



COUNTY BOARD NEWS

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Dates for your Diary

April 24th: Cork GAA Clubs' Draw, hosted by Ballyclough

May 6th & 7th: Inter-County Open evenings, details tbc

May 6th: County Board Meeting, 8.30pm

May 25th: Munster SHC Q-Final, Cork v Waterford, 4pm @ Thurles

IHC Cork v Waterford, 2pm @ Thurles

*For more, see Events Calendar on

www.gaacork.ie



Cork GAA Clubs' Draw

The April Cork GAA Clubs' Draw will be hosted by Ballyclough on Thursday 24th, starting at 9pm approximately.

Results will be posted on www.gaacork.ie as soon as possible after the draw.

For more information, or to join, see

www.corkgaadraw.ie.



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Highs and Lows on the Inter-County Scene

April got off to a good start for the Cork U21 Footballers, who continued their dominance of Munster by winning a fourth title in a row on April 9th, overcoming Tipperary in the Munster Final at Páirc Uí Rinn on a scoreline of 1-18 to 3-8. The win was all the more impressive given that Tipperary beat Cork in the Munster Minor Final in 2011, and now brings Cork level with Kerry on Munster titles at this grade, each having won 25. The Cork scorers were: Alan Cadogan, Dan McEoin (0-4f) 0-5 each, Sean Kiely 1-1, Brian O'Driscoll 0-3 (0-1f), Kevin Crowley 0-2, Mark Sugrue (0-1f), John Corkery 0-1 each, and the team lined out as follows: Micheál Martin, Jamie Davis, Conor Dorman, Stephen Cronin, Brian O'Driscoll, Seán White, Kevin Crowley, Kevin Fulignati, Ian Maguire, Killian O'Hanlon, Mark Sugrue, Sean Kiely, Dan MacEoin, John Corkery, Alan Cadogan. Subs: Killian McIntyre for Sugrue (42), David Harrington for McEoin (52), Kevin Kavanagh for Fulignati (55), Sam Ryan for Corkery (60), Darragh Murphy for Maguire (60). For a full report on the game, see <http://url.ie/qn7d>.



Pic: George Hatchell

Unfortunately, however, the team lost out narrowly to Roscommon in the All-Ireland Semi-Final on April 19th, 1-19 to 3-12.

The Senior Hurlers' Allianz League Run came to an end on March 30th as they lost to Tipperary in a closely-fought quarter-final, 3-25 to 4-19, while the footballers suffered a comprehensive defeat by Dublin in the semi-final on April 13th, 2-20 to 2-13.

There was better news on the Minor front, however, with both hurlers and footballers through to the Munster Semi-Finals. The hurlers had a facile win over Kerry, 5-26 to 0-9, to book a semi-final spot against Limerick, while the footballer defeated Limerick, 6-15 to 1-7, but must wait for the play-offs to find out who their next opposition will be.

Rebel Óg Award: Coláiste Choilm

The March winners of the Rebel Óg Monthly Awards for 2014 sponsored by the Rochestown Park Hotel in association with RedFM and Irish Examiner Media Partners and Cummins Sports Award Sponsors were Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig, winners of the Simcox Cup and the Munster Senior 'B' Championship Cup. The award was presented at a function at the Rochestown Park Hotel, and of course the school went on to win the All-Ireland Senior B Football Final on April 12th at Croke Park. Congratulations also to Coláiste Ghobnatan, Baile Bhúirne, who won the C equivalent.



Members of Coláiste Choilm team with award sponsor, Kevin Cummins. Pic: Howard Crowdy

'Future Champions' Honoured at UCC

On April 14th in the Devere Hall, University College Cork, the Irish Daily Mail Future Champions Teams of 2014 were the guests of honour as those selected were presented with their awards. The awards were presented by Munster Council Chairman Robert Frost, former Cork dual All Star, All Ireland winner and Irish Daily Mail Columnist Teddy McCarthy and Gerry Tully (Chairman Comhairle Ard-Oideachais). For more, see www.gaacork.ie



Cork Footballers Ian Maguire, Tomás Clancy and Conor Dorman with their awards.

Chairpersons/ Secretaries Seminar

A large attendance of club chairpersons and secretaries at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on March 27th heard wide-ranging presentations from various officers of the County Board, including a detailed outline of the development plans for Páirc Uí Chaoimh by Chairman Bob Ryan and an exploration of the new match suspensions rules by the Runaí. For more, see <http://url.ie/qnao>



Childrens' Officer Seminar

A sincere focal buíochas to all who attended the Club Children's Officer Information Seminar which took place at the end of March in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The large attendance was testament to the interest and dedication of officers and clubs in these very important matters. The meeting was addressed by Gearóid Ó Maolmhichíl, National Children's Officer who attended and imparted his knowledge and experience in a very practical way. Further info has been sent to clubs.



Scór na bPáistí: Torthaí

The Scór na bPáistí County Finals took place on March 29th at Ovens – for a full list of winners, see <http://url.ie/qnc7>.



Lee Flag Initiative Winners

The winners of the 2013 LEE Flag Club Accreditation Scheme were announced at the Club Officers Workshop in Pairc Ui Chaoimh last month.

Ballincollig won the main Gold Award with Ballinhassig scooping the Silver and Cobh annexing the Bronze Award.

These clubs will receive grant aid for coaching projects that will benefit their club in the long term. They, along with 30 other clubs who qualified as finalists in the 3 categories will also benefit from a host of benefits through 2014 such as extra GDA visits, entry to draws for Munster & All Ireland tickets, entry to draw for the chance to play in Croke Park Blitzes, increased access to the hurley and helmet subsidy scheme to name but a few. For more information, contact your local GDA.



Milford's Emer Watson Wins 96FM C103 Award

Emer Watson (Milford Camogie) is the winner of the 96FM C103 Rochestown Park Hotel Sports Award for March, in recognition of her contribution to Milford's All-Ireland Club Final victory, their second in as many years.

Emer collected her award at a special function in her honour at Rochestown Park Hotel on April 15th. Guests included her family and club members, Marian McCarthy and Mary Newman, Chairperson and PRO of the County Camogie Board, GAA PRO Tracey Kennedy and Kieran McGeary of 96FM C103. Diarmuid Vaughan and Tom Tobin represented Rochestown Park Hotel.



Finbarr Mc Carthy presenting award to Emer Watson. L to R., Tom Tobin, Rochestown Park Hotel, Kieran Mc Geary, CEO Cork 96FM C103, Mary Newman, PRO Cork Camogie, Marian McCarthy, Chairperson Cork Camogie, Diarmuid Vaughan, Rochestown Park Hotel & Tracey Kennedy, PRO Cork GAA. Pic: Tony O'Connell

Victory for Catriona Casey in Salt Lake City!

Well done to Cork handball star, Catriona Casey (Ballydesmond), who defeated arch-rival Aisling Reilly of Antrim 21-14, 21-4 in the final of the WPH Players Championship in Salt Lake City on April 20th.



Catriona Casey in action!

Coaching & Games: Monster Blitz Success!

With Monster Blitzes having now taken place at under 8, 9 & 10 in both codes at this point, a major milestone was reached on April 12th with over **1000** children participating for the first time this year in U8 & U9 hurling blitzes across 130 teams!

It certainly was a good start to National Go Games Week which also saw St Anthonys, Ballinlough play at half time in Corks National Football League Semi Final VS Dublin and St Catherines, Ballydesmond and Clonakilty take part in the National Go Games Week Launch Blitz on Monday last in Croke Park. Cork Coaching & Games commenced the blitz programme in March to cater to demand from clubs. While the bad weather hampered clubs returning to training at that time, the change in the hour and the dawn of April has seen many clubs get back in to action at nursery level. April 12th saw action at u 8 level in Ballynoe, Carrigtwohill, Dromtarriffe & St Vincents while the u 9 blitzes were held in Erins Own and Whitechurch. On April 20th there was action at u 10 football in Kilshannig, Kilmichael, Ballyhooly, Skibbereen, Clonakilty, Bantry, Killeagh and Bishopstown. Cork Coaching & Games would like to thank these clubs for hosting the blitzes as otherwise it simply would not be possible for our GDA's to roll out the blitzes. For more photos, see Cork Games Development Facebook page.



Urhan at the Bantry blitz.

Twitter Competition!!

As the Cork GAA Twitter page (@OfficialCorkGAA) approaches 30,000 followers, we're running a special competition open to all our followers.

Our four-year Twitter anniversary is on April 26th, so make sure you share this with all your friends and help us get close to 30K by that day! The competition closes when we reach that 30,000 follower mark... Help us be the first County to get there!

If you're not already on Twitter, you can sign up at www.twitter.com, and to enter our competition, see www.qaacork.ie.

Next Issue

The next issue of County Board News will be published in May. Please forward this newsletter to all your contacts.

Na Piarasigh in Final Four!

Etihaad Airways, the UAE's national airline and sponsor of the GAA Hurling All Ireland Senior Championship, has announced the four shortlisted clubs in the search to reward one with the ultimate prize, a year's sponsorship package with the Abu Dhabi based airline. The four shortlisted clubs are: Coolderry (Offaly), Cumann Pheadair Naofa (Down), **Na Piarasigh (Cork)**, St. Kevin's (Dublin).

Na Piarasigh now need your help, as a public vote will help to decide which club wins the amazing prize by voting for the club they feel deserves to win. **To vote please visit www.etihadgaa.ie.** The voting will close at midnight on April 28.



Cork v Limerick at Charleville

To mark the opening of Charleville's new stand and sports hall, Cork will play Limerick in a Senior Hurling challenge game at the venue on Saturday, April 26th at 6pm.

Admission is €10 for adults and €5 for students/OAPs.