

Ballyboden St. Endas GAA Camogie and Ladies Football Club CLG Baile Buadáin Naomh Eanna



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# Minor and Senior Hurlers in County Finals this Sunday

The Senior A and the Minor A hurlers need your support on Sunday next. This unique occasion sees the Minor and Senior finals on the same day in the same venue for the first time in many years...... and Boden feature in both.

The Senior A team will be attempting to regain the title we lost last year after a five year spell as champions. It is not going to be easy and YOUR support can make the difference as we take on Lucan Sarsfields. This is Lucan's first Senior final so they can be assured of a huge support in Parnell Park. We need to match that support on the day.

We also need to get that support there early to urge on our Minors against a very good Kilmacud side. The dream of a double on County Final day is very much alive!! Please encourage family and



friends to support the teams on the day. It is hoped to have buses leaving the club from 12 noon.

Keep an eye on the website for updates on transport arrangements to the game.

The Minor B hurlers should not be forgotten as they too have a big game. They are away to Skerries Harps in their championship semi-final. This game is at 10.30am giving plenty of time to call into Parnell Park to support the Minor A team.

Read Club Chairman Brendan Moran's Appeal for Support and details of buses leaving the club.

# **Profile of Senior Hurling Captain Conal Keaney**

Conal Keaney is captain of our Senior team and will hopefully be returning home with the cup on Sunday afternoon. The newsletter team caught up with him this weekend to have a quick chat with him.

Click here to read the questions and answers



## Ladies Football Update

Approximately 140 girls donned the Ballyboden colours to compete in the Dublin Championship and shield Juvenile Finals over the weekend. It was a great achievement to have 7 teams competing in the finals, but unfortunately lady luck did not shine on our girls this time. The results however did not reflect the gallant and spirited performance of all the girls over the weekend.

The weather conditions on Saturday afternoon were not favourable to playing football. For the three teams who competed on Saturday, driving wind and rain did not make it easy. The under 13 Div 1 and the Under 15 div.1 were first off the mark with home fixtures. The under 13 A team were unfortunate to go down to Kilmacud and Noel Lynn's report below gives an accurate account of the game. Meanwhile at the same time over on Pairc Ui Mhurchu the U15 A team took on Cuala in the Shield Final. Despite trailing with a score of 0 - 4 to 3 - 0 at half time this team made a great come back in the 2nd half and were just beaten by a point in the end. Across the road in Cherryfield the Under 15B team were up against Foxrock Cabinteely and were unfortunate to go down to them with a score of 1 - 6 to 7 - 8.

However Sunday afternoon the bright blue skies was a welcome bonus for players and supporters alike. First on the stage in Pairc Ui Mhurchu were the Under 14B team who gave a cracking performance against Thomas Davis. The 16 A Div. 1 clash with Kilmacud was another great game to watch.

Meanwhile up in Marley Park the Under 14 Div 1 team were out against Ballinteer. And finally our Under 16 Div 2 team was the last game to compete in the weekends competition.

On Saturday and Sunday evening as most teams returned to the Club House for the traditional Pizza treat, the disappointment of losing soon fades. Smiles and laughter from the girls quickly replaced the disappointment that was evident on the pitch as they now chat with their team mates. Team mentors carry out the usual match post mortems and parents get a chance to relax and catch up.

So as another busy weekend wraps up great credit goes especially to all the management teams involved over the two days. A special word of thanks to Ned and the Bar staff for accommodating the teams after the matches. And finally thanks to Ciaran and Pat for allocating the pitches over the two days.

## U16 Division 1 Ladies Football Championship Final Report

Sunday 3rd November saw yet another championship final clash against arch rivals

Kilmacud Crokes. The weather was perfect to facilitate this titanic duel and the game started at a blistering pace.

Ballyboden were quickly out of the blocks going a few points up, taking control of the opening quarter. Crokes strike back with a goal and a point. Over the course of the first half Boden got two goals disallowed and a few goal attempts whizzed past the Crokes goal. Crokes countered and punished us with three first half goals. The second half was a close affair and things looked positive when we scored an early goal and converted a penalty, but it was not to be. This was definitely one that got away, but in sport sometimes second best is what you get. Well done & congratulations to a great Crokes team.

On a positive note it was a great season having reached and contested yet another championship final. In addition this team sits at the top of the 2013 div 1 league table.

Great credit is given to all the players, who demonstrated admiral skill throughout the year and have shown over a number of years to be a talented, consistent and successful bunch of footballers.

On behalf of my fellow mentors Eugene Duffy and John Madden special thanks to the girls for a great year of football and also to the parents, relations and local support that turned out at Páirc Uí Mhurchú to support . Seán McGinn

Photos from game can be found here

### **Under 16 Ladies Football DIV. 2 Final Report**

The U16B panel lost the Div 2 Shield Final to Ballinteer St Johns on a scoreline of 4-8 v 2-3. The ballyboden girls were up against it going into the game without two key players. Ballinteer were the stronger side in the first half and led at half time 1-6 v 0-1.

They had pace to burn in all areas of the pitch and were first to the ball time after time. All five substitutes played the last ten minutes of the first half. The ballyboden girls were determined to improve their performance and did that by scoring a goal and a point early in the second half to reduce the deficit to 4pts. The margin remained at 4pts midway through the second half. At this point the 5 substitutes were introduced again. Ballinteer stretched their lead in the final quarter and ran out comfortable winners.

The ballyboden girls tried their best right up to the final whistle. It has been a pleasure coaching this group of 20 players over the past six years as well as our 16 strong Div 5 panel. Hopefully they will all continue playing football next year at minor.

# U14 Girls lose out in Championship Final

A dry sunny day set the scene for a thrilling U14 Div 1 Championship final as Ballyboden and Ballinteer went toe-to-toe for 60 minutes. The Ballyboden girls had prepared for the championship with dedication and commitment. Unfortunately despite the successes of last year and the many game winning performances



delivered so many times through the 2013 season the girls could not overcome a stronger Ballinteer team. A 15 minute purple spell by Ballinteer in the middle of the first half proved to be the difference between the sides. But as always with this squad of girls, the 'never give up' spirit of the team dominated their game right right through to final whistle.

Unfortunately this was not to be their day and where as the mentors, families and friends would like to have seen them win the girls know that not only are we very proud of them but they also know that they are not defined by their results but rather by how they prepare, commit and work for their team. In this regard they are second to none.

The girls and mentors would like to take this opportunity to convey our appreciation to the Great Boden support on Sunday in Marlay. There was a wonderful sense of "Clubness" about the occasion and such across the Club support will live long in all our memories

We are now off to have some fun over the coming weeks and preparation for 2014 will soon commence. It has been a real joy and a pleasure to work with these girls they are a credit to all.

### **U14B Ladies Footballers Match report**

Last Sunday the U14B team took on Thomas Davis in the Shield Final. The team had prepared well, putting in extra training during mid term so when the whistle blew it was game on. The girls took a few minutes to settle into the occasion and they were rewarded for their efforts as we went a goal and point up after 15 minutes. The opposition kept up their attempts at the Boden Goal but the Boden back line, Sarah Leach, Katie O'Reilly and Aoife Dwyer, defended well and were kept



on their toes, not only by the opposition but from encouragement and direction from Ciara Beggan the Boden Goalie who made some cracking saves which meant we were in the lead at the end of the first half.

But as we all know this is a game of two halves. Playing into the wind this time we knew we had our work cut out to keep the lead and Thomas Davis came at us hard. The Boden girls matched them score for score but 2 opportune goals in the last 5 minutes sealed the deal for Thomas Davis and unfortunately denied us the shield.

Thanks to all parents, family, friends and club members for your support, your voices were heard and much appreciated.

"Win as a team loose as a team" and thanks to everyone who joined the team in the club house for the post match analysis.

Scores- Aisling McCullagh 2G, Elizabeth Manning 1P, Kate Hutchinson 2G, Laura Mae Kilkenny 1P

Many thanks to their Management team: Paul Manning, Sue Dalton, Jim O'Dwyer, Linda McCullagh and James Brooks for all their work during the year.

### **Boden U13 Girls Division 1 Final Report**

Last Saturday, Ballyboden hosted the U 13 Division 1 final between BBSE A's and Kilmacud A's. It was Boden's 3rd successive cup final while the visitors had qualified for their 1st.

The weather was harsh with strong winds and rain and was reflected in both the half and full time scores. The first 15 minutes was very tight with Crokes registering the opening score of the game. A penalty was then awarded to Crokes which was only seen by the referee and well finished by their full forward. Boden fought back but with little luck in front of goal and saw chance after chance scream wide, hitting the woodwork 3 times. 3 More points and a goal for Crokes saw the end of the 1st half with a score line of 2 goals 04 pts to no score.

The second half threatened to play out like the 1st with Boden playing well but again seeing their efforts denied by goalie, wood work and some near misses. Then the gates opened for Boden with Aoife Durkin kicking a great point from 30 yds. After that Boden were far more clinical tagging on point after point and at the other end as Crokes had tried to keep their lead in shooting on goal numerous times but Laura Smithers, Bodens gate keeper, pulled one save after the other to keep her team in the hunt.

Midway though the half Saoirse Jago got a sweet pass from Rachel Plunket in the left corner and turned to goal, driving a rocket into the net to bring Boden within a point of the leaders. Crokes dusted themselves down and went back up the other end and scored a well taken point. The kick out broke to the visitors who worked well in moving the ball up field quickly and rattled the net with a well taken goal. From there on Boden were camped in the opposition half and tagged on some well taken points but alas time was not their friend, much to the dismay of a well supported sideline of parents and friends who cheered their heads off during the Boden revival.

It truly was a great match despite the weather and both team can be proud of their performances. Crokes enjoyed their win of 3 goals- 06 pts v 1 goal, 09 pts.

Boden will learn a lot from this and hopefully come back next year stronger and better. This boden team are made of stern stuff and are confident that the end of the rainbow is not very far away.

Is feidir linn agus beidh muid arais aris le Cunagh De.

Noel Lynn

## U12 Hurlers win League Title

Congratulations to the Under 12 Hurlers on winning their league in style with a fantastic win 8-10 to 3-3 over Clontarf (2), in Ballycullen last Saturday. Their mentors would like to thank all the parents and the boys for their commitment during the year.



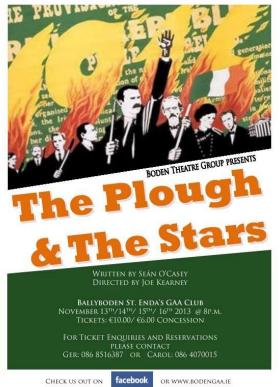
## The Plough in the Stars - 1 week to go!

The final week before the show is always hectic! This is the time when the stage goes up and rehearsing with all the props, costumes, sounds and lighting becomes an integral part of each rehearsal. Director Joe Kearney has worked tirelessly to get the players into tip top condition. And while lines were being learned, the backstage crew were kept busy behind the scenes constructing and painting the sets for this 4 act play.

We are so excited to see the whole thing come together this weekend and look forward to welcoming to the show next week!

Dates: 13th/ 14th/ 15th/ 16th November @ 8pm.

Tickets: €10.00/ €6.00 concession



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For tickets contact: Carol - 086 407 0015/ Ger - 086 85 16387

## **Coaching Corner Update**

As was said in the Coaching Corner article two weeks ago, the Coaching & Games Executive have set up a sub group chaired by Eugene Duffy to review current Athletic Development practices in the club. Other members of this sub group include Ned Flood, Teresa Molohan, Mark Fee, & David Sweeney. We will be starting this week to complete a Functional Movement Screen on all boys & girls born in 1998(next years under 16's). The results of this screening will help us design a suitable flexibility and mobility programme for these players to carry out over the winter and reduce the chance of injury for the players next season.

Another programme that we are looking at into at the moment is the new GAA 15 injury prevention programme and we will be updating mentors on this shortly. The programme <u>can be viewed on the following link</u>

# Social Events this Week

#### BINGO EVERY TUESDAY

Don't forget Bingo this Tuesday and every Tuesday in the newly up-graded Lounge. The first game is at 8.30pm sharp. Cost is €10.00 for 10 games plus €2.00 for the jackpot. The jackpot for this Tuesday 29th October is €550.00. Come along with your friends for a FUN night.'

#### FRIDAY NIGHT CARDS



Cards are back this Friday at 9.pm. and every Friday night . New players always welcome!

#### PADDY BROWN SINGS IN THE BAR SAT NIGHT

Please welcome Paddy and his repertoire of ballads this Saturday night, 9th. He is one of the "resident" entertainers in the Johnny Fox bar in Glencullen and is enjoying success with his new CD, just released. Bring your friends along.

#### MONDAY NIGHT SET DANCING

There is a Set Dancing class every Monday night from 8:30pm

#### NA SIÚLTÓIRÍ BUADÁIN

New members always welcome, please check out the website for our full walking schedule.

http://www.bodengaa.ie/news/september\_november\_walking\_schedule.13.4015.html