



Club Nuachtlitir

Meitheamh 2010

Welcome to the June edition of the GAA Club Nuachtlitir. For the second consecutive year hundreds of our Clubs across the country availed of a fixture free afternoon on May 9 to host Lá na gClub events involving all members of the wider GAA family. A special word of thanks to all Clubs who went to great efforts to organise these events.

Both the GAA Football and Hurling All Senior Championships were also launched during May in Kerins O'Rahillys & Ballyboden St. Enda's Clubs respectively. For the first time the Association took these championship opening press conferences to the Club as an acknowledgement of the role of the Club in nurturing our top talents.

Should you have any feed back on any aspect of what we are trying to do, please feel free to contact our Communications Department through queries@gaa.ie.

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New GAA Website Solution for Clubs

The GAA has unveiled a new website solution for Clubs. The platform will be deployed on Google Sites.

Please visit <http://www.gaa.ie/clubzone/club-resources/it-in-the-gaa/> for more information. Please contact Baker Security and Networks GAA email support team at sites@gaa.ie or by phone on 076-615 4932 (lo-call number) for detailed information.

2010 GAA Championships Lift Off at Clubs

Two of our most progressive Club units – Kerins O'Rahillys and Ballyboden St Enda's -hosted our GAA Football and Hurling Championship Launch events in



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Tralee and Dublin recently.

For the first time the Association took these championship opening press conferences involving some of our top inter-county players to the Club as an acknowledgement of the all important role of the Club in the coaching and development of our players.

Specially commissioned television advertisements will be aired over the course of both the GAA Football and Hurling Championships. The adverts, involving Henry Shefflin (hurling) and Kieran Donaghy (football), will be broadcast as part of efforts to underline the tradition associated with the ancient game of hurling and to highlight the role of club volunteers in the development of our top players.

Bí ag faire amach do na fógraí!



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Lá na gClub

For the second consecutive year hundreds of our Clubs across the country availed of a fixture free afternoon on May 9 to host Lá na gClub events involving all members of the wider GAA family.

Many Clubs the length and breadth of the country availed of fine weather to acknowledge the role of youth and volunteerism throughout the GAA by hosting family based activities involving mini-games and a variety of other fun filled activities.

A special word of thanks to all Clubs who went to great efforts to organise these events and it is hoped that Clubs will continue to keep this all inclusive family event in their calendars in the years ahead.



Vhi GAA Cúl Camps

An all time high figure of more than 1,000 VHI Cúl Camps will be staged across the country in the coming weeks as juvenile footballers and hurlers mark the end of the school year by working on their skills in a fun, friendly and sporting environment.

An extensive list of top ambassadors will visit the camps passing on tips and skills and 300 lucky children will also get the chance to take part in a VHÍ Cúl Day out which will bring them to Croke Park for an action packed activity day and a run out on the Croke Park pitch.

Full details about camps in your area can be accessed through the Cúl Camps website from the home page of gaa.ie.



GAA Museum News

New Look GAA Museum: The GAA Museum recently unveiled an exciting refurbishment which includes a magnificent new trophy display area for the Sam Maguire and Liam MacCarthy All-Ireland trophies, updated match footage, a new temporary exhibition area, a new museum café, a new Club Wall and a new activity room. Also, the museum's popular games area received a significant upgrade using the latest technology for visitors to test their hurling



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and football skills.

Croke Park and Glasnevin Museum Shuttle Bus Service: The GAA Museum and Glasnevin Museum have teamed up to provide a special Shuttle Bus running from April until August to bring visitors from the city centre to the two Northside venues. Leaving from Trinity College, this service will operate five days a week to the GAA Museum and seven days per week to Glasnevin Museum at a cost of €3 return.

New Exhibition: The Fighting Irishmen: Celebrating Celtic Prizefighters 1820 to Present! In association with the Irish Arts Center in New York, this exhibition tells the story of Irish emigration and assimilation to eventual success and world wide acclaim through the sport of boxing. It features an array of robes, gloves, boxing bags, prints, photographs, paintings and film footage of Celtic prizefighters from 1820 to the present day, ends August 31st.

GAA Club Special Offer - €5 Visit to GAA Museum and Croke Park Stadium Tour! GAA clubs will follow in the footsteps of GAA Legends on All-Ireland Final Day as they explore the dressing rooms, players lounge, pitch side & media centre of the fourth largest stadium in Western Europe. Instil further the pride and passion of the game in your players as they discover the unique history & heritage of Gaelic Games and the GAA. Why not organise your club prize giving ceremony at the Presentation Stand in Hogan Stand of Croke Park during your visit!

For information on all of the above, please visit

www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum,

contact Maria Gorman on 01 8192374 or email gaamuseum@crokepark.ie.



Club Focus: Clonakilty GAA Club - CLG Cloch na gCoillte (Corcaigh).

Six years of careful planning finally came to fruition in West Cork on Sunday May 2 when Clonakilty GAA Club officially unveiled an impressive new re-development at Ahamilla, one mile outside the town.

Their new state of the art home places Clonakilty to the fore alongside those clubs who have developed top class facilities for their members and provides them with an excellent base for many years to come.



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The complex includes full bar and meeting facilities, a covered stand for 1,000 people, four grass pitches, luxury dressingrooms in addition to sauna and gym facilities.

The Club will hope that the impressive new training and playing facilities will bolster their hopes of a successful defence of the senior county football title they claimed last year.

For more details on Clonakilty and their impressive development please visit, www.clonakiltygaa.ie.



Congress 2010

A busy Congress 2010 was held in Newcastle Co Down in April and a special word of thanks to Co Down and the county's Clubs who extended a warm Mourne welcome to delegates from all over Ireland.

In light of this being a year when changes to the playing rules were permitted, a long list of motions was tabled for consideration. Clubs can inspect the full list of those passed at Congress – many of which directly impact on Clubs - by accessing the following link at

http://www.gaa.ie/content/documents/publications/motions/Motions_Passed_Congress_2010.pdf.

A new official guide will be produced in due course to reflect these changes and it too will be available at gaa.ie



Under-12 Games Motion Passed at Congress

The 2010 Congress passed a motion to ensure a “child centred” Games programme for children in the U12 and younger age grades. The motion requires all U12 Games to facilitate full participation for all players and to be a maximum of 11-a-side from January 2011.

Specifically the motion means games for all age groups up to and including U11 must be organised exclusively on the Go Games model.

The Go Games Model is defined by the following criteria:

- There is full participation for all players



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- Games are organised in a non competitive way i.e. results are not recorded
- Games are small-sided (Max 11-a-side)
- Playing rules/equipment are modified to suit the developmental stages of the children

At U12 level Mini-League Competitions are organised to provide and support a gradual exposure to the challenges of competitively organised games programmes.

The motion aims to promote a philosophy of children first, winning second. It in no way rules out competition, but emphasises a quality introduction to Gaelic games which ensures that all children get a fair opportunity to participate and provides greater opportunity for skill development and enjoyment, ultimately helping to build a mass of players to progress and continue to play with their club.

For more information visit <http://www.gaa.ie/youth-zone/gaa-go-games/>.



Scór

Winners from the 2010 All Ireland Scór Sinsir Finals held in Killarney on April 24th of this year included Spa, Co. Chiarraí in Rince Forine; Derrygonnelly, Fear Manach in Ceol Uirlise; Clara, Uíbh Fháile in Bailéad Ghrúpa and Abbeyknockmoy, Gaillimh in Rince Seit.

For a full list of 2010 and previous results in the Scór Sinsir and Scór na nÓg All Ireland Finals, please visit <http://www.gaa.ie/about-the-gaa/cultur-agus-gaeilge/scor/results-archive/>.



GAA Website

The new GAA Website went live in early March and you can now find a range of content and functionality not previously seen on the site.

With everything from breaking news, exclusive videos, fixtures & live results, GAA ticket offers, there is something on GAA.ie for all to enjoy!

The site also boasts a comprehensive historical results section and allows you



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to download wallcharts where you can follow the results in both the football and hurling championships right through to the Finals and additional features such as a GAA iPhone App, daily image galleries, Podcasts and much more are still to come!



GAA Membership Cards

The Association will shortly begin the production of personalised membership cards. A card will be produced for each Full, Youth and Honorary member containing the member's name, club, county, membership type and membership number.

Details will be taken directly from the online membership system so please ensure that your club member details are correct. This can be done by logging on to the on line system and clicking on Generate Reports to view a report of all Full and Youth Members.

The View/edit members section, under membership management, can also be used to generate reports of Full and Youth members. A name in black font in the View/Edit members section means that the person is registered. Please note that anyone who is on the Register page is not registered and will not be entitled to a card.

The cards will be distributed to clubs via their county board.



GAA Playing Gear Rules Clarification

We have had a number of queries from clubs who have been approached by unlicensed companies offering to supply playing gear to GAA teams, and claiming it is not in breach of GAA rules to do so.

GAA Rule 1.17 states that all jerseys used in official matches must display the GAA's official logo and that any team in breach of this rule may be liable to disqualification and/or loss of expenses.

Following the withdrawal of Gaelic Gear's license only the following companies are licensed to supply official GAA playing gear:



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O' Neills 01 4293500; Azzurri 051 850066; Masita 046 9241595; Intosport 056 4441652.



McNamee Awards 2009 Duaiseanna MacCon Mídhe

Has your club been to the fore in the area of communications over the course of the 2009 calendar year? Perhaps your website was revamped and now rivals the best available or did your Club utilise modern technology to help spread the GAA message within your community or indeed further a field.

If so, your Club should consider submitting entries for the McNamee Awards, the scheme held annually to acknowledge excellence in the area of communications and media coverage.

This year's awards will be judged by an independent panel of adjudicators under 10 separate headings, three of which are open to Clubs in addition to all of our other units. Entries are now being received for Best GAA History Publication, Best Website and best Modern Technology / Innovation Award.

Entries can be sent by post to Alan Milton, GAA Communications Manager, Croke Park, Dublin 3 or alan.milton@gaa.ie marked '2009 McNamee Awards' and must reach Croke Park before 5pm June 15 2010.

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