



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



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Night at the Dogs 4 November - Get your Tickets Today!

2016 MAIN FUNDRAISING EVENT



- General entry: €10 and children under 14: €5
- Limited number of tickets including meal available at €30
 - Return Bus from club to venue €5
 - First race 7.45 pm

SHELBOURNE PARK
GREYHOUND STADIUM

In aid of
BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS
on Friday 4th November 2016

For tickets & more information, talk to your team or club contact



Entry tickets €10 or €30 to include meal. Tickets available from your team/section contacts or at bar. **PLEASE NOTE - it WILL NOT be possible to purchase tickets that benefit the club at the venue on Friday night.**

Buses also available to and from venue (leaving from and returning to club) €5. For tickets contact Peter Wall 087 1332308

Raffle tickets also available (behind bar or from your team/section contact) at €5 or €10 for 3 with excellent prizes on offer:

1st - iPhone 7

2nd - 2 nights B&B plus 1 evening meal for 2 at Sligo Park 4 star hotel

3rd - 4 ball at Druids Glen Golf course

PLEASE support this important event either through your attendance or by purchasing raffle tickets

Note from Chairman

I am very encouraged by the general response that I have received from many members, who have informed me that they will be attending the Club's fundraiser night in Shelbourne Park.

However at the time of writing, this general desire of support is not sufficiently reflected in ticket sales. As a result there is a danger that people will decide to attend Shelbourne Park at the last minute and therein lies the danger.

The Club are specifically prohibited from selling entrance tickets at the gates of Shelbourne Park or indeed in the general facility of the grounds. If a club member decides at the last minute to come to Shelbourne Park and pays his/her entrance fee at the turnstiles , there is absolutely **no benefit** whatsoever for the Club.

In order to give our Club your support for this event, tickets must be bought **in advance** .To do so,please contact the following people for your tickets.

Adult Football	Eoin Dunne	085 174 4795
	Padraig Cullinane	087 225 3783
Adult Hurling	John Small	087-220 3585
Ladies Football	Pat Conway	087 237 3243
	Kieran Rudden	087 243 1172
Camogie	James Murray	087 125 1630
Juvenile Boys	Jerry Corcoran	087 958 4490

Tickets can also be purchased from the bar staff in the club.

Apart from this being the Club's major fundraiser, it is also a night where the members and friends of our Club can enjoy a wonderful evening and meet up with your colleagues and friends.

Brendan Moran
Cathaoirleach

Please support this important initiative

Minor D Hurling Champions!



On a fine autumnal October morning the hardy bucks from the Minor 3 hurling team gathered at the clubhouse for their final manoeuvre to capture the Dublin Minor D hurling Championship of 2016. All troops were accounted for and it was ‘up horse and away’ via the M50 to the Trinity Gaels Complex near the coastal town of Maladide, the opposition were St Sylvesters - a good team that beat us at home early in the league.

The pace of the day was well set by Mick ‘The Actor’ Keville who took the lads through a good drill set in the warm up. Coach ‘The Gav’ Duff gave them their final instructions and the lads were well primed for the battle. As a small gesture of belligerence the Boden mentors decided ‘to share’ the same touchline as the already ensconced Sylvesters crew.

The ball was in and the game was on....Ross ‘The Gallery Hurler’ McCormack settled us with an early point ...a few minutes later ‘Tricky’ Duff scored from a close in free...and then Sean ‘The Assassin’ Gorman hit in a Hail Mary of a shot with just enough ‘top spin’ to dip under the post and register a green flag....we were up and motoring! Sylvesters came back into the game and got a few fine pints from play and dead balls. By half time the teams were even at 1-5 apiece. The blackboard and chalk was out again – we had to adopt a new strategy for the 2nd half – the Coach decreed..shore up the middle section...midfield was to go deep.... (were we in a maternity ward or were we going fishing?).

Meanwhile our ‘man in the gap’ Matthew ‘the Spit of Des’ Nolan was ...and continued all through to have a stormer of a game. The full back line were no less influential....the ‘Dasher’ Bradshaw in the right corner attacked every ball and was up against a very good forward , Red Hugh at full was tormented all day by the Sylvesters towering full forward – but never bowed and as the match progressed he grew stronger and stronger....our Captain Eoin ‘Steady’ Fetherstone was doing what he did all year - having a great game. ‘Tiger’ Murray was a little more subdued than usual but still had just enough dander to frighten his opponent. Eoin ‘Cool’ Dennehy was having a tidy game and made one majestic catch late in the game that lifted the Boden crowd on the far side of the pitch...the ‘Turfcutter’ Basquel soldiered away all day and came strong in the last 10 mins when the going got real tough.

At midfield we had 'Duracell' O'Neill who ran himself into the ground and had just enough energy late on to join the attack and score a winning goal. His comrade at midfield was the 'small farmer' McGrath who worked very hard all day and popped over a nice tidy point with about 5 mins from to go ('The Goal was On' ...I was told in the car on the way home...luckily wise council prevailed and the point was taken...going for glory at that point could have resulted in a long walk home!)

The last time we saw the 'Smiling' Joe McGrath - he was on the broad of his back in an ambulance heading for Tallaght Hospital with concussion and a broken wrist - but he declared himself fit on Sunday morning - he had a fine game and controlled the 'middle third' ... "coaches parlance" ... In the centre was 'Bold Boy' O'Donoghue - he was like a man with a scythe in a back haggart - levelling all before him ...and he hit a few balls well! Sean 'The Assassin' Gorman scored 2 -1, his last point was a real over the shoulder job - just for the fun of it! Sean 'the Gazelle' Lambert played well and scored a fine point. The 'Gallery' Mc Cormack and 'Tricky' Duff both had good games and roamed the full line with confidence. The strapping Cian Corcoran and Mairtin O'Rian came on the make a meaningful contribution - Mairtin went for a glory goal when a point was on - 'the goalie made an unbelievable save' - he tells me afterwards, Cian contested a few vital high balls that we won.

The final score - BBSE won 3-8 to 1-11.

The Boden crowd swarmed onto the pitch with unbridled joy....there was great rejoicing like a Tinkers wedding they'd come from far and wide. Our Debonair Chairman, Mr Moran led the way, ..the 3rd Policeman was there - with that contented look on his face, ..Chief O'Neill was there from the A's, ..the genial M. Garvey from the B's with his sidekick 'The Fiery' General O'Donoghue were there, ..Mick from the NRA, who showed the way with last years' team was there with his good lady - adorned in white and well contrasted by the Captains mother in blue, Gerry the Juvenile Chairman who drove back from Cork (after drinking one glass of Poitin the night before with his father in law) was there , ..our Newsletter Editor/Photographer Cathy was there, ..Long John Ryan was there - having just flown in from Dubai to survey the progress of the grass on the clubhouse pitch, check out his hacienda up on the hills and head back out again, ..the goalies grandmother 'Geraldine' was there....and in fairness to most of them they were in their Sunday best and nicely tipped up! We thanked our hosts at Trinity Gaels for their hospitality, bought a few of their lotto tickets and headed in the direction of the Dublin mountains.

We regrouped at 7.00pm in the clubhouse - Mick had laid on a lavish dinner - Chicken Curry 'Leitrim Style' (his grandmother picked up the recipe at an ICA meeting in Aghwillan after the war- when meat was scarce) - finding a bit chicken was similar to finding the ring in a barmbrack! Having said that the Coach, Frank 'the baker' and me fein levelled a few re-heated plates of the said curry at a late hour and strolled home most contented. It was a glorious night ...the sky was only majestic ... studded with stars....Glory Glory God in Heaven!

p.s. A great thanks to our extended panel (the 'Runner' James Kinsella, 'Grand young-fellow' Mark Agnew, the 'teachers son' Ciaran McDonald, the 'Politician' James O'Reilly and the man from Hong Kong - Tim Chung) who unfortunately didn't get a run out on the day but made vital contributions to matches during the year which helped get us to the final.

p.p.s. (1) Our Captain made a fine acceptance speech after the presentation of the cup!
p.p.s. (2) Thanks to our statistician Des and waterboy Harry – who helped keep the show on the road.

p.p.s. (3) and finally ...please don't forget – tickets for the Dog Night – available from the cattle jobber @ 0876672700

For more photos and a video of the presentation of the Cup, [please visit our facebook page](#)



U15 Footballers in "A" Championship Final this Sunday

U15 Football

DATE	VENUE	TIME
06 Nov	O Toole Park	13:00

**BALLYBODEN ST
ENDAS A**

VS

ST SYLVESTERS A

REFEREE
Darren Malone-St Marys



Wishing our U15 footballers the Very Best of Luck when they take on St Sylvesters in the Football 'A' Championship this coming Sunday, November 6th. Throw in is at 1pm and the venue is O' Toole Park.

Please come out in the Boden Blue and White and support our boys. Boden Abu!

Ode to Andy - Farewell to Andy McEntee



An ode to Andy McEntee

By Shane O'Brien

When the dust settles, and people begin to reflect in earnest on Meath-bound Andy McEntee's tenure as manager of Ballyboden St Enda's, he will surely go down as one of the most inspired appointments in club management.

When McEntee took the reins in 2014, he took control of a club that had been sporadic Dublin football champions in Dublin in 1995 and 2009 and a club that had been predominately seen as a 'hurling club' for the best part of a decade.

In days gone by, Ballyboden would only enter discussions about potential Dublin champions after the likes of St Vincent's, Kilmacud Crokes and Ballymun Kickams had had their chances picked apart again and again, making Ballyboden's All Ireland winning campaign in 2016 all the more impressive.

McEntee's first year in charge saw Ballyboden fall to a swashbuckling St Vincent's in the semi finals for the second year in a row and although Boden put up a good fight, they ultimately succumbed to the class of Vincent's, and in particular Diarmuid Connolly.

"If we were 100% honest with ourselves I don't think we ready to beat a team like Vincent's in 2014," reflected McEntee.

So when the sides prepared to face off in the 2015 Dublin Senior Football final, the vast majority of pundits expected Vincent's to break Boden hearts for the third year running.

What transpired was an emphatic Boden victory. The four point winning margin flattered Vincent's, who didn't look like winning at any stage. So what changed in a year?

McEntee modestly downplays his own role and puts it down to an influx of new players. A simple analysis of the teamsheets from each year shows that Paul Durcan, Shane Clayton,

Michael Darragh Macauley and Colm Basquel were all absentees in 2014. All four players made it into AIB club team of the year this year.

But even with a strengthened line up, the task of dismantling a Vincent's team that had claimed five of the six trophies on offer to them over the past two years remained an unenviable one. That task fell to McEntee and he rose to the challenge magnificently.

If they were to win, Boden had to do something to nullify Diarmuid Connolly. Connolly had run riot in 2014 scoring 1-06 from play to almost single-handedly win the game for Vincent's, yet in 2015 Connolly didn't score once and was a peripheral figure throughout. McEntee had got his match ups absolutely spot on.

"We put Bob Dwan on Connolly and he did a job on him. Physically you've got to be able to put it up to someone like Connolly and Bob was able to do that. He held him scoreless and actually looked more like scoring than Connolly did," said McEntee.

Credit also must go to McEntee for the way he transformed Ballyboden defensively in the space of a year. Boden had shipped 5-29 in the two previous semi finals against Vincent's, yet conceded a mere ten points in the 2015 Dublin final. In fact, Ballyboden only conceded two goals in ten games throughout the championship, a simply remarkable statistic. McEntee puts this down to a heavy defeat in a league game against St Oliver Plunkett's.

"We got a bit of a lesson off them (Plunkett's) and we conceded four or five goals. After that we had to take stock and maybe not commit so many bodies forward. I don't think we went ultra defensive, but something had to change," said McEntee.

After taking Dublin the hard way by beating Kilmacud Croke's, Oliver Plunkett's and St Vincent's, McEntee was now faced with a new challenge in the form of the Leinster Championship. On both occasions Ballyboden had previously won the Dublin Championship, they had fallen at the first hurdle in Leinster.

A seemingly favourable draw against St Patrick's of Louth, however, meant that many expected Ballyboden to banish that particular ghost. McEntee thought differently and the task fell to him to keep complacency out of his squad and keep his players grounded.

"Arguably our most difficult game was St Pat's. It was only six days after we had won the Dublin championship for the first time in quite a while so you couldn't deny players the chance to celebrate. The game itself was scrappy and played in tough conditions. We were delighted to just get over that particular hurdle," claimed McEntee.

After that four point victory over St Patrick's, came St Loman's of Westmeath and a much more straightforward victory, pitting Ballyboden against Portlaoise in the club's first ever Leinster football final.

The game was on a knife edge for large parts, and when Aran Waters put Ballyboden in the lead with just a minute of normal time to give Boden the lead, no one expected it to be the last score of the game. That is exactly what transpired, however, when Portlaoise missed a guilt edged chance in the form of a 20-yard free to bring the game to extra time. Despite the high level of drama, McEntee was never overly worried.

“I was comfortable enough that if it did go to extra time, we’d have too much for Portlaoise. I looked at our bench and I looked at their bench and I just felt we had the more depth,” said McEntee.

With a first Leinster title under their belts, Ballyboden now faced a battle with Clonmel Commercials in the uncharted territory of the All Ireland semi final. Boden were made heavy favourites to advance to the final, something McEntee admits they did not deal all too well with.

“The evidence would appear to suggest that we struggled with the favourites tag. We struggled with it against Clontarf and we certainly struggled with it against Clonmel,” said McEntee.

Boden came within a whisker of exiting the championship that day. With just three minutes remaining they were down to 14 men and trailed by three points when scores were few and far between. McEntee and his troops kept the head, however, managed to take the game to extra time with three unanswered scores in the remaining minutes, the last of which being an inspirational point from Captain Darragh Nelson who picked a good time to register his first score of the campaign.

“Nelson’s score was an incredible point and the roar from the crowd when that ball went over the bar is something I’ll remember for a long time,” said a smiling McEntee.

With all the momentum with Ballyboden, there was only ever going to be one winner in extra time and Ballyboden, quite amazingly, had advanced to the All Ireland final with Castlebar Mitchels. Similar to the Vincent’s game in the county final, Mitchels were made heavy favourites, and similar to that Vincent’s game, Ballyboden completely blew Mitchels away before they had a chance to get going. A combination of ruthless finishing and tireless defending had Boden nine points up inside 15 minutes and the result already seemed beyond doubt.

“I think any manager would like a fast start,” said McEntee, “but it was something we targeted. Of course we never expected to be nine points up so early in the game. Croke Park was probably just ideal for us and maybe not so ideal for them.”

Under McEntee’s tutelage, Boden had gone from perennial Dublin semi finalists to kings of Ireland in the space of two years. He deserves a huge amount of credit for the way he developed a system that left Ballyboden watertight at that back, whilst also maintaining the ability to post competitive scores, a notoriously difficult feat.

October’s defeat to Kilmacud Crokes brought an end to McEntee’s three year stint with the club as he prepares to begin life as Meath intercounty manager and McEntee insists that his three years with Ballyboden were ‘as good a three years as he has had with any team.’

With his appointment to the Meath senior manager role, the task falls to McEntee to dethrone the Dubs in Leinster and there is no better man for the job. Meath have themselves a gem, both on and off the field and might just be a force to be reckoned with once again.

Andy's Final Words as Senior Manager to Supporters

Andy McEntee's Letter of Resignation:

[Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

and [Chairman, Brendan Moran's response](#)

Club Gym Refurbishment



Ballyboden's gym is now fully refurbished! The club has gone to a lot of expense and time to bring facilities up to a standard to match any club in Ireland. With over 800 adult players in the club, it's important we get off to an organised start. Next week, we will be starting off with induction sessions for senior team players initially in all codes in the club. Each player will have to go through an induction on the safe way to utilise the equipment at his or her disposal. It is planned to roll out the induction to all adult players in the club. It is also planned that a schedule of organised team session slots will be issued for all adult teams. Outside of scheduled slots, it has been agreed by the Executive and the gym committee that players will need to pay an additional 50 euros per annum which will go to maintaining the upkeep and standards within the gym. If you want to use this facility, you will be provided access through your Ballyboden membership card and you will log on to an app, which will highlight slots available for booking. For fully paid up adult players to join the gym is easy to do. (After induction session)

- Download the app.
- Pay the 50 euro contribution with a credit or debit card.
- You will then be set up with an account.
- Your membership card will automatically be activated and you will receive a mail alert.
- You then simply select a time slot on the app, and swipe in with your membership card when you arrive.
- All attendees outside a team session must have checked in on the app, and swiped in at the door.

The gym committee which is made up of two players from each of the four adult sections has been setup to ensure that we organise ourselves to utilise this fantastic asset in a safe and respectful way e.g. respect for others using the gym as well as keeping the exercise areas tidy and clean.

The club has agreed to licence out the use of the gym, primarily in the mornings to Gary Downey of Body Design Fitness (BDF). Gary and his team offer classes in personal training, group personal training, bootcamp classes, TRX classes etc. BDF are also offering discounted rates to club members and details can be found here <http://goo.gl/jIciU8>

Boden Calendar 2017



The 2017 Ballyboden St Enda's calendar is back. We would members to submit photos for consideration by 28th October. The photos need to be high resolution (at least 1mb in size) and need to have the name of the team and/or people in the photo. They don't all have to be of teams either, just club related in some way. Thanks.

Please email Sinéad Ryan sineadryanmedia@gmail.com or

Neil Buckingham neilbuckingham@eircom.net

Notice re Juvenile Boys Section AGM

The Boys Juvenile Section AGM will take place in the Club House main hall at 8.30pm on Wednesday 30th November 2016.
All welcome.

Handball - Let's put 'Boden on a World Stage

It may come as a surprise to people but the game of handball was included in the GAA Charter as one of the sports to be promoted by the new Association back in 1884. But it took almost 40 years before the first championships sponsored by the GAA took place in 1923.

Despite that, it is the only gaelic game that has a genuine World Championship with competitors from USA, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Puerto Rico, UK, and Spain; as well as emerging nations Holland, Italy, Belgium, Argentina, Japan and India to name but a few.

The game has grown in leaps and bounds since the Irish Handball Council was formed in 1924 - it is played by men and women, boys and girls of all ages with a huge variety of competitions.

Boden has still to take to the court but now might be the right time - we have the facilities after all. If you are interested in starting a Handball Section - contact Tomás Ó Reachtabhra (086 873 8778), Seán O'Connor (seaoc1@gmail.com) or John Kirwan (johngkirwan@gmail.com). What better way to commemorate the 1916-2016 centenary than to add handball to our list of games on offer - a form of sport that can be traced to Ancient Egypt and the year 2000 B.C

In My Own Words, Karl Reddy's Story.....an update

Earlier this year a small group of TY students from St.Columcilles Community School made a short documentary film which attracted over a quarter of a million views on various multi-media outlets (see link below).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ips63DwNpa4>

It went on to win 3 prizes at the Fresh Film Awards 2016 (Overall Group Winners, The Radharc award for Heritage & Documentary and The RTE Factual award). The group was invited to several international festivals but with limited funds, could only travel to Warsaw where they won Best Documentary. Last week, the film won a “Highly Commended” decorative scroll at the Radharc Film Awards.

They are the first ever Irish film makers to be invited to the Chicago Film Festival and have been selected from over 1000 entries. This is a prestigious event and the group has decided to attend the awards ceremony on the 4th, 5th & 6th of November.

Any assistance, however small, will be greatly appreciated. The film centers around GAA participation so anybody with influential contacts in this organization or any other organizations that can help, please pass this message on.

Any local information on accommodation or transport would also be of great help as the group is completely blind in this regard.

Please post any other ideas that can make this trip a success on the site below.

Thank You.

Here is the link is to their ['Go Fund Me' page where they hope to reach the goal of €7000](#)

Boden Cards Night Returns - Oct

Weekly game of 25 returns on Friday 7th October.

Join us on Friday nights in the Club at 9pm sharp for weekly game of 25.
New players are most welcome .

Lotto Results

Please check the [website](#) for results.
