



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Minor A Hurling Champions



Yet another piece of club history was achieved on Sunday 5th November when Na Fianna won the county Minor 'A' Hurling Championship for the 4th year in a row.

The final was played in O'Toole Park against Lucan Sarsfields on a fine crisp sunny day. The talented Na Fianna players walked on to the pitch as boys and came off it as men having seen off the Lucan challenge with relative ease. The final score of 5-15 to 3-9, a winning margin of 12 points, equalled the winning margin that Na Fianna enjoyed over the same opponents in the group stages of this championship. On route to the final this team beat all challengers, the only team of the last four victorious Na Fianna county minor hurling champions to do so.

Nothing was taken for granted in this final not least because minor hurling all star and scoring talisman, Sean Currie was carrying an injury, into this game, that forced him to miss the semi-final encounter against Whitehall Colmcilles. Clearly, Lucan had done their homework and targeted Currie and John Tierney especially on Na Fianna puck outs. They



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took an early lead by imposing themselves physically for the first twenty minutes or so of this game. Despite the close attention, Sean Currie managed to score a couple of exquisite points to keep Na Fianna in touch. Then around the 20th minute team captain Donal Ryan launched a missile from well inside his own half and opportunist Paddy Gleeson scored the first goal for Na Fianna. It lifted the Na Fianna side and for the rest of the first half and for nearly 12 minutes into the second half they scored 3-7 without reply. In the 24th minute Darragh Bergin scored a point from a sideline ball from the 45 yard line. This was a point of rare quality which is normally associated with the likes of Joe Canning.

The Lucan goalkeeper must have cursed his luck by having to face into the blinding sun in the first half. But bad as that was one wondered how he felt when man of the match Paddy Gleeson bore down on him like Halley's Comet and had scored three goals before the Lucan keeper knew what was happening. By his own remarkable terms, it was a relatively subdued outing for Sean Currie. But his teammates rose to the occasion all over the field with 8 of the team making the score sheet. As was the case throughout the championship the backs led by Captain Donal Ryan were rock solid. The midfield pair of Michael Murphy and Darragh Bergin saved their best displays of the championship for this final.

Na Fianna (scores in brackets): Ciaran McHugh, Sam Fraughen, Donal Ryan (c), Rob Mackey, Craig Berigan, Kevin Burke, Aodhan Buggy, Darragh Bergin (1-2), Michael Murphy (0-5), Adam Berigan, John Tierney (0-1), David Lacey (0-2), Eoin O'Dea (0-1), Paddy Gleeson (3-0), Sean Currie (0-3); Substitutes: Neil Currie, Paddy Skelly, Niall Brennan, Nick King, Adam Rafter, Liam Gaughran (1-1).

Credit is due to Shane Barrett and Jono Tracey for taking time out from their busy club and county commitments to coach this side throughout the year. Manager Dermot Moran embraced his leadership role with passion and drive all through the year and was assisted by mentors Phil Kelly, Willie Bergin and Greg Whooley. Thanks are due to parents who supported fundraising events earlier this year and to sponsors Progressive Credit Union, Ballymun Road and Aidan Irwin of Cater4U.

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## Weekend Fixtures

Both U21 hurling teams play in Championship on Saturday at 2.30pm, A's play St Vincents in semi final in Mobhi Road and B's play Naomh Mearnóg in quarter final in Collinstown. Sunday sees our Minor A footballers play Thomas Davis in Championship final in O'Toole Park at 12. Busy Sunday morning in Mobhi Road with our Inter hurlers in Div 4 league final against Clontarf at 10.30. Our Minor A Camogie team play Lucan in Championship at 11.30 and our Junior A hurlers play St Finbarrs in Div 6 league final at 12 noon. Full fixture list on website, best of luck to all teams, support welcome. <http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/>

## Calling All DCU Alumni



Na Fianna and DCU are coming together next Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our long standing connection and relationship when DCU's Alumni Affairs office will host an evening in the Mobhi Suite starting at 8pm.

While the night is predominantly geared towards past students, we would also like to invite all those in Na Fianna who may have a connection with DCU, be they current students, current staff, or even retirees from the college. As you will know, St Patrick's College Drumcondra, Mater Dei Institute and All Hallows are now part of DCU, so graduates of any of these institutions will also be more than welcome.

So whatever your Na Fianna/DCU connection is, be sure to come along and network with young and old, rekindle old friendships and maybe make some new ones. Registration to this free event is available at following link <https://goo.gl/forms/KwHSxFQq2ZUwQmmC2>

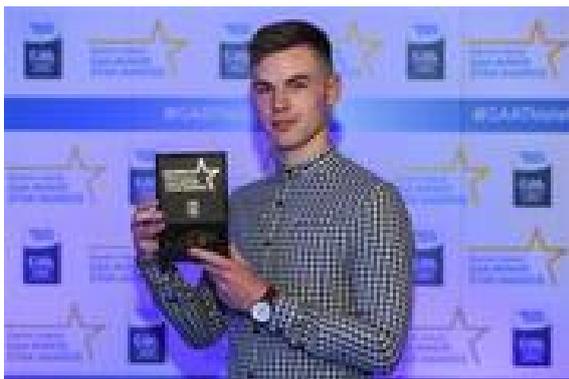


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## Ladies Football

Both the Ladies Football Committee and the Executive Committee are keen to improve the gender balance within Ladies Football mentoring teams. The mentoring teams have been predominantly, though by no means exclusively, male dominated and there is a wish to see more women, particularly those with playing or even coaching experience, involved. If there are women who are interested in being part of a mentoring team at adult or minor level, they might contact John McDaid at [johnmcdaid16@gmail.com](mailto:johnmcdaid16@gmail.com). There may or may not be an immediate opportunity but the longer term strategy is to have a gender balance as the norm.

## Young Hurler Of Year Award For Sean



Congratulations to Na Fianna's Sean Currie on his Friends Of Dublin Hurling Young Player of the Year award announced this week. Sean and all the award winners will be honoured at The Friends of Dublin Hurling 11th Annual Celebration Night at The Red Cow Moran Hotel on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets cost €40 and can be ordered by calling 0872331983.

## Gníomhartha Gaeilge

Bun ranganna sa Ghaeilge labhartha ag leanúint ar aghaidh gach oíche Déardaoin 7.30pm-8.30pm sa Chlub, fáilte roimh chách. Classes in spoken Irish continuing every Thursday night in the Club 7.30pm-8.30pm, all welcome.

Bí linn sa Chiorcal Comhrá sa bhear ina dhiaidh sin ag 8.30pm. Join us for the Conversation Circle in the bar after that at 8.30pm.

\*\*\*Date for your Diary – Dáta don Dialann\*\*\* Thursday 7th December - Cúpla Focal Party! Tea, cake and conversation. More details in next week's Nuacht.



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## U-16 Ladies Guest Coach



Our U-16 Camogie team had a surprise visitor during the week when Dublin Senior Camogie Manager David Herity turned up in Na Fianna to coach their regular training session. David was very impressed with the Na Fianna ladies and brought them through a tough but insightful session.

## Members' Subscriptions Due

Members' subscriptions for the coming year 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 online, on Saturday mornings in the Club or at the office during opening hours (9.30am to 1pm Mon –Fri).



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## Club Shops Open Tomorrow

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Hurley workshop open 9-12 and Club shop open from 9-1pm in Club foyer.

### Na Fianna

#### Lotto Results

November 6th 2017

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Jackpot €16000 - No Winner

Match 3 Numbers €20 - Winner

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Lucky Pick Winner - €15

John Gray  
Pat and Ger Donnellan  
John Doyle c/o Vinny  
Maeve Noonan (Sat Morn.)  
Mary Moore (Sat Morn.)

Next Jackpot €16250

## Zumba Classes In Na Fianna

No Zumba class on 15th and 22nd November. Resumes again on Wednesday 29th at 8pm in Hall, all welcome. Enquiries to [siobhanzumbafitness@gmail.com](mailto:siobhanzumbafitness@gmail.com)



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**Champions!**



**Cake  
Sale**

The 2007 girls will host a Cake Sale this Saturday morning at the Na Fianna nursery to help fund new equipment for the coming year. Lots of delicious cakes on sale, your support is greatly appreciated.



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A great night promised on Thursday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Club with the Smitty and (Ainsworth) Daniels Clanns hosting a table quiz fundraiser in aid of the Chikuni Radio Schools in Zambia. Come along and show off your talents and have some great craic in the company of friends and club mates. Lots of great prizes to be won.

Mile buiochas for your support, from Pauric Daniels and Sean Smith (2001 Boys), and their parents Paul Smith, Nora McCarrick, Stephen Daniels and Lisa Ainsworth.

*All funds raised will go directly to the building of permanent school buildings to replace the current mud huts used for classrooms and will be given by Pauric and Sean when they spend two weeks next June working in the Radio Schools.*

## .....and finally

Members wishing to receive Na Fianna Nuacht directly by email should forward their email address to [news@clgnafianna.ie](mailto:news@clgnafianna.ie)

## 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 [news@clgnafianna.ie](mailto:news@clgnafianna.ie) or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a growing membership of almost 3,000 and over 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 [news@clgnafianna.ie](mailto:news@clgnafianna.ie)