



# COUNTY BOARD NEWS

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## Congrats to Newtown

Well done to Newtownshandrum, who defeated Ballygunner of Waterford in the Munster Senior Club Final on November 29<sup>th</sup> on a scoreline of 2-11 to 2-9.



## Cork GAA Survey

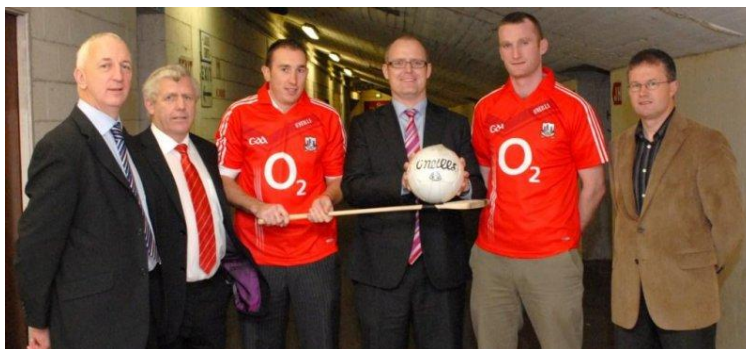
Anyone with an interest in Cork GAA is invited to participate in our web survey as part of the Cork Strategic Vision and Action Plan. Many thanks to all those who have contributed so far.

Your submissions are vital, and you can find the survey on [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie) or [click here](#) to participate.



## Launch of New Cork Jersey

The new O'Neill's Cork GAA Jersey was unveiled in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on November 25<sup>th</sup>. The launch was attended by various inter-county players and managers, as well as representatives of our sponsors, O2 and O'Neill's.



*Conor Counihan, Jerry O'Sullivan, John Gardiner, Enda Lynch (O2), Nicholas Murphy and Denis Walsh*

The new jersey is now in the shops and would make an ideal Christmas gift. Juvenile jerseys are available from Páirc Uí Rinn at a special price.



*Frank Murphy (County Runaí), Frank Murphy (O'Neill's), Catherine Tiernan (O2), Gerard Lane (County PRO)*

## GAA Season Ticket

The **GAA Season Ticket** for 2010 is now on sale – this represents fantastic value for the true GAA supporter. For a base price of **€75** (adult) and **€10** (juvenile), you get entry to **ALL** Cork league games **in the code of your choice** (either hurling or football) and **the opening Championship fixture** in that code. For full details including all terms and conditions, and to purchase, see <http://seasonticket.gaa.ie/>

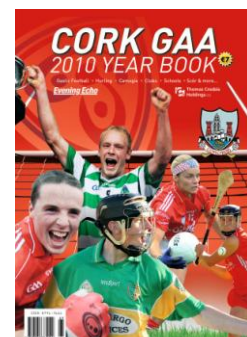
## Munster Junior Hurling Club Final

Best wishes to Cork's last remaining representatives in the Munster Championships, Fermoy, as they go out in the Munster Final on December 13<sup>th</sup> hoping to cap off a fairytale year with a historic victory.

**Munster JHC Club Final:** Fermoy v Blackrock, 1.30pm, 13/12/09, Mallow

## Cork Yearbook 2010

The 2010 Yearbook, published in conjunction with the Evening Echo, will be on sale at Convention on December 12<sup>th</sup> at a cost of €7, and in the shops too – an ideal stocking-filler!



## Club Affiliations 2010

Clubs should have received their affiliation forms in the post in the last few days – please note that these must be returned by **December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

A copy of the form is also available on [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie) or [click here](#) to download.



## St. Stephen's Day Sevens

Macroom GAA Club will host a Gaelic Football Sevens Competition on St. Stephen's Day, open to a limited number of teams from the senior and intermediate ranks.

Entries close on **December 10<sup>th</sup>**, and can be sent to [macroom7s@gmail.com](mailto:macroom7s@gmail.com). See below for more details, or [click here](#) to download poster. An ideal way to work off the turkey!



**SEVEN-A-SIDE MENS FOOTBALL COMPETITION**  
 VENUE – TOM CREEDON PARK MACROOM  
 STARTING AT 11 A.M. ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009  
 ENTRY FEE – €70 PER SQUAD OF TEN.  
 REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE AT 10AM IN THE MACROOM GAA CLUBHOUSE IN THE CASTLE GROUNDS.  
 ENTRY IS LIMITED TO EMAIL IN YOUR TEAM'S ENTRY BY THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TO [MACROOM7S@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MACROOM7S@GMAIL.COM) ON THE ENTRY FORM ATTACHED.

## 96Fm/C103 Annual Awards Banquet

Congratulations to **Aidan Walsh** of Kanturk, who was named 96Fm C103 Sports Person of the Year 2009 at a gala banquet in Rochestown Park Hotel on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The well-deserved award recognises Aidan's contribution to the All-Ireland victories of the Cork U21 Footballers and the Intermediate Footballers, in addition to his involvement with Duhallow, CIT and Munster.



Finbarr McCarthy, Shay Livingstone (Rochestown Park Hotel), Christy Cooney, Aidan Walsh, Kieran McGeeney (96Fm & C103), Jerry O'Sullivan (County Chairman)

Well done also to **Johnny Crowley**, who received the Hall of Fame award from special guest, Uachtarán CLG Christy Cooney.



Kieran McGeeney (96Fm & C103), Shay Livingstone (Rochestown Park Hotel), Christy Cooney, Johnny Crowley, Jerry O'Sullivan (County Chairman), Finbarr McCarthy

## Lá na gClub 2010

Following the huge success of Lá na gClub 2009, the GAA has decided to make this an annual fixture, with Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> the designated day for 2010. All clubs are urged to make this a day to remember for all their members, supporters and friends.



CELEBRATING **125** years OF THE GAA

## New Champ'ship Format 2010/11

At the County Board meeting of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, a new format for the County Championships was endorsed by clubs. Essentially, the new format involves a later start date and an extra chance in the championships for Round 1 losers. [Click here](#) for full details, or see [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie)



## Minor Board Convention

The Annual Convention of Bórd Mionúr Chorcaí was held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The following officers were elected for 2010:  
**Chairman:** Peter Hogan  
**Vice Chairman:** Sean Collins  
**Secretary:** Jim Healy  
**Treasurer / PRO:** Martin O'Brien  
**Development Officer:** Cian O'Brien

[Click here](#) to read the Runáí's report for 2009. [Click here](#) to read the address of the outgoing Chairman, Diarmuid O'Donovan.



## New Challenge Match Service

Does your Club find it difficult to organise a challenge match? Paul Long, secretary of Kilmacow GAA Club, has set up a dedicated challenge match service - check it out at [www.challengemat.ch.ie](http://www.challengemat.ch.ie)

This is a FREE service, that has grown from a small rural area at local level, to now nationwide and beyond. For more information, visit [www.challengemat.ch.ie](http://www.challengemat.ch.ie) or contact Paul at: Email: [info@challengemat.ch.ie](mailto:info@challengemat.ch.ie) Tel: 087-7512828



## Splash Out with GAA Museum

The Croke Park Experience has teamed up with the National Aquatic Centre to provide a fun filled day out for GAA Clubs. Great savings can be made if you visit both between January and March 2010. Check out [www.nac.ie](http://www.nac.ie) and [www.gaa.ie/museum](http://www.gaa.ie/museum) for more information or contact: Maria Gorman, Bookings Executive, Tel- 01 8192374 or email [tours@crokepark.ie](mailto:tours@crokepark.ie)

## Bórd Gáis Energy Munster GAA Awards

Congratulations to all the Cork award winners at the Bórd Gáis Munster GAA Awards, which were presented at a gala banquet in Lawlor's Hotel Dungarvan on Saturday, December 5th.



*The Cork winners with officers of the Munster Council and Cork County Board.*

[Click here](#) for full list of award winners

## Red FM Senior Hurling League

Unfortunately our League Final, scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>, fell victim to the weather and had to be postponed. However, cheques were presented to the four clubs who finished in the top six but did not reach the final: Erin's Own, Killeagh, Blackrock and St. Finbarr's, and to Carrigtwohill for completing their programme. In attendance on the night was Fiona Darcy, RedFM CEO, who presented a sponsorship cheque to County PRO, Gerard Lane. In his speech, Gerard Lane expressed his thanks to RedFM for their generous sponsorship of this competition.



*Roger Ryan (Secretary SHL Committee), Gerard Lane (County PRO), Fiona Darcy (RedFM CEO) and Pat Horgan (Chairman SHL Committee)*

A new date will be arranged for the League Final at the earliest possible opportunity – look out for details on [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie)

[Click here](#) for more photos

## County Convention 2009

Annual Convention takes place in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm, preceded by Mass at 6pm. There are three contests for officerships this year, with Bob Ryan and Pat Horgan contesting Vice-Chairman, Daithi Pearse and Liam O Laochdha vying for Irish and Cultural Officer and Des Cullinane, Mick Dolan and Finbarr McCarthy running for Central Council delegate. **Clubs are reminded to get their votes in by Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**, and the count takes place that night.

## Cork Footballers Boxing for Charity!

The Cork Senior Football panel will hold a Celebrity Boxing Tournament in Rochestown Park Hotel on December 27<sup>th</sup> in aid of the *Breaking the Silence* charity. Tickets are €20 and there will be a raffle of unique memorabilia on the night. Tickets are available from Rochestown Park Hotel: 021-4890800



## Rule Changes 2010

Clubs are reminded that registration of Full and Youth members must be completed before April. Registrations must be completed electronically, through the Association's online player and member registration system (rule 2.2 of the Official Guide). **This is now the only acceptable method of registration in the GAA.**

Clubs should also be aware that the closing date for the acceptance of membership fees in order to entitle a person to the privileges of membership, including the right to vote at the club AGM, is on a date prior to March 31 (rule 6.2 of the Club Constitution).

**Therefore, the old date of August 1 is no longer in use.**

Training for the new online registration system will take place in all counties in early 2010. Many counties are already on board the online system, with 960 clubs having used the system to register in 2009, and Cork will be joining up in 2010. Clubs will be receiving further communication on this in due course. [Click here](#) for more details.



## Cork Medal Presentations

Medals were presented to the four victorious Cork teams of 2009 at a function in Rochestown Park Hotel on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Footballers received their McGrath Cup and Munster Championship Medals, while All-Ireland Medals were presented to the Junior Football, Intermediate Hurling and U21 Football teams, crowning a very successful year on the field of play. Presentations were also made to the various selection committees, and to Tommy Lynch to mark his recent 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.



*Jerry O'Sullivan (County Chairman), Dara McSweeney (Capt. Intermediate Hurlers), Chris O'Donovan (Capt. Jnr. Footballers), Colm O'Neill (Capt. U21 Footballers), Graham Carty (Capt. Snr. Footballers)*



*The O'Driscoll and McLoughlan brothers who were all members of the U21 Football panel: Kevin O'Driscoll, Colm O'Driscoll, John McLoughlan and Lorcán McLoughlan*

[Click here](#) to view more photos from the event

## Nollaig Shona agus Ath-bhliain Faoi Mhaise Daoibh!

County Board News wishes all our readers a happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year – look out for us again early in 2010.



## Cork Colleges Finals

### Simcox Cup (Senior Football):

St. Fachtna's v DLS Macroom @ 6.00pm

### Dr. O'Callaghan Cup (Senior Hurling):

Midleton CBS v St. Colman's @ 7.45pm

**Venue:** CIT Sports Complex  
**Date:** December 9th



## Cork GAA Website – History

We plan to expand the History section of our website over the coming months, and are appealing for your help in this. Cork's GAA history is so vast it would be impossible to cover it all in such a setting, but we feel sure that many of you have items that might be of interest to users of our site, and if you have anything you would like to share with us, please contact Gerard Lane at [pro.cork@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.cork@gaa.ie)

