig O'Driscoll; Patrick Lyons; Niall Greene.

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Camogie Review 2008

Twenty years ago in 1988, the Boden attained Senior A status and with perfect timing, the 20th anniversary was celebrated with the club's first Leinster Senior Club Camogie title. In a drama packed final minute, Emer Lucey delivered a dipping shot that crept into the corner of the net at a rain-sodden Rathnure. Her sister Ciara popped over the clincher from a 45 and history had been made beating Rathnure of Wexford by 3 - 3 to 1 - 7. A tremendous achievement for the management team of P J Donohue, John Dineen and Ciara Hayes, captain Roisin Keaney and the entire squad. In addition to the Dublin championship, the team also captured the Open Cup and were pipped in a league play-off by a point - St Vincents provided the opposition in all three games. A very welcome feature of the squad is the number of players who have come off the 2007 and 2006 under 16 panels. Player retention after completion of their underage careers is extremely important and it is pleasing to note the progress that is being made in this area.

The Senior B team (Martin Donohue, Jane Hogan) took to their first floodlit game in style at Kiltipper Road when capturing the Shield title against home club Thomas



Ciara Lucey makes a presentation to Liz Howard, President of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael at the Presentation Night for the 2006 Championship winning team.



Aoife Scallan has matters under control at the Roomex.com Mini All-Ireland



Boden Mini Camogie – Jack Donaghy, Managing Director of Roomex.com sponsors of the Mini All-Ireland with Mona O'Sullivan, Camogie Section Secretary and Sinead Murphy (mentor) with some happy participants.

Davis while the Intermediate team (Pádraig Ó Duibhir, Tricia Higgins) showed tremendous potential in their first year in the grade.

While the club has enjoyed better years in terms of honours won on the juvenile front, the club fielded at all ages from Under 10 to Under 16.

Pride of place must go to the Under 12B team (Míchéal Bryson, Karen Featherstone, Orla Mullaney, John O'Hanlon, Tom Page, Gerry White) who brought home the championship title when the side beat Whitehall Colmcille. Team captain Doireann Mullaney was named as player of the match.

The Roomex.com sponsored Mini All-Ireland for girls under the age of 12 has become a hugely popular item on the camogie calendar. This year was no exception with a record number in the region of 150 taking part. Appreciation to Jack Donaghy, managing director of Roomex.com and Paddy Brady for their continued support.

The Sancta Maria complex has already justified the vision of those who saw the potential back in the late 1990s and camogie has been making full use of the facilities. A very successful Under 11 mini league took place in March and Dublin hurling captain and Boden dual star Stephen

Hiney was the popular special guest.

Individual honours are always welcome and Rachel Ruddy was doubly honoured for her excellence at club and county levels. At the Dublin Presentation Night held in the club, Rachel was named Dublin Club Player of the Year and joint Dublin County Player of the Year with Andrea Fitzpatrick of Naomh Mearnóg. Rachel was also a nominee for an O'Neills All-Star.

Antrim was the destination of choice of two of the juvenile teams during the year. The Under 14s (Gerry O'Sullivan, John Ryan, Ken Giles, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin, Ciara Scallan) were guests of St. Johns, Belfast in February while in September the Belfast girls paid a return trip to the club. While the Under 12s headed for the beautiful Glens and the Ballycastle McQuillans club.

A well supported Fashion Show revealed hidden talents and generated an important contribution to the funds of the club as did the HEE BEE BEE GEES concert.

A number of girls also wore the Dublin colours with distinction - Seniors: Ciara Lucey, Rachel Ruddy, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Sile Nic Coitir ; Under 16: Ciara Donovan, Lauren Edwards, Aisling Keane and Under 14: Amy Ryan, Alyson Doyle.



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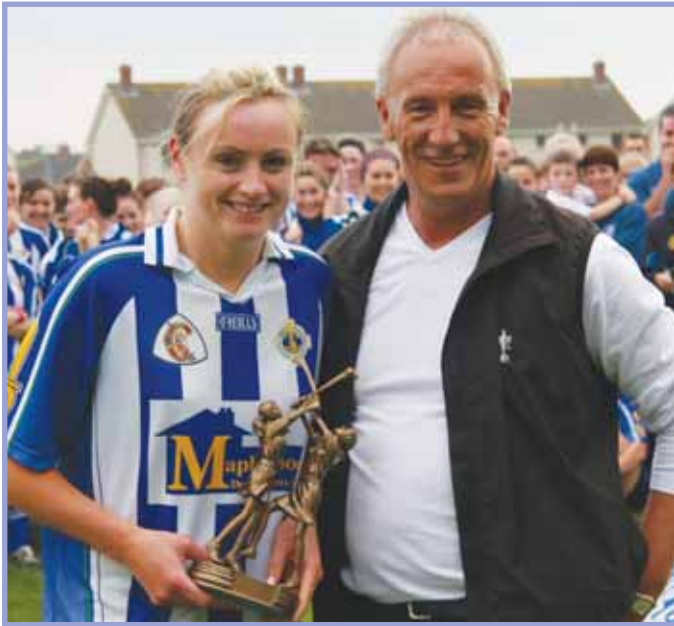
The Boden Rainbow at the Roomex.com Mini All-Ireland



Leinster and Dublin Senior Championship Winners: Back row (l-r): Ciara Hayes (mentor), Maeve Gaynor, Sharon Glynn, Orla Smith, Darrelle Dolan, Orla O'Leary, Gráinne Ní Chorcoráin, Roisin Keaney (Captain), Natalia Hyland, Dearbhla Brennan, Sarah Noonan, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Fiona Hughes, Caoilfhionn Ní Néill, Anne Griffin, Sile nic Coitir, P.J. Donohue (manager), John Dineen (mentor). Front row (l-r): Paula McGrath, Rachel Ruddy, Sorchá Farrelly, Jane Nolan, Ciara Lucey, Ciara Blair, Sarah Crosbie, Elaine Hickey, Cliodhna McNamara, Joanne O'Sullivan, Emer Lucey, Emer O'Leary (helper), Hannah Hyland (helper), Aisling O'Leary (helper).



Members of the Ballyboden St Endas and St Johns under 14 teams when the Belfast girls visited Dublin



Senior County Final - Player of the Match Fiona Ní Chorcoráin with Board Chair, Brendan Cooper



Captain Roisin Keaney with Board Chair Brendan Cooper and Frank Brady, husband of the late Maura after whom the trophy is named.



Senior B team – Shield Winners: Standing (From left) Martin Donohue (manager), Eimear Ring, Grace Maher, Dearbhla Reilly, Roisin Walsh, Ciara Scallan, Caroline Kavanagh, Marie Shanahan, Niamh Hogan, Laura Carroll, Aisling Hayes, Noelle Brogan, Caroline Kennedy, Kelly Ann Farrell, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin, Siobhan O'Dwyer, Irene Kirwan, Jane Hogan (mentor). Front (from left) Aoife Tobin, Jenny Sinnott, Orla O'Shea, Mary Hyland, Sarah Dowling, Aoife Scallan, Aoife Hughes, Ceara nic Coitir (and Fireann), Gemma Reynolds, Sinead McNeela.



Dublin Under 14s (from left) Alyson Doyle and Amy Ryan



Shona Giles, Boden Player of Féile na nGael 2008



Rachel Ruddy and Andrea Fitzpatrick (Naomh Mearnóg) joint All Star nominees and Joint Dublin Players of the Year



Don't Look Down saysU12 Manager Marie Moffatt leads the way across Carrick a Rede rope bridge with Aisling Moffatt and Jill McNair following.



Ballyboden St Endas U12B Championship Winners: Back (l-r) Danielle White; Elizabeth Kiernan; Vivenne Nea; Tara Featherstone; Alison Lowe; Sarah Page; Aoife O'Hanlon; Dearbhla Moroney. Front (l-r) Hannah Mullen; Nicloe Beattie; Caoimhe Bolger; Doireann Mullaney; Saoirse Bryson; Niamh Bryson; Jodie White; Aisling Hennessy; Michelle O'Mahony



Ballyboden St Endas U13 Championship Runners up: Aoife Hughes, Robbie Lambert, Sarah-Louise O'Shea, Jessica McGirr; Aoife McDermott, Dearbhla de Fréin, Jenny Troy, Catherine McDonald, Lauren Falconer, Maria McGrath, Ciara Lambert, Catherine Keogh, John O'Toole. Front row, left to right Nicola Barr, Amy Troy, Aisling O'Leary, Danielle Aylmer, Kate O'Toole, Kerrie Maunsell, Ellen Kinsella, Claire Cremin, Aoife Doolan, Aoife O'Brien.



Roisin Keaney accepts the Leinster Club championship trophy from Mary O'Connor of the Leinster Council.



A break in play during the U12s trip to the beautiful Glens of Antrim.



Ballyboden St Endas U12A championship runners up: Back (l-r) Aisling Moffat; Aisling O'Leary; Rachel Whyte; Jill McNair; Emma Grey; Sarah Molloy; Shannon Croke, Emma Newe; Shannon Bonner; Sarah Nagle. Front (l-r) Martha O'Donoghue; Aisling Kelly; Stobhan Brennan; Katie Murphy; Ciara O'Neill; Julie Anne Glynn; Jade Cannon; Aoife O'Neill



Gerry Whyte keeps an eye on things at the Giants Causeway - a highlight of the Under 12 teams trip to the North



Presentation to Ann Jackson of St. Johns, Belfast during U14 team's visit by Gerry O'Sullivan with Sinead Ryan, Mary O'Sullivan, Ken Giles, Mary McDonagh, John Ryan and Ger Keane



At Clonard Monastery, Belfast U14 team – Standing (l-r) Sarah Gallen, Amy Ryan, Carla Slane, Lena McDonagh, Fiona Ryan, Alyson Doyle, Kiva Pachett, Shona Giles, Kate Lyons, Isobel Flood. Front (l-r) Dervla Denby, Anna Walsh, Rachel Owens, Sinead Crowley, Eva Donohoe, Cliona O'Sullivan, Sarah Reilly, Kate Sexton, Orlaith Keane



Chadwicks Senior Team sponsors: From left Cathal O'Regan, Roisin Keaney, Anne Griffin, John Malone (Chadwicks), Sinead McNeela, P.J. Donohue, and sponsorship manager Danny Griffin



Board Poster Project aimed at primary school. Rachel Ruddy, Cork Hurler Seán Óg Ó hAilpín and Jerry Grogan of Cumann na mBunscol were special guests at the launch of a Dublin Camogie Board Poster Project aimed primary school girls. Also in picture are Rachel Smyth and Karine Lawani from Lucan Sarsfields. The poster is part of the celebration of the 2008 European Year of Intercultural Dialogue. The project was supported by the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism.



Lebby Galvin on the catwalk during the Fashion Show



Senior Camogie player Sharon Glynn catches the eye at the Fashion Show



Antrim Clash - Rachel White and Jade Cannon against Ballycastle McQuillans Under 12 team

Ladies Football Review

There seems to be no stopping them. The decade began with a first senior championship win and as we enter 2009, the team is unbeaten in Dublin senior football championship football. A 3 – 14 to 0 – 11 win over Na Fianna earned the club its 9th senior championship in a row and to cap it off the side claimed the league title with a narrow win over Naomh Mearnóg/St. Sylvesters. A great year for the management team of Martin Masterson, Brian O'Regan, Bobby O'Sullivan and Declan O'Reilly.

A fine Mountmellick side ended further dreams of Leinster and All-Ireland glory.

Nevertheless, the well continues to be replenished and the Under 14 squad (Robbie Murphy, Eugene Duffy) took the treble winning the Dublin Féile Peil, the championship and the League.

Hot on the U14 heels come the Under 13 side managed by Fearghal Brennan and Muriel Falconer. Seven out of seven wins secured the league title and the side made it a double when overcoming Kilmacud Crokes to win the championship.

The road to fun and success starts early and already the Under 9s have tasted action. They made their debuts in a Ballyboden St Endas v Naas encounter. Four teams represented the club under the fearsome titles – "Tigers, Lions, Bears and Sharks". Their enthusiasm and attitude was superb throughout. Mentor Ned Flood commented "their football skills were of exceptional standard and have no doubt that many of these girls will represent Club and County. Ladies football has a bright future with the arrival of "The new kids on the block". Apparently the girls have a new Boden chant, Bally- Bo-den- ah ha, which could make it to Number 1 for Christmas!!

In the final ladies football game of the year, the minor team was probably involved in the best display of football of the year. A cracking replay win over Foxrock-Cabin-teely saw the team managed by Pat McGrath, Finnian Hyland, Gerry Basquel, Derek Ward and Declan O'Reilly make it championship No 6 at this level.



Joanne O'Sullivan, Senior A team captain receives the cup from Camilus Kilpatrick, Board Chair.



▲ *Natalia Hyland hammers home the second goal in the county final win over Na Fianna*



◀ *A ninth title secured*



Superb photo by Mark Magahran of Sile nic Coitir smashing home the first goal against Na Fianna



Juvenile coach, mentor, delegate Barry Coll was honoured at the Senior Presentation Night for his distinguished service. Making the presentation is Ladies Committee Chair Pat McGrath.



Fiona Ní Chorcóráin receiving her senior championship medal from on left Camillus Kilpatrick (Dublin Board Chair) and Bill Daly, President of the Leinster Council



Natalia Hyland and Rachel Nugent had the unique distinction in 2008 of being the only club members to bring home All-Ireland medals when they were part of the successful Dublin Minor team.



Under 13 League and Championship winners: Back row: Jessica McGirr, Clare Cremin, Glen McCusker, Amy Feighan, Aoife O'Brien, Amy O'Halloran, Catherine McDonald, Tara Burke, Ciara O'Byrne, Ciara Lambert, Lauren Falconer. Front row: Orla Dooley, Maria McGrath, Kerrie Maunsell, Kate O'Toole, Grace Kennedy, Lauren Mellon, Ruth Kelly, Jessica Nugent.



Under 9 team – starting out on the road to fun and success



Under 14 team – triple champions: Back row left to right: Laura Martina, Aoife O'Brien, Sally Jones, Kristina Healy, Sarah Burns, Eimear Duffy, Cliona O'Sullivan, Orlaith Keane, Maria Mc Grath, Jessica Nugent, Lauren Falconer, Rebecca Dalton. Front row left to right: Rachel Owens, Ciara Finnegan, Niamh Mac Mahon, Ciara Kennedy, Amy Murphy, Megan Campion, Sinead Crowley, Claire King, Maeve Scully. Missing Ciara Darker.

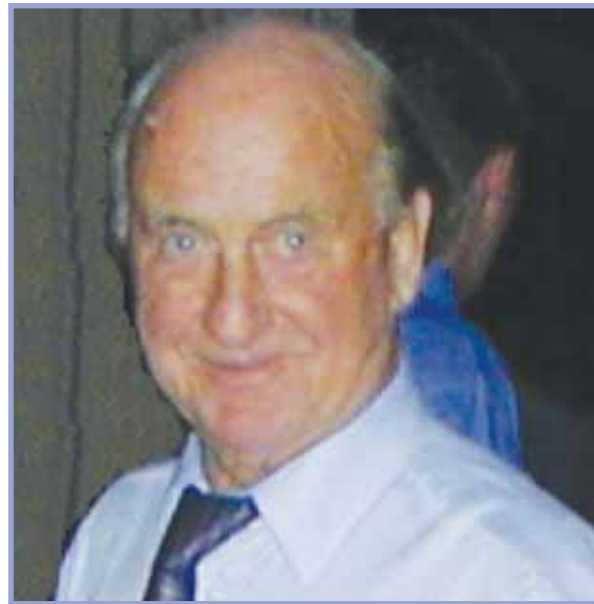


Minor Championship Winners: Back row (l-r): Pat McGrath, Rachel Basquel, Rebecca Tighe, Elaine MC Grath, Dearbhla Brennan, Natalia Hyland, Rachel Nugent, Ciara Donovan, Sharon Fleming, Ciara Ruddy, Sinead Bermingham, Alice Gillen, Jenny Ward, Aisling Keane, Sarah O'Brien, Finnian Hyland. Front (l-r): Cathy Basquel, Michelle O'Reilly, Megan Carney, Roisin Ryan, Paula Mc Grath, Michelle Tighe, Danielle Brogan, Jane Nolan, Eadaoin Walsh.



Dublin Senior Football and League Champions 2008: Back Row: Noelle Comyn, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Susan White, Louise Kelly, Rachel Ruddy, Susan Hughes, Natalia Hyland, Caroline Conway, Claire Butterly, Joanne O'Sullivan, Teresa Molohan, Front Row: Síle nic Coitir, Sorcha Farrelly, Gráinne O'Malley, Rachel Nugent, Edel Drury, Margeret Fitzgerald, Orla Smith, Gemma Fay, Orla Scollard, Paula McGrath.

Tomás (Tommy) Ó Ríordáin



13th October 1928 – 19th December 2007

Ba mhaith le muintir Uí Ríordáin ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le Cathaoirleach, an Coiste Feidhmeánach agus Baill an Chlub as ucht an tacaíocht agus an cairdeas a thaispeáin sibh dúinn ar bhás Tommy.

Ba mhaith linn freisin ar mbuíochas a ghabháil le Ned Slattery, Paddy Brady agus an fhoireann.

I líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.

Boden News Reporter Sinead Ryan has been getting the low-down on Jim Kilty – trainer extraordinaire

When the final whistle went in Parnell Park on the 31st October 2008, Ballyboden St Endas had retained their title as Senior Dublin Champions. Hurling fans had doubts back in early 2007 that Ballyboden would win their first ever county final never mind win it back to back this year but one Navan man Jim Kilty always had it at the back of his mind that this team was going to do damage and they did just that.

Kilty joined Ballyboden St Endas back in 2006 after being approached by hurling manager Liam Hogan. "When Liam asked me to help coach the hurlers, I was only too happy. I have trained county teams in the past but I have never trained a club team so if anything it was going to be a challenge" and a challenge it was but a successful one at that. Jim has a record of only losing three games with the senior hurlers since his arrival and two of them were in the Leinster Senior Club Championships.

This year's hurling was a different kettle of fish though. Kilty feels that the team never got in their full stride like last year. "We were in great shape last year and still think that we could have beaten Birr in the Leinster Final but this year I don't think we had the same fitness. We had both the A team and the B team training together which made it difficult at training sessions if we didn't have enough people to play matches this will be something we have to look at going into next season".

Another advantage to last year's win was to see all the young players coming through the ranks such as Simon Lambert and Shane Durkin. Both players have fought hard throughout the season and it has paid off. Simon has played a big role in the county team this year and with the introduction of Clare-man Anthony Daly to the county management, it can only be an improve-



Wexford fitness coach, Jim Kilty congratulates his players after the match. Gala All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final, Cork v Wexford, Croke Park, Dublin. Picture credit; Daire Brennan / SPORTSFILE



Jim Kilty has a word with manager Liam Hogan while he conducts the warm down after the championship win over St Brigid's.

ment for Dublin. Ballyboden St Endas also have their involvement in the Dublin management this year as Vincent Teehan is part of the Dublin management selection. Kilty is delighted saying, "Vinny is a brilliant addition to the Dublin scene, he knows Dublin hurling inside and out and is a brilliant skills man, and it's great for Ballyboden to have a man representing the club".

With the inclusion of Galway and Antrim to the Leinster Championship this year, it will be harder for the Dubs to reach a Leinster Final. Jim isn't a fan of the movement of Galway and Antrim to the Leinster Championship but feels that if he was in their shoes that something had to be done. His idea of an ideal hurling championship where everyone has a chance would be two separate championships where the Leinster Championship and the All Ireland Championship are played separately.

Since joining Ballyboden St Endas Jim has also continued successfully in his academic side of life as he teaches in Setanta College. Setanta College was opened in May 2007 with 24 students and today it has up to 185 students. Setanta College is a Provider of Learning opportunities in the area of Sports, Fitness and Coaching studies and provides three HETAC courses including Strength and Conditioning courses and Resistance and Weight courses. Many high profile GAA/Rugby players attend the college and it is improving day by day – check out www.setantacollege.com.

Jim has coached high profile teams and athletes such as the Tipperary Hurling team and Wexford camogie to All-Ireland titles not to mention coaching Derval O'Rourke for nine years until she moved abroad. Nowadays he is being kept on his feet as he coaches the Mayo Men's Football team, he does the weight training with the Offaly hurlers and also helps the Dublin



Tipperary Fitness coach Jim Kilty watches the players during a squad training session. Semple stadium, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. Hurling. Picture credit; Brendan Moran / SPORTSFILE

Ladies Football as well as guiding Ballyboden to their second county title in a row.

Looking into the future Jim feels that Ballyboden St Enda's can only get stronger and stronger. "There is so much potential in this club, I think that over the next couple of years the club should open an academy for players from the ages of 16- 19 years of age. The academy would be able to concentrate on players who have county potential and give them a great guideline before they reach the harder games in their lives". He hopes that he will be with Boden for the foreseeable future. He is happy with his work and things can only get better His final wish would be to see the Boden hurlers come back and win the three in a row and to have that tag linked with Dublin and not Kilkenny.

Mol an Óige

*By: Paul McLoughlin
and Brian O'Regan*

Summer Camp 2008 shows a big jump in numbers

One of the most encouraging developments in 2008 was the healthy increase in the numbers attending in the region of 750. The sponsorship support of Cruinn Diagnostics is gratefully acknowledged. We would like to thank all our Academy Players, Coaches & Parents for their dedication and participation throughout the year in our Academies in The Hermitage, Knocklyon Park, Ballycullen and Páirc Uí Mhurchú. Thanks especially to Leahy & Co for their kind sponsorship of Academy Coaching Tops.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and the Best for 2009.



Some of our Academy 2001 Boys Footballers & Hurlers with their coaches. from left to right; Micheal Donoghue, Noelle Slattery, Mick Cotter, Cathal Regan, Derek Kane, Ciaran Gibbons, Eoin Crowley, Naoise Maguire, Declan O'Rourke, Stephen Traynor, Stephen Jordan, Daire Mac Phaidin, Michael O'Sullivan, Shane Wallace, Peter Wall and Ben Molloy.



Some of our Academy 2002 Boys Footballers & Hurlers with their coaches from left to right; Seamus Dempsey, Eoin Small, Alan O'Connell, Peter Hanrahan, Martin O'Hare, Pat Keane, Tony Hassett, Donal Monahan, Shane Ormsby, Gereard Proudfoot, Paul Manning, Sean Nixon, Finian Mac Donagh, Fiachra Maguire, & Jim Dwyer.



Some of our Academy Ladies Footballers & Camogie Players with their coaches from left to right; Martin Hamm, Adeline Coffey, Aisling O'Leary, Rachel Basquel, Aoife Cantwell, Sheena Garvey, Ashling Keane, Cathy Basquel, Lucy Foster, Sinead Hughes and Kathleen Beatty.



Some of our Academy 2002 Boys Footballers & Hurlers from Ballycullen with their Dads and their Coaches; Matthew Weldon, Colm Dunne & Liam O'Dwyer.



Some of our Academy 2001 Players and Coaches with Academy Sponsor Eoin O' Riordan from Leahy & Co, and Paul Mc Loughlin & Brian O'Regan



Gaelscoil Cnoc Liamhna, winners of Ladies Football School Blitz 2008



Paul Caffrey visting Summer Camp 2008.



Transition year students from St Colmcilles Community School, Knocklyon who are currently completing their year long TY Gaelic Coaching Programme with Ballyboden Coaches, Brian O' Regan and Paul Mc Loughlin. They are pictured with 3rd class pupils from St Colmcilles SNS.



Kilkenny's All-Ireland hurling winner Richie Power visited the Summer Camp



Dublin footballer Tomás "Mossy" Quinn was a very popular visitor

OFF THE PITCH



The HEE BEE BEE GEES in action in aid of the Under 14 Féile Camogie team



Scor: Quiz team, Fionn Maguire, Conor Corrigan and Morgan Ryan who quailified for the County Final of Scór under manager Brendan Ryan



Cast and Crew of the very successful Bodén Theatre Group Production of the Playboy of the Western World L-r : Back row : Sean Fitzmaurice, Michael Keville, Kevin Cahill, Carol Fitzmaurice, Sinead Conway, Declan O'Brien, Johnny Byrne, Sean Flynn, John Joe O'Sullivan, David Harford, Xavier Goodwin, Joe Kearney, L-r : Front row : Gerry Maher, Kathleen Duffy, Hilda Kelly, Teresa Harford, Eileen Goodwin, Liam Delaney.



Danny and Josephine Griffin - club stalwarts at the Ladies Football Presentation night



Shauna Buckingham, daughter of Neil (U14 football) and Niamh was a contestant of the UTV talent show "The X Factor" in 2008



Colin Moran was among the winning punters at the Annual Race Day in Punchestown. Colin is seen with John Archbold, a representative of Paddy Power and Tony Basquel.


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Sean Flynn - The Dub from Aughnasheelin

In a fit of exasperation one night at a Leitrim County Board meeting, the late Tom Ó Riordáin quipped. "There's a man from Aughnasheelin up in Dublin and he's in charge of more teams than in all of Leitrim. What are ye on about?" The man from Aughnasheelin was Sean Flynn who for over 30 years has been at the core of involvement in Ballyboden St Endas.

Aughnasheelin lies in the southern part of Leitrim – a distinction that people would appreciate from that part of the country as Lough Allen splits one of Ireland's smallest counties in two. Sean explains "South Leitrim tends to look more towards Cavan and Longford while the northern part of the county veers in the direction of Donegal and Fermanagh. In the last 20 years or so Leitrim has come more on the map but it has been a quite kind of place up until that."

He was born John Flynn to farmers Pakie and Una (Fee) in the half parish of Aughnasheelin – the other half is made up by Ballinamore. "Times were tough during the 1939-45 war but we were lucky. We had a quarry and the County Council used to use the stones for road-making. In the winter, my father used to rise the stones often 100 tons. He'd go out with crowbar, wedges and sledge. When we'd come home from school, my brother and I would get the horse and cart and head for the quarry to load up the stones. Might get a fiver or £7 10s (shillings) from the Council and that was a lot of money at the time."

The eldest of five – brothers Paddy (Leixlip), George (Dundalk), Peter (Aughnasheelin) and Margaret (Kilcar), Sean's father Pakie was a bit of a local football legend. "We were often told – you'll never be as good as your father. He used to play full-back and played a bit for Leitrim."

Sean won a Junior Championship county title with Aughnasheelin and an Under 14 title with Sean O'Heslins of Ballinamore. "I remember one day a car arriving for me with two O'Heslins lads in it. We were taken down to Cavan to play illegally for I think Bailieborough in a Cavan Under 14 final. They might as well have left me at home as I was so afraid of being recognised that I hardly went for the ball."

While emigration bit into the population of Leitrim, the local coal mines in Slieveanarann did provide a bulwark of sorts. But Sean had promised himself at an early age that he would not leave Ireland.

While attending the Vocational School in Ballinamore, a Garda Maguire stopped him in the street one day. "He said to me that there was an exam being held for the Post Office and he told me 'I think you should do it'. I did it and got it and ended up in Manorhamilton. I met Tommy O'Riordan through the Post Office. He worked in Carrick-on-Shannon."

This necessitated a move to Manorhamilton and the Sean McDermotts club where he moved from his usual berth at full-back to centre field or centre back.

When he wasn't playing he walked and travelled all over Connacht to see games. Then fate took another twist.

"I used to notice a fine Guard in the town. The women were all after him. I said to myself that would be a nice job to have. So I sat the exam in Sligo and before I knew it



I was in the Depot in Dublin."

His first posting was to Mullingar where he played a few times for The Downs. Then on to Delvin - location for Brinsley McNamara's novel "The Valley of the Squinting Windows" "The Big Belly Butcher was still alive" he recalls. But eventually he was assigned to Harcourt Terrace station in Dublin.

Sean inherited a great interest in history, stories and folklore from his father and this was no doubt enhanced in Harcourt Terrace where he got to know or meet famous locals Mícheál MacLiamóir and Hilton Edwards - famed founders of the Gate Theatre; Monaghan born poet Paddy Kavanagh "a grumpy man" and Brendan Behan. "I remember when MacLiamóir was in Australia, Hilton would come into the station to use the phone. Now to make an international call we would have to record it and say what the purpose was. We used to say we were investigating a serious crime and that the suspect was in Australia!"

On another occasion, he was on duty keeping an eye on a house in Baggot Street when a man with a banjo approached him.

"Can I play you a tune, he asked. I was afraid of my life someone would come out of the house and see a Garda and a fella playing the banjo for him. But who was it only Barney McKenna waiting for a taxi."

Crime was low key and on more than one occasion he was assigned the important task of leading a duck and her three or four ducklings on her annual trek from Merrion Street to St. Stephens Green.

When the Aughnasheelin club reformed Sean and fellow natives in Dublin used to travel back for games. "As I was the only one who had a driver's licence. I used to hire a car from Murrays in Baggot Street. We paid for it ourselves and headed off on Sunday mornings. We had to make a couple of stops to let the lads stretch and swap places. On our way back we'd stop in Tommy Monaghan's shop in Mullingar. Tommy played for Westmeath and he'd give us all the results of the day while we bought up sweets, biscuits and minerals. None of us drank at the time."

Sean is well known as a great raconteur and actor – a hobby that he has been involved in since he was 16 years of age. "A group of us from Leitrim – men and women – used to put on plays in Aughnasheelin as a fund-raiser for the club for a number of years. We used to rehearse out in Clontarf, bring the sets down to Aughnasheelin, perform the play and back to Dublin again." He has continued this interest up to the present in the club and over the years has starred in many plays. A great devotee of Scór, he helped organise the competition for many years in Ballyboden and one of his judges one year was well known singer and Leitrim native Eleanor Shanley.

He also spent time when in Leitrim covering local matches for the Leitrim Observer with his great friend and fellow Garda, the late Michael Fox.

After Harcourt Terrace, Sean served in Dublin Castle, Rathmines, Kevin Street and Buncrana where he remembers being



Sean (second from left) with Liam Delaney, John O'Neill, Liam Coffey and Kevin Griffin at a Club Presentation to Paul McGinley and Padraig Harrington to mark their selection on the Britain and Ireland Walker Cup Golf Team 1991

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involved with a show that included Phil Coulter and Joe Locke. From Buncrana he returned to Dublin and the Sundrive Road Station where he was to remain until retirement. "I was fortunate to be a member of An Garda Síochána. It was the most wonderful time of my life."

Music was his entree to Ballyboden St Endas. "I was a member of the Ballyroan Church Choir and I met Niamhín Scollard who was trying to teach some of us the guitar. Through Niamhín I met Dáithí."

"Dáithí invited me to a meeting in the club. They were trying to set up a juvenile section. I turned up and on my first visit to the club was made the first Chairman of the Juvenile Section a position I was to hold for the next 12 years. Juvenile affairs in Dublin were a bit careless then. I wanted everything done properly. All registered players, every team would have a manager, proper set of jerseys, and fulfil all fixtures."

Among those active at the juvenile or Executive levels then were John Francois, Brian Croke, Pat Riney, Terry Noone, Kevin Cardiff, Martin Lennon, Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sean MacPhaidín, Kevin O'Malley, Jim Whittle, Tony Morgan, Paddy Connolly, Ray Leonard, John Mulrooney, Pat Caffrey, Jimmy Whan, Liam Delaney and Eamonn McKenna.

Sean was also very keen on network building. "We worked closely with the schools and parents. We had social nights for teachers and parents."

A key innovation of Sean's was the organised Saturday nurseries. "I had been watching our Under 11s and when they saw the ball they all ran like geese after a bit of food. I said to myself if we had those fellas coached we could take on the likes of Kilmacud Crokes and Round Tower who were the dominant south city teams at the time. So we became the first club to have organised coaching at Páirc Uí Mhurchú and the Hermitage. We had coaches like Conor Doolan, Bill McAllister and Ray Leonard. We organised street leagues; referee courses and we published a newsletter for juveniles only."

By this time Sean was a married man with a young family. He met his wife Myra Mahony from near Portumna through a cousin who like Myra was a nurse in the Richmond. "At that time when the Hospital was having their annual dance the local Gardaí would be asked to provide the men." The Flynns have three in family – Gary (Wexford), Shane (Dublin) and Jacintha (Cork).

A treasured memory is of the time the club won its first juvenile championship – the Under 16 football title of 1981. "We drew with Vincents in the first match. I well remember a Vincents mentor saying afterwards 'we know what ye have now'. Brian Stynes was the manager. He knew what they were going to do. Jimmy was centre field. My fella Gary used to play corner-back. Now one thing about Gary – his anticipation was always first class. Brian moved him to midfield for the replay and whenever Vincents broke the ball Gary was there every time to pick up the breaks - we won the match. That night we put a table on top of a table and the cup on top of that and danced around it."

Progress to the Executive Committee followed and in 1986/87 he was elected Chairman. After that he served as Secretary for nine years. He was Vice-Chair of the Football Committee as well as Secretary.

Sean also started the monthly ceilis when he brought the renowned set dancing teacher the late Connie Ryan to the club. He picked the first Saturday of every month as the date and it has remained so ever since. Myra was an ever present at the ceilis making tea, collecting the money, washing the hall floor, tidying up. "The Ladies Committees have not got the recognition they deserve. They have done great work behind the scene for the club down through the years."

"Ballyboden is a family club. It is what the club in the country is – the centre of activity in the community. I love to come up on a Saturday morning and see all the small children playing with their parents watching on. Winning championships is the cream on the bottle but it's not everything. I'm a Dub now and my interest is in Dublin football and hurling."



Sean receives a presentation from the club for his years of distinguished service from GAA President Joe McDonagh and Club Chairman John Kirwan



Sean has been the announcer at the Monday night Lotto for a number of years - seen here with Eamonn Dolan in 2000



Sean in full flow during one of his impromptu theatrical performances



At a Féile na nGael launch in 1982 with the late Martin Lennon, John Mulrooney and Liam Delaney



Sean (John Flynn) - A Sevens winner in Manorhamilton

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Ag Feachaint Siar



The 1984 Under 14 Féile na nGael hurling team that took part in the All-Ireland series which was held in Dublin that year. Back row (l-r) Jim Fogarty (mentor), Frank Griffin, Jim Griffin, Paul Moore, Yangtze McDonald, Philip Wardick, Johnny Kenny, John Neville, Karl O'Meara, Enda Price, Ken O'Reilly, Martin Kenny Snr. (manager) Front row (l-r) Tony Donohoe Jnr., Stephen Murphy, ??, ??, Emmet Dooley, Gary Cullen, Padraig Harrington, Martin Fogarty, Peter Cooke

Johnny Kenny tells a great story about this team. "We represented Dublin in Division 2 of the All-Ireland that year. The team that beat us in the Dublin Féile final was thrown out for lighting fires on the side of the pitch. No joking! That's how we came to represent Dublin. We won a few matches in the early stages of the All-Ireland Féile but we lost to a Laois side in the semi final. When we were on the parade on our way to Croker for the finals we learnt that the Laois crowd had been thrown out for playing bangers - 15 and 16 year olds - so we had to play in the All-Ireland final that day. So we played in Croke Park in our runners, no helmets - we were lucky we had the hurleys for the parade. Naturally we lost to Mount Sion but we didn't do too badly in the circumstances."

Club Newsletter

The first newsletter was introduced in 1976 as an initiative solely for the Juvenile section. It was edited by Frank Harte and Seamus McConnell, two Fifth Year students at Coláiste Éanna. It had a sporadic existence but was revived again in 1987 this time as an inclusive Club Newsletter before falling into another silent period. It was re-established in June 1993 and has continued ever since. With the advent of the website, the Boden News has moved to being an annual Christmas publication

Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce what I hope will be the first of many Newsletters to you. The aim of this Newsletter is to keep you informed of Club activities.

As you are aware, our clubhouse was officially opened on 29th October, 1976. Now that it is open we hope that in the near future we will be able to provide other facilities besides the playing of Hurling and Football.

The Club has a very involved Juvenile Committee looking after your affairs. But nothing can be achieved without your participation and effort.

I hope you will all do your utmost to be available at all times for your various games. Whereas we all enjoy winning games it is of much more importance to participate and compete sportingly. This gives the greater satisfaction.

You may not be aware that we are running between 12 and 16 Juvenile Teams each week-end. This requires a vast amount of transport and we would hope that more parents would make available their help for transport and organization.

I'll finish off by wishing you all enjoyment in your games for the coming year and hoping that you will continue to keep up the high standard of work.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Molloy
Chairman



Martin Kenny manager of the 1984 Féile team leading the squad from Mountjoy Square with a curly-headed Ken Keary in the background.

U11

Street Football Leagues (Under 11, started on Sept 1, 1976)

Name	Date of birth	Height	Address
Brian Flynn	12.10.65	4-11	8, The Grange Rd
Brian O'Brien	19.6.66	4-11	100 Farringtons
Gareth Hickey	21.6.65	4-12	32 Clontarf St
Colin O'Donoghue	6.7.65	4-12	27 Broomfield St
Paul Keary	10.12.66	4-11	10 Marley Vale
Paul McGinley	16.12.66	4-11	41 Barton Drive
Paul Moran	28.1.66	4-11	8 Tara Hill Grove
Martin Harrington	30.10.65	4-11	38 Booterstown Road
Kenneth Murray	23.12.65	4-11	2 Lancelo Park, Grange Rd
Derek Webster	28.9.66	4-11	26 Colindale Rd, Dunlavin
John Clarke	20.7.66	4-11	40 Glenbrook St
David O'Sullivan	5.10.67	"	131 Tara Hill Rd
Robert Brennan	14.8.66	"	18 Tara Hill Crescent
Jimmy Stack	26.12.66	"	68 Broadford Hill, The Park
Robert Ryan	7.11.65	"	429 Conell Park, Ballynascorney
Patrick Harrington	26.10.66	"	45 Barton Rd
Liam O'Brien	23.1.67	"	6 Marley Drive
Kevin Lister	20.8.67	"	42 Glenbrook Park
John O'Donoghue	22.8.66	"	14 Sweetenham Drive, Duncannon
Justin Morgan	21.5.67	"	57 St Ender's, Grange Rd
David O'Mahony	6.9.66	"	

List of players for the U11 street leagues in 1976 with Paul McGinley's name highlighted

U11A 1981/82

Please obtain particulars of your team under the headings below so that we can establish the contribution from each school and also as an aid to future years.

NAME	ADDRESS	SCHOOL	PHONE
Pádraig Harrington	185, Ballynascorney Rd	Ballynascorney	9078285
Tracy O'Donnell	5, Sclandale Drive	Ballynascorney	907829
John McQuinn	38, Grange Rd, Ballynascorney	St Mary's	908713
Niall Brennan	29, Booterstown Close	Ballynascorney	907513
David Hurst	5, Booterstown Close	St Mary's	700160
Richard Quinn	97, Marston Road	Ballynascorney	908255
Thomas Kelly	8, Moyville Lane	Ballynascorney	905810
Brian Stynes	40, Ballynascorney Crescent	St Joseph's Tassanah	902036
Patrick Carrigan	90, O'Connell Ave	"	905758
Stephen Murphy	1, Booterstown Wood	St Mary's	—
Robert Donnelly	6, Tara Hill Grove	St Mary's	—
Michael Whelan	30, Moyville	St William's	—
Gary Dunne	14, Marley Grove	St Mary's	—
Kevin Byrne	19, Ballynascorney Road	St Mary's	—
Brandon Meaney	63, Silverwood Drive	Ballynascorney	905336
Niall O'Donnell	25, Tyrone Heights	St Mary's	616637
Joseph Whelan	37, Knocklyon Drive	Ballynascorney	967968
Gareth Brennan	29, Anna Maria Park	Ballynascorney	907346
Kevin O'Malley	Hillman, Tassanah	Hillman, Tassanah	985662
Michael Byrne			
Brian O'Shea	2, Moyville Lane	Ballynascorney	905815
Jason Byrrell			

List of players for the U11 street leagues in 1981 with Pádraig Harrington's name on top



The 1978 Under 11B football team. Back row: Jackie Harding, Stephen Dooley, Mark Barron, John Phillips, Colm O'Leary, Paul Kingston, Mark Hogan. Front row: Martin Murphy, Christy Bradshaw, David Rath, Cathal MacPháidin, Ciarán Sudway, Derek Bruton, Derek Webster, Adrian Walsh



Senior Football team 1984. Back row: Donal Fitzgibbon, Mick Maher, Ger Flaherty, Niall Scolard, Gerry O'Kelly, Ciaran Maher, Ken Murray, Paul Morris, Gary Flynn. Front row: John "George" Kavanagh, Jimmy Ward, Mick Moriarty, Fergal Gaughran, Paul Coffey, Frank Rafferty, Shay O'Hara, Patsy Rafferty.



1988 - Evening Herald Report of the 1988 Junior Hurling Final. Back row: Derry Guilfoyle, Gerry Brown, John Doyle, Brendan Young, Ken Murray, Willie Ryan, Jonathan Kenny. Front row: Ollie Hickey, Ken Ryan, Tom Brown, John Butler, Jimmy Galavan, Martin Donohue, Stephen Dooley, Robert Lambert



JH A Champions 1988. 20th Anniversary. Junior A Hurling Champions and Corn Ceitinn Winners 1988 – Standing: Noel Sheridan (mentor), Ollie Hickey, Joe Gleeson, Terry O'Neill, Gerry Brown, Mick Fletcher, Ken Murray, Tom Dunne, James Griffin, Jonathan Kenny, Brendan Young, David Kane, Malachy Daly, John Doyle, Eddie O'Sullivan. Front: Ken Keary, Gerry O'Sullivan, Stephen Dooley, Jimmy Galavan (captain), John Butler, Eddie Finn (manager), Eamonn O'Sullivan, John Kirwan, Brendan Maher. Missing: Dan Quinlan, Derry Guilfoyle, Martin Donohue, Willie Ryan, Tom Brown, Jim Kennedy, John Tuohy, Tony Donohoe, Robert Lambert.

Senior Citizens Network

By: Fintan Walsh

2008 marked a successful year in the development of the Network with membership now hitting the 150 mark. There was a full calendar of events including the presentation of "The Playboy of the Western World" by the club's own Drama Group and performances by the Rathfarnham Concert Band, the Ballyroan Adult Band and John Doyle's Mulligan group.

Outings took place to the National Stud and the Japanese Gardens in Kildare as well as a visit to the splendid Civic Theatre in Tallaght for Greenhills Variety Show. Sincere thanks also to young musicians Kathy O'Neill and brothers Patrick and Ciarán O'Meara who entertained us during the year.

Appreciation also to Dolores, Rita, Rose and Olive who laid on refreshments at our receptions.

The Christmas Party meticulously organised by Tommy Clinton and his team is the social highlight of the year.

The Committee comprises of Fintan Walsh (Chair), John O'Neill (Sec), Sean Flynn (Treas), Liam Delaney, Dolores Griffin, Rose and Noel Sheridan, Olive Monaghan, Diarmuid MacMathúna, Tommy Clinton, Jack O'Farrell and Noel Callan with Club Chairman Paddy Walsh always on hand to help.

Recession or no recession, we look forward to a pleasant and successful year in 2009.



Bill and Rita Conway



Rathfarnham concert band 2008



Ballyroan Adult Band



Jim and Joan McConnell and Tony O'Toole

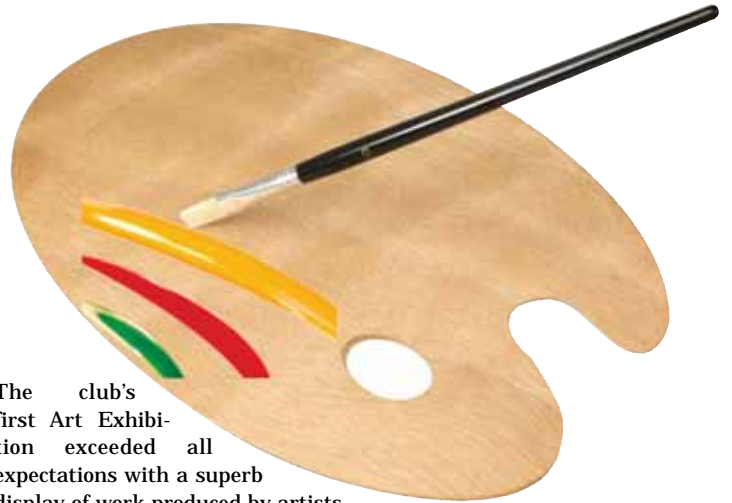


John O'Neill and Marie Clinton

Art Altruism supports Cancer



Minor hurling mentor Conor Sheehan has hidden talents



The club's first Art Exhibition exceeded all expectations with a superb display of work produced by artists from within and without of the club. The brainchild of Katie Daly, the exhibition entitled "Art Altruism" raised over €2,600 for the Irish Cancer Society and Arthritis Ireland. John Church, Chief Executive of Arthritis Ireland and Kevin Delaney from the Irish Cancer Society were present.

The Ballyboden St. Endas Art Society (BAS) was so pleased with the results that they have decided to make it an annual event.

Katie Daly says "Thank you to everyone who attended and we are already making plans for next year on how we do things bigger and better. We hope to pick a different charity each year, one that is personal to a member of the Art Society."

Art was exhibited by Neil Brennan, Katie Daly, Dave Sweeney, Conor Sheehan, Betty Wilkinson, Catherine Flood, Robert Brennan and Bethan Rees. Niamhín Scolard donated a piece of work by Tom Scolard.

Lots of members of Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA attended the exhibition and were generous in their donations and buying pieces of artwork.

Among those to view the exhibits were Colin Moran, Conal Keaney, Alan Shatter TD, Olivia Mitchell TD, Brian Hayes TD and Cllr. Cait Keane.



Katie Daly, curator of the exhibition with South Dublin County Councillor Cait Keane



The Exhibition - some of the over 30 pieces that were exhibited

Cancer and Arthritis Societies



A beautiful still life from Betty Wilkinson

Senior Hurler David Sweeney - check the detail



A lovely perspective of Bray Head by Katie Daly



Former senior football boss Neil Brennan with a lovely landscape

Together we can make a difference



The Bank of Ireland was a sponsor of Ballyboden St. Endas Féile football team in 2008



Cruinn Diagnostic Ltd were a sponsor of the Summer Camp '08 - launching the sponsorship were back: John Archbold, Brian O'Regan, Jack Nolan (Cruinn Diagnostics), Paddy Walsh, P J Donohue, Danny Griffin, Paul McLoughlin. Front James Nolan and Hannah Hyland.



Jimmy Walsh Manager of the U14 Féile Peil team which reached the Dublin Final received generous sponsorship support from Richard Harper of Diatec Digital, also in picture are players Sean Keller and Dean Doyle.



Connolly Gaw - Financial Services sponsored the Ballyboden St Endas minor football team. (From Left) Aidan Kerin (Connolly Gaw) Jim Keane (manager), Seamus Keane.



Valvecom and Fergus Reid - longtime sponsors and among the first to erect a sign at Santa Maria



Keane Mortgage and Financial Services, Rathfarnham are supporters of the Club Website. Pictured in Rathfarnham Village are Pat Keane and Gerry O'Sullivan.

Pictured at the launch of the Tadhg Riordan Motors - Toyota Main Dealers sponsorship were Tomas Keogh, Sales Executive, Tadhg Riordan Motors, Gerard Murphy, General Manager, Tadhg Riordan Motors, Paddy Walsh Club Chairman and Danny Griffin Sponsorship Manager.



Pictured at the launch of Windsor Motors sponsorship of the Under 14 Football team were (l-r) : Brian Byrne, Brendan Byrne, Cormac Keane, Gabriel Keane, Chief Executive, Windsor Motors and Arron Delaney.



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Boden Wedding Bells



Junior Footballer Brendan Sheehan and Heather Murphy



Junior Hurler Brian Kirwan and Caroline Thompson



Junior Footballer Eamonn McConnell and Sinead O'Toole and members of the Dublin football Squad



Junior Hurler Kieran O'Neill and Catherine Maher



*Former Senior hurler
Seamus Ryan and
Christine Donnelly*



Former Senior Footballer Ciarán Doyle and Aoife Bugler



Junior footballer and referee Gearóid Brady and Linda Kenny



Senior B hurling mentor, Philip Larkin and Annemarie Featherstone

Evening Herald Dublin Senior Hurling Champions 2008 - Ballyboden/St Endas



The Ballyboden St Endas squad. Dublin Senior Hurling Final. Ballyboden St Endas v Kilmacud Crokes. Parnell Park, Dublin. Back Row: Mark Lambert, Mick Griffin, Niall McMorrow, David O'Connor, Maurice Nagle, Dermot Daly, Derek Foley, Paul Ryan, Stephen Perkins, Gary Maguire, Simon Lambert, Stephen Treacy, James Hiney, Brendan Treacy, James Duffy, Cathal Ryan, Conor McCormack, James Doody, Conal Keaney, Austen Lynch. Front Row: Matthew Weldon, Martin O'Sullivan, Emmet Carroll, Malachy Travers, Shane Durkin, David Curtin, Tim Sweeney, Darragh Spain, Finn McGarry, Peter Buckeridge, Alan Ryan, David Sweeney..

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