



Na Fianna Nuacht

Juno At Na Fianna



DRAÍOCHT PLAYERS
PRESENT SEAN O'CASEY'S
'JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK'
FRIDAY FEB 17TH - SCOIL CHAIRTRÍONA - €10 - SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

Still some tickets left for tonight's Draíocht Players' production of Juno in Scoil Chairtríona. Curtain up at 8pm for this exclusive club fundraiser. Always a great night from the ladies and gents of Draíocht, tickets €10 each, will be on sale at door.

Weekend Fixtures

A busy weekend of fixtures ahead of us on Adult and Juvenile front. See link for details <http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/> All pitches, with the exception of Johnstown Park where the goalposts have been damaged, are open and playable this weekend. Please check website for updated fixtures.

Facilities Update

Steady progress has been made over the last few Saturdays at Collinstown. Recent piece in Nuacht outlined the type of tree and scrub felling activities going on there. This work continues each Saturday from 9 to midday to push ahead with this part of the project. The objective is to have the heavy items cut down so that the machinery will be in a better position to get stuck in and dig out the roots of trees etc. Moving all the roots, branches and scrub to boundary fences will be done after that. Ploughing, tilling, fertilising and seeding will happen after that so that we have an additional full size juvenile pitch in that three acres. We hope to have grass growing there in July of this year, cut and strengthen it over the autumn



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and open it for playing and training on in spring of next year. Contact Martin on 087-9092732 if you are in a position to help.

There has been a positive response to date to our request for previously loved gardening tools, thanks to those who responded. We request again that you consider donating any old and now unused garden tools etc. to Facilities and Grounds Committee at Club. Shovels, spades, digging forks, brushes, sprayers etc are always needed. A repair service is available internally if handles etc are broken so that we can get them back into action. Contact 087-9092732 to discuss arrangements.

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Lotto Results
February 13th 2017
Numbers
5 12 28 30
Jackpot €6500 - No Winner
Match 3 Numbers €130 - Winner
Declan O'Sullivan (ID 35) Numbers **5 12 29 30**
Lucky Pick Winner - €15
Mattie Donnellan
Tom Gilligan
Claire & Eric Donnelly c/o Vinny
Linda Leonard c/o Vinny
Ray Nash c/o Vinny
Next Jackpot €6750

Club Shops Open Tomorrow

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 17th February. Hurley shop open 9-12 while Club shop opens from 9-1pm.



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Na Fianna's Dubs

A good number of our Dublin reps will be on the road to Cork this weekend. Good luck to Shane Barrett and Donal Burke and Dublin's Senior hurlers away to Cork at 7pm tomorrow night.

Best of luck to Leah Caffrey and Dublin's Senior ladies footballers also away to Cork on Sunday. Both Senior and Minor Camogie teams play Cork in Mallow on Saturday. Dublin's Seniors including Eve O'Brien (joint Captain), Arlene Cushen, Niamh Rock and Zoe O'Donoghue start their League campaign at 3pm while Dublin's Minors including Niamh Gleeson, Niamh Rock and Orla Gray play Round 1 Championship at 1pm.

Best of luck also to Dublin's Premier Juniors including Na Fianna's Gráinne Free and Roisin Baker against Roscommon in Abbottstown in league on Saturday at 2pm.

GAA National Club Draw

The National Club Draw has become a significant fundraiser for Na Fianna over the past two years raising over €32,000 for the club in that period of time. Two years ago, Na Fianna was the highest selling club in the country with 1,647 tickets sold. Last year, we again sold in the region of 1,600 tickets which represented the second highest figure nationally and the highest selling club in the province of Leinster. For this achievement, the club was awarded an additional €1,000 by the GAA which the Executive Committee decided to raffle among those club members who had supported the draw. The Sellers' Draw of €1,000 was shared in 2016 between proud club sellers Vinny Caffrey (€500), Paul Kehoe (€300) and Gail Malone (€200).

This year it has again been decided to hold a Members' Raffle for €1,000 for those club members who support the 2017 draw. This raffle will be held on St Patrick's Day.

With the closing date almost upon us, tickets are selling fast. If you want to support the club in purchasing a ticket or two, please contact Colum Cronin at 087 6550422. A full list of the impressive range of prizes is available at the following link.

http://www.gaa.ie/mm/Document/MyGAA/ClubAdministrators/13/34/46/NationalClubDrawPrizes_Neutral.pdf



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2003 Boys “Cake Summit”

Féile time is fast approaching for the 2003/Under 14 boys footballers and hurlers. As part of their gear and equipment fundraising plans the boys and parents are running a cake sale in Mobhi Road and Collinstown tomorrow morning from 9.30am. Please support the lads in their efforts at both venues. Tea and coffee will be available in Collinstown.

The second leg of the fundraiser involves a sponsored climb of Carrauntoohil on Saturday the 4th of March. Sixteen intrepid parents are taking on the challenge led by experienced climber and parent Philip Lynch. The plan is to leave base camp at 7.30am, take the Devil's ladder route to the summit and descend at a relaxed pace before sunset. If you know or see any of the lads with a sponsorship card please consider their efforts and a donation, however small or large, would be greatly appreciated. We promise a full debrief and pictures in the Nuacht of the 10th March 2017. Negotiations for the film rights will begin very shortly after that.

Members' Subscriptions

Thank you to all members who have paid their subs to date. Subscriptions for 2017 are due and payable since the AGM. Details of subscription rates and methods of payment are on the Club website <http://www.clgnafianna.com/membership/> . Subscriptions can be paid on Saturdays in the Club or at the office during normal opening hours (9.30am to 1pm Mon – Fri).



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Na Fianna Success in Croke Park

Our Under 11 Boys had the honour of representing Na Fianna in Croke Park last Saturday night at half time of the Dublin versus Tyrone game. They braved the elements against a team from Ard Bo, one of the top under age footballing sides in Tyrone.

The weather may have been poor, but the Na Fianna Boy, playing into Hill 16 and a strong wind, shone brightly under the flood lights of Croke Park. They played some great football, getting some superb early score to eventually come out well on top on the score board. It was a keenly contested match, played in a very sporting manner. A great experience for all the boys. We will hopefully see some of them there again in the coming years representing their Club and County!



Back L to R: Harry Kelly, Adam Tynan, Michael Keane, Conor Brogan, Oisin Doyle Front L to R: Seth Timmons O'Brien, Donagh Fay, Tom Callaghan, Tristan Donnelly, William Wheatley

Mentors: Frank Callaghan and Karl Donnelly



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Lá mór ag teacht ar an 4ú Márta. See link for details of what's planned for Na Fianna on Saturday 4th March <http://bit.ly/2kVLyuF>

Join Us For Our
Race Night
in aid of
Na Fianna GAA Club
Na Fianna GAA Club,
Mobhi Rd, Glasnevin
**Thursday 16th
March 2017**
Start Time: 8.00pm

For More Info Contact:
Charlie O'Reilly 087 6420123 | Tom Dowd 087 2488569
Paul Smith 086 2609898 | Tom Gilligan 087 2661383
Dave Buckley 087 2747511 | Paul McCarville 087 2835005



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Na Fianna's Eve is Dublin Joint Captain

For anyone who missed the Dublin Camogie announcement earlier in the week....read on

When Eve O'Brien and Laura Twomey lead out their teammates on All-Ireland final day some time in the future, Eve will have a headstart on all her colleagues. For some time the newly appointed Joint Captain has been harbouring a deep secret until deciding now was the time to reveal all in a website exclusive..... the Na Fianna stalwart "used to roll out the red carpet in Croke Park".



(Pic: iLivePhotos.com)

And woe betide... if that carpet is not nice and smooth for the 24 year old Customer Service official.

A European Studies graduate from the University of Limerick, Eve spent time in Germany as an Erasmus study abroad student – an experience shared currently with nearly 3,500 students from Ireland. She's in good company as former Cork skipper Anna Geary is also an ex Erasmus student.

While Laura Twomey has a decade of experience behind her, Eve only made her senior intercounty debut a year ago in February 2016 against Offaly in the National League in Banagher during a period when the midlands suffered some of the worst flooding in a century.

The news of her appointment took her by surprise. "I didn't expect it. I haven't been on the team too long and it wasn't something I had considered. I felt really honoured. It's encouraging to see the girls showing leadership in different ways on our panel. It doesn't just fall on one or two people, which I think is really positive."

Her entrée to the game began at the age of 5 in the Na Fianna Mini-Leagues. "I remember going up to collect the medals with an old jersey that went down to my knees and we used to



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get a sliotar and a football to keep. I didn't get much use out of the football though! (Michael O'Grady will love you for saying that!)."

But her progress has been rapid and her appointment deserved. Her less than favourite training drill is "the 4 vs 4 possession game in a large square with 4 gates as goals. When done right, it floors you!" But she possesses a great engine and her ability to cover ground is among her finest qualities.

Public speaking shouldn't be a problem either as all she has to do is pick up the phone to her famous actor uncle Gary Lydon for a bit of advice. Gary starred in an acclaimed production of Conor McPherson's "The Weir" last year and will also be remembered for tv and film roles in "The Clinic" as well as cinema hits "War Horse" and "The Guard".

Eve is a great admirer of rugby star Fiona Coghlan "a legend" and Olympic champion boxer Katie Taylor "I'm a massive fan". When asked her view on the skorts v shorts issue, Eve comes down on the side of shorts. "Shorts are much easier to play in. The rule is very outdated I think, we should have the option to wear either. Muireann O'Gorman from my club Na Fianna is proposing this change to the board and has a lot of support so we are hoping the Camogie Association will take on the players' views."

.....and finally

Looks like Tralee is the place to be the day after St Patricks Day. According to www.hill16.ie the GAA have confirmed that all tickets made available for the Allianz Football League Division 1 meeting of Kerry and Dublin at Austin Stack Park, Tralee on Saturday March 18th, have been sold out.

Public sale commenced on Monday and 10,500 tickets, including season tickets, have been allocated. It is hoped that a health and safety inspection of the venue next week will lead to the availability of additional 1,000 tickets.



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Comhbhrón

Sincere sympathies of the Club and membership are extended to a number of families on their recent losses.

To the Wheatley family on the passing of Mrs Claire Wheatley, Mother of Brian (2006 Boys mentor) and Grandmother of William (2006 boys) and Dan (Nursery).

To the Boyle family on the passing of Mrs Nuala Boyle, widow of the late Maurice, Mother of Joanne (ex Na Fianna Senior Camogie & Ladies Football), Mother in law of Larry Maguire (ex Senior & Inter football & Inter manager) and Grandmother of Ruairi (2006 boys), Cian (2007 boys) & Betty Crichton (former 2002 Girls).

To the Ryan family on the passing of Mick (Redser) Ryan in Tralee today. Mick had a long association with St Vincent's Secondary School and with Hurling in the club finishing up as the Deputy Principal in the School.

To the Fullam family on the death of Lorcan, husband of Annaba Kilfeather, father of Cuan (2004 boys), Fiach (2006 boys) and Oscar (2008 boys). Funeral arrangements later.

And to the Halpin and King families on the death of Mrs Bernadette Halpin, Grandmother of Sarah King (former Camogie player) and Catherine (2001 Camogie/football).

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a gcuid n-anamnacha.

Fógra Tabachtach

The objective of Na Fianna Nuacht is to communicate as much club activity as possible however it is important to note that all items for inclusion in either Club Notes or Na Fianna Nuacht are reported to pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a membership of 2700 and approx 100 teams now competing it is difficult to ensure all club activity is reported upon – **Do not assume** that your team's activity is already known to Na Fianna Nuacht or that someone else has reported it. When errors or omissions occur it is the policy of Na Fianna Nuacht to correct these in subsequent issues when they are reported to pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie