



# COUNTY BOARD NEWS

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## Fixtures

**Evening Echo  
County SFC –  
Divisions/Colleges  
Round 2**

**Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>:**  
Duhallow v Muskerry  
@ Duhallow venue,  
3.30pm  
Carbery v Seandún,  
@ Brinny, 3.30pm

For details of all  
fixtures and results,  
see [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie)

**Evening Echo**

## Mitchelstown GAA History

Mitchelstown GAA Club recently launched a history of their club, "**The Mitchelstown Blackthorns Story**". Written by well-known GAA commentator Bob Honohan, "The Mitchelstown Blackthorns Story" can now be purchased online at [www.mitchelstowngaa.com](http://www.mitchelstowngaa.com)



## New Cork Referees

11 Referee Courses were held in the county over the past three months with a total of **169** referees completing the In-Service Courses and **58** new referees completing the Level 1 Courses. All these courses were well attended with great interest and enthusiasm shown by all taking part. This augurs well for the future of refereeing within the county. At the recent presentation of certificates to new referees, County Referee Administrator John Motherway thanked an Coiste Chontae, all the Divisional Boards and especially the Referee Administrators in all Divisions for their help in organising these courses and also his fellow tutor Pat Moore (Waterford) for his commitment, help and advice.



A group of the new referees pictured with Cork Referees' Co-Ordinator John Motherway, Referee Tutor and former inter-county referee Pat Moore and County PRO Gerard Lane.  
**\*Photo courtesy George Hatchell**

## GAA Theme of the Month: Go Games

GAA Go Games are small-sided games with modified rules in both Hurling (Go Hurling) and Gaelic Football (Go Gaelic) called First Touch (under 8), Quick Touch (under 10) and Smart Touch (under 12). [Click here](#) to view a GAA Go Games video, and [here](#) to download Go Games playing guidelines, or see [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie) for more information.



## Lá na gClub

Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> is Lá na gClub 2010. That **Sunday during the day must be left free** for clubs who wish to organise activities of their own, though games can be played after 6pm. All clubs are asked to forward details of their planned activities to [administrator.cork@gaa.ie](mailto:administrator.cork@gaa.ie) at the earliest opportunity.



## Minor Non-Exam Leagues

Once again the Non-Exam Leagues run annually by Bórd Mionúr Corcaighe are approaching. Entries must be received by the Minor Board before **April 21<sup>st</sup>** and full details have been sent to all clubs. For more information and an application form, see [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie) or [click here](#) to download. An entry fee of €20 per team or €30 per dual entry applies.



## Dates for Your Diary

**11 April:** Allianz NFL Div 1 Round 7 Cork v Mayo, Páirc Uí Chaoimh @ 2.30pm  
**14 April:** Munster MFC Q-Final Clare v Cork, Ennis  
**18 April:** Allianz NHL Div 1 Round 7 Galway v Cork Pearse Stadium @ 2.30pm  
**20 April:** County Board Meeting, 8.30pm  
**25 April:** Allianz NFL Final, Cork v Mayo/Dublin, Croke Park  
**28 April:** Munster MHC Q-Final Cork v Tipp, P. Uí Chaoimh  
**2 May:** Allianz NHL Final, venue tbc  
**6 May:** Launch of County Championships, Rochestown Park, 7.30pm



## Google Chrome

Many of you access the internet through Internet Explorer and we wish to inform you that both the GAA email system and the Cork GAA website work best when accessed through **Google Chrome**, which is a faster internet browser. It may take a little getting used to, but you will notice the difference in **speed and performance** immediately. [Click here](#) to get your free download and follow the instructions.



## Launch of VHI Cúl Camps 2010

Now in its fifth year, the VHI GAA Cúl Camps is a nationally co-ordinated programme aimed at primary school children between the ages of 7 and 13. Cork will have 90 camps run throughout the summer months of July and August. **Any clubs wishing to host such a camp should contact Paudie O'Brien, Games Development Administrator (086-7725411).** The 2010 VHI GAA Cúl Camps are expected to be extremely popular with huge demand already coming through and parents are advised to book early to ensure they get a place at the camp of their choice. Online booking is now open at [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie) or [www.vhiculcamps.gaa.ie](http://www.vhiculcamps.gaa.ie), or contact your local club.



*Pictured at the Cork launch of the VHI Cúl Camps 2010: Kevin O'Callaghan (Games Manager), Jerry O'Sullivan (County Chairman), Gerard Lane (County PRO), Paudie O'Brien (Games Development Administrator), Patrick Kelly (Cork Footballer), with Colman Quinn and Cormac O'Brien.*

*\*Photo courtesy Mike English*

## Eddie O'Brien Honoured



*GAA President Christy Cooney with Eddie O'Brien*

Cork legend, Eddie O'Brien (3-Goal EddieO) was recently honoured at a fundraising function for the **Marymount Hospice Building Fund** held in Silversprings Hotel. The event was attended by special guests Christy Cooney and Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, and featured a "This is Your Sporting Life" tribute to Eddie O'Brien.

To donate to Marymount Hospice, visit [http://www.mycharity.ie/donate\\_charityIndex.php?charityID=282](http://www.mycharity.ie/donate_charityIndex.php?charityID=282)

## Cork GAA Website – Did you know?

Have you checked out the **Forms/Downloads** section of [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie) lately?



Here you will find a multitude of useful documents and links. The **Forms** section is particularly useful for club officials, as you can download a wide variety of club-related forms including Vetting forms, various financial forms and guidelines, club membership forms, transfer forms and so on. The **General** section contains a varied selection of documents which would be of interest to anyone involved in GAA – the GAA Official Guide, Health and Safety Guidelines, Club Officer training documents, posters, the GAA Club Constitution and much, much more. You will also find copies of various presentations made to Cork clubs in this section.

Check it out for yourself at [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie)!



## UCC Centre for Adult and Continuing Education

UCC's Centre for Adult and Continuing Education guide 2010/2011 will be launched by **Kilkenny manager Brian Cody** as part of their Open Evening on **Wed. April 21st** at the UCC Student Centre, 5pm-9pm.



## Guidelines on Texting Underage Players

**The texting of under age players in the GAA by their Club or Club representative.**

Much publicity has arisen of late and many enquires have been made following media attention focussing on the GAA good practice recommendations regarding the use of text messages to under age players. GAA Children's Officer Gearóid Ó Maolmichíl recently issued guidelines to all clubs – [click here](#) to view or see [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie)



## Red FM U14 Long Puck

At half time in Cork's Allianz National Hurling League game against Tipperary on April 4<sup>th</sup>, an U14 Long Puck Competition was held, generously sponsored by **Red FM**. Eight of the 16 Senior hurling clubs had been drawn to take part, and the competition was won by Alan O'Callaghan of Blackrock. Runners-up were Patrick Collins of Ballinhassig and Stephen O'Flynn of Carrigtwohill. Additional prizes for the competition were sponsored by **Mycro** and **O2**.



*Eoin O'Sullivan (Douglas), Stephen Lee (Erin's Own), Cillian Doyle (Sars), Stephen O'Flynn (Carrigtwohill), Alan O'Callaghan (Blackrock), Olan Murphy (St. Finbarr's), Evan O'Connell (Glen Rovers), Patrick Collins (Ballinhassig)*

*\*Photo courtesy of George Hatchell*

## County Board Report

The main item on the agenda for the meeting of Coiste Chontae Chorcaí on April 6<sup>th</sup> was **Congress Motions**. The meeting was generally against the proposed changes to the playing rules with some exceptions such as the retention of the 'mark' in football. Other notable decisions were the rejection of Motion 84 relating to U12 games, which was debated at length before the motion to reject it was passed, and the overwhelming support for allowing Central Council the power to decide on the use of Croke Park for other sports if the need arises.

In other business, tribute was paid to outgoing Central Council delegate Bob Honohan who has served in this capacity for 22 years and who will be replaced by Des Cullinane at Congress 2010.

Congratulations were offered to **Patrick Horgan**, who has just been named **Vodafone Player of the Month** for March, and **Diarmuid Kirwan** on receiving the **Vodafone Referee of the Year Award**.

It was also reported that a Munster Féile Péil na nÓg blitz will be held in Cork on **May 29<sup>th</sup> 2010** in preparation for next year's All-Ireland Féile Peil na nÓg – see **Gaeilge/Cultúr** for more details. The next County Board meeting will be on **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.



## Cork Players Seeking Employment

Due to the current difficult economic climate, a number of Cork senior hurlers and footballers are presently unemployed and we would appreciate if any employer out there would consider them if a suitable position arises. Please contact the County PRO at [pro.cork@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.cork@gaa.ie), 086-7710766 or the office at [administrator.cork@gaa.ie](mailto:administrator.cork@gaa.ie), 021-4963311 for further details.



## Juvenile Cork Jerseys

Just a reminder that Juvenile Cork jerseys are on sale in Páirc Uí Rinn at a special price from 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday. Phone 021-4291604 to check availability of sizes. Prices vary according to size.



## Divisional IT Trainers

Reminder: the County IT Committee is seeking two (or more) volunteers from each division who would be willing to provide IT support for Club and Divisional Officers in their area. Full training in the new GAA Email system will be provided for these volunteers. **If you or anyone you know would be interested in getting involved in this initiative,** please contact your divisional secretary **without delay** – for contact details, see [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie)

## GAA Players' Injury Scheme

Guidelines for the GAA Players' Injury Scheme 2010 were recently issued to all clubs, incorporating the recent changes to the scheme.

[Click here](#) to download these guidelines, or see [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie).

**Claimants should note that only 2010 claim forms should be used** – these can be downloaded from [www.gaacork.ie](http://www.gaacork.ie) or [click here](#)



## Coaching and Games Development

A very successful Munster Coaching Conference was held recently in Mallow, and was well attended by Cork coaches.



*Cork Games Manager Kevin O'Callaghan and Minor Board Development Officer Cian O'Brien at the Munster Coaching Conference*

**Eamonn Ryan**, current Cork Ladies Football 5 in a row winning coach and all round coaching legend, will be delivering a **Football Workshop** – "*Coaching Skills through Small Sided and Conditioned Games, a games based approach to Coaching*" on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 8pm to 10pm in Éire Óg GAA Club in Ovens**. For more information please contact Martin Coleman 0867725372.

## Gaeilge/Cultúr

### **Le Liam Ó Laochdha** **Féile Peile na nÓg 2011**

Tá an-áthas orainn go mbeidh an Féile Peile ar siúl i gCorcaigh an bhliain seo chugainn, le cúnamh Dé. Is iontach an deis é seo chun féile thar barr a chur ar fáil. Beidh an-obair i gceist ach ag deireadh an lae tá mé cinnte go mbeidh féile den scoth againn. Idir an dá linn tá obair eile idir lámha againn -Mion-Fhéile na Mumhan. Go n-éirí go geal linn!

### **Féile Peile na nÓg na Mumhan 2010**

A mini -Féile will be held i gCorcaigh this year on Saturday May 29th. 6 Roinn/6 Grád will be hosted which will allow for 30 Club Chorcaí to participate. It will be run on one day in the close environs of the city. Games will be 15 mins a half and kickouts will be allowed from the hand. Is Peil fé 14 atá i gceist. If your Club is interested, please indicate to Bord na nÓg prior to 13th April. Beidh Comórtaisí ann i bPeil na gCailíní chomh maith.



## Next Issue

The next issue of County Board News will be published on **April 20th.**

Please forward this newsletter to your club contacts.

## "Lest We Forget"

This book, written by **John Arnold**, remembers the GAA's founding fathers and will be launched at Congress 2010. It is only available from the author: 025-36715/087-9538077 or [foxyjohnarnold@hotmail.com](mailto:foxyjohnarnold@hotmail.com)

## Your Country, Your Call

This initiative, launched recently by Dr. Martin McAleese, has the full support of the GAA and all clubs were recently reminded by Ard-Stiúrthóir, Páraic Duffy, to "*visit the website, [www.yourcountryyourcall.com](http://www.yourcountryyourcall.com), spread the word and get thinking, talking and proposing!*" The interactive website contains full details of the initiative and provides a platform for potential entrants to see who else is entering, what else is being proposed and seek possible collaborations. To date, approximately 4200 submissions have been received – get yours in now!