



Na Fianna Nuacht

Club Football Championship

Busy weekend of Adult Football Championship ahead of us as all five teams take to the field starting tonight with our Seniors. Best of luck to all teams and the lads will be looking for strong Na Fianna support over the weekend. See previews below.

Senior Footballers v Naomh Olaf – St Margarets Tonight at 7pm

Our Senior Footballers begin the 2017 Championship against the highly regarded Naomh Olaf's on Friday night at 7pm in St. Margaret's. It would be great to get as many of our club members as possible to support the team. Preparations have been going well and the mood in the camp is very upbeat. Although we have only had one league game to date we have had a number of challenge matches where the squad have put in some good performances. Naomh Olaf's are currently unbeaten in their League campaign which included a victory against our Senior 2's so they have good momentum coming into the fixture.

Inter Footballers v Erin's Isle – Blakestown Saturday at 5pm

Na Fianna's Intermediates take on Erins Isle at 5pm in St Peregrines. After winning Division 3 last year several stand out players were asked onto the Senior setup, however the panel has been re-enforced with players returning to football like Peter Wade, Jamie Ward, Colin Ryan, Eoghan McHugh, Gavin King, Joey Fitz and Brian Downes who along with Sean Caffrey, Conor Dolan and Cathal Buckley coming on board have really made the panel competitive. It will be a hard fought match but Na Fianna are hoping to come out on top.

Junior A Footballers v St Finians – Newcastle Sunday at 11am

Our AFL5 team are playing St Finians Newcastle away on Sunday in preliminary round of the Junior A football Championship. Since winning the Junior B Championship in 2010 the team hasn't managed a win. Lads are up against it on Sunday as St Finians are a first team who play in AFL4. However hopes are high based on an unbeaten start this year with four wins in the Conlon Cup and wins in the two league games played so far.

Junior C Footballers v Castleknock – Somerton Sunday at 11am

Our AFL8 team play Castleknock in Somerton this Sunday 23rd in the first round of the Junior C Championship. The team returned training on 7th January and have had over 20



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training sessions and 6 competitive matches since then. Over 30 lads have participated at training ranging in age from 18 to 42! The hard work has been rewarded by a good run in the Cup competition where we have reached the final. Whilst we had a disappointing start to our league campaign, Sunday's match offers a chance to get our season back on track and return to winning ways. Tiarnan Doolan has been a huge addition to the management set up with the lads responding to high quality and intense training sessions. Please support the lads if you can at 11.00 on Sunday in Somerton.

Junior D Footballers v Balinteer St John – Loreto Park Sunday at 11am

Our Junior D team (AFL10) playing Balinteer away on Sunday is pretty much a brand new team this year. A lot of younger players have joined and a big panel of thirty means that there is plenty of competition for places. Training has gone very well and the lads have risen well to the challenge. We're undefeated in the league and hoping to push on now and hopefully win the Championship again this year.

Weekend Fixtures

Big weekend for our adult Football teams in Championship Round 1, see above for details. Minor A Camogie team play Castleknock in Mobhi Road 11am on Sunday. All three Minor hurling teams play on Sunday morning, A's v St Vincents at 10.30am, C's v Ballyboden at 12.15, both in Mobhi Road, and B's away v Parnells at 11am. Full fixture list on website, best of luck to all teams, support welcome. <http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/>

Féile Peil

Na Fianna fielded two teams in the Dublin Féile Peil competition on the weekend of 8th-9th Apri last. In what was a very proud weekend for the Club, both teams made it to Parnell Park finals on Sunday. What follows are the accounts of our A and B teams' Féile adventure.

The Under 14A boys headed to Kilmacud Crokes, Silver Park, knowing that positions in a very open league stood for nothing when it came to Féile. A strong performance in the first match against Crokes would set us up for the day. The lads delivered an impressive defensive performance and grabbing 2 goals in either half left it 2-4 to 1-5 to us at full time.



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Next up was St Judes, the only team in Division 1 that we have never beaten and are something of a bogey team. So it proved again. Despite us playing very well and leading by 4 points at half time. Judes scored two goals in the second half to beat us 3-5 to 3-4. A last gasp goal from a free by Seamus Smith(11) threw the group wide open.



Final group game v Balinteer St Johns had the mathematicians out in force. All we had to do was win by 10 or more points and we would qualify for the Semi-finals. And win we did against a BSJ team shorn of their spine by injuries. Na Fianna were relentless and won out 7-8 to 1-1, meaning all the panel got pitch time and those in need were rested.

Our head to head win against Crokes meant we didn't have to travel, which was a relief as it would have meant a 45 minute scramble to Skerries in the afternoon heat.

Refuelled and refocused, we controlled the semi-final against St Vincents from start to finish 7-6 to 1-6 ahead at the final whistle. Laurence Mc Loughlin(12) and Jack Lacey(15) headed to Temple Street and the rest of the players, battered and bruised, returned to Mobhi Rd for Ice Baths and hatched plans for the final. Laurence fractured his wrist and Cormac Pugh(19) injured his knee and were out for the Sunday.

The Final against Skerries in Parnell was a brilliant football match. It had everything bar the result we hoped for. Na Fianna gave a defensive master class, mopping up breaks, getting in blocks and stringing together some lovely moves to retain possession. We were ahead



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0-3 to 0-2 at the break. Despite the half time withdrawal of Daniel Day(5) and Liam Fay (2) with injuries, the huge Na Fianna support roared us on in the second half. Tom Brennan (14) scored the goal we richly deserved. However credit must go to Skerries who clung on and scored 2 goals at the death to seal our fate. Our last passage of play typified our never say die spirit. Despite having been hit by a sucker punch, the team calmly worked the ball up the field seeking a goal. The final effort produced a point, that screeched over the bar to leave the final score Skerries Harps 2-5, Na Fianna 1-6. Two teams gave it their all until the final curtain.

As humble in defeat as in victory every man a hero returned to the club for pizza and proud of their efforts over a football festival. They now know that winning is not the be all and end all of sport especially in Féile. Massive thanks to all of the players for their effort, skill and exemplary attitude. The families, friends and vocal supporters. The five under 13s who boosted our numbers and a special mention to Deirdre Quinn, Physio, who kept the boys in one piece over two gruelling days or a weekend that will be long remembered.

Our Division 9 Féile team took on Sylvesters, who play one division higher in the regular leagues, in a do or die battle for the right to play in Parnell Park. The original disappointment of St Kevins Killians pulling out of a three team group was replaced by a fierce determination to extend our feile weekend to Sunday.



In glorious sunshine in Bridgefield we played an exciting first half and raced into a 2 points to 1 point lead after five minutes. Goals were the order of the day and three quickfire goals in



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the first half including a penalty from our captain Aengus Gilligan meant we finished ahead at the break 3-5 to 2-3.

It was more of the same as the lads retained possession and kept Syls at arm's length for the second half. It was a brilliant team performance and two more goals meant the final score was Na Fianna 5-8, Sylvesters 3-5.

We regrouped in Parnell Park for the opening match on Sunday morning, a little nervous but ready to face St Brigids, who had given us a good beating earlier in the league. We didn't start too well and conceded a goal inside the first 10 minutes however we battled back to score 2 points before half time. We knew we needed to get some quality ball into our forwards and we tried our best but Brigids defended and counter attacked very well. A goal after 5 minutes of the second half boosted our hopes for the final 10 minutes.

Try as we did to grab a second goal, it just didn't materialise. Our second half performance was far more determined and showed the type of football the lads are capable of playing . We defended strongly and created two goal chances, one going over the cross bar and the Brigid's keeper saving the other. At the final whistle Brigids won 2-6 to 1-3.

All of the players, their parents and families can be hugely proud of the lads over a memorable weekend. In years to come the result will be forgotten and the memory of playing their hearts out will stay on. Well done to everyone involved including Eoin Buckley (Coach), Mark Firth (AFL8) and the three under 13s who helped out over the weekend.

Camogie Féile Tomorrow

It's back to the ladies again this weekend as Na Fianna field two teams in tomorrow's Camogie Féile. A's (Div 1) play in Lucan Sarsfields and B's (Div 4) play in St Annes Bohernabreena. Both teams start at 10.30, all support welcome, see fixture list <http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/>

Club Shops Open Tomorrow

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 22nd April. Hurley workshop open 9-12 and Club shop open from 9-1pm in Club foyer.



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Na Fianna Golf Society

Na Fianna Golf Society's first outing of 2017 will be held in St Margarets next Monday April 24th, tee time 2-3.30, timesheet now available form Ciaran Gray 0872269133.

Na Fianna Golf Society was formed in the 1970s and what was one annual outing became more popular so additional outings were played. It was, and still is an opportunity for members past and present to meet each other outside of the normal GAA environment. Membership is open to all members both current and past.

We have three outings this year with the first outing in St Margarets on Monday 24th April. There will a further outing in early June, venue to be confirmed, and the Captain's outing will be to Clontarf at the end of August.

This year's Captain is Jimmy Gray. Captain's prize winner receives the Sterling Winthrop Cup and the Golfer of the Year is awarded to the player with the best overall scores from the three outings and receives the Denis Gray Memorial Cup.

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Lotto Results

April 18th 2017

Numbers

12	19	23	28
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Jackpot €8750 - No Winner

Match 3 Numbers €45 - Winner

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Sean O'Flaherty c/o Vinny	Numbers	<table border="1"><tr><td>12</td><td>19</td><td>23</td><td>29</td></tr></table>	12	19	23	29
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Lucky Pick Winner - €15

Frank O'Hara
Dermot Henessy
Ann Marie Briody c/o Vinny
Patricia Baker c/o Vinny
Roisin B.B.

Next Jackpot €9000



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Congrats to Dublin's Under-21 footballers including Glenn O'Reilly, Aaron Byrne and Eoin Murchan (pictured above) and also to Dessie, Phil, Cathal, John and Pat on last Saturday's All-Ireland semi-final win.

Na Fianna's Dubs

Best of luck to Leah Caffrey and Dublin's Senior Ladies in tomorrow's NFL semi-final clash with Cork in Nowlan Park at 3.30pm.

Good luck also to Dublin Minor Footballers who begin their Leinster Championship campaign on Saturday when they face Meath in Parnell Park at 3pm. Na Fianna have five players involved - James Doran, David Lacey, Eoin O'Dea, David O'Hanlon and Donal Ryan. Na Fianna also represented in backroom team with Tom Gray (Manager) and James Mangan (Selector).



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Second Annual Good Friday 5K Fun Run

Good Friday morning was the date for the Na Fianna 5k. This was our second year organising the run and it turned out to be a great success. It was a cool morning, but thankfully the rain stayed away until the run was complete. The run followed the same route as last year, traversing local roads and taking in a lap of Albert College Park. Over 220 participants of all ages and abilities took part and all enjoyed the run while trying to better their times from last year. And better the times they did, with a new records being set in both the Mens and Ladies categories. Kieran Murray recorded a time of 17:06 (53 seconds faster than last year) and Lucy Skelly recorded a time of 20:58 (1:38 faster than last year). Congratulations to both winners (pictured below).



But it wasn't all about winning... This was an event where all levels of ability could take part and have fun. Some teams organised internal competitions, one good example being the junior hurlers. Congratulations to Seán Owens and Colin Flanagan who were joint winners in this competition, and thanks to Seosamh Breathnach for sponsoring the prize.

Our current "Strictly King" Ciarán Heeney lead the warm up and had everyone on their toes and ready to take to the road. Uachtarán Tofa CLG John Horan was our guest of honour who opened the run and later presented the winners with their trophies.



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Thanks to our 20 volunteer race marshals who were strategically positioned around the course, our registration team, catering team and communications team positioned back at base. Thanks also to An Garda Síochána for traffic management and Red Cross Drumcondra/Glasnevin Branch for first aid. Thanks to Sports Club Services for sponsoring water, refreshments and printing.



A video of the run can be seen on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CLGNaFianna/videos/1432206433467992/>

Official results are available here:

http://www.redtagtiming.com/results/NaFianna5km_2017.pdf

Organisation of the run started back as early as January and special thanks to all who helped out along the way - you know who you are! Mark the date for next year's 5K in your diary - Good Friday 30th March 2018!





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Well done to Orla Martin and Dublin's Ladies Football Minors on Easter Monday's Leinster final win against Kildare.

Down Syndrome Ireland Ice Cream Fundays

Down Syndrome Ireland is dedicated to being the primary source of information and support to people with Down syndrome, their families and the professional community, working towards an improved quality of life for members along with a respect and acceptance of people with Down syndrome as valued members of Irish Society.

Their major annual fundraising campaign- HB Hazelbrook Farm Ice Cream Fundays Campaign, runs from May to July. People can register to be part of this worthwhile campaign and once registered, a party pack which includes vouchers for free pint blocks of the Hazelbrook Farm range, is posted out. Then at the party, people collect donations for Down Syndrome Ireland.

Go to <https://downsyndrome.ie/fundraising-events/events/hb-fundays/> for more information.



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Martin Says Thanks



Martin Quilty who recently marked his retirement from the day-job wanted to say thanks to all involved in helping to make his night a special one. He added “Many thanks to the club for making facilities available for my retirement party on the Friday night. Thanks to musicians, catering and bar staff and everyone that came for making it such a memorable night. Thanks also to everyone who made contact but were not in a position to attend”.

All in Na Fianna wish Martin a happy retirement.

Facilities Reminder

Na Fianna’s Facilities Committee are issuing a reminder to all team mentors regarding vigilance and security at all Club venues. Mentors are particularly asked to ensure proper lock-up procedure at Collinstown. In addition to switching off dressing room lights and locking doors, mentors are also reminded to ensure toilets are locked and finally that the padlock on the gate is clicked and checked before leaving. Recent anti-social behaviour in the area means we all have to be more vigilant.

Casting Opportunity

Fancy a part in a GAA advertisement? Huskies, an independent production company are currently casting for a GAA TV campaign related to the upcoming All Ireland Championships. They are looking for people that everyday folk can identify with - faces with character and charm. Casting to be held next Monday in Fitzwilliam Square, time to be confirmed but likely to be around lunch time.



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Requirements:

- All characters must be reasonably athletic
- Those with multiple piercings are not suitable
- Must be available

Roles:

- Young Female [8 – 10] Must have expressive and cute face
- Strong Male [22 – 27] Urban. Well-defined face. Although those with beards aren't discouraged, preferably not well manicured beards.
- Strong Female [Mid-30s] An athletic and natural woman.
- Older male [Late 50s - Early 60s] Strong, characterful face.
- Male teen [16 – 19] Energetic and attractive. No facial hair. Urban and cool.
- Adult Male [mid – late 30s]

Send head shots (selfies) and info to: GAAcasting@huskiesagency.com and they'll be in touch if they think you fit the brief.

**Na Fianna Senior Football
Team Golf Classic**

Donabate Golf Course
26th May 2017

4 person team cost €350

If you are interested in taking part or would like further details
please contact one of the following:

Pat Breen 087 689 1241
Gerry Donohoe 087 673 6294
John Caffrey 087 691 7295



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.....and finally

Comhghairdeas to Colm Ó Laoire on the occasion of his wedding to Karen Dalton.



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