



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Fleadh na bhFiann



Saturday 4th March - A great day to be in the club on Mobhi Road. Lá iontach sa club.

- 9.30am Lá Glas in the Nursery - wear the green!
- 2pm to 6pm Fleadh na bhFiann - come on down, young and old, for music, song, dance, stories and more. Ceol, rince, amhráin is scéalta d'óg is d'aosta.
- 7pm to 9pm Set dancing and céilí dancing classes. Ranganna seit agus rince céilí.
- 9pm Céilí Mór leis an mbanna céilí Seanóg. Big Céilí dance with the céilí band Seanóg.

Start St Patrick's festival with a bang on Saturday in the club!

Déan teagmháil le Colum King 0876858244 or Seosamh Ó Maolalaí 0876680623. Contact Colum or Seosamh about any of the above. See link for details of what's planned for Na Fianna tomorrow, Saturday 4th March <http://bit.ly/2kVLyuF>

## Club Shops Open Tomorrow

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Hurley workshop open 9-12 and Club shop open from 9-1pm in Club foyer.



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## Pitches & Weekend Fixtures



ALL Na Fianna pitches are closed for the weekend. This follows heavy rain overnight and more forecasted on the way. Teams are advised to keep an eye on website <http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/> to see if weekend matches are on or off. Tomorrow's Camogie Legends tournament has been cancelled.

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### Lotto Results

**February 27th 2017**

Numbers

<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>
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**Jackpot €7000 - No Winner**

**Match 3 Numbers €45 - Winner**

Eamonn Rainsford (ID 181)	Numbers	<table border="1"><tr><td>1</td><td>6</td><td>9</td><td>21</td></tr></table>	1	6	9	21
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Mary Keogan (ID 262)	Numbers	<table border="1"><tr><td>9</td><td>12</td><td>21</td><td>25</td></tr></table>	9	12	21	25
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Declan Nolan c/o Vinny	Numbers	<table border="1"><tr><td>3</td><td>9</td><td>12</td><td>21</td></tr></table>	3	9	12	21
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**Lucky Pick Winner - €15**

John Brady  
Mary and Vinny Heeney  
Betty Farrell c/o Vinny  
Ger Leonard c/o Vinny  
Mae, Kathleen, Tom & Vincent c/o Vinny

**Next Jackpot €7250**



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## Na Fianna Welcomes GAA President Elect John Horan Home

Last Sunday night in the intimate surroundings of the Mobhi Suite, Uachtarán Tofa Chumann Luthchleas Gael John Horan was welcomed home by his friends. An informal celebration hosted by the Club was held to welcome John, his wife Paula and his sons Jack and Liam following Friday night's successful election at GAA Congress in Croke Park.

Clearly overwhelmed by the size and warmth of the welcome, the Horan family were guests of honour on a night which was attended by many of John's friends, club officials past and present and other guests including Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Áth Cliath Seán Shanley, Rúnaí Coiste Chontae Áth Cliath John Costello and incoming Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean Jim Bolger. On arrival at Na Fianna, the Horan family were met by a guard of honour of sixty boys from Na Fianna's 2005 and 2008 groups. The boys were particularly impressed by the interest shown by an Uachtarán Tofa as he took the time to shake the hand of each boy as he entered the reception.





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Welcoming John and family, Colum Cronin, Cathaoirleach CLG Na Fianna, congratulated John on behalf of the Club on his marvellous achievement of reaching the highest office in the Association. “In 2015, when Na Fianna was celebrating the Club’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary”, said Colum, “We had a special night here when our guests of honour Uachtaráin Cumann Luthchleas Gael Aogán O Fearghail and John sat next to each other and the speculation on the night was whether we were witnessing the current and future GAA Presidents together in Na Fianna and we were proven right”.

Club stalwart and founder member Jimmy Gray, himself a one-time candidate for the office of Uachtarán CLG, spoke of John’s contribution to the club over the years including John’s playing days with Na Fianna. Jimmy continued; “As far as I am aware, John Horan is the first Dublin born President of the Association. The often quoted Daniel McCarthy who held the office from 1921-1924, certainly represented Dublin but as far as I know he was a Corkman”.



John began his own speech with the simple line; “It’s great to be home”, to which the Na Fianna audience reacted appropriately. This was a very special home-coming for John. “Everywhere I’ve travelled in the last number of months,” said John, “I have always started by saying that I come from Na Fianna in Glasnevin. I suppose Na Fianna always had three traits. It’s the club motto and it was always on your membership. Purity in your heart,



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strength in your limbs and action according to your words. That was something that was always drilled into you as a young lad in Na Fianna. I am a proud Club man and Na Fianna and all it represents and stands for has made me the man that I am”.

John Horan begins his three year term of office in February 2018 and all at CLG Na Fianna wish him the very best.

## Na Fianna's Dubs

Best of luck to Shane Barrett, Donal Burke and Dublin's Senior hurlers against Waterford in Croke Park tomorrow at 5pm. Good luck also to Jonny Cooper, Conor McHugh and Dublin's Senior footballers in the second part of tomorrow evening's Croke Park double header when they play Mayo at 7pm.

At time of writing, the game between Dublin Premier Juniors with Gráinne Free and Roisin Baker on board, and Tyrone, rescheduled from last weekend goes ahead tomorrow (Sat 4<sup>th</sup> March) in Carrickmore, throw in time to be confirmed.

Congratulations to Dessie Farrell's U21 footballers who progress to the Leinster Championship Semi Final following Wednesday night's win over Westmeath. Na Fianna starters on the night were Eoin Murchan, Glenn O'Reilly and Aaron Byrne (pictured below).





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## 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.clnafianna.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).

## Na Fianna's Minor Hurlers Recognised



**Pictured at The AIG/Herald GAA Player of Month/Team of Month GAA Awards at The Gibson Hotel recently were; Alan Steenson, Editor, The Herald and receiving The Team of The month award for October 2016 on behalf of Na Fianna's Minor hurlers was Declan Feeney.**

## Handball News

Congrats to Na Fianna's Cian O Dalaigh, representing DCU, on winning the American Colleges Handball Doubles title in Arizona. Well done also to Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh making it to last eight. Congrats also to club handballer and Camogie player, Lisa McKenna, who had an equally terrific performance representing Trinity College at the event. She won her section in the individual competition (9th overall), and also won the ladies doubles tournament. A truly remarkable performance by all on the world stage.



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## Club Trustees Congratulate President Elect



Pictured with Uachtarán Tofa Chumann Luthchleas Gael John Horan following his election last Friday night were Na Fianna Trustees Paul Smith, Finbar Gaffney and Ciaran Gray.

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:**  
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## Minor Hurlers Compete In Lip Sync Battle



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February will go down as a night that the current Minor Hurlers became Men!!! Eighteen boys went into battle, in front of family and friends, eighteen Men returned, after much pressure. One of the greatest Lip Sync Battle the club has ever seen, (there has only been 2) became a reality. Every classic from Y.M.C.A. by the Village People to Side to Side by Ariana Grande was performed. First up Eamon Potter, made the stage his own as he synced his way through, Don't Stop me now by Queen, and the standard was set. 9 battles resulted in 9 winners being chosen by the audience. Then it was to the three Judges, Fergus McNally, Eilish May and Cormac O'Sullivan to choose two who were to take part in King of the Syncers Battle from the nine winners. Aodhan Buggy and Darragh Bergin were to do battle for one more time. But due to popular demand, Donal Ryan was cheered onto the stage to make it a three way battle. All three contenders went above and beyond their call of duty and changed their songs for the final battle. Following three fantastic performances it was down to the audience to decide. As the roof of the Mobhi Suite lifted Darrag Bergin was crowned Lip Sync Champion 2017. A very emotional Darragh thanked his family and friends for all their support through all his battles and thanked the other seventeen contenders, for "getting the best out of him". Next stop for King Bergin is Sky One.



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## Title For DCU Freshers After A Classic



Congrats to DCU Hurling Freshers who beat UL in extra time 1-15 to 1-13 to claim the Higher Education Freshers AHC title at the Mardyke in Cork yesterday. DCU were down four points with three minutes to go in the second half of extra time when Na Fianna's Donal Burke and Colin Currie formed part of the DCU assault that took the day. Colin Currie was awarded man of the match contributing 1-02 overall from play and Donal Burke scored 0-04 from frees

Pictured above are Na Fianna's three Freshers l/r Conor Kelly, Colin Currie & Donal Burke. Missing from the picture is Na Fianna's Martin Rabbitte who is a selector and coach with the DCU Fresher team.

## Féile Fundraiser

2003 boys are having a small sale of work to raise funds for Féile. It's on the mezzanine level from 2pm to 6pm tomorrow, Saturday during Fleadh Na bhFiann. The lads will be selling Books and O'Neills gear. If anyone wants to drop in any secondhand club gear or books the lads would happily take it also from 12 noon onwards and during the set up.

Spare a thought also for the group of 2003 Dads who are climbing Carrauntoohil, Ireland's largest mountain at 3,414 feet...on a good day, as part of the Féile fundraising campaign. We are currently awaiting an update from base camp as to the lads' form and fettle as they brace themselves for tomorrow's climb and give serious thought as to how they allowed themselves to be talked into this adventure. Go n-eirí libh lads.



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## Gold For Na Fianna's Eve



Congrats to Eva Harrington U-16 Camogie and Football who won a gold medal for relay at the speeds lifesaving finals in Sheffield last weekend.

## The Na Fianna Fun-Run Is Back



You have been warned! ...Time to dust off the trainers ... and start training ... Can you improve your time from last year? ...

Organisation is well under way and registration for the run will open shortly.

The run takes place on Good Friday morning and will be chip timed same as last year.

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**.....and finally**



Former Na Fianna and Dublin player Jason Sherlock linked up with Na Fianna supporters at Senior Hurling training on Mon 20th February last. Jason was in Alfie Byrne All Weather Facility doing a training session with Dublin U-15 Football Development squad. He linked in with the Senior and Inter Hurlers training session which were going on there immediately afterwards and met up with mentors he knew from "way back when". Liam Burke did the honours in taking the photograph of Jason with the gear people for Senior Hurlers, Martin Quilty and Mick Kennedy. Reminiscing about the championship and other successes we all had had with Na Fianna down through the years took hold immediately. Jason reminded the group of his hurling days with Ballyhea in North Cork and their successful endeavours to win the U-16 Hurling Co Championship; the ball boys for that team are alleged to have been Ben and Gerry O'Connor who secured All Ireland Senior Championships later on.

## **Comhbhrón**

Sincere sympathies are extended to the Callaly and McGrath families on the passing of Mr Kevin Callaly, Father of Mary Callaly McGrath (05 Girls Mentor) and Grandfather of Conor (01 Boys), John (03 Boys) and Lucy (05 Girls). Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie)