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Hurling Championship Weekend



Senior 2 Hurling – Game of Throw Ins

While Winter was coming to certain parts of the world, Ballyboden came to Mobhi Road in the Senior 2 Championship two weeks ago. With the Seniors saying not today against Kilmacud a few miles away in Parnell Park, Na Fianna began the game knowing only their best would see them past the visitors.

The home team couldn't have wished for a better start and they were 10 points up at half time but Ballyboden came out with all guns blazing in the second half and cut the lead to two points before an Eoin Skelly goal from a penalty changed the momentum of the game. Penalty taking has changed a lot since the Anthony Nash rule was brought in but Skelly's finish was up there with anything I've seen covering intercounty games in the last few years and was worth the entrance fee alone (for transparency, as a journalist, I didn't have to pay in). Na Fianna won by six points in the end 3-19 to 2-16, cheered on by a big crowd of 156, many of whom had come back from Parnell Park.

Micheál Murphy impressed from midfield scoring 1-5 and deservedly forced his way onto the Senior team for their championship game against Faughs. John Tierney must also have been close to selection as he was outstanding at wing back. Speaking after the game, midfielder Mick Jarocki commented on how tough the game was, "a bruise is a lesson and each lesson makes us better." He continued, "the man who fears losing has already lost, we just went out there focussed on the win".



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Next up for the Senior 2's are Raheny in St Anne's Park at 6pm on Saturday. When you play championship, you win or lose, there is no middle ground and Raheny will fancy their chances at home as they play in AHL 2, two divisions above Na Fianna. However, someone once said 'Know your strengths, use them wisely' and that is what Na Fianna will be looking to do.

If the recent weather is anything to go by Saturday will be a Dark Night but hopefully a Na Fianna win will bring the light to Mobhi Road.



Junior A

After a decent opening win in Mobhi Road in the first round, our Junior A Hurlers travel to Clontarf this Sunday to keep their spot at the top of the group. Both teams reached the semi-finals of the competition last year so it should be an exciting clash. Any support for the team would be much appreciated.

Junior B

Junior 8 hurling championship this Sunday, 3pm v Commercials in Rathcoole. After a first round loss to Naomh Mearnog, the pressure is on against Commercials this Sunday. The squad is bolstered by the return of some senior players and optimism is high that a good performance can be produced.



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Launch Of Na Fianna's Social Value Report

In front of an audience of invited dignitaries, public representatives, candidates and Na Fianna members, the Club launched its Social Value report in the Mobhi Suite last Wednesday night.

The main finding of the first ever Social Value report ever undertaken by a GAA club was that in the 12 month period from July 2017 to June 2018, Na Fianna generated a social value to the area it serves of €50m. This ground breaking survey, carried out by Whitebarn Consulting, a leading consultancy with an expertise in measuring Social Return on Investment, also found that for every euro equivalent invested into CLG Na Fianna, in the region of €15 of social value was created for the local community.

For decades, people have spoken about the benefits GAA clubs bring to their local area, this report for the first time - using internationally recognised evaluation methods - actually quantifies the benefit from improved health and wellbeing, friendships, a sense of belonging and community involvement associated with GAA clubs' activities. It puts in monetary terms the previously unquantifiable benefits CLG Na Fianna brings to its community.





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Dublin County Board and CLG Na Fianna commissioned the 'Social Return On Investment' study of the Na Fianna club for the year July 2017 to June 2018. The results of the study have been independently assured by an established international body.

Commenting on the report's findings, Chairman CLG Na Fianna Cormac Ó Donnchú said, "For years there has been talk about the value each GAA club brings to its local community. But now, for the first time ever, CLG Na Fianna are in a position to put a monetary value on it and frankly these results are astounding. When we had first sight of the study's findings, we were concerned that it might have been overstated so we sent the report for verification to Social Value International, an independent body who stood over and assured the report's findings".

He continued, "What these findings show is that Na Fianna is not just a sports club. It is far more than that. It is an engaged community with strong cultural values. It's remarkable when you think of it, here's a group of unpaid volunteers working together week in week out to provide a viable outlet for the community we live in, promoting healthy lifestyle alternatives to our members and their families and in turn generating €50m in social value. That equates to €15 of social value for every €1 invested and this is a figure that we are led to believe far exceeds any international comparison".

A full copy of the Na Fianna Social Value report can be found on the Club website

<http://www.clgnafianna.com/social-value-report/>

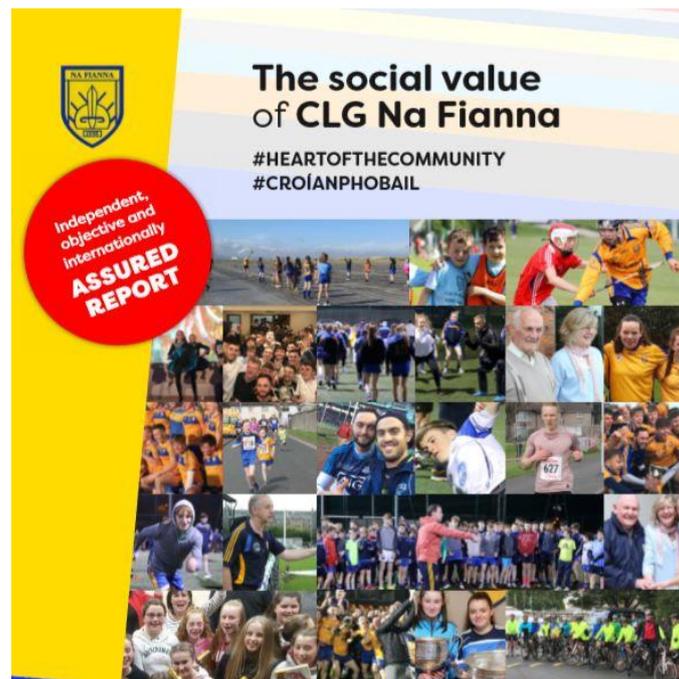




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Na Fianna's Social Value Group pictured with Club Chairman and Vice-chairman at last Wednesday night's launch in the Club. Back row l/r Stephen Behan (Vice Chairman), Tom Gray, Cormac O'Sullivan, Eoin Ó Ceallacháin, Cormac Ó Donnchú (Chairman). Front Row l/r Anne O'Dea, Sandra Velthuis (Whitebarn Consulting), Lesley Jamieson.





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Members' Information Evening

Bus Connects & Metrolink



Thanks to all who attended last Monday night's Members Information night on the two proposed transport infrastructure projects, Bus Connects and Metrolink. Vice Chairman CLG Na Fianna Stephen Behan, using the latest available information gave a comprehensive presentation outlining the most recent proposals. Members are reminded that submissions closing dates are 31 May (Bus Connects) and 21 May (Metrolink), more information at www.busconnects.ie and www.metrolink.ie

Na Fianna Golf Society

Na Fianna's Golf Society had a successful outing in Castleknock on Wednesday last. Great to see some new members and some old friends.

Overall winner was Conor Gray with score of 36 points.

Class winners were Freddie Deignan, Sean O'Laoire and Johnny Quinn.

Class runners up were Stephen Gray, Anto Leonard and Ronie MacGiollaruadh.

Next outing is in Forrest Little on Friday 14th June. Details nearer time, new members welcome.



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Féile Football Weekend



Two teams from 2005 boys football including five players from the 2006 group will be taking part in Féile na nGael this weekend. The A team make the short trip to Ellenfield where we will play hosts Whitehall Colmcille, St Vincent's and St Peter Ballyboughill. This will be a very competitive group with little separating the teams in recent matches. The B team head to Broomfield Malahide to face tough competition from hosts St Sylvesters, Kilmacud Crokes and Naomh Olaf. The lads have put in a great effort in training over the last few weeks and are ready for action.

Thanks to Mark O'Dea, David O'Hanlon and Paddy Quinn for their coaching assistance as we prepared for Féile. The first matches throw in at 10:30am on Saturday morning, see full fixture list here <http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/>. All support welcome. Best of luck to both teams.





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LOTTO Jackpot.....Could Be Yours!

Na Fianna
Lotto Results
April 29th 2019

Numbers

7	8	9	28
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Jackpot €17500 - No Winner

Match 3 Numbers €45 - Winner

Fiann Sorcheck	Numbers	2	7	8	9
John Kelly	Numbers	3	7	9	28
Pamela Donnelly c/o Vinny	Numbers	6	8	9	28

Lucky Pick Winner - €15

Seamus Bowe
Denise Fox
Dermot Burke + Others c/o Vinny
Emma Doyle c/o Vinny
Patrick O'Connell

Next Jackpot €17750

Club lotto jackpot still hasn't been won which means that next week's now goes to €17,750. Tickets on sale in members bar or around the club. Alternatively, by signing up for the direct debit option, you could win the jackpot every week! See details [here](#)

European & Local Elections Friday 24th May

For your convenience, the club Executive has prioritised two questions that each Na Fianna household should put to all prospective candidates when they call to your door looking for your vote.

- CLG Na Fianna fields 174 competitive teams and has 3,000 active playing members. How will you support our Club if you get elected?
- We regularly hear in the media of the problem of obesity in today's children. Here is a local voluntary association, staffed by unpaid volunteers, offering the opportunity of healthy lifestyles to 1,500 juveniles in this area and yet we struggle on a weekly basis to find playing pitches. What will you do to support Na Fianna if elected?



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Dubs Tickets

Details of ticket ordering for Dublin's Leinster Senior Hurling Championship clash against Kilkenny in Nowlan Park on 11th May are now on the club website, see link here

<http://www.clgnafianna.com/follow-the-dubs/>

Pic Of The Week



Congrats to Sacred Heart BNS who won the Junior Championship during the week. Na Fianna were well represented on the winning team and pictured above are James Mulligan, Conor Foley, Kevin Gray, Kyle Murphy, Dylan Murphy, Mikey McLoughlin and Daniel Hammond. Well done lads!

Na Fianna's Dubs

Best of luck to Tom Brennan, Diarmuid Clerkin and Tom Gleeson who feature among the Dublin Minor Hurling panel for tomorrow's Leinster Championship Round 2 clash with Offaly in Parnell Park at 2pm.

Best of luck also to Laura Grennan, Aifric Mangan and Sinead Rogers all part of Dublin Camogie's U-16A's who face Kilkenny in Leinster Camogie Final in Ferns on Sunday at 2.30pm.



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Saturday In Na Fianna

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 4th May. Hurley workshop open 9-12 and Club shop open from 9-1pm in Club foyer. The Na Fianna Nursery, in conjunction with Sherry Fitzgerald, takes centre stage from 9.20am. Drivers are asked to please drive carefully and park responsibly. Illegally parked cars, i.e. cars parked on double yellow lines and in yellow boxes, will be clamped. The ever helpful Coffee Cabin crew will be serving teas and coffees with their usual smile and anything you need to know about Na Fianna will be on hand at the Info Hub.

Na Fianna's 'Weatherwise' 2007 Group

Anyone watching Thursday night's Weatherwise broadcast from the Botanic Gardens on RTE1 television would have seen boys and girls from Na Fianna's 2007 age groups taking part in live experiments. While the learning from the experiments was impressively absorbed by our young players, there's no doubt that the highlight of the evening for the Na Fianna crew was the free 99 ice-creams at the end of filming. Well done all.





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Croke Park Newsletter

The latest edition of the GAA Club Newsletter is available to download here

<https://www.gaa.ie/news/read-the-latest-club-newsletter-april-2019/>

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 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