



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023

FOR AGM

28th September 2023

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Na Fianna

Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana 2023

Áras Na Fianna



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Standing Orders for Annual General Meeting

- **The proposer of the motion or an amendment thereto, may speak for five minutes but no longer.**
- **A person speaking to a motion or amendment shall not exceed three minutes.**
- **The proposer of a motion or amendment may speak a second time for five minutes before a vote is taken, but no other person may speak a second time to any motion or amendment.**
- **The Chairman shall, at any time he considers that a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on a proposer to reply, after which a vote must be taken.**
- **A person may, with the consent of the Chairman, move 'that the question now be put after which, when the proposer has spoken a vote must be taken.**



TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ 2023

Another year goes by in the blink of an eye and yet so much happens on a daily/weekly basis. Not just at a team level but by the groups of people who keep the show on the road and in particular the unsung heroes in the Facilities group who make sure our pitches/grounds/equipment are kept in tip-top condition.

After the AGM in October 2022, the Executive welcomed Downey, Ronan and Eugene in their new roles on the Executive. John Nisbet joined later on being appointed Childrens' Officer by the committee.

It's clear that last year was filled with high hopes and aspirations for your Senior teams in Camogie, Football, and Hurling teams. Making it to the County Final is a significant achievement in itself, and it's evident that there was a lot of hard work and dedication.

Experiencing heartbreak in sports can be tough, but it's also a part of the journey. It's a testament to the competitiveness and the level of talent in our senior teams that they made it to County Finals. Sometimes, despite giving it your all, the result may not go our way, but it's important to remember that it's all part of the pursuit of excellence.

It's also great to see the sense of pride and support from the community for the teams. That kind of support can be a driving force for the players and a source of motivation to keep pushing forward. Our time will come, and with continued effort and determination, there's always the potential for future success. Sports seasons are full of ups and downs, but it's the resilience and determination of the teams that keeps us excited and hopeful for what lies ahead.

In December, the Friends of Na Fianna night brought together our dedicated mentors and volunteers for a night of fun and music with our in-house band, D'Mentors.

Our Christmas Tree collection was a big success, thanks to a fantastic team of volunteers who provided this service for both club and non-club members, earning appreciation from everyone.

On Good Friday, the 5km Family Fun Run under the sunny skies was a hit with participants of all ages.

Féile na Bealtaine, held on May 1st, celebrated all things camogie and turned into a wonderful community event, assisted by the sunny weather. Hopefully, this will become an annual tradition.

In May, we welcomed a new member to the Nursery – Mobhi, the club mascot, who brought joy to all the Nursery children.

The Mini-leagues were buzzing with activity in the weeks leading up to the final, culminating in a wonderful celebration of the hard work put in by mentors and children throughout the year. It was a time for families to come together before the summer break, and Angela and her team did a fantastic job in organizing another successful mini-league.

In May, some of our club members generously provided revision classes in various subjects for our Leaving Cert students at the club house. This initiative was well-received and hopefully will continue to benefit others in the future.



Building on the success of the 2022 summer BBQ, we held it again with tremendous effort from all involved, including those who helped set up on the day. Special thanks to Downey, our Club Treasurer, who went above and beyond. The weather cooperated, making it an enjoyable night for everyone.

This year, our club suffered the loss of several crucial members, including founding members, Donal Hickey, Patrick Feeney and Jimmy Gray, as well as dear Rachel Jamieson Murphy. Their immeasurable contributions to our club and community will forever be cherished and remembered.

In addition to these losses, we extend our heartfelt sympathies and support to all our members who have experienced the passing of loved ones during this year. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

Our club's growth year after year is truly remarkable, and I'm continually amazed by the dedication and time that so many of you selflessly give to your teams and committees. Without your commitment as volunteers, our club would not be able to operate, and I'm in awe of your unwavering dedication. More details about this work can be found as you continue reading through this report.

I want to express my gratitude to Therese, Miriam, and Ashling, who have been invaluable in supporting me during my role as Secretary over the past year or so. Your support has been immense, and I can't thank you enough, ladies!

Lastly, I want to extend my appreciation to all the members of the Executive with whom I've had the privilege of sitting around the table countless times over the past two years. Despite your busy lives, you willingly contribute your time, knowledge, and expertise. It's been a pleasure working with each of you, and I've learned so much from our collaboration. Thank you all for your tremendous efforts

Nicky NíCeallacháin

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TEAM REPORTS

All Stars

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
35	Gráinne Ryan & Ciara Reid	n/a	Gráinne Ryan & Ciara Reid	

Update: Again we had a fantastic year, with our brilliant players and our excellent coaches. We held our very first Summer Camp, over 3 days, in July.

Our coaches are always ready build their knowledge base through courses and research in their own time.

The smiling faces, laughter and all round great craic and messing make Saturday morning something to look forward to! Well done to all involved!

We are hoping to reach out to other clubs for a game or a joint session in the coming months.

New players and coaches are always welcome! Please spread the word among your local schools, friends and families.



Camogie

Adult

Team: Senior 1

Team Name: Senior 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Eamonn Cassidy

League Division: Division 1

Championship Grade: Division 1

Highlights of the year to date:

Training began back in November, for some tough sessions that took us into the end of January. February we travelled to Manchester for a 9s tournament. March was the first fundraiser, with Warm up for Paddy's Day. A brilliant Club night. They hosted a fantastic day on MayDay, involving Camogie tournament across the club and plenty more alongside it.

On the pitch a solid league campaign, finishing up joint 3. Championship prep is going strong now. Team are working very hard. First game at home on 27th August V Ballyboden.

Significant challenges during the year:

The set up of Minor structure has been a fantastic success, but for the second year it's meant no new players coming through, so numbers have been tough. Next year will bring the first group of players that have come through the full juvenile to Minor and into the adult setup which will be great.

Team: Inter camogie

Team Name: Inter camogie

Manager/Lead mentor: Eamonn Cassidy

League Division: 3

Championship Grade: Div 3

Highlights of the year to date:

Training with the senior team, this group have worked very hard since November. They also travelled to Manchester for the 9s tournament, took part in Warm up for Paddy's Day fundraiser and the fantastic Club Day that was May Day. They had a tough league, struggling with numbers. Huge work has been put in and they are looking forward to Championship starting on 27th August, away to Finbars.

Significant challenges during the year:

Numbers again were a huge problem for this group, due to no players coming through. This will be helped next year with the minors progressing into adult.

This team also had no management of their own and were looked after by the Senior management team.

Team: Junior



Team Name: Junior Camogie

Manager/Lead mentor: Anne Barrett

League Division: Junior 3

Championship Grade: Junior 3

Highlights of the year to date:

Championship 2022 ended with our Junior 2 team winning the Shield Final against St. Brigids and the Junior 5 team losing out on a Shield against close neighbours St. Vincents.

2023 had a rocky start with a large cohort of players sitting Leaving Certificate impacting on player availability for League. Alongside that a number of our existing players finally took off on long delayed travel. We continue to welcome new players to the squad including a brand new player to Camogie, who has combined her previous soft ball and rugby skills to blend quickly into the team.

While league provided challenging, the summer 7's tournament provided a great opportunity for team building. Opposition teams commented on our players positive sporting disposition with a special shout out to our resident goal keeper "... the Na Fianna keeper was amazing and is a life long player who played at the top. Lets value her and her experience."

So whether you are brand new to the game, or are thinking of unretiring the hurl and helmet, the junior camogie team will make a new home for you in Na Fianna.

Significant challenges during the year:

Na Fianna fully supported the new minor structure in Dublin Camogie introduced in 2022. It was recognised this would have a knock on effect on our adult teams, including Junior for the two years it would take for minor players to feed through to adult.

We managed to field two junior teams in 2022, however, with several players sitting Leaving Cert in 2023 and several others catching up on long delayed travel plans the decision was made to enter only one junior team for both league and championship 2023. This team has been graded at Junior 3 which marks a significant step up for our remaining Junior 5 squad players. League match results didn't reflect the work rate put in by the team. Thanks to the commitment of a core group of players over the summer as well as support from our third minor team at time of writing the team are looking forward to kicking off their 2023 championship campaign.

Juvenile

Team: U11 Girls

Registered players 1 st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1 st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
60	60	55	60	N/A

Team Name: U11 Girls Camogie

Manager/Lead mentor: Barry Maher



League Division: Go Games
Championship Grade: Go Games

Highlights of the year to date:

We really focused on camogie this year to great effect. We hosted a camogie blitz in November, it went great. We have introduced camogie player of the month and the May Day was brilliant. Thanks to all the club for the support, particularly the TY students and the senior camogie players. The girls are now doing brilliantly in games and training.

Significant challenges during the year:

Nothing challenging, numbers remain strong!

Team: U12

Team Name: U12 Girls Camogie
Manager/Lead mentor: Paul Jensen

Highlights of the year to date:

Player numbers have remained virtually static year on year and attendance at training is very good. We have a great group of committed mentors. We have generally been competitive in matches in both codes, and participated in one football and one camogie blitz, reaching the cup final in the camogie blitz.

Significant challenges during the year:

Player numbers at training is not reflected on matchdays, we hope moving to Sunday matches next year will see an improvement in this.

Team: 2010 Girls (U13)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
80	79	83	79	1

Team Name: 2010 Girls A
Manager/Lead mentor: Ollie Clancy/Sandra Tarr
League Division: 1
Championship Grade: 1

Team Name: Camogie
Manager/Lead mentor: Michael Behan/Sinead Ryan
League Division: 6
Championship Grade: 7

Team Name: 2010 Girls C



Manager/Lead mentor: Lee Wood/Amy Wall

League Division: 8

Championship Grade: 9

Team Name: 2010 Girls D

Manager/Lead mentor: Aidan Hunt/Muiris Healy

League Division: 9

Championship Grade: 11

Highlights of the year to date:

We were competitive across all 4 divisions in the spring grading leagues with our C team topping out Div 8, our A team finishing 2nd to Ballinteer in Div 1 and our B and D teams finishing in respectable positions in Div 6 and 9 respectively. We are well set for our first foray into u13 cup in the autumn.

Significant challenges during the year:

We have big numbers and have no issues fielding 4 teams. But that also comes with the challenge of ensuring fair rotation of players in particular in the lower leagues where the minimum to field is 11. In fairness to all clubs in those divisions, 15 aside was commonplace which eases the rotation requirement somewhat. We believe we have managed this well but it's a challenge non the less.

Team: 2009 Girls (U14)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
57	57	48	57	6

Team Name: U14 A

Manager/Lead mentor: Andrew Crawford and Darren Corcoran

League Division: Div 1

Championship Grade: Div 1

Team Name: Camogie

Manager/Lead mentor: Lisa Jensen and Paul Butler

League Division: Div 7

Championship Grade: Div 6

Team Name: U14 C

Manager/Lead mentor: Emmett Bowen and Eoghan Duggan

League Division: 8

Championship Grade: Div 8

Highlights of the year to date:

Following last year's AGM, our three teams reached three finals in their first championship season. Our first team won Division 2, beating St Vincent's in the final.



Our second team and third team lost their shield finals.

After a successful championship and grading league, our A team were promoted to Div 1 for league.

Our second team won 6 games in Division 7 and we were one of only a handful of clubs to field a third team in Division 8.

All our teams were hugely assisted by 2010 and 2011 players.

Nine players took part in Feille with 2008 Girls.

Siun Ni Cheallachain, Isla O'Brien, Machayla Fanning, Riona Corcoran, Emma Walsh and Lucy Jennings represented Na Fianna on Dublin u-14 development teams.

We look forward to our second championship campaign, continuing to grow our squad and improve at training.

Significant challenges during the year:

Increasing demands on first team players, from school teams, other sports, academy selection and assisting older teams remains a particular challenge.

Running three teams has only been possible with the assistance of younger players, in particular 2011 girls on our third team and may prove impossible into current championship and 2024 league.

Consistent heavy defeats in Division 8 are beginning to dishearten players.

It's clear that we will benefit from assistance from players in the older groups, when available.

Team: U15 Girls

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
52	52	48	52	5

Team Name: A Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Art Fitzpatrick

League Division: 1

Championship Grade: 1

Team Name: Camogie

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian Fitzgerald

League Division: 5

Championship Grade: 5

Team Name: C Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Pete Mahon

League Division: 6

Championship Grade: 6



Highlights of the year to date:

With the help of the 2009 Girls and 2010 Girls we entered three camogie teams for Feile 2023. We hosted Division 6 Feile at Mobhi Road which was a great experience. Unfortunately we couldn't emulate the footballers and didn't make any finals. Our Division 1 team did reach the semi-final and were beaten by Lucan the eventual winners.

In the regular league we competed in Division 1, Division 5 and Division 6. We received good support from 2009 Girls and 2010 Girls when needed to supplement our numbers.

It was very encouraging that our Division 6 team, the only U15 C camogie team in Dublin, competed very well against B teams and single club teams. This was the first year our C team won league matches.

Our B team finished joint first in Division 5 and will play a final later in the year to determine the league winners.

Our A team finished joint third in Division 1, our best ever finish.

Significant challenges during the year:

The main challenge for camogie is persuading the girls that they need to practice to improve. This is ongoing.

We had a few girls give up camogie and become football only players. That was a disappointment.

Team: U16 / 2007 Girls

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
34	34	34	34	3

Team Name: Team A

Manager/Lead mentor: James Spellman

League Division: D2

Championship Grade: D1

Team Name: Camogie

Manager/Lead mentor: Denise Fitzgerald

League Division: D5

Championship Grade: D5

Highlights of the year to date:

Team A

It was great to start the year having retained all our players for another campaign following our D2 Cup success in late 2022. Our league started really well winning our first 2 from 2 matches, fell just shy in the league semi final to St Maurs by 2 pts. We now look forward to D1 championship for the first time. To the coaches Eamon Cassidy, Neil Loftus, Alan Tully, Deidre O Neill a big thanks. A special thanks however to Elaine O'Meara & Dessie who with a now 1 year old baby, still find the time to be at training with little Saoirse who I'm sure is learning from watching her mum coaching.



Team B

The past year has been a great year for the girls. Building upon their strong performance in Feile, we had a number of new members join our team. With a strong combination of determination and commitment, the girls approached championship with enthusiasm and were ultimately unfortunate to lose the semi-final to the ultimate winners.

The squad have worked hard to continue to develop their skills, and they have been encouraged by a number of parents, parent coaches Eamonn Byrne & Brian Rice, senior camogie player Helen Lynch who has worked closely with them, a big thankyou.

A massive thanks also to the 2008 / 2009 girls & management who supported both teams and never left us stuck for players on a match day.

To the parents who help with nets & flags, jersey washing rota and sideline FLO, thankyou so much. To Niall Copper who has got the AD / Gym sessions up & running since last Oct a big thanks to him and the senior ladies coaches involved. I will stand to them in the future.

Significant challenges during the year:

Our biggest single issue was with players sitting their Junior certificate this summer. It impacted numbers when we got down to the last part of the league with unavailability of players.

In addition competing with other sports & activities is always from weekend to weekend.

Team: Minor A Camogie

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
23	21	20	21	6

Team Name: Minor A Camogie

Manager/Lead mentor: Ollie Clancy

League Division: Division 1

Championship Grade: Division 1

Highlights of the year to date:

A huge positive this year was moving from 1 minor camogie team to 3 teams. We had great in-house matches in January & February getting to know everyone.

Well done to Nina Brennan, Anna Thorntan & Caitriona Feeney on being selected with the Dublin Minor Camogie. Sophia O'Brien, Ava O'Shea, Naoise Koppel & Muireann DeRosford were also selected for the u17 Development Squad. Super stuff girls!

Our girls made it all the way to the league final, unbeaten, however we lost out in that League Final by only 2 scores. We were quite unlucky on the day.

We prepared for championship with challenge matches against some country teams and even made it to the beach in Wexford.

At the time of this AGM we are 2 wins from 2 in championship, topping our group. The girls showed amazing grit, determination and heart to win both games, one in torrential wind and rain, the other in 18 degree heat. We are looking forward to the Semi Final on 22nd October.

The girls have been putting in a serious effort all year, come on out to support us!

**Significant challenges during the year:**

The main challenge this year has been managing the training and match workload between Camogie & football, as well as school teams, other activities and exams.

It is imperative that there is better communication between the management of both codes and that everyone to club policy, so that we can look after our girls and keep them as lifelong players in Na Fianna.

As has been mentioned in previous years both County Boards need to get onto the same page to protect the girls and to keep them involved in sport.

Team: Minor B

As our new group bonded together at the start of the year, with a quiet determination the minor B camogie panel competed well in their league campaign and have reached the league final (a date has yet to be fixed for this). The squad of players have worked hard for each other, training well, whilst handling the pressures of Leaving Cert and schoolwork. Focusing on teamwork, enhancing their skills and more match tactics, everyone has approached championship with enthusiasm and our campaign has started. We are very lucky to have support from many parents and family members and we wish to say thank you for all they do for our minor B squad.



Handball

Team: Adult Handball

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
255	5	25	5	10

Team Name: Handball

Manager/Lead mentor: Frank Daly

League Division: All Grades

Championship Grade: All Grades

Highlights of the year to date:

Adult Handball report 2023

Firstly I would like to give a short mention to our oldest competitive member who will be 80 years of age this October and who continues to not on play handball but is also winning All Ireland titles. Ned Flynn has been an active member of Na Fianna for years, a former Garda who joined us when the Garda handball club closed. Congratulations Ned and no doubt he will be back next year to defend his title. A good year for the club again on court.

List of winners and runner ups in competitions this far:

Dublin 40x20 Championship 2023

Senior singles winner Conor Maxwell Na Fianna

Senior Doubles to be played.

Over 50 singles Final Christy Donnolly v R Lynch st Brigids to be played.

Over 50 doubles Winners Frank Daly Rory Lynch st Brigids.

Junior singles beaten semi finalists Séimi Casey and Eoghan Cooney.

Junior doubles beaten finalists Séimi Casey Eoghan Cooney.

Over 40 doubles final I Griffin C Maxwell v A Benson M Carrie st Brigids to be played.

Over 40 Singles competition to be played.

Dublin 60x30 Championships 20223

These games are currently being played so no information yet.

Leinster and All Ireland results 60x3,40x20

60X30

Over 45 singles Leinster runner up A Benson.

Over 55 singles winner Martin Mc Kenna. Reached All Ireland final and was runner up.

Over 55 doubles winner M Mc Kenna G Craddock Clontarf reached All Ireland final and were runner up.

Over 45 A doubles A Benson M Carrie st Brigids Leinster winners and beat All Ireland finalists.

Over 60 A doubles F Daly R Lynch st Brigids Leinster winners and All Ireland Champions.

Over 70 doubles J Molloy E Kennedy st Brigids Leinster winners beaten All Ireland finalists.

40x20

Over 45A singles C Maxwell Leinster Champion and All Ireland champion.

Over 60A doubles F Daly R Lynch st Brigids Leinster champions and All Ireland runners up.

Over 70 Doubles N Flynn E Kennedy st Brigids Leinster and All Ireland champions.

No doubt their will be another few winners to add when the season is complete.

Christy Donnolly ran a handball session in Croke park on Monday nights for lads from 17 years of age and older who had been playing handball but drifted because of Covid. It turned out to be a great success .



Hopefully in September it continues and gets good support for lads who want to just tip around and maybe get back into competition mode.
The handball section would like to wish all our juvenile and adult mens and womens teams the best of luck in their leagues and championships.
Frank Daly Christy Donnolly Pat Ryan.

Significant challenges during the year:

Keep our core group of handballers and hopefully encourage new members to join from within the club possibly players who have retired from Hurling or Football and are looking for ways to stay fit and possibly compete in county competitions.

Team: Handball Juveniles

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
10	10	10	10	10

Team Name: Juvenile handball

Manager/Lead mentor: Frank Daly

League Division: All age groups

Championship Grade: Under 13 Under 14 Under 17

Highlights of the year to date:

Handball Juvenile report 2023

Handball really suffered over the two years of covid and we managed to keep a few lads playing under 13 and 14. All of these have potential and have done well in Leinster championships since the spring. Our Dublin championships are going to be run in late sept early October so hopefully we will have a bit of success in that.

The lads that done well in Leinster championships are as follows.

Dan Wheatly, Darragh Foley, Alistar Keogh, Liam Cragg, Fionn Mac an Fhailigh ,Jack Rafter.

Our Girls have also done very well this year in Leinster competitions with Súin Nic Fhinn and Grace Casey both getting to the latter stages of the Leinster championships.

Art was bringing his 2009 girls to croke park for sessions in the one wall courts and any other court that were free so we hope to maybe get that up and running again this year.

We will hopefully trying to talk to under 10s boys football and hurling and girls football and camogie with a hope we can include a handball session in their winter training schedule in an effort to boost handball numbers.

Frank Daly

Significant challenges during the year:

Build on numbers of boys and girls possibly hoping to approach under 10 teams to include handball as part of their training over winter months. Would hopefully build our numbers playing.



Hurling

Adult

Team: Senior A Hurling

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
36	2	37	2	8

Team Name: Senior Hurling

Manager/Lead mentor: Niall O Ceallachain

League Division: AHL 1

Championship Grade: Senior A

Highlights of the year to date:

We resumed training in February and began our League campaign in March. League results were generally positive and we reached a league final which we unfortunately lost to Ballyboden St Enda's. At the time of writing we have played 2 championship matches losing in our opener to St Vincent's but beating St Oliver Plunkett's in our second game. Our remaining group games are against Faughs and Ballyboden St Enda's and we are hoping to win these games and qualify for the knockout stages. Many Thanks to Eugene McHugh, Colm Davis and Andy Matthews for their support around facilities and fixtures.

Significant challenges during the year:

n/a

Team: Senior 3

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
23	3	26	3	0

Team Name: Senior 3 Hurling

Manager/Lead mentor: Donal Buggy

League Division: 4

Championship Grade: 3

Highlights of the year to date:

In 2022, we were required to play at senior 2 grade in the restructured championship, despite appealing that this was too high a level. Predictably, we duly lost all 5 championship matches including the relegation playoff, notwithstanding a number of creditable performances.

In the league, this team has been rooted in AHL4 for 10 years. We reached the promotion playoff v. Ballyboden, re-fixed for October 19, the same weekend as the senior championship final, therefore no



senior panelists were available. After an epic match, we lost by a single pointed "65" in the 7th minute of injury time, and so remained in AHL4.

The 2023 season saw excellent selectors Liam Gaughren and the great Pat "Fanno" Fanning step down after 2 years with us, to our gratitude and admiration. Happily Robbie Bourke agreed to join Paul Stacey and Donal Buggy in management. He brings extraordinary depth of knowledge and scientific expertise around sports performance in general and a passion for hurling in particular. He gradually assumed the coaching role and his sessions have attained near legendary status already. Together with the return of a number of former players from travels, the team's performances grew in quality and consistency throughout the spring and early summer, resulting in us securing that much sought-after promotion from AHL4 with a 100% record. We face into SHC-3 with optimism and one win in the round robin banked at time of writing.

Our thanks to Dee Quinn, much loved team physio, Niall O'Ceallacháin and Graham O'Shea, Bainisteoirí of senior and junior A teams respectively, for their encouragement and cooperation throughout. Eugene McHugh, Fixtures co-ordinator, for unfailing courtesy and accommodation and the ever-efficient Nicky Callaghan, our busy club secretary, and Feena Corcoran assistant treasurer, for so kindly processing our various administrative requests. Na Fianna Abú!

Significant challenges during the year:

Maintaining consistency in performance.

Team: Junior 1

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
40	30	40	30	0

Team Name: Junior 1 Hurling

Manager/Lead mentor: Graham O'Shea

League Division: 5

Championship Grade: Junior B

Highlights of the year to date:

J1 Hurling finished in mid table in division 5. The team was very competitive in all games and with 4 draws a push for promotion was not to far away.

Significant challenges during the year:

Some minor challenges with players availability and regrade requests being denied by the county board.

Team: Junior G Div 10

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
20	6	20	6	0



Team Name: Junior G Div 10

Manager/Lead mentor: Michael Gleeson

League Division: 10

Championship Grade: Junior G

Highlights of the year to date:

The skill level, attitude and drive of the younger adults involved in the Div 10 team over the twelve league and championship games played to date is a shining example to all who have had the privilege to play with them and watch them. I won't name individuals but it is fair to say that the future of hurling in the club will remain strong if this is anything to go by.

Other specific highlights include: corner back Declan O' Connell finding himself in the middle of the field and scoring his first point in a competitive game; Eoin O hEidhin scoring his first goal in a competitive game; Niall O' Neill emerging from goalkeeping duties to score a hattrick of goals in one game; Gerry Bowe captaining and leading by example on the pitch throughout the league season; Rody Fanning's infectious passion for the game along with his hurling knowledge; Welcoming new club members Ricky Brennan and Steven Meaghar, who have become key members of the team as the year progressed.

The older members of the panel have also embraced the age old tradition of post match analysis over a few pints in the clubhouse, a traditional we would hope to continue for what remains of the season. The team also have ambitions to progress in the championship.

And there have been many more highlights.

Significant challenges during the year:

While the team has been competitive in the majority of games played, the results haven't been fully reflective of the effort and performances. It is recognised that results matter. For the championship the Dublin County Boards very restrictive regrading decisions not only impacts the players looking to regrade back to Junior Hurling, it also has a disproportionately impact the lower teams in the club. It is evidenced in a comparison of attendance at the various junior hurling training sessions.

Juvenile

Team: Buachaillí 2013 (U10)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
83	83	83	83	0

Team Name: Buachaillí 2013 - Faoi 10

Manager/Lead mentor: Ciarán Rehill

Highlights of the year to date:

As the boys tick over, one-by-one, into double digits they continue to develop their playing skills and team bond. Go Games broadened into All-County this year and we started off the year with an early February challenge match against Naomh Olaf to get everyone used to the idea of travelling across the river of a Saturday morning.



The high point of the year was the annual U10 football tournament, hosted at Mobhi Road on June bank holiday Sunday. Nineteen teams from eight clubs representing six counties participated: Tyrone, Cavan, Longford, Kildare, Dublin and Wexford. Though missing many of our players to holidays and injuries, we fielded five teams across three divisions. A specific mention again to Fitzsimons Temple Bar whose generosity made the day. Call in to them if you're in the area.

On the hurling front, we made contact with Kilkenny for the first time in the form of a visit from Dicksboro under 10's and expect to do a return trip to their ground later in the year.

We also held a series of semi-formal mentors' meetings for the first time, offering everyone interested an opportunity to openly critique our training and playing approach and to shape the future direction of the group.

In terms of evaluating how we stand in terms of game results and future success, we have an excellent foundation to build upon. At this age we're entirely focussed on enthusiastic participation. Even at this stage we see that the lads are slow starters often letting much of the first half pass by before switching on and achieving game pace. Home and away we're dominating second halves in hurling and football but overall would walk away with a loss should scores be recorded, a habit to be broken before we reach grading games in U12.

Significant challenges during the year:

Securing training slots that align well with player and mentor availability.

Maintaining group cohesion while catering adequately for players across a broad range of playing abilities.

Team: 2012 Boys Football and Hurling (U11)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
70	64	66	64	0

Team Name: 2012 Boys

Manager/Lead mentor: Mick Henry

League Division: U11 Go Games

Highlights of the year to date:

2023 has been action backed for the 2023 boys. Starting with the Gormanston Indoor Hurling Tournament, where they NaFianna were awarded 'Best Club Performance'. Go Games have seen a steady improvement in both football and Hurling skills as the year progressed across all the boys. Morale is high in the camp and the lads are really enjoying it. Always partial to a good road trip, the 2012 boys headed down to Ballyhogue, Wexford at Easter for overnight camping and football. We also headed down to Tarmonbarry, Roscommon on the 09 July for the second consecutive year for a football blitz that included teams from across Connaught. The second part of the season will see the lads continue to develop their skills while preparation is ongoing in the background for their transition into CC2 and grading leagues next year.

Significant challenges during the year:



Keeping as many of the boys involved as possible.

Team: U12

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
86	78	86	78	N/A

Team Name: Division 2

Team Name: Division 10

Team Name: Division 12 and 14

Highlights of the year to date:

The highlight of the year was hosting the Mc Nulty Memorial Hurling tournament, hosting teams from Cork, Galway, Limerick, Mayo and Dublin. In grading we have managed to get all of the boys into competitive divisions and this has resulted in more competitive games especially for our teams in divisions 17 and 18. In Rounders we reached the All-Ireland Semi Final U13 and All-Ireland U12 Quarter final.

Significant challenges during the year:

The main challenge of the year was moving from 3 pods to 5 individual teams- this was an organisational challenge having to manage 5 groups instead of 3. In addition moving from Pods to individual teams and managing the boys mobility between these teams has been an organisational challenge

Team: U13

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
71	70	66	70	0

Team Name: Hurling Panel 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian Coughlan

League Division: Division 1

Championship Grade: Division 1

Team Name: Hurling

Manager/Lead mentor: Niall Fitzgerald

League Division: Division 4

Championship Grade: Division 4

Team Name: Hurling Panel 3

Manager/Lead mentor: Declan McCormack

League Division: Division 8



Championship Grade: Division 8

Team Name: Hurling Panel 4A & Hurling Panel 4B (2 teams)

Manager/Lead mentor: Michael Meade / Colm Burtchaell

League Division: Division 11 & Division 14

Championship Grade: Division 11 & Division 14

Highlights of the year to date:

A successful conclusion to 2022, with the group fielding 5 x 13-a-side hurling teams every week. Numbers were tight, and subs in short supply, but huge game time for all players was the end result.

League results as follows :

Division 1 - mid-table, unlucky to draw twice in a very competitive group.

Division 4 - competitive in all games, unlucky to lose games by very small margins

Division 8 - beat Kilmacud in playoff to win the league

Division 11 - 3rd place finish, unlucky to lose key games by single point

Division 14 - Runners-up, losing in last game of season to eventual winners, St. Finians.

Only club in Dublin to field 5 hurling teams at u12. 2022 season culminated with a hugely successful Dermot McNulty tournament in October, with 4 NF hurling teams entered and our Panel 1 hurlers winning the cup, beating Ballinteer, Carnmore (Galway), Naomh Eanna, and Tullamore in the final.

Progress continues into 2023 season at u13, where CLG Na Fianna is the only club with 4 hurling teams competing in Dublin. We have retained almost all our hurlers y-on-y, due to continued good work by committed mentor group.

For 2023, all teams v. competitive thus far and in the mix for honours with only a third of league played

Significant challenges during the year:

Injuries to players combined with tight player numbers means we are stretched to field 4 teams each week. We must work hard to retain all hurlers, or else we cannot field 4 teams for remainder of 2023 games.

Team: U14

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
65	65	57	65	3

Team Name: 09 Boys Hurling Team 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Declan Feeney

League Division: none

Championship Grade: A Grade

Team Name: Hurling

Manager/Lead mentor: Liam Cragg / David Spellman

League Division: None

Championship Grade: E Grade



Team Name: 09 Boys Hurling Team 3

Manager/Lead mentor: Tom Dowd

League Division: None

Championship Grade: F Grade

Highlights of the year to date:

All three teams finished 2022 strongly. Third in Division 1, 4th in Division 5 and third in Division 8 shows how consistently the lads have been playing. This year is also going very well with all three teams on course to qualify for the Cup competition in their divisions.

Attendance at training is high and it's rare to see a 2009 boy around the neighborhood without a hurl.

Significant challenges during the year:

Getting teams out in the summer was challenging.

Team: U16

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
61	59	63	59	4

Team Name: 2007 A Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian McGuinne/Paul O'Dea

League Division: 1

Championship Grade: A

Team Name: Hurling

Manager/Lead mentor: Eoin McCabe

League Division: 4

Championship Grade: C

Team Name: 2007 C Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Peter Coughlan

League Division: 7

Championship Grade: E

Highlights of the year to date:

Very high player retention levels, a couple of new additions this year, and 4 boys returning to play hurling with the Div 7 squad has been a highlight. This means we can comfortably continue to line out 3 x U16 hurling teams (the only club in Dublin to do so, with most clubs struggling to field 1 or 2 teams).

All of our of 3 hurling teams were competitive in this year's league competition with many good wins and all teams well placed in their divisional tables. This is a significant achievement for this group because of what we continue to see as a higher dropoff of teams in hurling specifically, with clubs not being able to field and withdrawing their hurling teams over the year.

Individually by team:



o Our Div 1 squad finished in mid-table place with 4 wins in a competitive league, while providing platform for 4 squad players to be represented on Dublin squads, and developing players rotating from the B team in support.

o The Div 4 team lived up its “Killer-B’s” nickname (provided by Donal Ryan GPO), as the strongest B team in Dublin hurling over the last two years, with players rotating into Div 1 & from Div 7. A 3rd place league finish was accomplished in 2023.

o The Div 7 team competing well against B teams from other clubs and single-club teams to finish 3rd. The team has competed strongly even with Dub Dev Squad players in some games & many clubs dropping down higher division players as standard – all providing good challenges & development opportunity to the boys.

Weekend in June 2023 – Football & Hurling A Teams went to Carlingford for a day of activities and an overnight stay. Same weekend, the B, C and D teams went to Monaghan (Tanagh Centre) for a day of activities and an overnight stay.

Lastly, our group would like to thank the 2008 group for their support this season, on those limited occasions where our player coverage was impacted. This support was also provided from our group into the current Minor hurling setup.

Significant challenges during the year:

Getting assistance from previous or current players has been a fantastic boost to some of our teams and takes a lot of the pressure off parental involvement in those teams, however this is primarily orientated towards the more high-profile A team and it is more difficult to get the requisite help for B and C teams who would really benefit from this expertise. Both of these teams remain covered by mentor groups that have now been in place since nursery. An opportunity to have different voices/guest mentors alone would bring significant value on top of the longstanding parent mentor group that is in place since go games.

While our level of retention is a positive, this success will generate a significant challenge to develop & plan this groups progression to Minor/Adult grade. With all u16 (20+x3) squads expected to progress into 2024, this will be a step up of resources vs this year’s Minor set up (two minor teams in hurling in 2023). It will be critical that we end 2023 with a plan around coach numbers / structure / training slots, locations to retain the players into Minor with a formula that can also be applied to the same size / large groups coming behind the 2007 boys.

Team: Minor U18 (2005/2006)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
70	60	65	60	2

Team Name: Minor Aa

Manager/Lead mentor: Neil Loftus

League Division: 2

Championship Grade: A

**Highlights of the year to date:**

Minor As have had a very good season to date remaining unbeaten until the last game of the league in division 2. They finished third in what was a very competitive league. This sets the team up nicely for the A Championship in September. The integration of the 2005 and 2006 players has gone very well with many of the players having played together last year at different stages. There has also a big emphasis on getting second year minors playing with adult teams over the summer months to prepare them for next year and this will continue to be a focus of management. We have had a number of challenge games (5) over the summer including a recent trip to Kilkenny and the team continues in winning form. The input from senior players on the coaching side has made a huge difference to the standard of hurling in the group and buy in from players. Both the A and B minor hurling teams are in a good place with a very positive atmosphere in both camps and looking forward to the second half of the season. Mentors: Neil Loftus (Manager), Eddie Mongey, Daragh McHugh, Gerard Keane Colin Currie, Darragh Bergin.

Significant challenges during the year:

The biggest challenge this year is the fact we have enough players on paper for 3 teams but with the leaving cert, injuries, players away we can only field 2 teams. As championship approaches the same issue persists.

Team: Na Fianna B Hurling

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
19	17	31	17	0

Team Name: Na Fianna B Minor Hurlers

Manager/Lead mentor: John Spain

League Division: League Division 6

Championship Grade: Group 3 Championship

Highlights of the year to date:

Better retention, more successful, more cohesive and the players were not phased by moving up a grade for the championship.

Good numbers from early on in the season and huge praise to Muiris Healy & Diarmuid O'Connor who kept the players from last year still involved.

Great commitment by the players to training with productive and positive session which translated in to high team morale and good results on match days.

Thanks to the new coaches and mentors Eoin Ryan, Neil Currie, and Liam Stacey coming on board and bringing great knowledge, new thinking and energy to the team. Special mention to Diarmuid O'Connor, Mike Birmingham and Tom Duane for their commitment. Overall a great bunch of mentors and this reflects in the team.

Significant challenges during the year:

From what looked like low numbers at the start of the season, just enough for two teams, has now changed. High numbers for the B panel for championship, due to returning players, will cause issues with



selection .This will leave out some committed players from league campaign, and may have a possible knock on effect on player retention. We need to ensure in future years everyone gets to play championship hurling, and all efforts will be made by the management team to keep all players involved.

Just want to say a big thanks from the group to Ger Keane, Andy Matthews, Seosamh Breannach and Colm Davis.



Ladies Football

Adult

Team: Senior Ladies

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
32	6	28	6	9

Team Name: Senior Ladies

Manager/Lead mentor: Gerry Donohoe

League Division: 1

Championship Grade: Senior

Highlights of the year to date:

Have had a difficult year due to the number of players with Dublin county squad plus development squad. While this a great achievement of the individual players and reflects really well on the club, it reduces our competitiveness in League and Cup action. We did manage to retain out Division 1 status and now that our county players are back, with All-Ireland medals in their back pockets, we are really looking forward to a full-on tilt at the Senior Championship.

Significant challenges during the year:

Biggest challenge was trying to maintain competitiveness with so many players absent on county duty

Team: Na Fianna 2nd Team - "Inters"

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
27	3	31	3	0

Team Name: Na Fianna Ladies Football - 2nd Team - "Inters"

Manager/Lead mentor: Ian McGowan

League Division: Division 4

Championship Grade: Junior B

Highlights of the year to date:

2nd Team – Our Division 4 team had a change of management this year and after a slightly slow start to their campaign the team put in very strong performances in both the League and Cup. Finishing joint second in the League - just missing out on promotion and qualifying for the Cup semi-final which has yet to be played. Their Championship started with a good away win against Castleknock, but hit a bit of stumble with a loss against a strong Naomh Olaf first team. By the time this goes to press, the team will have played their final group game against, the old enemy, St. Vincent's (Away) and, hopefully, will have pushed on to the knockout stages of the Championship. As a group, the team have developed a really strong bond and are a pleasure to train. The know how to play the game and the commitment to the



team has been strong throughout the year, yet they equally understand the importance of having a bit of fun while doing it!

Significant challenges during the year:

Finding a new management team was the initial challenge for this team, but thanks to Ciaran McHugh for stepping into the breach until Ian McGowan took over the reins ably supported by Úna Kavanagh and Damien Gallagher. Players travelling during the Summer, while understandable given the young age of the team, threw up difficulties at times but thanks to support from the Minors over the Summer, the team was able to field teams for all its matches.

Team: Third Adult Team

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
25	4	28	4	0

Team Name: Adult Team 3

Manager/Lead mentor: Ricky O'Sullivan

League Division: Division 6

Championship Grade: Junior E

Highlights of the year to date:

This is the third season for this team and compared to last year we had a much better year in terms of player numbers. Player retention was good and a number of players out of minor and new to adult football have integrated well into the team.

As was the case last year the Minor B's supported us when we needed sub cover. The minor C's were also supportive when needed. My thanks to both mentor groups and sets of players.

We were beaten in the Championship semi-final and finished third in the league. At the time of writing, we are in a cup semi-final.

Just like last season, we are fortunate to have an experienced coach in Gabriel Travers as part of the coaching group

Significant challenges during the year:

None

Team: Ladies Junior D

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
23	1	25	1	0

Team Name: Ladies Junior D

Manager/Lead mentor: Pat Rogan



League Division: 9

Championship Grade: 9

Highlights of the year to date:

After a successful season in 2022 the Ladies' 4th team was promoted and has adapted well to life in Division 9. At present the team is second in the League, has a home Cup semi-final, and was beaten in the semi-final of the Championship. The numbers for training and matches have been strong all season and we have welcomed a number of new players to the team who have settled in extremely well and have been a very positive addition to the group.

Significant challenges during the year:

I think that the staging of the Championship in June and July is unfair on the players and it deprives teams of some of their strongest players for the most important games of the season. I would like to see the Championship revert to an August /September slot in the calendar

Team: Adult Team 5

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
26	3	45	3	0

Team Name: Adult Ladies Football Team 5

Manager/Lead mentor: Tiarnán Ó Dubhlainn

League Division: 11

Championship Grade: Junior J

Highlights of the year to date:

It was a challenging year in terms of numbers despite the increased numbers on paper. Some 15 of the panel did their leaving cert this year with many more missing due to holidays, travel, work/career or other commitments. We are grateful for the support of the Minor mentors, Larry O'Sullivan, Elodie Boudier, John Barton & Les Fitzsimons. Without this support we would have had to concede most of our fixtures.

Significant challenges during the year:

For Adult teams especially at lower Divisions numbers on paper cannot be interpreted as an indication of commitment. Almost every week, looking for minors to fulfil fixtures was challenging and probably disruptive to the minor teams in their preparations. This must be a future consideration when deciding how many adult teams should be registered

Juvenile

Team: 2015 (U8)



Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
107	107	107	107	0

Team Name: 2015

Manager/Lead mentor: Luke Bradley

League Division: U8

Championship Grade: U8

Highlights of the year to date:

With 107 players the 2015 girls are the largest group in Na Fianna and Under 8 girls Gaa team in the country. We registered 12 football and 12 Camogie teams this year and the girls have given a great account of themselves in all of their games. Managing a group this size would not be possible without our fantastic mentors who go above and beyond each week coaching the girls - preparing, and then supporting them from the sidelines in their Go Games. We have made a number of trips to Parnell Park with the girls to Support Various Na Fianna and Dublin teams and most recently we had 52 girls at the ladies' All Ireland Final in Croke Park to show their support for the five Na Fianna Ladies on the Dublin Panel as we drive home the message to parents "if she can't see it, she can't be it" - Main highlights - Starting Go Games, Being part of the senior Camogie family day (Testing themselves against the U9's in the final on the back pitch), Fantastic couple of weeks of Mini leagues and finals Day and making a trip to Croke park to watch the Dublin(and Na Fianna) Ladies beat Kerry.

Significant challenges during the year:

The 5 pm start for training can be a difficult time for parents to get to Mobhi road , finding a small drop off the second evening training session . Towards the tail end of the last term our match numbers were effect by first communions , Theatre works and Ballet shows.

Team: 2014 Girls (U9)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
72	73	70	73	N/A

Team Name: U9 Go Games

Manager/Lead mentor: Aileen Murtagh

League Division: N/A

Championship Grade: N/A

Highlights of the year to date:

We have a group of committed and determined girls who regularly attend training and Go Games. Highlights for the year include playing half time matches at the Senior Camogie final in Parnell Park and another on Mobhi Rd. The girls love having the opportunity to connect with these players and Feile na Bealtaine was another example of this, as was our mini-league finals where they got to met some of their idols!



We had lots of interest in the Ladies All Ireland and a great attendance from our group - hopefully they are suitably inspired!

Significant challenges during the year:

5:15 training slots can be difficult as mentors are increasingly required to be in office.

Attendance at matches was sporadic at times due to Communions and Communion preparation masses

Team Name: U10 Go Games

Manager/Lead mentor: Eabhnat Ni Fhlionn

Highlights of the year to date:

2013 girls had another exciting year, starting off as U9s and moving to U10s in Go-Games. They fielded two 3-team pods in both football and camogie throughout the year, and welcomed a number of new girls into the squad. They had to say goodbye to a few girls who moved away from Dublin during the year and are much missed. The girls took part in the Handball Day in October, with Frank Daly. For Halloween, they did a fun training session in their spooky outfits and showed off impressive skills while dressed as zombies and witches. In November, they played Dunedin Connollys from Edinburgh in Collinstown. In December, they took part in the Juvenile Fun Day in the club, and had a Christmas disco. They took a well-earned break in January and came back to training raring to go in February. In April, they participated in a special Easter fun training session, where we discovered how good they are at jumping over hurdles during sack races! In May, they enjoyed the Camogie Fun Day in the club, and then played in half-time matches for the Men's Senior Football team. They also held a very successful cake sale, which should keep them in footballs and sliotars for the next year. In June, 66 girls took part in mini-leagues, culminating in Finals Day on 25th June and a special Pizza Party to finish up our year. 2013 girls featured twice on RTE over the summer, once before the Men's Football Final and once before the Ladies' Football Final. None of this would have happened without a wonderful team of mentors and parents and we are very grateful for all the support the girls have received throughout the year.

Significant challenges during the year:

Go-Games moving from Sunday mornings to Saturday mornings negatively impacted upon attendance due to clashes with other activities, particularly as this change occurred according to the calendar year, while most other activities are scheduled by the school year.

Team: 2012 Girls (U11)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
72	60	65	60	N/A

Team Name: U11 Go Games

Manager/Lead mentor: Barry Maher

League Division: Go Games

Championship Grade: Go Games

Highlights of the year to date:



We have a great bunch of girls. They love training, and if we could encourage more attendance at games, we would be delighted. They hold their own in games and really enjoy their football.

Significant challenges during the year:

No real challenges, it's been a great year.

Team: 2012 Girls Football & Camogie (U12)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
70	69	71	69	n/a

Team Name: U12 Go Games

Manager/Lead mentor: Paul Jensen

League Division: U12 Go Games

Championship Grade: U12 Go Games

Highlights of the year to date:

Player numbers have remained virtually static year on year and attendance at training is very good. We have a great group of committed mentors. We have generally been competitive in matches in both codes, and participated in one football and one camogie blitz, reaching the cup final in the camogie blitz.

Significant challenges during the year:

Player numbers at training is not reflected on matchdays, we hope moving to Sunday matches next year will see an improvement in this.

Team: 2010 Girls (U13)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
80	79	83	79	1

Team Name: 2010 Girls A

Manager/Lead mentor: Tommy Burke

League Division: 2

Championship Grade: 1

Team Name: Ladies Football

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian Rouse

League Division: 8

Championship Grade: 7



Team Name: 2010 Girls C
Manager/Lead mentor: Lee Wood
League Division: 10
Championship Grade: 11

Team Name: 2010 Girls D
Manager/Lead mentor: Aidan Hunt
League Division: 14
Championship Grade: 14

Highlights of the year to date:

Our first year in league and we've experienced highs and lows. Our A and B teams both finished 2nd in their respective divisions (2 and 8) and move up a grade (1 and 7) for championship. Our C team endured a torrid year and were clearly graded in the wrong division at the outset, pairing up with other teams B teams and single team clubs. We hope they'll have a more positive experience in championship division 11. Our D team was in a small league so doubled up home and away on matches, finishing off the season on a high with a win against a strong Raheny B team who had beaten them well earlier in the competition. We go into championship looking to be competitive across all 4 teams.

Significant challenges during the year:

We have big numbers and have no issues fielding 4 teams. But that also comes with the challenge of ensuring fair rotation of players in particular in the lower leagues where the minimum to field is 11. In fairness to all clubs in those divisions, 15 aside was commonplace which eases the rotation requirement somewhat. We believe we have managed this well but it's a challenge non the less.

Team: 2009 (U14)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
65	58	63	58	2

Team Name: U14 Girls A
Manager/Lead mentor: Andrew Crawford and Darren Corcoran
League Division: Div 1
Championship Grade: Div 1

Team Name: Ladies Football
Manager/Lead mentor: Lisa Jensen and Paul Butler
League Division: Div 7
Championship Grade: Div 7

Team Name: U14 Girls C
Manager/Lead mentor: Grainne Ni Thuama and Eoghan Duggan



League Division: Div 12

Championship Grade: Div 12

Highlights of the year to date:

Following last years AGM, our three teams completed their first championship, including a Division 1 cup semi-final for our first team.

Our A team maintained their well-earned Division 1 league status. After 4 wins, our second team narrowly missed out on promotion and our third team fought hard and together to earn some very creditable results.

All our teams were ably boosted by the help of 2010 and 2011 players

Siun Ni Cheallachain and Caragh Corcoran represented Na Fianna on Dublin u-14 teams, reaching an All-Ireland Quarter Final.

Ten players took part in Feille with 2008 Girls – winning Div 12 and reaching Div 8 final.

We look forward to our second championship campaign, continuing to grow our squad and improve at training.

Significant challenges during the year:

Increasing demands on first team players, from school teams, other sports, academy selection and assisting older teams remains a particular challenge.

New academic challenges throughout the year required players to further manage their time, complicated by a heavy congestion of games in May, after pitch cancellations throughout spring.

While the first team have benefited from the coaching of Liam Granville (2004 Boys), further fresh voices at training, particularly from experienced females closer to the players age would be much appreciated.

Team: 2008 Girls (U15)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
70	52	67	52	1

Team Name: U15

Manager/Lead mentor: Shane Coleman

League Division: 2

Championship Grade: 2

Team Name: Football

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian Fitzgerald

League Division: 7

Championship Grade: 7

Team Name: C1 Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Art Fitzprick

League Division: 10



Championship Grade: 10

Team Name: C2 Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Mike Downey

League Division: 10

Championship Grade: 10

Highlights of the year to date:

With the help of the 2009 Girls and 2010 Girls we entered four football teams for Feile 2023. We hosted Division 11 Feile at Mobhi Road which was a great experience. Our football teams got to three Feile finals winning Division 12.

In the regular league we competed in Division 2, Division 7 and two teams in Division 10. Our C1 team won the Division 10 League and our C2 team were runners-up. We received good support from 2009 Girls and 2010 Girls when needed to supplement our numbers.

Significant challenges during the year:

This was Feile year so our main challenge was to prepare and fundraise for Feile. A Feile committee was established comprising of several parents that took care of all things related to Feile including: Fundraising; Purchasing of Feile gear etc.

Team: 2007 (U16)

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
48	36	47	36	0

Team Name: U16 Blue

Manager/Lead mentor: Alan Tully

League Division: 2

Championship Grade: 2

Team Name: Ladies Football

Manager/Lead mentor: Eamonn Byrne

League Division: 7

Championship Grade: 7

Team Name: white team

Manager/Lead mentor: William Landale

League Division: 10

Championship Grade: n/a

Highlights of the year to date:

We began the year with all but one of our panel returning to play. We continued with three teams, numbers were tight but with help from the u15's we filled our third team. Mixed fortunes for the three



teams with div 2 being very competitive , our girls finished mid table. Our yellow (B) team were runners up in div 7 having been promoted from div 8. Our third team put in some good performances but were unable to compete for promotion.

With some surplus funds from Feile, Eamonn Byrne organised a bus and a healthy number of the group went to the Ladies Senior Football semi final in Thurles. We look forward to our girls lending support in the upcoming final. A strong bond has developed with this group, the mentors have great respect for the girls, and we have been privileged to be involved in their development this far.

Significant challenges during the year:

The aim for this year has been retention of players, with it being our last year in juvenile games. At the time of writing we have learned that some girls wont be returning for Championship due to other commitments and that leaves us with a difficult decision to make, the likelihood being we will revert to 2 teams again.

Team: Minor A team

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
20	19	20	19	3

Team Name: Minor A ladies football

Manager/Lead mentor: Ivan Ahern

League Division: Division 1

Championship Grade: Division 1

Highlights of the year to date:

The integration of 2005 and 2004 girls team in single minor A team has went very well,with all of the players continuing to play and enjoy the game. The team were competitive in Division 1 league and finished in 3rd place . The highlight of the year off the field of play were the 2 separate team bonding days in Spencer dock watersports and Carlingford adventure centre.

Significant challenges during the year:

The main challenge has been not having a full panel to play or train. This has mainly been due to involvement with Dublin minor ,intermediate and development camogie and leaving cert. As of yet we have never had a full panel to train or play with. The restriction to 2 camogie and 2 football training days is also an impediment .

Team: 2005 and 2006 Minor B Ladies Football

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
19	8	20	8	0



Team Name: Minor B Ladies Football

Manager/Lead mentor: John Barton

League Division: Division 5

Championship Grade: Division 4

Highlights of the year to date:

Initial B panel of 20 players agreed at the start of February 2023 with 3 weeks to prep for league. It is often difficult to compile a team in such short notice especially when you must integrate across two years, and players who move down grades. This does take a lot of player and squad management from the mentor group.

Entered Division 5 for League and won all 7 games, to win division. This is the second year in succession that the Minor B group won Division 5 League.

As a B team, we are playing at a very high-level each week, primarily against A teams. The current B squad are well capable of competing in Division 4 for championship this year. This is highest division that ANY B team has reached across all Dublin clubs.

Regardless of how Championship works out, on behalf of all the B Mentors, I would like to thank each member of our current panel for their application and attitude this year. It has been our pleasure to coach and mentor each one of them.

Current Mentor team of Conor Buckley, Gary Cregan and John Barton.

Significant challenges during the year:

1. As normal at Minor Ladies Football, when the squad is initially assembled, the hardest part is building the squad morale. This is because you deal with player re-grading and the combining of players across 2 years. The more time EVERY mentor/panel has to manage this, the better for the players concerned.

2. Due to the considerable number of players this year, 4 teams are required at minor level. Clear dates and agreed procedures for the movement of players across the teams, throughout the year, should be agreed upfront, managed and led by the Minor Co-ordinator. EVERY panel needs time to adjust and prepare their squad, regardless of what division they play in.

Team: Minor Ladies Football C

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
19	16	19	16	0

Team Name: Minor Ladies Football C

Manager/Lead mentor: Larry O'Connell

League Division: 9

Championship Grade: Division 9, Group A

Highlights of the year to date:

This is a new team with 05 and 06 players and they gelled so quickly and improved week-on-week.

Highlight was seeing the girls find new roles and positions, their commitment to training and positivity and support for each other at training and on match days.



Girls finished 3rd in the League. We had two draws in the early matches, lost one game and won three and finished with a great victory in the last game against Vincents, who were looking to win the league!

Significant challenges during the year:

There has been a lot of help from Club in finding better slots for training, the traditional winter slot of 9.15 is too late, especially for girls doing the LC.

Team: U18 minor D

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
19	9	15	9	0

Team Name: Minor D

Manager/Lead mentor: Les Fitzsimons

League Division: D 11

Championship Grade: D11

Highlights of the year to date:

Fantastic group of girls ,look out for each other and always welcoming and friendly to anyone who joins for matches & training.

Won championship a number of years ago with this group.

Won the plate last season.

Although bottom division they so great enthusiasm and always give 100%.

Significant challenges during the year:

Team numbers is a major challenge. With a panal of 15 injuries etc can be a big factor in fielding a team. Without support for 2007 group we would struggle to field most games.

Training times are to late a lot of girls miss sessions with 8.30 start time.

Team: Mothers&Others

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
54	0	48	0	0

Team Name: Mothers&Others

Manager/Lead mentor: Stephen Downes/ Annette Nugent

League Division: Doesnt apply

Championship Grade: Doesn't apply

Highlights of the year to date:



Na Fianna Mothers&Others now in its 4th year, is establishing itself as an important participation offering by the club. We have a registered, paid-up squad of 48, with new enquiries coming all the time. These include mothers of children in the club, but increasingly “others” who have no prior connection to Na Fianna or indeed Gaelic football, but are attracted by the inclusive and social ethos.

In 2023/24 we will continue with a series of “intro nights” to introduce and integrate women who had never played before without disrupting the flow of sessions for existing players. These nights have yielded a number of new members.

This year we participated in the north Leinster LGFA blitz, playing against teams from Dublin, Westmeath, and Longford. We will also participate in the national blitz in September, and local blitzes as they arise. We are delighted to see a high proportion of our squad take on mentoring & executive roles in the club. Mothers&Others is a catalyst for developing more female coaches and is another positive side-effect of having this initiative at Na Fianna.

Massive thanks is due to our coach Stephen Downes for his endless time and effort, with a special shout-out to super coaching assistant Davy Downes (2008 Boys).

Having a consistent training night all year (Mondays) has made a huge difference to our ability to attract and retain new members. We would like to thank the club and the club exec for its ongoing support in this regard, particularly Michael Carr, Andy Matthews and the hardworking Fixtures Committee who have managed to slot yet another team into a busy club schedule. Looking forward to the year ahead.

Significant challenges during the year:

1. Mondays4M&Os: while aware of the fixtures challenge, we would love retain our Monday night time slot on a year-round basis as happened this year.
2. Grass pitch access: some access to grass would be hugely beneficial in developing the squad to its next stage.
3. Increase profile: a more visible presence on the club website would attract more newcomers. Mothers&Others is a very easy “way in” for new adult members and higher visibility would benefit the entire club.
4. Host a blitz: in line with the M&O ethos, we hope to host a blitz at Na Fianna in the coming club year.

Adult

Team: Senior 1

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
38	3	38	3	2

Team Name: Senior 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Lar Norton

League Division: 1

Championship Grade: Senior 1

Highlights of the year to date:



We write this less than 24 hours after the Senior 1 season coming to a close in incredibly disappointing fashion after a defeat to St. Vincents in Parnell Park. Its hard to summarise a season when you know the outcome and it wasn't what was planned, but we want to put on record the effort, loyalty and commitment shown by the entire group for the 2023 season. The team and players have given a huge amount to Na Fianna for a long time, and will continue to do so long into the future, and as one door closes we have no doubt many more will open.

Significant challenges during the year:

None

Team: Senior 2

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
38	4	36	4	3

Team Name: AFL3

Manager/Lead mentor: Ray Cullivan

League Division: AFL 3

Championship Grade: Intermediate

Highlights of the year to date:

The team came down from AFL2 to AFL3 and this years league was about integrating the younger players starting out in adult football into the panel alongside the more experienced players. The team finished 5th in AFL3 just falling just 2 points outside a playoff spot. The team is currently involved in the the intermediate championship and is aiming to get back to the final and compete for the cup.

Significant challenges during the year:

Our fixture list gave us some tougher fixtures at the start of the league while the panel and management team were still settling down but the effort and application from the squad has been great and we finished the league unbeaten in the last 7 games.

Team: AFL 6

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
?	?	25	?	0

Team Name: AFL 6

Manager/Lead mentor: Keith McGinty

League Division: 6

Championship Grade: Junior 1

**Highlights of the year to date:**

We had a really good start to the league campaign. Winning 5 out of our opening 6 games. The highlights were coming from behind to defeat Civil Service and beating St. James by six points away from home.

Significant challenges during the year:

The largest challenge came in June. A lot of players went away on holidays or on J1 visas. We also had a couple of injuries and it became a real struggle to get enough numbers to play our last few league games.

Team: Junior 3

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
22	1	24	1	0

Team Name: Adult mens 4th team

Manager/Lead mentor: Tiarnán Ó Dubhlainn, John Lynch, Shay O'Neill Martin Cotter

League Division: 7

Championship Grade: Junior 3 All County

Highlights of the year to date:

1. Aim was to survive in Div 7 having been promoted in 2022.
2. Aim Completed could well have got back to back promotions had it not been for the shortage of players across all adult teams during the summer.
3. Aim number 2 is to give the Championship a real go this year and maybe even finally end our Mayo like curse of losing finals. Spectators always welcome.
Huge Thanks must be given to John Lynch for his incredible service to this team, also we would like to Thank Shay O'Neill and Martin Cotter who joined the set up as mentors and put in outrages hours of service and Andy Pyne for all his help and advice down the years.
4. We would like to wish Dara Gray and Matthew Murchan all the best in their recovery after season ending injuries.

Significant challenges during the year:

Lack of Training Numbers.

Panel size.

3/4 Adult teams found it hard to field for most games.

That said the members of this panel are legends and perform at their best when our backs are to the walls. Watch this space

Team: AFL9

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
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Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	None
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Team Name: AFL9 / Junior 4 championship

Manager/Lead mentor: Barry Corrigan

League Division: 9

Championship Grade: Junior 4

Highlights of the year to date:

The AFL9 team were established as a development panel this season aimed to focus on players that had come out of minor in the past 3-4 years but who hadn't yet found a home with any of the other adult teams.

This change was gratefully facilitated by many of the playing group who had gained promotion from division 10 under Andy Pyne and Jimmy award the previous season moving to AFL11.

After two wins to start the season, the team endured a very difficult stretch and were in peril of an instant return to Division 10, but 4 wins from the last 5 games meant a very respectable finish and momentum heading into the Junior 4 championship which has started with a big win against St. Judes. Team management of Barry Corrigan and Andy Matthews assisted by Paddy Malone would like to thank the AFL9/11 players and the surrounding management teams including Keith, Tiarnan, Jimmy and Noel for their assistance.

Significant challenges during the year:

Availability with leaving cert. Buy into the development panel approach.

Team: AFL11

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
23	5	25	5	0

Team Name: AFL11

Manager/Lead mentor: Jimmy Ward

League Division: Div 11

Championship Grade: All county Junior 6

Highlights of the year to date:

Won the AFL11 North League. We went unbeaten through the season, winning all the games except 1 which we drew. Getting some ex senior players playing junior football has made this possible. Great for younger players to get confidence in their ability and enjoy winning games and leagues. Hopefully this continues into the Championship.

Significant challenges during the year:

Getting the players to turn up for training is frustrating. Very difficult to get players to gel with each other and difficult to work on tactics when so few turn up.



Juvenile

Team: U8 Boys

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
more than 70	All played both	more than 70	All played both	0

Team Name: 2015 boys

Manager/Lead mentor: Mark Fitzgerald

League Division: N/A

Championship Grade: N/A

Highlights of the year to date:

2023 saw more than 70 boys from the 2015 group start Go Games for the first time. We are running 3 pods each Saturday and the level of participation is fantastic. The boys (and Mentors) were introduced to other teams, locations and challenges this year. They all rose to that challenge and the boys transitioned naturally to their pods for Go Games, the level of teamwork among the boys is fantastic.

We saw some great tackling, blocking and scoring during the year but they were as a result of super teamwork and passing and moving by the lads. The sportsmanship and respect they showed to the other teams and the referees during the games was something special and they should be very proud of themselves.

The boy's development is clear to see through their dedication in training. The mentors that are facilitating their growth every Wednesday and Friday are doing a great job and it goes beyond skills on the pitch.

The Pod Leads, Eleanor and Paddy have done a great job arranging the games on Saturday and running the day smoothly along with the other mentors (too many to mention). Without you all this would not be possible, so a big thanks goes to everyone that makes it happen.

Finally to the boys themselves, keep doing what you are doing especially, smiling, laughing, joking, making new friends and having fun! 2015 boys represent everything that's good about Na Fianna.

Lead Mentor

Mark Fitzgerald

Significant challenges during the year:

N/A

Team: U9 Boys

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
93	86	89	86	0



Team Name: 2014 Boys

Manager/Lead mentor: Alan McGlinn / Angela McHugh

League Division: NA

Championship Grade: NA

Highlights of the year to date:

We have achieved full participation in Go Games from the players which could not be said at the start of the year. This was driven by a huge focus on player engagement in training from mentors aiming for an increase in confidence on game day. Aimed at C player group in all parts of the session to promote engagement from AD and into match/games situations.

Training Plans developed by one mentor per code. A Hurling Skills Mentor and a Football Skills Mentor. Provided monthly session updates that aligned to team performance week to week and the skill focus for a given month.

Push early in the year to increase participation from the partner group and start to build on our mentor numbers. We now have a pool of 34 mentors grown from 25 at the start of the year.

Focus on skill development – leveraging new Na Fianna resources as well as player pathways portal on the GAA website to develop skill specific training plans.

Successful introduction of dynamic streaming, with a move to game readiness on the second session of the week. Where streaming was introduced for final 20 mins for internal games.

Big fund-raising effort throughout the year

Christmas Cinema trip was a huge success, kids absolutely loved it, mentors not so much :)

Significant challenges during the year:

Big challenge of the year was introduction of Dynamic Streaming into the group; communication with mentors and different interpretation of fundamentals.

Lack of understanding on behalf of parents as to why streaming was confined to games only and not training. Struggling to comprehend that boys could be moved up and down in line with their performance and their confidence.

Although mentor numbers are healthy, consistent availability can be challenging with some mentors not confident to take groups on their own.

We have a cohort of mentors who are game day only and the challenge is to get this group involved in training also.

Team: 2012 Boys Football and Hurling

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
70	64	66	64	0

Team Name: 2012 Boys

Manager/Lead mentor: Mick Henry

League Division: U11 Go Games

**Highlights of the year to date:**

2023 has been action backed for the 2023 boys. Starting with the Gormanston Indoor Hurling Tournament, where they NaFianna were awarded 'Best Club Performance'. Go Games have seen a steady improvement in both football and Hurling skills as the year progressed across all the boys. Morale is high in the camp and the lads are really enjoying it. Always partial to a good road trip, the 2012 boys headed down to Ballyhogue, Wexford at Easter for overnight camping and football . We also headed down to Tarmonbarry, Roscommon on the 09 July for the second consecutive year for a football blitz that included teams from across Connaught. The second part of the season will see the lads continue to develop their skills while preparation is ongoing in the background for their transition into CC2 and grading leagues next year.

Significant challenges during the year:

Keeping as many of the boys involved as possible.

Team: U12

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
86	78	87	78	N/A

Team Name: Division 2

Manager/Lead mentor: Michael Carr

League Division: 2

Team Name: Division 5

League Division: Division 5

Team Name: Division 11

League Division: Division 11

Team Name: Division 17 & Division 18

League Division: Division 17 & 18

Highlights of the year to date:

The highlight of the year was hosting the Mc Nulty Memorial Hurling tournament, hosting teams from Cork, Galway, Limerick, Mayo and Dublin. In grading we have managed to get all of the boys into competitive divisions and this has resulted in more competitive games especially for our teams in divisions 17 and 18. In Rounders we reached the All -Ireland Semi Final U13 and All-Ireland U12 Quarter final.

Significant challenges during the year:

The main challenge of the year was moving from 3 pods to 5 individual teams- this was an organisational challenge having to manage 5 groups instead of 3. In addition moving from Pods to individual teams and managing the boys mobility between these teams has been an organisational challenge



Team: U13

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
78	70	83	70	0

Team Name: Panel 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian Wheatley

League Division: Division 1

Championship Grade: Division 1

Team Name: Football

Manager/Lead mentor: Colm Ross/Kieran Murray

League Division: Division 4

Championship Grade: Division 4

Team Name: Panel 3

Manager/Lead mentor: Shane McAuley

League Division: Division 8

Championship Grade: Division 8

Team Name: Panel 4 & Panel 5 (we fielded 5 football teams)

Manager/Lead mentor: Rory Delamere (Div 15), Paul Keogh (Div 16)

League Division: Division 15 & Division 16

Championship Grade: Division 15 & Division 16

Highlights of the year to date:

A very successful year across the board with 4 out of 5 football teams in contention to win or finish runners-up within their divisions, at the final game.

Division 1 - Winners and unbeaten throughout the league.

Division 4 - Playoff for runner-up spot with St. Patricks (Donabate) GAA - lost by 1 point.

Division 8 - Competitive in all games, finished mid-table

Division 15 - Winners and unbeaten throughout the league.

Division 16 - Runners-up, lost on final day to a good St. Peters side, by 2 points.

All five teams fielded every week, with no games conceded across the board - kudos to all boys consistently turning out every week

As we moved to 4 teams/15-a-side matches in 2023 season, we have continued where we left off, with high numbers turning out each week, and hopefully a successful conclusion to u13 grade in store. We have gained numbers during 2023, due to the success of Scoil Mobhi and NDNSP in recent Cumman Na mBunscoil competitions

Significant challenges during the year:

With 5 teams, and small panel sizes, injuries were an issue given the age of the boys, and their propensity to pick up niggles and strains from a group that are growing fast at this age. Many thanks to 2011 boys providing players to allow us to field, on the few occasions we were short of numbers. Very hard to



divide players into panels/teams to compete in formal divisions for the first time at u12, but this process thankfully was a success, with all boys taking a full part in all games and training.

Team: U14

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
80	68	79	68	No county squads yet

Team Name: 09 Boys Football Team 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Adam Rafter

League Division: None

Championship Grade: A Grade

Team Name: Football

Manager/Lead mentor: Paddy Lyons

League Division: None

Championship Grade: D Grade

Team Name: 09 Boys Football Team 3

Manager/Lead mentor: Joe Kavanagh

League Division: None

Championship Grade: G Grade

Team Name: 09 Boys Football Team 4

Manager/Lead mentor: Tom Dowd

League Division: None

Championship Grade: H Grade

Highlights of the year to date:

The lads finished 2022 very strongly with Teams 1,2 and 3 securing runner up spots in Divisions 1, 5 and 8. Team 4 held their own, with a few great wins. Although all the lads were disappointed not to win a title, the progress has been great.

All four panels are in great shape in 2023, all on course to qualify for the Cup competitions in their respective grades.

Significant challenges during the year:

Some of the lads have been balancing tough schedules caused by competing sports. Getting teams out in June was a challenge with holidays.

Team: U15 Boys



Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
76	73	76	73	4

Team Name: Leo Fay

Manager/Lead mentor: Lead mentor

League Division: 1

Championship Grade: A

Highlights of the year to date:

A great year so far. Wonderful bunch to coach, listened to all instructions and won div 2 and regional feile

Significant challenges during the year:

None, lads gave priority to us and got their rewards

Team: U16 / 2007 Boys

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
79	59	77	59	4

Team Name: 2007 A Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Fearghal Scanlon

League Division: 1

Championship Grade: A

Team Name: Football

Manager/Lead mentor: Damien Morgan

League Division: 5

Championship Grade: D

Team Name: 2007 C Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Robert Donaghy / Carthage Conlon

League Division: 8

Championship Grade: F

Team Name: 2007 D Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Stephen Stenson / Rory Stack

League Division: 10

Championship Grade: G

Highlights of the year to date:



Really high player retention and also a couple of new additions this year, meant that we were able to continue to line out four U16 football teams (the only club in Dublin to do so).

All four teams acquitted themselves well in the U16 leagues and were able to fulfil almost all fixtures. Special thanks to the 2008 mentors and boys for providing some much-needed support to ensure our teams could line out full teams.

Weekend in June 2023 – Football and Hurling A Teams went to Carlingford for a day of activities and an overnight stay. On the same weekend, the B, C and D teams went to Monaghan (Tanagh Centre) for a day of activities and an overnight stay. These days away were great craic for the boys and thanks to mentors / parents who travelled and helped keeping an eye on the lads.

Significant challenges during the year:

Getting assistance from previous or current players has been a fantastic boost to some of our teams and takes a lot of the pressure off parental involvement in teams, however this is primarily orientated towards the more high-profile A teams and it is more difficult to get the requisite help for B, C and D teams who would really benefit from this help.

Attempting to bring in more S & C across the squads and getting all the boys to buy into it and stress the importance. Helped a lot by Niall Cooper in this regard.

Team: Minor A Football

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
31	20	31	20	3

Team Name: Minor A Football

Manager/Lead mentor: Andy Matthews / Barry Gorrigan

League Division: 1

Championship Grade: A

Highlights of the year to date:

The 2022/2023 season started reasonably for the NaFianna Minor A football squad, which this season was thankfully reinstated as under 18. Beginning with a loss to Sylvestors but followed by four consecutive wins from the lads including a memorable win over Killmacud Crokes on the main pitch. The Crokes minor team had not lost a game in over two years prior to that game vs NaFianna and so it will be remembered by the NaFianna lads for sometime to come.

The league season ended with the Minor A team positioned mid table in division one which is very acceptable given the fact that 2 years previously the team was struggling in Division 3. The work carried out behind the scenes this year by coaches such as Peter and Sean Smith alongside Pierce Callaghan and strong leadership from Barry Corrigan and Andy Matthews should leave the combining of the 2006/2007 lads in a very strong position for the coming season. We would also like to thank Fearghal Scanlon and Colm Davis for their support at the end of the year with the inclusion and making available of some of their 2007 lads.

**Significant challenges during the year:**

none

Team: Minor B

Registered players 1st August last year?	How many were dual?	Registered players 1st August this year?	How many were dual?	Players on Co. panel/Dev. Squad?
29	20	24	20	0

Team Name: Minor B

Manager/Lead mentor: Josh Butler, Peter Johnson, Dominic Dominov

League Division: 5

Championship Grade: D

Highlights of the year to date:

The main highlight of the year was the positive impact that new coach Domini Dominov has had on the Minor B set-up. He has developed a great bond with the players and introduced excellent training methods and ideas to training and match day preparation. The boys have benefitted hugely from his background in Sports Management which he is studying at IT Blanchardstown.

A great example of this was the boys got the use of trackers for one of our games. Dominic analysed the data and was able to provide great feedback to the players for improvement purposes.

Another highlight of the year was the integration of the 2006 and 2005 boys into one team. The boys have gelled quickly and maintained a great attitude to matches and training throughout the season.

Finally the relationship with the lead mentors on the A and C teams has been very positive and we have been able to support each other when numbers have been tight for matches.

Significant challenges during the year:

Attendance at training has been a challenge coming up to exams and during the summer. We are starting to see a pick up in attendance in the last week and we are hopeful that a few good training sessions will support good performances in our upcoming championship matches. We are hopeful of progressing far in the championship.



Committee Reports

Committee Name: Registrar - Memberships and Registration Committee

Key Activities for the year:

Overall membership numbers remain strong with over 3,500 members of the club.

2023 Membership Breakdown

Member Type	Female	Male	Grand Total	2023 versus 2022	2023 versus 2021
Nursery	282	316	598	+52	+103
Juvenile	725	820	1545	+17	+99
Adult Playing	272	310	582	+20	-3
Adult Non-playing (incl parents)	304	480	784	-42	-46
Senior/OAP (Adult Non-Playing)	11	39	50	+13	+14
Associate Member	19	19	38	+6	+16
	1613	1984	3597	3531	3414

A huge thank you to everyone who continues to provide support across the Adult and Juvenile codes including the Games Chairs, Game co-ordinators and to all mentors who have been so proactive in maintaining their respective Squad Lists and ensuring prompt payment of subscriptions.

As can be seen from the table above, whilst numbers are up slightly overall, this is predominantly driven by the continued strong growth in our nursery and juvenile members. Adult playing numbers have rebounded somewhat from 2022 numbers, with the modest growth driven particularly by the increase in Female Adult Players (+14).

Significant challenges:

The numbers above show a steady decline in Adult Non-Playing members, this is particularly evident within the Nursery and Juvenile section. Whilst numbers are buoyant in terms of the influx of children joining the club, what is noticeable, is that their parents are not joining in sufficient numbers. A steady stream of non-playing members is vital to ensure the club has sufficient volunteers mentoring, serving on working groups, marking out pitches etc.

On the playing side, it is **essential** that all players and mentors have paid up. Players not paid up **are not** registered with their respective associations and **are not** insured. Non-registered players should not be taking part in training or playing matches until membership fees are paid. No pay, no play remains the key message for all mentors.

The respective associations are all running regular audits of submitted team sheets, including both mentors and players, to ensure all named individuals are registered and have the appropriate clearances



and vetting. Failure to comply with the directives will result in disciplinary sanctions on the club, so it is vital that everyone plays their part in ensuring we remain compliant.

Key objectives for next year:

We continue to liaise closely with the ClubZap team and other GAA clubs, as they improve and develop the membership system. Mentors can now see who is paid and/or registered so we encourage and promote the usage of the weekly Squad Reports for team administration.

Integration between the ClubZap and Foireann registration systems is showing steady improvement and we're hoping to see further streamlining in the coming year which will ultimately help reduce the administrative overhead, particularly the overhead associated with managing separate association memberships across GAA, LGFA and the Camogie Boards.

Key contact: Stephen Downes

Committee Name: Hurling Steering Group

Key Activities for the year: Ensuring all 5 adult hurling teams had management teams in place Getting in to roll, meeting with involved stakeholders and trying to form longer term plan for hurling development in Na Fianna

Significant challenges for your committee: Finding enough people to get involved with adult Hurling teams, from lead managers to selectors, gear carriers, first aiders and all other rolls

Key objective for next year: Retain as many 2023 minor hurlers into adult hurling in 2024, build database of people willing to assist in running teams in any way at all even if not available next year but would be willing help in future

Key contact: Seosamh Breathnach

Committee Name: Rounders

Key Activities for the year: Rounders Adult Mixed

Significant challenges for your committee: Fielding a team of 9; 5 men & 4 women to travel to games nationwide at the weekend during the summer months when the All Ireland Championship games are held.

Key objective for next year: To attract more players, ideally current or ex Na Fianna players in their 20s & 30s as most of our strongest competition has an average age of about 30 whereas our average age is 45-50

Key contact: Karen McHugh



Committee Name: Nursery

Key Activities for the year: After the successful launch and naming of the club mascot (Mobhí) we will continue with a rebrand of the Nursery, We will run an online naming competition for each group which will tie in with the legend of the Na Fianna Warriors. We will also run more coaching sessions for the parents to help demonstrate and execute our weekly plans.

Significant challenges for your committee: Attendance during winter months, Parent involvement with coaching and mentoring - upkeep and preventing the loss of nursery equipment.

Key objective for next year: More involvement from Mam's especially as leads in the girl groups. Help the 2019 groups grow by word of mouth - ensuring a positive experience for the kids which in turn will draw in friends and classmates. Prepare the 2016 groups for life outside the Nursery.

Key contact: Luke Bradley

Committee Name: Green Club work group

Key Activities for the year: 500 sapling trees planted in 2023 from GAA Native tree sapling offer
Signed up to govt. Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme - currently on shortlist for inclusion for rollout late 2023 / early 2024 for 2 fast charge EV chargers
Water Audit conducted on Mobhi road premises and location. EUR 1,800 secured by way of Govt grant to cover part of remediation measures.
Active Travel policy document drafted and ratified by the Executive - to incorporate action points specifically aligned with reducing congestion for Saturday morning nursery.
CLG NaFianna specific Bike Library ebike rollout in conjunction with UCD and Bleeper.
Waste reduction and recycling - working group setup to tackle and reduce this issue
Energy - working group of club members who are Engineers setup to conduct an energy audit and propose recommendations to reduce energy costs
Bee hives present and honey produced in our RCSI location.

Significant challenges for your committee: To raise funds to implement recommendations via way of public grants and fundraising activities

Key objective for next year: Implement Active Travel policy along with Water, Waste and Energy remediation and reduction solutions. Install Water refill fountain in Mobhi Road

Key contact: Ronan Carroll

Committee Name: Comms Group



Key Activities for the year: Before I give the Comms Group report I would like to take this opportunity to thank Annette Nugent for all the work she has done as PRO, who unfortunately had to step aside during the year due to work commitments.

The Comms Group comprises Eugene McHugh, Jane Daly (social media), Eoin McCabe (Nuacht) and Cormac O'Sullivan and is focused on informing the members of all club activities through the Club Nuacht, Next (Twitter), Facebook, Instagram, Clubzap, YouTube and other media outlets.

Our YouTube channel, which is focused on coaching information/videos, and subscriptions to our monthly Club Nuacht e-newsletter has a steady following. Clubzap continues to grow as an important club comms channel for fixtures, club lotto, membership renewals, club camps, etc.

In addition to sharing information and news about on-pitch activity at adult and juvenile level, we also promote the club's commercial ventures – including the Club Bar, Scúp, Club Shop and championing the support of our 'Friends of Na Fianna' sponsors, other fundraising activities and promoting social events.

Significant challenges for your committee: The scale and breadth of the club means it is an ongoing challenge to know what's happening across all the different teams, codes and ages. We want to give particular thanks to those managers, mentors and members who send information and images about teams and groups that we can share to the wider club members and beyond: we really appreciate this and would ask team managers to continue to feed such news to pro@clgnafianna.ie

Key objective for next year: With other communications channels now working well, we plan to update the club's website. Finally I would like to take thank Jane Daly Eoin McCabe and Cormac O'Sullivan for all the work that they do.

Key contact: Eugene McHugh, PRO

Committee Name: National Club Draw 2023

Key Activities for the year: Thank you to members and friends of Na Fianna who purchased 677 National Club draw tickets raising in €6770 for the club

Significant challenges for your committee: Overall National Club draw ticket sales were disappointing with sales predominantly driven thru a small number of juvenile age-groups.

Key objective for next year: A concerted effort to get back to selling the full complement of potential tickets available to the club across all age-groups and codes at Nursery, Juvenile and Adult levels.

Key contact: Stephen Downes / Michael Carr

Committee Name: Under 10 Football Blitz

Key Activities for the year: The morning of Sunday 4th of June saw the arrival at Mobhí Road of 260 under-10 footballers forming nineteen teams to play in Na Fianna's annual U10 Football Blitz representing eight different clubs from six counties across Ulster and Leinster, spanning from Dungannon in Tyrone to Blackwater in Wexford.



The throwing-in of the first ball at 11:00 was the culmination of three months of work, starting with initial approaches to teams from March onwards, thousands of messages, dozens of meetings and an eruption of cooperation from the entire 2013 boys group. Many thanks are due to those involved in previous years' events for their advice, which was gratefully taken on board.

Games were scheduled in three divisions, with a total of 51 matches played across 9 pitches over the course of four hours, with staggered break for lunch for every team. A very generous sponsor emerged from the group in the form of Fitzsimons Temple Bar, who not only paid for but also sourced and transported all the supplies for our barbecue and much else besides. With the contribution of snacks and sandwiches from parents, we succeeded in our aim of providing both hot and cold catering free of charge to all players, mentors and parents. The small amount of excess was donated to a local food bank; a testament to the catering group's organisation. Goalposts were transported from other sites in preparation for the games and were returned immediately after the event and the entire Mobhí Road site was cleaned both before and after the event. To cater for the large number of cars and buses arriving a parking plan was put in place and executed flawlessly by those manning the gates. Every player went home with a medal, we had no major injuries that couldn't be handled by our on-site medic and despite the sometimes furious level of competition on the field, the standard of behaviour from both juvenile players and the adults lived up to what was demanded (somewhat bluntly) of all participants in advance, helped in no small way by the calming authority of the juvenile referee team. The messages of thanks received from travelling clubs in the hours and days following were reassurance that the sense of relief and achievement amongst the 2013 boys' group was well justified.

Significant challenges for your committee: Would be an advantage to have confirmation of venue and date more than 6 weeks in advance to facilitate inviting teams. Many prospective clubs had already accepted other blitz offers by the time we could be certain of our date.

If McNulty tournament is to be held on same weekend as U10 Blitz again, a closer cooperation between the two organising teams could simplify or de-duplicate some aspects of hosting.

Really though the support from club officers, past and present, was great. You know who you are; thanks.

Key objective for next year: Since this is not a standing committee, the objective is – as always – to effectively pass on the knowledge to next year's hosts: the 2014 boys.

Key contact: Ciarán Rehill

Committee Name: Saturday Morning Cabin Crew

Key Activities for the year: Providing Teas, coffees, hot chocolate and some treats during the Saturday morning Nursery.

As with everything in the club we are always happy to welcome new volunteers for the odd Saturday morning and the chats!

Significant challenges for your committee: A huge thanks to Frank Gray & Charlie O Reilly for their regular help with up keep in the cabin. And to Eamonn Cassidy who managed to change the water boiler while we all got in his way!

Key objective for next year: Reducing single use plastics/ cups in line with our Green Club initiative.



We are offering 20c discount on hot drinks with a reusable/ keepie cup. We also have some on sale in case you forget yours!

Key contact: Gráinne Ryan

Committee Name: Coiste Cultúrtha agus Teanga

Key Activities for the year: Our Ranganna Gaeilge continue on Thursdays contact ranganna@clgnafianna.ie for more details.

Our music sessions also continue in the Mobhí Suite on Thursday nights, come down and have a listen! A huge well done to our Coiste for organising a brilliant Fleadh na bhFiann in March, we had over 200 people for a celebration of music, singing & scéalaíocht, aswell as playing the tin whistle, bodhrán and some Irish dancing.

We have also had Trips to Leinster House & Glasnevin Cemetery with tours through Irish.

Significant challenges for your committee: n/a

Key objective for next year: We are aiming to have our own Scór na nÓg event in the club, along with participating in Dublin Scór.

Keep an eye out for our Seachtain na Gaeilge activities again in March.

7aside tournament, as gaeilge, coming up in October, we will be looking for players.

Key contact: Gráinne Ryan

Committee Name: Christmas Tree Collection

Key Activities for the year: This was the 11th year of the Christmas Tree Collection. It took place on Saturday 7th of January, and as usual the planning started well in advance of that date. Many thanks to Martin Quilty Snr for being an ever present and driving force with this event.

This was our second year taking tree collection registrations and payments online and allowed for us to be very efficient. An astounding 656 trees were collected by a volunteer crew of 38 club members, including 6 mighty minor hurlers. Once again we are grateful to the collectors sacrifice, giving most of their Saturday to the club, tirelessly working from 8.30am to 3pm.

Overall feedback from club members and the wider community was positive. We are grateful for their continued support and look forward to delivering this community service again in 2024.

Significant challenges for your committee: Each year the challenge of having enough suitable collection vehicles is one that keeps the committee up at night but again the call to arms was heard and we thankfully had 12 vehicles available. Having a committed list of vehicles and helpers in advance of the collection day makes organising the routes much easier.

Key objective for next year: Please consider if you are available to help out in January 2024 (most likely Sat 6th), as the more vehicles and helpers we have the earlier we finish! Watch out for the call to arms in the Nuacht.



Key contact: Eoin McCabe

Committee Name: Na Fianna 5K Good Friday Fun Run

Key Activities for the year: The annual club Good Friday Fun Run took place on April 7th, a huge success with over 324 participants. The Fun Run has been an annual event since 2016 - though we missed 2020 and 2021 - and 2023 was the biggest since Operation Transformation in 2019. Very much a community event, we had many Na Fianna club members participating but the event also attracted participants from other clubs, running clubs, including 50 Sanctuary Runners who participated as either runners or marshals. There was an amazing array of ages represented, including adults of all ages, teenagers and younger!

As part of the online registration, participants were able to nominate a team to support based on code, age or group and 50% of the entry fee goes to that team as a fundraiser. The organisers were delighted to see support given to 36 different teams and groups such as All Stars and Mothers & Others, with the U16 Boys topping the fundraising table receiving €475. So, if you are fundraising next year this could be one for your group to get involved. We are indebted to Feena Corcoran and Joe Murphy for all the work they did on the registration system and creating a system that would allot the funds. The sun shone for us and there was a great community atmosphere on the day. Huge thanks are due to all those who made it possible: RedTag, Irish Red Cross, An Garda Síochána Community Policing for assistance on Griffith Avenue; Scoil Chaitríona and Scoil Mobhí for use of the avenue and car parking; Dublin City Council Parks for the use of Albert College; Buddy's Farmers Market for donating fruit for runners; our senior hurlers and camogie players for leading the warm-up; our volunteers and marshals (club members and Sanctuary Runners) for keeping us safe and cheering along the route; MC Shane Coleman who kept us kept us informed and the dedicated Fun Run Committee who put in a lot of work behind the scenes to bring it all together.

Congratulations to John Donlon, the men's 'race winner' and to the ladies' 'race winner' Julie Cleary, who defended her title from last year. The 2023 run times can be viewed here:

<http://redtagtiming.com/results/NaFianna5km2023.pdf>

Finally, a special thanks to all the participants, without whom the event would not happen or be so successful. Míle buíochas go léir and we look forward to seeing the big crowds again next year, cheering, volunteering and running.

Significant challenges for your committee: N/A

Key objective for next year: N/A

Key contact: Eoin McCabe & Steve Barnes

Committee Name: Director of Coaching & Player Development

Key Activities for the year: Coach Education (Formal Coach Certified Training and 'Informal Workshops')
Additional Coaching Initiatives for teenage Players including Speed School in November, Early Morning Sessions in May, Development Days in June, Nutrition Workshop in September
Formal Athletic Development Programmes for Teenage Team Groups



Significant challenges for your committee: The biggest challenge is trying to coordinate the coaching supports and programmes to make them easily accessible to both players and coaches, who are already investing considerable time in their own group activities. This is additionally tricky as different ages/codes have different timetables and, inevitably, any programme is likely to clash with something. It will be an ongoing process, but our hope is to create a culture where people see value in attending an additional coaching workshop/player initiative in the knowledge that their future development will be helped by their participation... even if this means they forego their own session on a particular evening.

Key objective for next year: A higher percentage of coaches in the Cub attending relevant Coaching Workshops.

Upskilling of 'Player' Coaches who volunteer with younger groups as well as playing with their own teams.

Annual Plans for every age group, done in consultation with Lead Mentors.

Skills 'Snap-Shotting' for every juvenile team by end 2023.

Key contact: Niall Cooper

Féile 2023 – 2008 Boys

This year the Dublin Féile U-15 Boys football and hurling competitions took place from February to May. The 2008 boys entered **4** football and **3** hurling teams with more than 70 boys participating from Na Fianna. There were some great games played across both codes and it was all finished off with two great evenings in Na Fianna with some pizza and other treats for the boys, mentors and parents.

Féile Football

NF1



NF 1 footballers competed in Division 2 of Féile where they had an unbeaten campaign with performances improving week on week. Wins over Raheny, Naomh Barrog and St Brigid's meant Na Fianna topped the group and went into the Semi Final vs an understrength Oliver Plunkett's. This game Na Fianna won convincingly meaning a rematch in the final against Raheny which was played in Naomh Mearnog on the 7th, May. On the day a disciplined and tenacious performance frustrated the opposition leading to a 4-10 to 1-03 victory that was in no way as comfortable as the scoreline indicates and Na Fianna were crowned Div 2 Dublin Champions.

The next outing for NF 1 was the Regional Finals in a cold and windy Stewartstown, Co Tyrone on the 1st, July. Group opposition were, Truagh of Monaghan, Aodh Ruadh Donegal and the hosts Stewartstown. The conditions were difficult with a strong wind blowing down the pitches meaning all of the games were truly "games of two halves".



The boys managed the conditions really well, working hard and playing great football, beating Truagh 5-2 to 1-3, Stewartstown 1-7 to 1-2 & Aodh Ruadh 3-5 to 1-2 to get into the semi-finals. The semi-final against Silverbridge Harps from Armagh was a tough contest, Na Fianna went behind early on before two goals before half-time turned the match in Na Fianna's favour. Final score 2-6 to 1-5

The final at the end of a long day was against Clonduff from Co Down who had also had an unbeaten run up to the final. A really close and hard fought match where Na Fianna, having played with a very strong wind had turned only a point to the good, 0-4 to 0-3. A fantastic defensive effort kept Clonduff scoreless in the second half with Na Fianna adding 2 more points to win 6-3.

A massive thank you to Stewartstown Harps for hosting the Regional Finals, fantastic facilities and really well hosted.

Overall, the boys showed a massive commitment which started just after Christmas, great numbers at training with even the injured turning up to support their team mates. The performances were based on fantastic team work and a really positive and encouraging attitude on and off the pitch. Performances improved week on week with confidence growing but never over confidence.

A special mention to the parents for their commitment, some arranged holidays to ensure that the boys were available for the finals, others crossed the country to collect boys from the Gaeltacht. Thank you to all the supporters who made the journey to Tyrone.

Féile was a fantastic experience and winning the Regional Finals a just reward for all the hard work the boys put in, especially in 2023. Congratulations to all involved.

Panel: Áron O'Connor Casey, Caoileann O'Connell, Caoimhin Fay, Charlie O'Callaghan, Christian Shortall, Cian O'Brien, Cormac O'Loingsigh, David Ginnelly, Fintan Butler, Jack Brogan, Jack Reynolds, Jack Staunton, Jack Sweeney, John Keane, Liam Patten, Luke O'Shea, Max Donnelly, Rian O'Reilly, Tadhg Murnane, Will Nicol.



NF2



NF 2 had a panel of 19 players for Féile. NF 2's divisional group consisted of Kilmacud Crokes, Ballyboden SE and Beann Éadair.



The first game against Kilmacud Crokes ended in a draw. Kilmacud were the eventual divisional Féile Cup Champions, so a great achievement by the team to hold them to a draw. In the second game NF 2 were beaten by a very strong Ballyboden SE team. The final group game was against Beann Éadair which was a loss by 7 points. Following these results, NF 2 went into the Shield Competition. The boys knuckled down ahead of the semi-final against Thomas Ashe. They got their reward as they won by 5-05 to 0-16 in a very good game.

On to the Shield final which turned out to be against Beann Éadair. The boys were well prepared to face Beann Éadair again after losing by 7 points in the group stages. NF 2 came out on top in this game by 8-07 to 2-05, a 25 point swing in 5 weeks.

Panel: Alex Liddy, Alex O'Reilly, Andrew Williamson, Archie Kelly, Cathal Clancy, Conor O'Duffy, David Bateson, David Downes, Fiachra O'Donnchadha, Gary Tpson, Gavin Dooley, Jack Lynch, Liam McNally, Luka Vekic, Michael McLoughlin, Oisín McNeice, Pádraig Roe, Sam Dreelan, Tom Clifford, Mathew Gray.

NF3



The NF 3 football team played in a 6-team league. While there was no final, nonetheless, playing 5 close fought matches brought its own excitement. The campaign started with wins over Fingallians and Cuala, followed by a narrow loss to Westmanstown Gaels and another close loss to eventual winners St. Finian's, Newcastle. The last match was a titanic battle with Templeogue SS played on the Main Pitch at St Mobhi Road. After 15 minutes, the boys were down 2-4 to 0-1. Na Fianna fought back bravely and were ahead 4-6 to 3-7 with a minute remaining when Templeogue scored an 'end to end' counter-attack goal. All seemed lost, but the boys kept their heads, won the kick out and efficiently worked the ball up the pitch to create a scoring opportunity and duly equalize. Special mention to the 2009 boys who lined out for the team along the way, and to parents who put on a BBQ in Mobhi Road after the final match.

Panel: Aidan McLoughlin, Ben Gray, Ben O'Gorman, Christopher Corbett, Conor Foley, Daire Donnan, Daniel Kehoe, Danny Lyons, Darragh O'Toole, Finn Fleming, James Bannon, John King, Liam Cragg, Michael John Rohan, Niall Halpin, Odhran Donnelly, Oisín Hull, Oisín O'Neill, Sean Gilligan, Tom Wright, William Hanley, Zac Sweeney.

NF4



The NF 4 football squad had a great Féile experience. Participating in a very strong group that included both Kilmacud Crokes and Naomh Olaf they gave a very good account of themselves before advancing to



the Divisional shield competition. The lads progressed to the final following a semi-final fixture versus Robert Emmett's that had many twists and turns. For the final they travelled to play Shankhill at their home venue, never an easy task, and lost out following a very exciting match. Huge thank you to all in the club that supported the lads over the duration of the competition especially the 2009 boys that played in the final.

Panel: Anthony Hackett, Ben Edwards, Cillian Doyle, Cillian Pugh, Cillian Gray, Conor Fitzsimons, Donnchadh Guidera, Eoin Mulligan, Finn Butler Brennan, James Loughman, Jamie Gray, JJ Mulvihill, Joe Farrell, JP Sweeney, Liam Corcoran, Louis Mahon, Niall Phelan, Rory O'Shaughnessy, Ross Mealy, Thomas Dunne.

Féile Hurling

NF1



A panel of 20 boys from the 08 group along with support from 3 2009 boys took part in the Division 2 Féile competition. Drawn in a group with Cuala, Clontarf and St. Brigid's the boys put in super performances in the opening games against Cuala and Clontarf to take all four points and qualify for the cup semi-final with one game to go in the round robin section. Despite a below par outing in the final game against St. Brigid's they still topped the group and were drawn to play Round Towers, Lusk in the semi-final. Due to injuries and absences the squad was depleted for the semi-final but were ably assisted by the 09 boys. Having home advantage for the semi-final the game was played on the main pitch at Mobhi Road with a large home support present. Another terrific performance saw the team reach the Féile final versus St. Jude's. The toss of the coin for home venue for the final did not go Na Fianna's way so it meant a trip into the lion's den (St. Paul's Secondary School, Greenhills) **for the final**. This was always going to be a huge task and though NF 1 took an early lead, St. Jude's eventually got the better of them with the tight pitch not suiting Na Fianna's lighter team. So, defeat in the final but a terrific Féile experience for the squad and with Division 1 status for the league being the reward for reaching the Division 2 cup final there is much to look forward to for the rest of the season.

Panel: Caoimhin Fay, Cathal Clancy, Charlie Callaghan, Christian Shortall, Cormac O'Lionsigh, David Ginnelly, Gavin Dooley, Jack Brogan, Jack Reynolds, Jack Staunton, Jack Sweeney, James Loughman, John Keane, Liam McNally, Liam Patten, Niall Halpin, Odhran Donnelly, Rian O'Reilly, Tadgh Murnane, Will Nicol, Cian Cassidy, Fionán O'Connell, Christopher Corbett.

NF2



The NF2 hurlers had a successful, if unusual, Féile experience. They had a great build up and were rearing to go. When the groups were announced we were in a 6 team group which meant no Cup/Shield but a straight league format with a winner take all outcome. We arrived in Johnstown Park primed and ready for our first match only for the opposition, Southern Gaels GPM, to concede and give us the walk over. A good solid training session followed but it was a disappointment for the lads who were ready for action. This meant we would have our first competitive game away to our neighbours St Vincents. Two weeks later we arrived in PNU for our first outing. After a tight first half Na Fianna took over in the second half and ran out comfortable winners in the end. Féile was up and running. Buoyed up by the momentum we travelled two weeks later to Lucan to play Na Gaeil Oga.

The team took to the field dealing with some late changes after our full back picked up an injury the day before while doing some last-minute practice. Despite a slow start we powered into the game and ran out convincing 9 points winners in the end.

Things were now setup for a home match with the only other undefeated team in the group, Wild Geese. This game was likely going to determine the winners of the group. Having suffered a big defeat in the championship final last year to this opposition we knew it was going to be a big challenge. We were delighted to have the match scheduled for the main pitch in Mobhi Road, believing that the better surface would work to our advantage, and so it transpired. A game that will live long in the memory was to follow. Na Fianna powered into the game from the off and were on top for long stages. Some excellent scores and defensive work saw us with a narrow lead at half time and the belief was surging through the team. The first quarter of the second half saw us push further ahead and looking good to take the spoils. Momentum swung back and forth, and the team continued to compete strongly. We were winning with 7 minutes left on the clock. A late goal, from a retaken penalty after the first attempt was brilliantly saved by Jack Lynch, made it a one point game. Two minutes into injury time, with almost the last puck of the game, the opposition scored a point to level things up and the game ended in a draw. A 17 point turnaround from our last meeting. Close but just not enough as it transpired.

We now needed to win our last game and hope the other results went our way to come out on top. For our concluding game away to St Patricks in Palmerstown we were supported by two players from the 09 panel. In a tight game, where we created many chances particularly in the second half, we came out winners by 3 points.

With 3 wins and a draw we were joint top of the table but lost out on score difference. A successful competition overall. Four games undefeated but we narrowly missed out on our objective to gain promotion. The team are improving in skills and teamwork, so we want to push on now and have a good league campaign to finish the year out on a high note.

The U15B team go forward undefeated in Féile.

Panel: Aidan McLaughlin, Archie Kelly, Aron O'Connor Casey, Cian O'Brien, Conor O'Duffy, Dan Kehoe, David Bateson, Finn Fleming, Fintan Butler, Jack Lynch, James Bannon, John King, Mikey McLaughlin, Niall



Phelan, Oisin McNeise, Oisin O'Neill, Padraic Roe, Sam Dreelan, Sean Gilligan, Zac Sweeney, Finn Magee, William O'Mahony.

NF3



The NF 3 squad had a very enjoyable, if ultimately unsuccessful run in Féile division 9. Two defeats in the preliminary stages saw them come up against a fancied Naomh Olaf B team in the Shield Semi Final. Naomh Olaf took an early lead, but Na Fianna battled to get back into contention early in the second half. Unfortunately, Na Fianna came up short in the final stages, but the team took a lot out of the experience and are looking forward to the rest of the season.

Panel: Anthony Hackett, Ben Gray, Cillian Doyle, Conor Fitzimons, Conor Foley, Daire Donan, Danny Lyons, David Downes, Donnechadh Guidera, Eoin Mulligan, Fiachra O'Donnochu, Joe Farrell, Liam Arther, Liam Corcoran, Louis Mahon, Micheal John Rohan, Rory O'Shaughnessy, Ross Mealy, Tom Clifford, Tomas Dunne, William Hanley, Cillian Gray.

And Finally...

Thanks to the 2009 boys who augmented our squads where required. Thank you to all of the supporters who travelled to games near and far throughout Féile and to those who volunteered for umpire and sideline duties. Thanks also to everyone who provided much needed supplies and treats throughout. A special thanks to Mazars for their generous sponsorship of Féile for the group and to all of the mentors involved for the time and energy they put in throughout the year. A final thank you to the Na Fianna Fixtures team for being as accommodating as they possibly could be to the numerous requests received and to the Ground Maintenance team in Na Fianna for the great work they do in keeping the facilities in such excellent condition so we can train and play our games.

Committee Name: Football Committee

Key Activities for the year: Rearrangement of players to more appropriate teams to facilitate greater levels of participation.

Significant challenges for your committee: Nothing particular

Key objective for next year: Secure the future of playing numbers in the 19-23 age group in particular. Stabilise Team 2 and 3 both relegated in 2022 with new management teams and plan for return to higher grades.

Ensure U19s from 2022 are appropriately allocated and utilised.

Use the summer period to allow 2022 minor 2nd year players integrate and better prepare them for 2024 season.



Key contact: Barry Corrigan



NOMINATIONS

Baill	Members	Outgoing	Nomination
Uachtarán	President	Eamon Murphy ***	Gretta Gray
Leas Uachtarán	Vice-President	Frank Gray, Noel Clerkin, Gretta Gray	Frank Gray, Noel Clerkin, Tom Freeman
Cathaoirleach	Chairman	Paul Smith *	Cormac O'Donnchu
Leas-Chathaoirleach	Vice-Chairman	Donal Buggy *	Colm Ó Ceallacháin
Runaí	Secretary	Nicky Callaghan *	Therese McGlinchey
Leas-Runaí	Assistant Secretary	Steve Downes	Steve Downes
Cisteoir	Treasurer	Downey Keegan	Downey Keegan
Leas-Cisteoir	Assistant Treasurer	Ronan Carroll	Lesley Jamesion
Cath. Cluichí na nÓg	C'man-Juvenile Games / Coaching Officer	Michael Carr	Michael Carr
Cath. Cluichí Sinsir	C'man -Senior Games	Andy Matthews	Andy Matthews
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	Public Relations Officer	Eugene McHugh *	
Ionadaí na nImreoirí	Players' Representative	Ciara Tierney *	Liam Stacey
Oifigeach Cultúrtha agus Teanga	Culture and Language Officer	Gráinne Ryan	Gráinne Ní Ríán
Ball den Comhar (a)	Executive Member (a)	Eugene McHugh *	Edel Cassidy
Ball den Comhar (b)	Executive Member (b)	Declan Feeney *	Fergal Scanlon
Ball den Comhar (c)	Executive Member (c)	Colm Davis *	Ronan Carroll
Oifigeach Leanaí	Childrens' Officer	John Nisbet	



MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation No. 1

That every playing squad – of all ages and grades – are given the opportunity to play at least one county board fixture on the front pitch at Mobhi Road in each calendar year. – **Ciarán Rehill**

Recommendation No. 2

I wish to recommend a review of current CLG Na Fianna Bar Facilities and services.

Firstly, I wish to take this opportunity to commend Downey in her role as treasurer who has gone above and beyond to ensure the club bar has remained open for the last year. Without her efforts I strongly believe that the clubs bar facilities would cease to exist in CLG Na Fianna.

- Essential maintenance and repair works carried out in Patsys Bar and Mobhi Suite, and other areas of clubhouse
- The lift has been out of service since the beginning of the year leaving members with mobility difficulties from accessing club bar and functions
- Current function and ideology for bar facilities needs to be addressed. Is the purpose of bar facilities to provide maximum profit for the club or is the aim of the bar to be a social outlet for club members? The decision for a tier 2 pricing of goods at a members only event with also no option to avail of membership discount by using membership card is difficult to comprehend. Was this discussed and agreed at executive level and how was it deemed that this would encourage people to continue to avail of club bar facilities?
- Review of current hours, and letting members know what they are.
- Food in Clubhouse

I feel these factors are some of the reasons why there is not a regular number of people utilising the clubs bar facilities. Members want to use club bar in order to support the club and also enjoy the community element it has the potential to offer but it has proven difficult to remain loyal to the service over the past while. The element of GAA's community spirit and the use of bar facilities to unite members especially older members appears to be lost. I strongly feel this needs to be addressed to encourage people to come to Na Fianna and be part of the social aspect of club life.

I am aware there is currently no bar manager appointed at present, a review of what is being offered as a position and updated to ensure that someone is appointed asap. – **Andy Flaherty**

Recommendation No. 3

The Na Fianna Executive Committee, on behalf of club members, will direct the club delegates, to both the Dublin Camogie and the Dublin Ladies Football Association County Boards, to submit the following recommendation to the 2023 AGMs of both those boards:



“The Executive Committee, or any other such committee as appropriate, shall coordinate with their counterparts in Dublin Camogie/Dublin Ladies Football to devise and agree a master schedule for 2024 to provide for week on/week off fixtures for U18 league and championship and there after for adult league and championships.”

The Na Fianna delegates will report back to the Na Fianna Executive Committee following their respective County Board AGMs and the Executive Committee will provide an update to club members via An Nuacht no later than January 2024. – **Anne Barrett**