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Weekend Fixtures

Following yesterday's wins by our Senior 2 Footballers in relegation play off and our U-21A Footballers in Championship semi-finals, Sunday sees another busy day of Championship action.

Minor B Footballers in Championship Final against Trinity Gaels in St Clares DCU at 12.45. uiU-16 Ladies Footballers also in Championship today with A's in semi-final against Kilmacud in Mobhi Road at 1.30pm and B's in Final against St Pats Donabate in Collinstown at 2pm.

Best of luck to all teams, support welcome, full fixture list, including full Juvenile list of fixtures on Club website <http://clgnafianna.com/fixtures/>

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Minor Football Championship Sun 17th Nov

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trinity gaels

MFC D Final
Na Fianna V Trinity Gaels
St Clares DCU 12.45pm

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Want a chance to win the Lotto 50 times a year?

Bígí Linn..... Sign up for the Na Fianna Weekly Lottery Direct Debit Bandwagon!

Our weekly club lottery jackpot has just rolled over to €6,500.

With a recent big increased uptake, now over 250 members have signed up to the direct debit lottery plan. For just €12 per month, your two personal lines of numbers are automatically entered in the lottery drum each week.

This means that you don't have to remember to get your single entry fee into an envelope on time and you never miss a draw.....just relax and wait for that golden phone call bearing glad tidings of your winnings!

Lottery funds are spent directly on pitch rental, facilities maintenance and essential club infrastructure, for example our recently refurbished **club gym** and **Members Bar**.



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Plus, there will be a **Special Raffle** for **direct debit /club zap participants only** on Friends of Na Fianna night in December, with stunning prizes including an **overnight stay for two at Monart Luxury Spa Hotel, Co. Wexford!**

So, Don't Delay! Commit to our Club Lottery your preferred way:

1. [Play Online](#) through the [ClubZap App](#)
2. Download the form from our website, <http://clgnafianna.com/club-information/club-lotto/>, then complete/sign and scan to Roisin our club administrator: [\[admin@clgnafianna.ie\]](mailto:admin@clgnafianna.ie)
3. Print and complete/sign the direct debit form then mail or leave in bar for Róisín O'Sullivan, Administrator, CLG Na Fianna, St. Mobhi Road, Dublin 9.
4. Print and complete/sign the direct debit form straight off this e-Nuacht, see next page.
5. Download and register for Na Fianna on the Club Zap app, then Click "My Club", "Lotto" "Play Online Now" and choose one month 12 month subscription. Your numbers will be added to the drum the following Monday!

Míle Buíochas!

- Minimum weekly prize **€2,000** * Roll over up to **€20,000!**
- Weekly prizes of €130 for matching 3 numbers & "lucky dip" prizes €20
- **2 Lines** of your favourite chosen numbers (1-30) entered in the weekly draw: **Only €12 monthly**

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• Your Numbers Line 1 (1-30)

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50 Years Of Camogie Marked In Style

The Camogie section in Na Fianna started with a phone call on October 4th 1969, from Seán Clerkin to Gretta Gray inviting her to a meeting to discuss setting up a camogie section in the club. As a result, despite never having played camogie, Gretta became the first chairperson of the camogie section. Little did they know that just 6 months later Na Fianna would lift their first trophy, that in a few short years there would be a thriving juvenile section, and in 2019 there are 24 juvenile and 4 adult teams in the club. 50 years later, over a hundred players, coaches, family and friends, past and present, returned to celebrate the success of half a century of camogie in Na Fianna. Speeches from Chairman Cormac ó Donnchú and club President (and camogie manager) Paddy King acknowledged the great contribution of camogie to the club. Vice chairman of camogie in 1969. Eleanor O'Neill, was present also.



Second Junior Camogie Team 1970 - Back Row: Eleanor O'Neill, Pauline Kavanagh, Ann Bryan, Emilie Gibbons, Ann Scally, Ann Rafferty, Geraldine Querney, Gretta Gray and Sean Clerkin. Front Row: Elsie Shannon, Kathleen Moran, Deirdre Lynch, Brid Leahy, Ann O'Neill and Mary Lee.

Gretta Gray in her speech, remembered Seán Clerkin as a man ahead of his time. While, women had always played a vital role in the club, it was his vision that women should play a full and equal part as full members which sowed the seeds for the future. Gretta recalled how within a few short months, the first Na Fianna team had captured their first trophy- the first of



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many. Seven of that first team were in attendance: Captain Cecilia Kelly, Elsie Shannon, Sarah Doran who travelled from Cavan Anne and Betty Bryan, Nora Hayes. Club stalwart Ann McNamara is currently in Nairobi but managed to talk to her former team mates through Skype.

It was a marvellous evening of reminiscing. Players from different eras shared their memories of the club and what camogie meant to them. Captain of the 1970 winning team Cecilia Kelly said how she had enjoyed every minute of her time playing for the club. Elsie Shannon was a cousin of Seán Clerkin's and was on the first team at the ripe old age of 13. Anna Purton and Annmarie Gray on the first juvenile team who took the field in 1974, drawing 0-0 with St Mary's on a freezing day which ended with Annmarie wearing Ann O'Neill's fur coat and the rest of the team being revived with soup in Joe Murphy's van.

Mary Lee talked about the meetings held in Willow Park and the energy that came from having juvenile teams. Irene Corrigan spoke about all the other activities in the club – Scór and the craic after training on a Wednesday night. Tony Foran talked through the memories of the 1991 team who won the Senior A League and the great contribution of Joe Murphy to that team. Colette Murphy recounted Sadhbh's encounter with Steve Staunton in Tamangos on the night of the final and her showing off her injury. Telling Steve Staunton that camogie was a real sport not like soccer but neglecting to tell him the injury came from a champagne cork.

From Orla Feeney, memories of playing in the Fingallians tournament and of her time at the county Board. Na Fianna has always made a huge contribution in the running of Camogie in Dublin and nationally, between Ann Mc Namara as Chairman of the Minor Board with Orla Feeney as secretary, Gretta Gray as Chairperson and the late Bridin Ui Mhaolagain as President of the Association.

We remembered also the players and mentors who have passed away too young: Mary Behan, Catherine Keane Niamh Leahy, Eileen and Ann Ó Neill, Ger Deignan, Eilish Clarke, Rosie Flynn, Kaye Neville, Róisín Ó Hagan, Joe Murphy, Bill Egan and Paddy Fox.

All those who spoke talked about the huge impact being part of a team had made on them – the friendships forged. For us all, being part of camogie in Na Fianna was more than just about playing the game. It was about the club being our whole lives for a period, the connections



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and memories and the pure and utter enjoyment of being a part of Na Fianna. It was wonderful to see mothers and daughters there - Deirdre Gleeson with Ciara Tierney, Sheila Halliahan with Sarah and Rachel Quinn, Áine and Bríd Ni Laoire. Na Fianna is a big family and the ongoing connections and different generations keep the heritage of the past going.

There was a great array of photos and memorabilia. Including photos from the first team, newspaper clippings and the original letter sent to the Evening Press looking for players.. Great to see the Jr A team of 1995 reunited with trainers Paddy Burtchaell and Carmel Gray. Members of the Junior A team of 84. Áine O Leary the first Na Fianna player to represent Dublin and Colette Murphy first player to win an all Ireland medal with the Dublin Inters in 1992 were both there.

Tributes were paid too to all those who put in their time and energy to training teams and bringing on the next generation of players. Eve O Brien –captain of the current Senior 1 team spoke of how she and her team mates, as juveniles, were ready to go into battle for their coaches Sinead McNulty and Sorcha Dowling and how they walked around Dominican College, hurls in hand the week before a championship final. Róisín Baicéir, captain of the Dublin Senior Camogie team spoke about the help and advice she got from the senior players when she came up Senior, as did Arlene Cushen.

Grainne Ryan talked about how she had never intended to play camogie but at age 13 was brought to watch a match and hasn't stopped playing since! With Ann and Tom as parents she had little choice in the end.

Ciara Tierney current senior player, spoke of the legacy of the generations of players who had gone before the current team and that when they wear the jersey they wear it with pride and on behalf of all those women who came before them

While there was an eye on the past, there was also the fervent hope that the current crop of players will bring home the elusive Senior 1 championship in the near future.

Cormac made a presentation to Gretta Gray in appreciation of her work over the years. Karen Fox made a presentation to club legend Ann Ryan- an emotional speech as we are all thankful

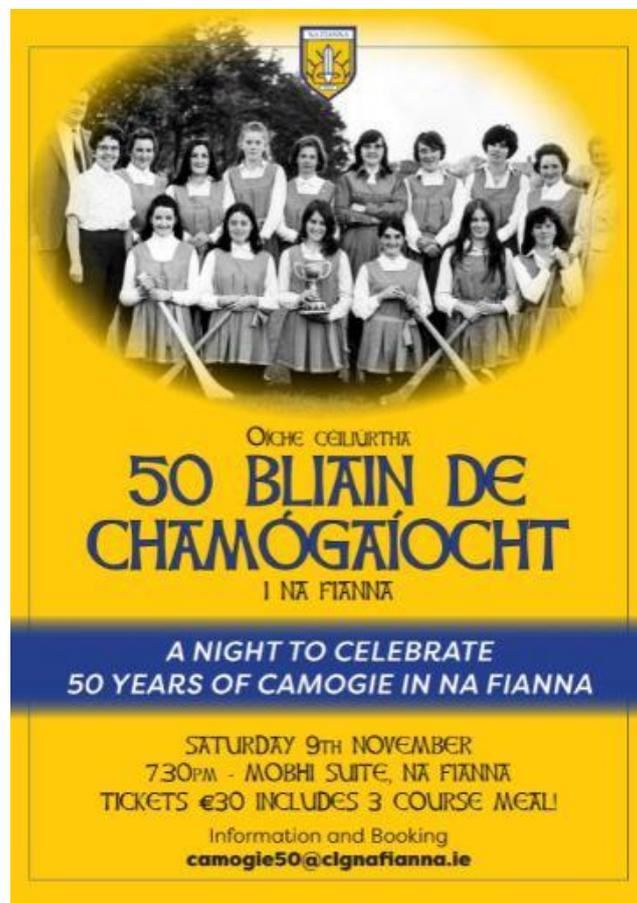


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for her lucky escape a couple of weeks ago. Edel Cassidy also received a presentation for the huge amount of work she had done in making this event happen.

There were great stories and anecdotes from matches won, lost and drawn. Jimmy Gray was still questioning the reffing decisions against Cheryl Whittaker in 1990! They were all re-lived on the night. Great stories and memories. The chat went on till the wee hours.

Thanks to the Executive Committee for the support. Thanks to Edel Cassidy and Karen Fox for the huge amount of organisation for the night. Thanks to the committee who organised, planned and contacted past members: Gretta Gray, Sadhbh Caverly, Ann Ryan and Carmel Gray. Thanks to Aidan and Cater4u for the beautiful meal. Thanks to Carl and all the bar staff and Ciara May for making the place look great. Thanks to Carmel Ryan, Gráinne Ryan and all who spoke on the night. Most importantly, thanks to all who came to a great club night. Photos from the event to follow next week.





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Pic Of The Week



Big night in the Members' Bar last Thursday night when members, family and friends gathered to wish Jimmy Gray a Happy 90th Birthday. Jimmy was surprised with the presentation of a cake by Cathaoirleach CLG Na Fianna Cormac Ó Donnchú and an impromptu playing and singing of Happy Birthday from the Thursday night musicians, singers and the whole bar. Happy Birthday Jimmy, go maire tú an céad agus tuilleadh.

Award Nomination for Na Fianna's Frank



Our own Frank Daly has been nominated as Volunteer of the year for the National Handball awards which will be announced in two weeks time. It is an open voting process and Frank is looking for big Na Fianna support to get. All you have to do is follow the attached link. Go on, give Frank a vote!

<https://www.gaahandball.ie/news/2019-all-star-nominations-announced>



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Not To Be For Our AFL8's In Champo Final



Hard luck to our AFL8 Footballers who gave their best in last Sunday's Championship Final in Garristown only to come up two points short. A brave effort from the lads in front of a decent Na Fianna crowd. Thanks to the lads for a memorable Championship campaign and well done on making it to the final. Thanks also to everyone who made the trip to Garristown last Sunday to support.

Handball News



Congrats to Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh and Fiona Tully (DCU) who last weekend won the Open

40 x 20 All Ireland doubles title. They won on a scoreline of 15-3, 15-3 dominating the final as well as their earlier games.

This was their third title in a row to add to their 3 in row 60x30 Open Colleges All Ireland doubles titles.

This is a first in College History. They also won the USA Colleges Open doubles title earlier in the year. A great year for the girls.



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U-21B Hurlers Bow Out



Our gallant U-21B Hurlers who bowed out of Championship last weekend.

New Man At The Helm



A big Na Fianna welcome to Karl Wall who has taken up the role of Na Fianna Bar Manager. Karl, also a Club member, comes to Na Fianna with a wealth of experience in the trade including a long stint in the Tolka House and more recently the Bonnington Hotel. All in Na Fianna wish Karl the very best in the role and look forward to working with him.

Every best wish from all in Na Fianna to Ciara May who finished up recently as she readies herself for her new arrival. Looking forward to having you and baby back in Na Fianna very soon

Ciara.



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....and finally

Some dates for your diary. The Annual Friends of Na Fianna night, always a great Club night, takes place this year on Saturday 7th December, more details to follow but put in your diary now and book the babysitter.

Something very special happening in the Club on Sunday 1st December. Na Fianna's Annual Club-Wide Session taking place between 1-3pm when special guests will include inter county stars and the Brendan Martin and Sam Maguire trophies. More details will follow but mark it in now.

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Sincere sympathies of the Club are offered to the Cooney family on the passing of Mr. Donal Cooney, Father of Pat, Father in law of Meabh and Grandfather of Caitlín (Scoil Rince Mobhi), Eoghan (U-21 Hurling) and Fiachra (U-16 boys).

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

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 or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a growing membership of over 3,000 and 175 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