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Club Hurling Championship

This weekend sees the opening rounds of the Dublin Club Hurling Championships. Three of Na Fianna's four teams take to the field, our Junior B's having a bye in Round 1, and first up will be the Seniors who play Craobh Chiaráin in O'Toole Park tomorrow at 4pm. Best of luck to all teams and the lads will be looking for strong Na Fianna support over the weekend. See previews below.

Senior Hurlers v Craobh Chiaráin – O'Toole Park Saturday 4pm

This year's Championship opener sees the Senior hurlers embark on a very busy fortnight. They first take on Craobh Chiaráin in O'Toole Park at 4.00pm on Saturday, with the next group game against O'Tooles just five days later. The lads have got off to a flying start in the league, notching up three wins from three, and putting up some big scores along the way. Both management and the players are very aware that League form counts for very little at this time of year and are looking forward to stepping into Championship action at the weekend. This young team have been progressing well over the past few years, and while they were very disappointed not to progress out of the group in Championship last year, a lot of our young players got invaluable Championship experience and this will stand to them. Craobh's record in the league thus far is nothing special but this is in no way an indication of anything as they have proven Championship pedigree. Many of this young team help out with juvenile teams and we would ask for a huge Na Fianna support to help cheer the lads on in their first Championship outing of the year, both on Saturday and Thursday, as they seek to get off to winning ways.

Inter Hurlers v Fingallians – Mobhi Road Saturday 6pm

The Intermediate Hurlers start their Championship campaign against Fingallians at 6pm on Saturday in Mobhi Road. The season has started brightly with a good league win over Ballyboden and two hard fought draws against Cuala and Clontarf. The panel are training well and it's very encouraging to see so many young players making the step up from Minor. Fingallians are also unbeaten in the league so Saturday should be a hard fought contest. We would encourage as many club members as possible to come along and support.



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Junior A Hurlers v Ballyboden St Enda – Mobhi Road Sunday 3pm

The AHL6 hurlers begin their Campaign in the Junior D Championship this Sunday at 3pm in Mobhi Road. They play Ballyboden, the team that put an end to their Championship run last year at the quarter final stage. Many of last year's players are still around and are boosted by the addition of some quality young hurlers from last year's Minor teams. It is also a first taste of adult Championship management for Seosamh Breathnach and Paul Stacey who took over the reins at the start of the season. With one draw, one loss and a victory in the league so far, the victory being in their most recent match, the team has every reason to believe they will continue their good home form on Sunday and hopefully register an early win in Championship to set them up well for the group stage. They are hoping to see a good Na Fianna crowd out to support them as is always the case in Mobhi Road.

Weekend Fixtures

Big weekend for our adult Hurling teams in Championship Round 1, see above for details.

Our three Minor football teams play on Sunday morning, A's and C's away at 11am, A's against Kilmacud and C's v Erin's Isle. B's host O'Tooles in Mobhi Road at 10.30am.

Rounders in Mobhi Road on Sunday starts at 1pm with our Ladies team playing Clonaslee (Co. Laois). Mixed team play at 2pm and Mens at 3pm, both against The Heath (Co. Laois).

Full fixture list on website, best of luck to all teams, support welcome.

<http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/>





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Football Championship Review

Senior Footballers – Na Fianna 2-14 Naomh Olaf 0-11

A bright evening in St Margarets last Friday saw a decent Na Fianna crowd turn up to see our Senior footballers win this Championship opener. Taking a while to settle and get the scoreboard turning, Na Fianna led by 1-06 to 0-06 at halftime thanks to a goal from Paul O’Hanlon after some good work from Eoin Neville. Olafs started the second half very well and had Na Fianna penned in for the first 10 minutes. However, mid-way through the half Na Fianna began to take control and took some great scores, not least of which was a cracking late goal scored by substitute Andrew Baxter. Notable individual performances around the pitch from Darragh Kennedy, Joey Boland, Alistar Fitzgerald, and Carl O’Connor but overall the team showed good unity and a strong fighting spirit when they were up against it. It was great to get the positive result and swiftly move to the preparation for the Round 2 meeting with local rivals St Vincents on Thursday May 11th in Parnell Park. A big thank you from all the squad for those that came out to support.

Inter Footballers – Na Fianna 3-17 Erin’s Isle 2-10

Na Fianna enjoyed a comfortable ten point victory in the end over a competitive Erin’s Isle team in Blakestown last Saturday evening. It was a close affair until the last ten minutes where fitness came through and substitutes made an impact. Despite Na Fianna controlling a lot of the possession, Erin’s Isle still found themselves up by six points at one stage. Na Fianna stuck to the plan, showed character and went in at half time three points up. Two goals from Sean Caffrey and another from Tom Kenny were the difference in the end. All in all a solid performance by this Na Fianna side. They play in the last sixteen on the weekend of the 13th of May, against St Vincents.

Junior A Footballers - St Finians 1-10 Na Fianna 2-12

Junior A footballers had a great win away in Newcastle against a team from a league above them. Early signs weren’t good as we were losing 1-6 to 0-3 after twenty minutes. A great finish from Andy Flannery got us back in the game and we trailed by a point at half time. The second half saw us take control and scores from Tommy Kinsella and Conor Gray got us in front. A fortuitous goal from Michael Quinn gave us a decent lead that we held to the end. Great defensive performances from Brian Mitchell, Peter Feeney and Dan McGowan with John Kenny starring in midfield. Next up is home tie against Kilmacud on May 14th.



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Junior C Footballers – Castleknock 1-13 Na Fianna 0-14

Our Junior C's gave a gallant performance in Somerton last Sunday versus Castleknock in the Junior C Championship first round. The lads were one point down at half time having taken their time to get the tempo of championship football. After some motivational words at half time from Alan Behan and Tiarnan Doolan, the lads went out in the second half on a mission and played some excellent football. After forty five minutes the team were five points ahead but alas conceded a goal to a resilient Castleknock team who with some late substitutions finished very strongly. At full time, Castleknock came out two points ahead. There were heroic performances throughout the team, too numerous to mention, with twenty one players wearing the jersey with pride on the day. Afterwards, there was disappointment soon followed by optimism to play to our potential over remaining thirteen league matches and a potential cup final. Our season starts from here.

Junior D Footballers - Balinteer St John 1-07 Na Fianna 5-29

The Junior D team headed out to Loreto Park to play Ballinteer in the Championship 1st round last Sunday. We headed out with a large panel of twenty eight and after a few League wins our confidence was high. We started the game quite slowly and after ten minutes the score was level at 0-2 each, this due in part to nerves and a lot of handling errors on our part. As the team settled we started to play our own game. We took our scores as they came and capitalised on their mistakes, Sean Gray punishing an error from a short kick out to score one of our goals. At half time we were up 3-11 to 0-04. In the second half it was more of the same, they had a strong midfielder but Cian Deeley was extremely effective in limiting his influence in the second half. We took our scores as they came but from our own mistake they turned the ball over and scored their only goal. We were able to empty the bench in the second half and give people a game, we had sixteen different scorers overall. The highlight of the second half was Sean Gray's third goal who used excellent skill to beat three men to finish with his hat trick and a personal tally of 3.10 for the day. Overall we had strong performances from Paddy Malone, Stephen Jamieson Murphy and Cillian Nolan in defence, Cian Deeley in midfield and Sean Grey, David Murtagh and Jack Stewart up front. We now move on to play Templeogue away in the second round in three weeks.



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Camogie Féile

Na Fianna fielded two teams in the Dublin Féile competition last weekend. Once again, both teams represented the club with pride and what follows are the accounts of our A and B teams' Féile adventure.

Last Saturday was Camogie Feile day for 2003 Girls. The Camogie Division 1 Feile was hosted by Lucan. The Na Fianna A team was in the "Group of Death" with Lucan Sarsfields, Catleknock and St. Judes.

In the first match, Na Fianna started a bit slowly and were up against an extremely strong Lucan team, who beat all before them and won the Feile final the following day. However, the Girls stuck at it and rallied well in the second half.

The second match against Castleknock was a really exciting and tight affair. The Girls upped their performance dramatically and were very unfortunate to lose out by a couple of points after a very enjoyable and hard fought match.



The final match was against a strong St. Judes team. However, the Girls rose to the challenge and started really well. Unfortunately, their early dominance was not reflected on the scoreboard and St. Judes got back into the game with a lucky goal just on the stroke of



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half-time. Playing against the hill and wind in the second half (and by that stage down four of our best performers with injuries) was a challenge too far. Despite their brave and gallant efforts, the Girls lost out by a couple of points in the finish. Unfortunately, for Jude's they were so exhausted trying to get over the Na Fianna challenge they had no energy left and were beaten in the semi-final.

While the Girls were initially disappointed, after some stirring and heart-felt words from Karen Fox and Fran Cullen, their mentors, and the team captain, they recovered very quickly and soon realised it was all about having fun and playing and supporting each other as a team.

Lucan, as well as the ultimate winners, were also wonderful hosts on the day and looked after us really well.

Throughout the day, both on and off the field, the Girls were a credit to themselves, their families and the Club. As a Club we are very lucky to have such a great group of Girls in both Camogie and Football. We also want to thank Karen, Fran, Deirdre Tierney, Willie Bergin and Gabriel Travers for all their hard work with the two Camogie teams and all the parents for their great support and encouragement.

On Saturday last, 22nd April, nineteen U14 B Na Fianna Girls set off for St Annes CLG, Bohernabeena, at the foothills of the Dublin Mountains, to compete in this year's Dublin Camogie Feile. They knew it was going to be a very tough test as they were pitted against three "A" teams from higher divisions. However, once the games began, these divisions were not so obvious.

In the first game we lost out by the narrowest of margins to Round Towers who eventually got through to the Feile final. In our next game the girls went down gallantly to the eventual winners of the Feile, Raheny.

In the final game they, again, lost out by the narrowest of margins to Commercial's. In all the games the Girls never gave up and really were unlucky not to be competing in the semi-final. They showed great skill and determination and it really was a fine effort by all the players.



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They had a truly enjoyable day out and got to enjoy the true Feile experience and really appreciated the great work done by St Annes CLG on hosting the event and providing first class facilities. On Sunday evening, after a wonderful post Feile party, the Girls dusted themselves off and vowed to continue their successful run in their league.

Hurling Féile Tomorrow

It's back to the lads again this weekend as Na Fianna field two teams in tomorrow's Hurling Féile. Best of luck to A's (Div 1) who play in Faughs and start at 10.30am and also to our B's (Div 7) who play in Trinity Gaels and have their first game at 10.15am. All support welcome, see full fixture list <http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/>

Club Shops Open Tomorrow

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 29th April. Hurley workshop open 9-12 and Club shop open from 9-1pm in Club foyer. Nursery in action from 9.30-11am and teas/coffees from the cabin throughout.



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Electric Ireland Player Of The Week

Congratulations to James Doran on his Electric Ireland Player Of The Week award. James scored 1-5 in last Saturday's Leinster Minor Football Championship dramatic win against Meath in Parnell Park. Trailing by ten points (1-10 to 0-3) at half-time, Dublin heroically turned the game around in the second half to force the contest into extra-time when the lads went ahead to clinch the tie.

Na Fianna were well represented by James, David Lacey, Eoin O'Dea, David O'Hanlon and Donal Ryan with Tom Gray and James Mangan on the line.

Na Fianna Golf Society

Na Fianna Golf Society's first outing of 2017 was held in St Margarets last Monday with a good turnout and some new faces playing. Results as follows;

Overall winner	Sean Potts
Class 1 Winner	Dermot Moran
Runner Up	Tom Foran
Class 2 Winner	Paul Stack
Runner Up	Sean O'Laoire
Class 3 Winner	Mark Maher
Runner Up	Benny Murphy
Front 9	Gary Howlett
Back 9	Tony Foran
Visitor	Noel Skehan

Thanks to all who supported and to the organisers. Details of next outing to be announced shortly.



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Pictured above are Tommy Kinsella, Dan McGowan and Ronan O'Hagan who first played together in U16 championship twenty years ago. All three starred in last Sunday's Junior A Championship win.

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Lotto Results

April 24th 2017

Numbers

6	8	13	30
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Jackpot €9000 - No Winner

Match 3 Numbers €0 - No Winner

Lucky Pick Winner - €15

Paddy Fox
Patrick Quinn
Jack Power c/o Vinny
John Doyle c/o Vinny
Robbie Irwin c/o Vinny

Next Jackpot €9250



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Na Fianna's Dubs

Best of luck to Dublin's Under-21 footballers including Glenn O'Reilly, Aaron Byrne and Eoin Murchan and also to Dessie, Phil, Cathal, John and Pat in tomorrow's All-Ireland final against Galway in O'Connor Park Tullamore, throw in 5pm.

Best of luck also to Dublin's Premier Junior Camogie team including Grainne Free, Roisín Baker and Niamh Gleeson in Sunday's Div3 League final against Roscommon in Birr at 1.30pm.

McNulty Memorial Tournament



This Bank Holiday Monday sees the Annual Dermot McNulty Memorial Tournament being held in Mobhi Road. Now in its eleventh year, this under 11 hurling blitz held in memory of the inspirational Dermot McNulty, continues to grow from strength to strength. On Monday starting at 11am, three of our U-11 hurling teams will play with teams from seven other clubs. This year we welcome the following clubs to the McNulty Tournament; Kilcormac Killoughey, Ballyboden St. Enda's, Coolderry, Cuala, St. Vincent's, Setanta and Whitehall.

Great credit is again due to the organisers of this year's tournament that will see 180 hurlers and 12 teams representing eight clubs taking part over the course of the day. A great day's hurling is in store and support for our Na Fianna teams, and for the occasion itself, would be appreciated.



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Schools At Na Fianna



Na Fianna GPO (Games Promotion Officer) Mark McManus photographed this unique moment in the Club during the week when three local Primary Schools played in Na Fianna and all at the same time. The girls of St Brigids, St Columbas and Corpus Christi, some of the local schools that Mark works with, all played school matches on the same morning. Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí

Facilities Reminder

Na Fianna's Facilities Committee are again 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.

***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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2005 Boys Thank Kilian

The 2005 Boys would like to wish Kilian Smith all the best with his new adventure and thank him for the great work he has done with the group. Kilian has been with the 2005 Boys team since they started out in the nursery all those years ago and has been a driving force throughout. He has been a wonderful mentor to the boys and will be missed greatly, both on and off the pitch. Kilian leaves NF to take up a post in Vienna for three years but we hope that he will visit us when he returns home from time to time. If we know Kilian, he'll organise an away trip for the 2005 team to play against the newly established Vienna GAA team.

Parnell Pass Renewal Information

Parnell Park have advised that Parnell Pass Renewals for 2017 will open online next week (w/c 2nd May). Existing Parnell Pass members will receive notification in writing with their unique login username and password by 4th May.

The Parnell Pass is currently fully subscribed, a waiting list will be available for new members should Passes become available. Waiting list members will have the opportunity to purchase Parnell Passes after the renewal process ends on 17th May and will be allocated on a random lottery basis.

Parnell Pass Pricing:

Terrace: €130

Stand: €175

Lost and Found

A bunch of keys including two car keys (Toyota & Honda) were lost around the club on Good Friday. If found, please contact office, tel 8370210.



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JOIN THE CROKE PARK STEWARDING TEAM



Recruitment now open for Croke Park Voluntary Stewards



Interviews will be held in Croke Park:

Wednesday
17th May 6pm - 7.30pm

Thursday
18th May 6pm - 7.30pm

Stewards will be trained and accredited by the GAA National Facilities, Health & Safety Committee.

To apply please contact Elaine Casey
at ecasey@crokepark.ie

To be part of the match day action, the following are required:

- Aged from 18 years
- Available at weekends
- Active and enthusiastic
- Customer focused
- An interest in GAA would be beneficial

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