

BLARNEY GAA NEWS



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Blarney's Super-Saturday!

Saturday October 27th

RebelÓg Fé14 P1 Hurling League Final:

Blarney 4-13 Na Piarasaigh 0-09 (Delaney's 11.30am)

Mid-Cork Junior B Hurling League Final:

Blarney 2-12 Ballincollig 2-10 (Ovens 3pm)



On a great day's hurling for all Blarney supporters on October 27th, our U14 and Junior B hurlers both won their respective league titles. First up on a sunny morning was the short trip to Delaney's, where the men in red put on an outstanding display to beat neighbours Na Piarasaigh to the County Premier 1 Hurling League. This was a superb achievement having come up from the Premier 2 grade this year, and is testament to the work this team is putting in.

It was then on to Ovens to see our Junior B's complete the first leg of their Mid-Cork double bid with a storming finish to see off Ballincollig. The lads now face into the County League as well as their Mid-Cork Championship final replay – see over the page for more on both teams!



Above: U14 Hurlers with the RebelÓg P1 Hurling League Trophy

Below: Junior B Hurlers prior to Mid-Cork League Final

October/November 2012

Parish Leagues

The Blarney/Rathpeacon GAA Hurling Parish Leagues were played over two weeks in October, and as ever it was a great event, with all teams playing with great enthusiasm and skill. The teams aged from 7 to 10 played the main competition, which was won by the "village" team. All teams played their part in ensuring it was a great tournament however, and thanks also to all who helped out including organisers, mentors, parents and referees.

There was also mini U6 games going on, and these were great fun for all the players. Well done to all the players involved, there were plenty of future stars on show!

Garda League

Well done to our U11 team who have qualified for the final of the Garda league. Details of the fixture will be on www.blarneygaa.ie so keep an eye out, and Best of luck to the team in the final!

Upcoming Fixtures

Saturday 3rd of November

Junior B County Hurling League Semi-Final
v Bantry Blues in Inchigeela at 3.30pm.

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An Bhlárna Abú

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U14 Hurling League Final Report

After a brilliant performance on Saturday 27th in Delaney's, Blarney came out deserving winners of the County Hurling League, beating a strong Na Piarasaigh side. Both sides were up for the game after their close battle at the same venue earlier in the year, and it was a hard-fought affair from the outset.

After the tense opening exchanges with Blarney playing into the breeze Na Piarasaigh led by two points to one, before Conor McCarthy won a great ball from his centre-forward position and his well-struck shot found it's way to the net. Blarney's defense were playing great stuff at this point, Leon Ahern, Barry Dennehy and Luke Madden snuffing out any danger in the full-back

line and David Sheahan clearing a huge amount of ball around the half-back line. They were also thankful to James Dineen who made two great saves to keep Na Piarasaigh at bay at a crucial time. The forwards were causing trouble for the Piarasaigh defense and minutes after the first goal Dylan O'Riordan broke a good ball to Kilian Hurley to charge through and fire a great shot to the net. Michael John Shine and Alan McEvoy were working hard at centre field also, and the two combined moments later to set McEvoy cutting through the centre and again he buried Blarney's third goal in five minutes. Na Piarasaigh were set back by this blitz, but they were not going to lie down easily, and they came charging back into the game, closing down the Blarney attacks and neither side was giving an inch. The sides exchanged points three times before half time was called, and Blarney managed to hold their lead at the break, 3-4 to 0-5.

Playing with the breeze in the second half, Blarney were intent on increasing their advantage, but Na Piarasaigh were battling very well and threw everything at them. Again the backs were doing great work, Patrick Crowley playing a blinder at centre back, backed up by Kevin O'Brien and Jack Kelleher on the wings, and Sean Hannigan who was working back all the time along with the midfielders Shine and McEvoy. Blarney began to get stranglehold again on the game and tacked on a few more points, Conor Murphy winning a lot of ball at full forward and McCarthy, Shine and McEvoy adding some great scores from play and from frees. When Oscar Twomey added the fourth goal with ten to play it looks like Blarney had the winning of the game, and so it turned out, McCarthy putting the icing on the cake with two great points in the final moments.

Both teams played their part in a fantastic hour's hurling, and the win was a just reward for the outstanding work this team have put in all year in training with coach Sean O'Riordan. Well done to the team on a brilliant performance - **An Bhlárna Abú!**

Blarney: James Dineen, Luke Madden, Leon Aherne, Barry Dennehy, Kevin O'Brien, Patrick Crowley, Jack Kelleher, Alan McEvoy, Michael John Shine, Sean Hannigan, Conor McCarthy, Kilian Hurley, Dylan O'Riordan, Conor Murphy, David Sheahan, Oscar Twomey, James Doody, Luke O'Connor, Brian Walsh, James Walsh, Eamonn O'Mahony, Declan O'Hanlon, Conor Power.



Pics from the U14 County Hurling League Final & celebrations.



Blarney's Junior B Hurlers were successful in the first part of their Mid-Cork double bid when they beat Ballincollig in an exciting finish in Ovens on Saturday the 27th. Fresh from their drawn Championship final Blarney were focused for this game but were matched by Ballincollig who had a strong team out on the day and it was clear it was not going to be a repeat of the Championship encounter won comfortably by Blarney. Ballincollig raced into a five point to one lead early, but Blarney pulled it back to lead 1-6 to 5 points at half time. Ballincollig dominated long periods of the second half however and lead by 1-10 to 1-7 with ten to go. Blarney got to grips with it again however and scored three unanswered points to bring it level before Cormac O'Keeffe set up Cian Sexton for a great goal. They quickly added another point, but it was not over yet and Ballincollig got a fortunate goal to bring it back to a point in injury time. Blarney were not to be beaten though and held out, O'Keeffe having the final say as the lads ran out winners on a scoreline of 2-12 to 2-10.

Next up was a tough assignment against 2012 County Championship winners Castlemagner on Halloween night, but again the lads came up trumps, seeing off a tough challenge on a scoreline of 2-12 to 1-06. Next up is Bantry Blues in the League Semi-Final, and with the Championship final replay still on the horizon there's a lot to play for yet. Check out www.blarneygaa.ie for details

Club Development Draw

Many thanks to all who supported our recent Club Development Draw and Congratulations to the Winners (listed below).

Name	Prize
Sally Hurley	€3,000
Catherine & Joe Forde	€300
Matt Murphy	€200
Yvonne Hartnett	€100
Caoimhe O'Leary	€100
Brian & Marie Grogan	€100
Ronan Redmond	€100
Ann Michael Ruby	€100
Donal O'Donovan	€100
Denis Mullane	€100
Ellie O'Donovan	€100
Ann Crowley	€100
Peter McGivern	€100
John Finnerty	€50
Raymond & Eve Madden	€50
Catherine Hegarty	€50
Denis O'Leary	€50
John O'Flynn	€50
Philip O'Doherty	€50
Dara Harkwork	€50
Colin Horgan	€50
Donal Dilworth	€50
Imelda Lyons	€50