



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Senior 2 Footballers – History Makers



Na Fianna won their first ever Intermediate Championship last Friday night, 17th November, when they beat St Judes in front of a serious Na Fianna crowd in Abbottstown. After a tough start where St Judes got an early goal, the Na Fianna team settled and went in at half time two points up courtesy of first half goals from Ciaran Holohan and Sean Caffrey. Na Fianna came out strong in the second half with Tom O Connell and Cathal Doran kicking a brace of points. Judes showed fight and kept chipping away but had no answers to man of the match Sean Caffrey who finished with 1-4 from play. Na Fianna managed the game well at the end winning comfortably by five points. An all round great team performance and a special mention for some non-scoring players such as Jamie Ward, Farrel Aughney, Colly Ryan and Brian Downes who all delivered big games on the day.

## Weekend Fixtures

U21 hurling Championship continues tomorrow, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm with A's playing Ballyboden in final in O'Toole Park and B's away against Naomh Barróg in semi-final. Our Senior 2 footballers are back in action on Saturday at 12 noon when they contest League final away against Naomh Olaf. Full fixture list on website, best of luck to all teams, support welcome. <http://www.clnafianna.com/fixtures/>



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Minor B Hurlers Go Down Fighting

History was made last Sunday when Collinstown hosted its first County Championship Final, as Na Fianna's second Minor hurling team took on Castleknock in the Minor C Final. This was the second meeting between the sides, the first encounter, at the group stage, having finished in a draw. Both teams had shown impressive form since then, with Castleknock being particularly impressive in their annihilation of O'Tooles in the semi-final. Na Fianna's semi-final win over Rialto Gaels was a much closer affair. The large crowd were expecting a close match and they weren't disappointed. Both teams had a nervous start and scores were hard to come by, most of them coming from frees. Eoin O'Flaherty's free taking was particularly impressive. There was a crucial moment near the end of the first half when, with the teams locked together at 6 points apiece, a slick Na Fianna move saw Eamon Potter bearing down on the Castleknock goal. Unfortunately, his 'rasper' was brilliantly turned around the post by the goalkeeper. So it was all square at halftime with everything to play for.



The second half followed a similar pattern as the teams went point for point, and another draw seemed a distinct possibility. But Castleknock eventually got their noses in front and despite heroic efforts from Na Fianna and the introduction of fresh legs, we just couldn't claw back the deficit. As time ran out, a 21 metre free provided us with a ray of hope, but again, the Castleknock keeper was equal to the challenge. The final score of 0-18 to 0-13 hardly reflected just how close we had come to victory.



# Na Fianna Nuacht

Reaching the final and coming within a whisker of winning it against a very strong Castleknock team is a testament to the quality of this squad of players and to the mentors who have coached and guided them since Nursery. A remarkable statistic is that we played six tough Championship games without conceding a single goal. This was not just down to our backs and goalkeeper, who played magnificently throughout the campaign, but to the team as a whole for their intensity and work rate throughout the field. We were lucky to have three superb hurlers from the U16 squad in our ranks. In fact, the majority of the panel will be eligible to play Minor again next year and we wish them well. Those who are moving on to Adult hurling can carry with them the memory of this outstanding Championship campaign.

## **Dublin Bus/Herald Dub Stars Nominations**

Two Na Fianna Senior Footballers have been named among the 2017 Dublin Bus/Herald Dub Stars Nominations, details of which were announced earlier this week. Congrats and best of luck to Conor McHugh and Glenn O'Reilly. The Awards Gala will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> December when the winners will be announced.

## **Friends Of Na Fianna Night**

The annual Friends Of Na Fianna Night, formerly known as the Mentors' Night, and always a great night in the lead in to Christmas at Na Fianna, takes place on Saturday 2nd December in the Mobhi Suite. Finger food, €3.50 specials, entertainment, chat and catch up....all welcome.

## **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).



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Special Juvenile Coaching Session On Sunday



A very special coaching session is being held on Sunday November 26th at 2pm in Na Fianna for all of the boys and girls in the Club born between 2004 and 2009 inclusive. The aim is to practice Hurling, Camogie and Football skills with lots of adult players from the Club in a novel and fun environment. Many of our County stars will be there on the day coaching and getting involved with lots of other festivities.

All taking part are asked to wear appropriate training gear based on the weather but everyone wears MOULDED STUDS ONLY as some activities will take place on the All Weathers. Everyone should bring a gum shield, a hurley and helmet and for those without one we will have a limited number of spares at each hurling station. The organisers have also asked for everyone to wear Na Fianna gear on the day (both adults and children) as we want to mark the closing of another season wearing our colours proudly!

The Coffee Cabin will be open on the day to cater for interested parents and onlookers and with the hoped for attendance of over 500 children, the organisers would like to make this a car free day so all are strongly encouraged to cycle or walk down to the club for 1:45pm.





# Na Fianna Nuacht

## National Club Draw

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB**

Opportunity for your GAA Club to raise up to €20,000



The GAA National Club Draw, an opportunity for all clubs to raise up to €20,000 has come around again with details of the 2018 draw announced recently. Na Fianna has done very well from the draw over the last few years thanks to the generosity of Club members and the hard work and dedication of people like former Cathaoirleach Colum Cronin who took on the administration of the draw within the Club.

In 2017, Na Fianna was the highest selling club in Leinster and the previous year, 2016, in addition to achieving the highest sales in Leinster, we also had the second highest ticket sales figure in the country. Over the past four years, Na Fianna has raised, between ticket sales and prize money, the impressive sum of €60,000. The hope is that the Club can replicate its success of the last four years in selling the majority of the 2,000 tickets available to it.

Tickets for the Draw are sold nationally, cost a tenner each and are available in books of five for €50 BUT are also available individually. Tickets are now on sale in the Club and can be bought this weekend at Saturday's Nursery and at Sunday's Juvenile Coaching session. An ideal Christmas stocking filler, please support the club in purchasing a ticket or two!

## Cúpla Focal Party!

Tae, ciste agus caint - Tea, cake and conversation Thursday 7th December, 7.30-9.00pm, Halla Na Fianna. To celebrate the success of the Ciorcal Comhrá (Conversation Circle) and the Bunrang Gaeilge labhartha (Basic spoken Irish class), which take place in the club on Thursday nights, CLG Na Fianna is organising a very informal night of tea, cake and chat on Thursday night, 7th December, before the Christmas madness begins...

All welcome to come along and try any cúpla focal at all. Informal, fun, no pressure! All welcome – Fáilte roimh chách.



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Boston Postcard



Congrats and well done to Donal Burke, Shane Barrett and Jono Tracey part of the Dublin Senior Hurling panel who took part in last weekend's Fenway Hurling Classic in Boston.

## Na Fianna

### Lotto Results

**November 20th 2017**

Numbers

<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>
----------	----------	----------	-----------

**Jackpot €16500 - Winner**

Eamonn Rainsford (ID 181)

Numbers

<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>
----------	----------	----------	-----------

**Next Jackpot €2000**



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Fáilte Hub launches in The Nursery!

Hopefully you've spotted our new Fáilte and Wellbeing Hub at the Nursery on a Saturday morning. The Fáilte Hub which includes our friendly Coffee Cabin, Seo our Cultural and Irish Language Officer, Ann our famous Lotto seller, and Seffie's hurley sales and repairs, all create the perfect social gathering spot on a Saturday morning.



Pictured left, is Na Fianna's Childrens Officer Lesley Jamieson together with her daughter Rachel, as they set up the new hub with plenty of Fáilte signs and useful information. Rachel is diligently carrying out her Transition Year community service in the Nursery every Saturday morning, working between the coffee cabin and the new hub.

Everything you need to know about Na Fianna is available at the Fáilte hub including a Welcome for everyone, General Information on the Nursery, Information for newcomers, Wellbeing and First Aid, Cúpla focail Gaeilge, Membership Forms and Payment, Club Lotto, GAA National Club Draw tickets, Summer/Easter Camp Forms, Lost and Found (children and stuff!!), Nursery location map of different age groups, Mid-week training days/times for older age groups, and contact info, Weekly announcements – shop opening times, cake sales, car park announcements.

To make the Fáilte hub a big success, we're forming a group of friendly Nursery parents/guardians to help coordinate the hub each week on rotational basis. Interested parents/guardians can find Lesley at the hub/coffee cabin or text 086 2867616. Big Thanks to Martin Quilty, Charlie O'Reilly and co. for organising our cabin, and to Andy Matthews for a fantastic new wireless sound system.



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Breaking Camogie News

The Club would like to congratulate our 2016/17 Senior Camogie Management team of Dave Dunning and Dave Hughes on their appointment as Laois Senior Camogie Management.

Both Daves have been with the club for the last two years where they have undertaken trojan work in the Camogie section across a range of teams, including guiding the Senior One Camogie team to our first County Senior Championship final since 1995. We would like thank them for their positive contribution to Camogie in our club and wish them all the best in their new role at Intercountry level.

The Club Camogie committee is now engaged in the task of identifying a new management team for our senior and U16 teams.

## Promotion For U-13 Footballers



Our U13 C Boys Footballers won a hard fought Div 9 promotion play-off game away to St Sylvester's C (0-9 : 5-10) on Saturday. The boys have made huge improvements this last year. Having lost every league game last season, and had a mixed start to this season (including a heavy 1-0 to 8-11 home defeat to the same Sylvester's C team in the league last



# Na Fianna Nuacht

May), the boys won their last 5 league games to scrape into a promotion play-off. They took full advantage of their good form by winning the play-off with an outstanding performance on Saturday. A great story of year long perseverance and hard work in training paying off for all of these lads.

## Armagh Visitors



An Port Mor from Armagh paid a visit to the Na Fianna Nursery on the fourth of November. Seven pitches were used to cater for all the matches against the 2011 Boys. Our boys despite having completed their normal Nursery activities played numerous games against the Armagh boys. There were lots of sleepy six year-olds in Glasnevin that Saturday night.

## Zumba Classes Return

Zumba classes with Siobhán will resume on Wednesday 29th November from 8pm to 9pm in the Hall. Walk-ins welcome. Zumba will continue into December & beyond! Enquiries to [siobhanzumbafitness@gmail.com](mailto:siobhanzumbafitness@gmail.com)



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Margadh na Nollag í Scoil Mobhí



## Know The Score Christmas Audience Wanted

Anyone fancy being part of the television audience for RTE's Know The Score Christmas Special? Jacqui Hurley will present the Christmas edition of the popular sports quiz with team captains, rugby legend Shane Byrne and horse racing's very own Ruby Walsh. Each episode also has four VERY special guests, Ireland's biggest sports stars in 2017.

Tickets are free but limited and filming takes place in RTE, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. To apply for tickets e-mail [knowthescorerte@gmail.com](mailto:knowthescorerte@gmail.com) with your name, contact number, how many tickets you want and which show suits you best (as per below).

5th December 1:30pm: Stars include Stephen Ferris, Lindsay Peat, Jason McAteer and one mystery guest.

5th December 6pm: Stars include John Kavanagh, Kevin Doyle, Dean Rock and Briege Corkery.

Tickets are given on a first come first serve basis so reply ASAP to avoid disappointment. Space is limited so the sooner you reply the better chance of securing tickets.



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## Club Shops Open Tomorrow

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 25th November. Hurley workshop open 9-12 and Club shop open from 9-1pm in Club foyer. Details of December hours of opening will be advised as soon as available.

## .....and finally

Best of luck to Leah Caffrey at tomorrow night's TG4 Ladies Football All Star Awards night. Also to Sean Currie who will be presented with his Young Player of the Year award at tonight's Friends of Dublin Hurling Annual Celebration Night.

## 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)