

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



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## **Presentation to John Kirwan**



At this week's AGM outgoing Chairman Brendan Moran together with An Cathaoirleach Nua Ciaran Maguire presented John Kirwan with a special plaque for his long years of service to the club agus an sár obair a rinne sé mar Chathaoirleach ar "Coiste Comóradh an Chéid".

## **Football Round Up**

Early exits from the championship for our Seniors and Inters made for a sobering weekend for the football section. Last Thursday a big crowd travelled out to Parnell in anticipation of a difficult first round tie against Plunketts but still confident of progression. That confidence was increased after Boden made all the running for the majority of the first half despite conceding a softish goal. At half time though, 3 points up, we hoped to push on in the second half and complete the job. However Plunketts had other ideas and a goal off the back of a penalty and a black card for Tom Hanifin turned the game in their favour and, in truth, we couldn't find the rhythm or accuracy we displayed in the first half and were kept scoreless for the last twenty minutes. Bitter disappointment for the panel, management and supporters but we will regroup and move forward, there will be better days ahead.

Unfortunately our Inters also tasted defeat to a strong Naomh Barrog side in Cloghran in a close game by the narrowest of margins 1-12 to 0-14.

All the news wasn't bad though and our Junior teams provided some much needed cheer with victories for the Junior A's over St.Vincents and the Junior B's over Raheny. Both teams displayed courage, skill and perseverance to progress in their respective Championships. Reports below, big thanks to Liam Cunningham, Sean Gilheaney and Troy Gogan for providing great photos of the games, see our Facebook page for more.

Finally we'd like to wish Collie Basquel and Shane Clayton the very best of luck this coming weekend as the Dubs U21 footballers take on Galway in the All-Ireland Final in O'Connor Park in Tullamore. Throw in is at 5pm.



## Senior footballers bow out in First Round of Championship

#### Ballyboden St Enda's..... 0-13 St Oliver Plunkett's ER..... 2-10

2016 All Ireland Champions Ballyboden St Enda's are out of the Dublin Championship at the first hurdle following a narrow three-point defeat to St Oliver Plunkett's Eoghan Ruadh on Thursday night.

The clash of the two Dublin heavyweights was the standout tie in the first round of the Dublin Championship and it lived up to its billing, serving up an enthralling encounter. Boden will no doubt be left wondering what might have been in a game they dominated for long periods, but wastefulness in front of the posts in the second half and the concession of two sloppy goals allowed Plunkett's to stay in the game when they were second best. It was Boden who did all of the early running and they took the lead after 12 seconds when Conal Keaney curled over a brilliant point from just inside the 45.

Boden completely dominated the opening exchanges, putting immense pressure on the Plunkett's kick out and that tactic paid immediate dividends when it led to Darragh Nelson kicking Boden's second score.

Much of the pre-match focus was on former Kerry star Paul Galvin who made his championship debut for Plunkett's. However, the 37 year old struggled to get up to the pace of the game early on and it was his misplaced pass that allowed Donagh McCabe to canter towards the Plunkett's goal and kick the easiest of scores.

Ryan Basquel stretched Boden's lead even further when he fired over on 7 minutes, but within a minute of that score disaster struck.

One simple ball over the top put Dublin forward Bernard Brogan one-on-one with Josh Kane. Unselfishly, Brogan drew Kane in before laying the ball off to the onrushing Leigh Herron who had the simplest of finishes to make it a one point game.

That score sparked Plunkett's into life and Brogan levelled proceedings almost straight away, cutting in from the left wing to curl over off his right.

From the restart, Plunkett's took the lead for the first time when Leigh Herron added to his tally with a lovely point over his shoulder.

In the space of 90 seconds, Boden's lead had evaporated and their good start counted for nothing, however, this a team built on resolve and they soon fought their way back on top. Darragh Nelson kicked his second point to level the game, before Brogan and Ryan Basquel swapped points.

Three unanswered points from Sam Molony, including one well taken one from play, saw Boden move into a lead that was somewhat befitting of their performance.

Colm Basquel, on for the injured Shane Clayton, curled one over on the stroke of half time to cancel out a Brogan free to ensure Boden went in at the break with a three-point lead.

A three point margin absolutely flattered Plunkett's, truth be told. They had been outfought, outpaced and outplayed for large parts of the half, but kept in touch by virtue of having one of the best forwards in the country lurking in their full forward line.

Boden again got off to a dream start to the second half when Colm Basquel clipped over his second point off his left.

Again, however, a ball over the top was to be the undoing of all of Boden's good work. For the second time, Brogan was the recipient and this time he was hauled unceremoniously to the ground by Tom Hannifin just when he looked certain to score.

The ensuing black card and penalty were undebatable and Plunkett's forward Gareth Smith expertly dispatched the penalty to make it a one point game.

Boden again responded well and two Keaney frees saw them restore their three-point lead nine minutes into the second half. Crucially, however, Boden wouldn't score again and passed up numerous opportunities to stretch their lead in the following minutes.

Points from Gareth Smith and Brogan brought the game back to a one point affair, before Paul Galvin made his only telling contribution to level proceedings with ten remaining.

Three Plunkett's frees in the last ten minutes gave them a buffer that they would not give up, and with experienced heads like Bernard Brogan, Alan Brogan and Paul Galvin (all of whom won player of the year between 2009-2011) in their ranks, Plunkett's were able to run down

the clock and see out a victory that had looked most unlikely at half time. Report by Shane O'Brien



## **Junior A Football Division Championship**

Report by Neil Brennan

Ballyboden St Enda's 3-11 St Vincents 2-07

Ballyboden got their Junior Championship off to a flying start by disposing of a sticky St Vincents side that led by one point at the half time break.

Bodens start didn't excite anyone in the crowd and it didn't really catch fire until early in the second period when their superior fitness, team play and greater work rate took over. Playing in to the houses end in the first half the visitors opened brightly and although a neat McPartland point drew them level, Vincents hit back with a well taken goal and a brace of points.

At this stage Boden knew they were in a dog fight. But they home side knuckled down and kept the visitors at bay while picking off some nice scores themselves, the pick of these being a long range effort from the excellent O Brien. But the visitors were not to be out done and

were it not for a wayward pass at the last moment they could have doubled their advantage. Boden responded having got off lightly and scored three on the trot to be one in arrears at the half time whistle.

The second half belonged to the home side. A half time reshuffle of the resources and Boden started to find roads in to the Vincents defence that had been roadblocks in the first period. Shovlins passes started to open the visitors up and a string of opportunities were offered. But not until Carney got on the end of a cross and finished neatly to the net, did Boden see daylight. The visitors were chasing a quickening home side while they tired.

O Brien and O Donoghue in the middle of the park fielded magnificently throughout and became the platform to launch the attack. At centre back Carolan had a fine game while on both sides of him Burke and Mulligan ran themselves in to the ground for the cause. I the full back line McPartland was the free man as Vincents played with a sweeper. His point from play in the first half was magnificent. Maguire was teak tough at the back and gave nothing away while Jordan while having his hands full with the towering Morris at full forward won the dual.

At wing forward, Leach got through an immense amount of work. Weldon pulled the strings from centre forward and on his right Murphy had a solid game.

But the full forward line stole the show, Carney, O Dea and Kirwin were elusive, quick and hard to pin down. Given the right supply these three were a nightmare for the visitors. Shovlin, Barton, Mahon, Cronin and O Donnell were introduced and had an immediate impact on the game. Every team needs a strong bench and Bodens was stronger by far. Boden move on to the first round proper and it looks like an interesting summer for these young men, but they show a massive appetite for work and they are willing to roll up their sleeves to get the job done. No one hides on this team. Great leaders all over the park. We look forward to the next day

## **Junior B Football Championship**

This was always going to be a tough encounter for the JBs and it certainly did not disapoint. Raheny are a tough outfit but our training sessions were reflective of this,hard but fair. The setting was perfect in St Annes park,barely a breeze and the pitch in perfect condition. The atmosphere in the Boden ranks was tense, yet an air of positivity was circulating throughout the panel. The game finally got under way, the talking was over. It was Raheny who tagged on the first two points after they were first to react to the loose ball. In fact it was only after the opposition sent over four unanswered points that the JBs finally kicked into gear. The beauty of this team is that they never panic, stick to the game plan and keep a cool head. James McTiernan sent the ball high for a point after some excellent off the shoulder play. Vinnie Moran in midfield was abely assisted by Jamie Kavanagh and both set about stamping their authority on the game. Jamie sent in a low ball for Eoghan Buckley who stooped, gathered and turned with the ball with one thing on his mind. From an acute angle he split the posts. Ian Clarke at half back was using all that know how and after a great interception set Bradley up for the first of his two points. Donal Mccarthy has been operating on another level all season and his burst of pace had the beating of his man. After collecting a great ball in from James he bore down on goal and drew in the Raheny defence. He spotted Lynchy running into the open space and hand passed over the Raheny defence. At pace, Ian latched on the the ball and sent a rocket of a shot into the back of the net. Before half time Ian took his tally to 2-1 after a battling display, a player very much in form. By the time the referee blew for half time the JBs were 2-6 to 0-9 in front.

A slim lead but a lead all the same. Oranges and water were had as instructions were given out. We needed to be more clinical in front of goal, a bit more aggressive in the tackle. Cian Kelly was brought on for the injured Murphy. We were going to need his pace in this half for sure. The second half was a much more tight affair. Raheny were putting our defence under pressure. Michael Dunne was having an excellent game and his reading of the game is a sight to see. After collecting the ball ,he was instrumental in Bodens attack time after time. Vinnie Moran sent over two frees to keep the pressure on Raheny. But Boden don't like doing things the easy way at times and allowed the opposition to get foothold in the game.

We were taking too much out of the ball and just weren't our usual clinical self in front of goal. However we were dogged in the tackle, our defence were having a huge say in this game. Aaron O Reilly came on in the defence and helped massively in working the ball out of danger. The ball was now been worked out a pace and we were back in our groove. Young Colum Reade came in after Lynch had given his all and helped keep possession up front. Adrian Minnock was another player who quickly settled into the speed of the game and helped out in defence. Raheny were putting us under fierce pressure with minutes to go. Pocession football was the call yet again from management. Often a keepers hard work can go unnoticed, outfield players getting all the glory. The JBs have a star in Alan Keane and he pulled of an unbelievable save time keep us in the game. With seconds to go, the Raheny number 13 brilliantly caught a high ball and bore down on Bodens goal and let a thunder bolt of a shot. It had goal all over it, this would of leveled the game and extra time. Alan stood his ground and put out his right arm and pushed the ball away from danger. Ross collected the loose ball and as he advanced up the field, the referee blew his whistle. Game over, through to the next round. A huge sigh of relief. As I've always said, we'll take the win, take the positives and march on. These Men can be proud of this hard fought victory. Up next is Kilmacud in the Cup, the teams focus now. I must mention Enda Daly who gave a stellar performance despite been out with a serious injury for nearly over a month now. Boden Abu. Report by Martin O Donnell.

## Upcoming hurling championship fixtures



# HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior A V Cuala on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Parnell Park at 5.30pm

•Senior B V Oliver Plunkett's ER on April 29th in Sancta Maria at 6.00pm

Intermediates V Clontarf on April 29th in Ballycullen at 6.00pm

•Junior B V Faughs on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Ballycullen at 11.00am

•Junior D V Na Fianna on April 30th in Collinstown Lane at 3.00pm



Please show your support for the hurling teams over the weekend!

## Minor A League - Ballyboden St Enda's 2-20 Cuala 1-15

## Le Fear Bog reports

Ballyboden put the lessons learned from 2 recent heavy defeats in the memory bank to record a spirited victory over a very efficient Cuala side at Shankill on Sunday last. Indeed, for most of the first half it looked as if a third defeat on the spin was likely as Cuala kept the Boden lads at bay through a succession of points from ace marksman Liam Murphy and midfielder Diarmuid O'Floinn. The winning of this game for Ballyboden could be condensed into the last 10 minutes of each half. In the 20th minute the imperious Luke MacDwyer finished a fine move to the net to put Ballyboden in front for the first time. This goal was fashioned amongst the backs as full back Ronan Wallace found Karl Reddy who in turn let the sliothar off to centre back Jacques Dalton whose long delivery was dexterously pulled back from going over the end line by Ciarán Cashman to MacDwyer who finished with aplomb. Karl Reddy send over a glorious point to give Ballyboden a half time lead of 1-10 to 0-11. The second half continued more or less in the same vein as both sides traded points mainly through the aforementioned Murphy and Boden goalkeeper Conor O'Donoghue who was unerring from long range placed balls. Conor Fallon was equally adept with the close in frees and with 10 minutes to go Ballyboden still had their noses in front. Cuala were not done yet and a goal in the 20th minute of the second half had them only a point in arrears. It was at this stage that the determination and resilience of the Boden lads came to the fore as

Tommy Glynn, who had a fine game at midfield, fed the omnipresent MacDwyer who in turn laid off to Kevin Desmond to finish to the net. Ballyboden embroidered their victory in the remaining minutes with a succession of scores from Fallon, Desmond and substitutes Ross McCormack and Shane Kennedy.

After a painful few weeks it now looks as if the hard work put in at Easter camp is beginning to pay off.

Scorers; Conor 'Donoghue 0-5 ( 2 frees, 3 x 65s ), Conor Fallon 0-5 ( 5 frees ), Luke MacDwyer 1-2, Kevin Desmond 1-2, Tommy Glynn 0-2, Karl Reddy 0-1, Rob Donoghoe 0-1, Ross McCormack 0-1, Shane Kennedy 0-1

Team: Conor O'Donoghue, Mark Normile, Ronan Wallace, Ruari MacMathuna, Karl Reddy, Jacques Dalton, Kevin Lalor, Tommy Glynn, Killian Kirwan, Luke MacDwyer, Kevin Desmond, Ben Kelly, Ciaran Cashman, Rob Donohoe, Conor Fallon. Subs: Shane Kennedy, Ross McCormack, Fergal Ryan.

#### **Other Hurling results**

- Minor B –Isles of the Sea 0 04 BBSE 2 05
- Minor C BBSE 6 06 Na Fianna 5 12
- Leinster Senior League Div 4 S/F BBSE 5 20 Turin 2 09

#### **Poc Fada**

Ticket sales are going well for the fantastic prize which is being raffled in conjunction with the big event on Saturday, July 1st.

The Poc Fada itself will, of course, be the highlight of day and teams are now in full training for the event. The precise course is a closely guarded secret but several teams have been seen surveying the contours in Cherryfield in the hope of getting some vital information which might make all the difference on the day. Some have even been heard discussing the "prevailing wind" in Cherryfield!! Each team has 4 members and strategy will be vital in attempting to lift the inaugural trophy!

Tickets for the fantastic prize of a Helicopter Trip to Croker, with overnight stay, tickets for the All Ireland Final and a meal can be bought from any of our hurlers and are also available behind the bar. €5 will get you a chance of winning this great prize.

#### **Camogie A's lose out in Feile Final**



#### 22 April – Lucan Sarsfields

Lucan Sarsfields hosted the group stages of Division 1 on the Saturday and the hospitality extended to all visitors to the Twelfth Lock was second to none, as was the organisation of the entire day.

Proceedings began with a parade of all the teams. Led by a piper who played the national anthem before the marchers dispersed.

Then the "real action" began.

#### Match 1 - Skerries Harps

The intention was to "hit the ground running" but that is not how things transpired, as nerves seemed to take their toll on our girls, and the normally assured first touches seemed to desert them. We were playing "catch-up" from the start but the girls never stopped fighting, and actually drew level as the game entered the closing stages, before a dropping ball into our square took a cruel deflection off a defender's stick and ended up in the net.

#### Final Score BBSE 2 - 2

#### BBSE 2-2 Skorrige Horpe 2

Skerries Harps 2 - 5

One match played and a mountain to climb if we were to qualify. We knew this team had character, and that character was now going to be severely tested in the heat of battle. Match 2 - Kilmacud Crokes

Pressure was on as we faced a confident Crokes, who had already accounted for Good Counsel. The girls upped their performance considerably and chased and harried all over the pitch. Scores were hard to come by, but our defence was rock solid and limited Crokes to a solitary point. At the other end of the field our forwards finished some nice moves with scores, so our Feile was extended to the third match at least.

#### Final Score BBSE 2 - 4 Kilmacud Crokes 0 - 1

Then we heard the news that Good Counsel had just upset the form book and defeated the fancied Skerries, meaning that all four teams were all square going in to our last round of group matches.

Another "sudden death" match loomed against Good Counsel.

#### Match 3 - Good Counsel

As we knew they would, Counsel presented a stern challenge, with no quarter being asked for or given by either side. Our girls continued their improving form and never let Counsel settle into the game. In this game the scores came a little more freely, and our defence continued to protect the goal with a fortress-like mentality.

#### Final Score

#### BBSE 7-6

Good Counsel 0 - 0

Our attention then turned to the other game in the group. Crokes beat Skerries, meaning that they qualified for the semi-final with us. We topped the group, by virtue of beating Crokes in the group match, so we faced Judes in the semi-final, in what was a repeat of last year's championship final. Another epic struggle was expected.

#### Semi-Final - Judes

This match began at break neck speed, as these neighbouring clubs tore into the exchanges as if their lives depended on it. Defences were on top on both sides, until we managed to make a breakthrough and Julie found the net. Our defence produced another clean sheet, but only when Jennifer took a lovely pass from Erin and fired over a mammoth point with a minute left could we breathe easy.

Final Score BBSE 1 - 4 St. Judes 0 - 0

The final on Sunday awaited, and it was no surprise when we learned that our opponents would be Lucan.

#### Final – Lucan Sarsfields

The bank in O'Toole Park was filled with the supporters of both clubs as Lucan and Ballyboden took the field on Sunday.

We attacked the road goal in the first half, and straight from the throw-in we were unlucky not to register a score. The game ebbed and flowed, but scores were proving hard to come by. Then a speculative lob into our square deceived our defence and ended up in the net. Another goal followed, although the ball appeared to have been fouled by the forward in the lead-up. We were not getting the "rub of the green" and another goal went in off the woodwork, leaving us with a mountain to climb at half time.

The girls regrouped in the huddle and resolved to leave everything on the pitch in the second half. Try as they might, though, our girls just could not get the goal that they so richly deserved, and they had to be happy with the runners-up medals.

There was no shame in this defeat however. The girls were brilliant, just losing out to a superb Lucan side. By general consensus, the scoreline did not do Boden justice, and better days certainly lie ahead.

Final Score BBSE 0-02 Lucan Sarsfields 3-03 Sarah had a brilliant week-end. She deputised in goal for the injured Lucy, and her defensive record on Saturday is something that Brendan Cummins in his prime would have been proud of – one point conceded in three matches.

We must give special mention to Lucy. She did everything to try to play on either day, but her injured back was just too severe.

The full back line of Sorcha, Yvonne and Sadie gave a defensive master class over the weekend. Their positional sense and touch-tight marking left many an attacker going down a blind alley.

Michaela defied medical science at wing back – doubtful right up to throw-in with a broken finger – yet starring in every game.

Clodagh Delaney was rock-solid in the centre, while Caoimhe and Leah in turn never gave an inch on the wing.

Mia and Erin won most of the midfield battles and covered every blade of grass.

Holly's work rate was also massive, while Jennifer was her usual brilliant self – continually turning defence into attack with her forward runs. Clodagh Reid and Leonie fought for everything, setting up attack after attack, and never letting their opponents settle.

Katie was brilliant on the edge of the square and gave every full back she faced a torrid time, while in the corners the work rates of Julie, Alanna and Ellla were amazing. Time and again they were in front of their markers, setting up moves or taking scores.

All in all, a brilliant week-end that will live long in the memories of this brilliant band of girls.



## Camogie B's enjoy fine Feile win

Féile weekend started bright and early on the 22nd of April and both Ballyboden teams met at the clubhouse at 8:30 for photos. The girls looked really well decked out in their very smart gear – thanks again to all those who helped with the fund raising, the fitting and the ordering.

The B team then departed for Castleknock who hosted the Division 5 Feile at their Somerton grounds.

The hospitality we enjoyed was superb, and the grounds with their two pitches were fabulous - a superb surface perfect for the day's games. We contested a three team group along with Setanta and Castleknock.

The first of two group matches was against Setanta. We got off to a great start and early goals settled the Boden girls. Setanta's no 10 was their main threat and it took a superb effort from our backs to prevent her from scoring. However she rifled a super free from 25 metres to the roof of the net and it was game on with the score at three goals to one. The rest of the half seemed to fly by and Boden kept the pressure on – Setanta defending bravely and in numbers. The second half saw some wonderful skill displayed with some lovely first time striking from the Boden girls. A comfortable win in the end and a great start to our day.

The second match was against hosts Castleknock and this was always going to be a tough test. The early exchanges were very even but Ballyboden again managed to battle their way through to get the early goals to give them a convincing half time lead. Castleknock didn't give up and kept fighting to the end but all fifteen of the Boden girls defended like tigers closing out any threat while up front superb teamwork created lots of chances. Boden ran out winners to top the group and book a place in the semi-final.

The semi-final was against our neighbours and old rivals Faughs. Faughs were very determined but with a final in sight the Boden girls were highly motivated too. The open spaces of the Somerfield pitches suited our playing style. Space was exploited to the full as the Boden girls put on their best display of teamwork and passing of the day. At half time Ballyboden had built a strong lead, and the second half saw that lead extended – a Sunday morning date with O'Toole Park had been secured – delight all round.

Cumann Baire Caoimhin (Kevin's) were the opposition for the final having overcome Castleknock in the other semi-final.

Kevin's made some threatening attacks early on but the Boden defence stood strong. The early morning start had not discouraged the always loyal Boden support and the blue and white brigade on the O'Toole Park steps soon had reasons to hope that the silverware would be heading towards the Firhouse Road. As in previous games the Boden forwards made the breakthrough to get the early goals and take control of the game. Kevin's continued to fight strongly but Boden's class, speed and teamwork meant they held a strong upper hand as halftime approached. As expected Kevin's rallied in the second half and it was an evenly contested affair but Boden stood strong, held their advantage and added a goal in the last few minutes to finish the game as Division 5 champions.

There were stars throughout the panel and this was a true team performance where each girl played their part in winning this great competition. We thank our captains for the weekend, Saturday Ella Keane and Sunday jointly Eimear Hayden and Chloe Murphy.

## Fine league win for Under 16A camogie

## BBSE 5-5

#### Castleknock 1 - 4

On Monday evening our U-16A's took on Castleknock in the Prunty, in a biting wind and temperatures heading close to zero.

Castleknock defended sternly early on and the match was nearly 10 minutes on before we opened the scoring with a goal following a goalmouth scramble. We were finding it difficult to get into oir stride and were conceding more frees than usual allowing Castleknock to level up with three successive points. Indeed they should probably have hit the front as they missed some scorable chances and Robyn, Sadhbh and the entire back line worked overtime to keep them out.

We then hit the front again when a "45" from Katie found its way to the net, before Katie swapped points with Castleknock. Castleknock then goaled but this was responded by our score of the match – a brilliant hand-passed goal by Lucy after she split the defence with a great run.

#### Half Time 3-1 to 0-4

Hollyn opened the scoring in the second half with a point, Erica and then Hollyn followed with points. Then we had a goal from a free by Saoirse Hassett and another point, before Anna joined her twin sister with a goal of her own to close out the scoring. Final Score 5-5 to 1-4

**Congratulations to Dublin under 16 representatives** 



Congratulations to Hannah Leddy, Katie McDonald, Olivia Meagher, Ally Ramsden & Hollyn Kennedy who represented Dublin in their win over Offaly to set up a Leinster final meeting with Wexford!

Under 16A footballers reach Dublin semi final



There was really only one team in this tie, as the Ballyboden St Endas Under 16 marched onto the semi final of the Championship with a formidable win over Whitehall.

After an initial point from Whitehall, Boden took over to dominate the first half with a first class work rate on display. Cillian Wall latched onto numerous Whitehall kick outs to register a number of scores and really built the visiting team's momentum.

This momentum was maintained throughout the half by attack after attack being launched by both the midfield duo of Pierce Christie and Enda Cashman and the half back line of Cian Maher, Conor Harnrahan and Dean Ralph. Any Whitehall threat up front threat was marshalled well by full back Patrick Donleavy.

#### Half time saw Boden 0-11 to 0-4 up.

The second half continued like the first with Malachy Codd scoring a selection of exquisite points from a variety of angles. The proverbial nail in the coffin for Whitehall came with a goal from the scoring machine that was Cillian Wall after a great team move. Conor Lowe was everywhere in the second half as Boden went on to run out convincing winners on a score line of 1-22 to 0-6.

A great afternoon's work gets this team through to a semi final versus Skerries Harps in a fortnight's time on Saturday May 6th.

## Under 16B footballers progress in 'D' championship



St Anne's Park

Clontarf v Ballyboden St Endas

Dramatic stuff last Saturday afternoon out in St Annes Park which took extra-time to settle the result in Boden's favour by two points.

To be fair, the boys resilience has to be commended! A slow start to the game saw them give up a good lead in the second half only to draw the game at full-time.

In extra-time they conceded a goal straight away but our boys fought back to win by two points.

Final Score: Ballyboden 4-11 Clontarf. 4-09

The boys will meet St Sylvesters on Saturday 6th May.

Semi-finals here we go!!

Many thanks to Tony Duffy for the photos. For more photos, see here

## **Colin takes the Beko Washing Machine Challenge**



Further to Beko unveiling an exciting new initiative, the Beko Club Bua Awards, with Leinster GAA, one of our own, Juvenile player Colin, took part in a fun event surrounding the launch. Partnered by St Vincents and Dublin All Star Diarmuid Connolly, the competition pitted the footballing Dubs against the hurlers of Kilkenny in a washing machine challenge to see who could get the most balls into the washing machine. The small ball prevailed and the Kilkenny lads won!!

However Colin did his bit and got two footballs into the washing machine drum. For more information on the Bua Awards, see <u>here</u>

Pictured are Colin (Ballyboden U9), Diarmuid Connolly ( St Vincents and Dublin All Star), Cillian Buckley (Kilkenny County Hurler) and a young hurler from Kilkenny (Danesfort Club).

However Colin did his bit and got two footballs into the washing machine drum. For more information on the Bua Awards, see <u>here</u>

Many thanks to Tony Duffy for the photos.

## **Annual Golf Classic**



Edmondstown Golf Club Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May



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Pool final this week!







# 2016 / 2017 Annual Singles Pool Competition Finals

Following very competitive & entertaining league & knockout rounds, the finals of the Plate & Cup competitions will take place in the main bar on

# Friday the 28th of April.

Plate Final @ 8pm sharp:

Mick Scully v Fergal Brennan

Cup Final immediately afterwards:

Don O'Neill v Paul Coffey

Please come along & support what promises to be two highly entertaining matches....

Corn William Phelan ag Baile Mhic Gunair.



A group of thirty four boys travelled to Waterford last Sunday to take part in the William Phelan Cup, an annual event in memory of William Phelan, a great friend and supporter of Ballyboden St Enda's.

Liam, Willie's son organised the itinerary which included a tour of the Fire Brigade Station, a couple of matches and some surfing on the beautiful beach at Trá Mhór.

The William Phelan Cup took place on the main pitch at McGinn Park where players like Paul Flynn and Pauric Mahoney honed their skills as juvenile hurlers. Once the sliotar was thrown in there was no quarter asked or given as the Dublin lads were welcomed to the country in the traditional fashion!

Ballygunner were quick of the mark and were rewarded after only a few minutes when they rattled the back of the net – if the Boden lads didn't realise that they were in for a tough contest, they got the message fairly lively. However these bunch of boys are not easily rattled and the same self-belief that saw them turn over Cill Mochuda na Crócaigh in Deer Park on Saturday brought them back into the match. Leon Kennedy chipped in with a couple of frees before John Farrington hit the back of the net and the boys were now in the driving seat. Ballygunner fought hard and scored a few great points from play not to mention some excellent free taking but further points from play from Stephen Pullan, Seán O'Shea and Sam Doyle and a couple of goals from Daniel Daly and Eoin Mac Pháidín helped Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna win the William Phelan Cup and bring it back to Dublin.

The cup was presented by Bridie Phelan to our Captain on the day, Evan Nugent. We were delighted that the second team also managed to win the shield competition, by the slimmest of margins, in a tight contest.

There were plenty of sore limbs aprés match however no ice baths were required here as the lads headed straight off to the Celtic sea for a plunge and a bit of surfing.

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas ó chroí a ghlacadh le CLG Bhaile Mhic Gunair agus go speisialta le Liam Phelan as an aire iontach a thug sé dúinn.

Many thanks to Barry Murray for the photos. For more photos, see here

Féile na nGael 2017

This weekend sees the last Dublin Feile 2017 as Féile na nGael takes place on Saturday April 29th & Sunday April 30th.

We have 2 teams entered in Division One hosted by Kilmacud Crokes in Silver Park and in Division Four hosted by St Maurs in Rush.

Wishing the boys a great weekend of hurling and hope they enjoy their feile experience.

It would be great to get a good crowd out to each venue to cheer on the boys. Directions to Silver Park are <u>here</u> and to St Maurs <u>here</u> Boden Abu!

Post match talk for under 9s

Post match talk after a great performance by our U9 Hurlers in Sancta Maria last weekend...... The lads are making great progress in training and relishing the opportunities to put their skills into match practice. Well done boys

Big Band Concert 4th May 8.30pm



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