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Inter Ladies – Champions!



Wednesday 22nd August 2018 Junior C Championship Final will be remembered by the Na Fianna Ladies Inter team for all the right reasons. In what was described before the final by the DLGFA as “Expect a Cracker” certainly lived up to everybody’s expectations.

A panel of 29 consisting of adult, minor and U16 players started preparation for Championship back in June. Right from the first training session we spoke about “giving this a real go” and the plan of playing a total of 6 matches to become Junior C Champions. That we did.

Championship consisted of 2 groups of 5 teams with the top 2 from each group contesting the semi-finals.

1 of 6. We were away to Clontarf B. Great game played on probably one of the best surfaces in Dublin – St Anne’s pitch 35. We won 3-9 to 1-2.

2 of 6. We’re away again this time to St Brendan’s in Longmeadow’s. Little did we know then that we would be meeting them in the final a month later! A very difficult game with both sides very evenly matched. We won 3-10 to 2-9

3 of 6. Our first home game, Crumlin on back pitch. Game was played with great pace from our girls and we put up a strong score. We won 5-11 to 1-7.



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4 of 6. Our second home fixture v Naomh Olaf this time on the best pitch in Dublin – front pitch Mobhi Rd. We were now starting to excel and dominate in all areas of the pitch. Our training session tactics were clearly having a huge impact. We won 9-14 to 1-7.

5 of 6. We topped the group and had home advantage (Mobhi Rd) in the semi-final v Fingallians who came second in their group. Another great game for our girls, dominated the game from the start with great gameplays. We won 6-12 to 0-6.

1 to go !



St Brendan's contested the other semi final v Kilmacud Crokes and won. So we were to meet again this time in the final in Fingallians GAA Club on Wednesday 22nd August.

6 of 6. What a final! Both teams going at it right from the start. St Brendan's went into a 4 point lead before our girls settled. Half time, level 2-2 to 1-5. We started the second half with a great goal and a point and went 4 points up. St Brendan's didn't panic and started chipping away at our lead with some great plays. Surprisingly we didn't score for approximately 18 minutes in this half. St Brendan's went 2 points up with 2 minutes normal time left. Then - GOAL – Na Fianna went 1 point clear 2 minutes into injury time. All players and management thought that was it and stood on the side-line anticipating the referee's final whistle. But that's not how St Brendan's read it. They went up the pitch and received a free



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kick just outside the 21 yard line. Pressure score – she took it and scored. Full time 4-4 to 2.10.

20 minute extra time – St Brendan’s went 2 points up before we started to take control and we went 2 points clear at half time. Second half started with a St Brendan’s point – Now a 1 point game. We controlled the last 5 minutes and scored a further 2 points to WIN the New Ireland Assurance Junior C Championship Final on a score 5-8 to 2-14.

Champions and our 6 of 6 were complete.

Our Captain Ailish Neville gave a truly magnificent speech and remembered our great friend who passed away earlier this year and dedicated the win to the memory of Deirdre Lambe.

I’ve no doubt she was supporting us from above. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

Celebrations will be ongoing for I suspect the next year!

All-Ireland Football Final Tickets

In accordance with Club policy the following arrangements will apply to ticket distribution for the above.

Dublin played 12 matches this year between league and championship. As we only received 8 tickets for the match in Omagh attendance there is being disregarded. If you have bought adult tickets through the club for a minimum of 6 of the 11 matches you will be allocated either 1 or 2 tickets in accordance with your order history.

Those qualifying as result of their order history will be contacted early next week and will be required to pay for their ticket(s) on collection in club on Thursday 30th between 9 and 10pm. Please do not leave money for tickets behind the bar..

All other paid up members who wish to be included in a draw for the right to purchase 1 ticket should email their request to tickets@clgnafianna.ie before 6 pm on Wednesday 29th August. Only paid up adult members may apply and make sure to include your contact phone number.

Please do not contact any member of Executive or Pádraigin Bhreathnach regarding tickets as the ONLY way to apply for entry to draw is by email as above.



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Club Shop Re-Opens

Na Fianna Club Shop re-opens after the summer break this morning (Saturday 25th August) from 9am to 1pm.

Na Fianna Golf Society

Na Fianna Golf Society Captains Prize outing in Clontarf Golf Club on Friday 7th September. Tee time 1.30 to 3.15pm. Contact Tom Foran 0863649591 for timesheet. New members always welcome.

Juvenile Training

Please be aware that the Summer Training schedule remains in effect and is only superseded by official fixtures. The summer schedule is on the club web site under Fixtures, see link [here](#) . Mentors are reminded to also review the "Pitch Bookings" section on the club website to check if any official fixtures are scheduled. For example, Wednesday August 22nd there is an u-16 Football league game scheduled for St. Vincent's school at 7.30 so that takes precedent over training slots for that evening in Vincent's school.

At present there are a large number of league games scheduled for mid-week so availability of pitches is limited. Please do not request mid-week challenge matches as Fixtures will not be able to facilitate your request. Also please note the change in training times commencing Monday September 3rd.





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Na Fianna's Dubs

Best of luck to Leah Caffrey, Lucy Collins and Dublin's Senior Ladies footballers in today's All-Ireland Championship semi-final against Galway in Dr Hyde Park. Throw in is at 4.30pm.

In advance of their All-Ireland final against Kerry on Sunday 9th September, Dublin Premier Juniors Camogie team, including Na Fianna's Niamh Gleeson and Gráinne Free, will hold a Meet & Greet session in the National Sports Campus Abbottstown next Wednesday night at 6.15pm and 7.15pm, all welcome.

Success For Our 2007 Boys in Armagh



The 2007 boys had a busy time of it last Saturday, with finals day of Camaint taking place in Parnell Park. The hurling lads equipped themselves admirably in a couple of tough games against Kilmacud Crokes and Naas, and the experience of playing in Parnell Park was very enjoyable for all kids and mentors.

Meanwhile in Armagh, a squad of footballers went up to Dromintee to play in the annual Thomas McCrink Tournament. Despite only half of the boys being eligible, with a 1st July 2007 cut-off, and many players choosing Camaint at Parnell Park over the more serene pastures at the foot of Slieve Gullion, we still sent a decent squad of boys up to this



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prestigious tournament. CLG Na Fianna has been sending teams to Dromintee for the last three years thanks to the relationship 2007 mentor Damien Morgan has with his old club. CLG Na Fianna were placed in a tough group, with their first two games against the eventual Cup finalists and semi-finalists. After losing by a couple of scores to an extremely talented Clonduff team from Co. Down, Na Fianna were beaten by a couple of late goals against Dungiven from Derry. This was despite Na Fianna having a comfortable lead at half time. The defeat was arguably a blessing, as it allowed Na Fianna to regroup and concentrate in qualifying for the Shield, which they did in style by beating both Armagh's Dromintee Ogs and Glengormley from Antrim.

After the novelty of the opposition in the group stages, Na Fianna dispatched familiar foes Raheny in the Shield quarter final and then Kilmacud Crokes in the semi-final. The lads excelled in the semi-final in particular, with brilliant tackling and defensive discipline, and some beautiful flowing football.

On to the pomp and ceremony of the final versus Ballyholland from Co.Down, which was preceded by a parade in front of the crowd and a rendition of Amhrán na bhFiann all before a game which was refereed by inter-county referee David Gough. CLG Na Fianna took the lead in the first half with excellent linkup play from midfield and held it in the second half with some crucial blocks and good possession football.

A first football trophy for the 2007 boys, all the more remarkable given the resources spread across both codes. In addition to taking home the Shield, Na Fianna midfielder Conor Foley was awarded the player of the Shield tournament for some excellent midfield performances. A deserved award, but in truth it was a real team effort and the squad represented the club with honour all day.

2007 Boys Dromintee Squad - Conor Foley, Archie Maher, Daniel Morgan, Eoghan Davis, Matthew Flynn, Euan Maguire, Daniel Hammond, Charlie Callaghan, Ethan Hanafin, Kevin Gray, Peadar Maher, Tom Smith, Jacob Downes



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....and finally

The Na Fianna Nursery is back in action next Saturday morning 1st September. The fun and madness starts at 9.15am. New players always welcome, tell your pals. On what will undoubtedly be a busy morning in Mobhi Road, all attending are encouraged to walk or cycle and all drivers are asked to park considerately and to observe the yellow boxes in the car park.

Comhbhrón

Sincere sympathies of the Club are offered to the Stacey family on the passing of Sister Anne Marie Stacey, sister of Junior Hurling Mentor Paul, sister in law of Mary, Aunt of Cillian (Junior hurling and football), Liam (Senior Football & Inter hurling), Sinead (2001 Camogie and ladies football) and Cíarán (2004 hurling and football).

Condolences of the club are also extended to the Ryan family on the passing this week in Tipperary of long time Na Fianna member Con. He was also our live-in caretaker for a while and held both Chairman and Secretary positions of Dublin Junior Hurling Board.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha.



Fógra Tabachtach

The objective of Na Fianna Nuacht is to communicate as much club activity as possible however it is important to note that all items for inclusion in either Club Notes or Na Fianna Nuacht are reported to news@clgnafianna.ie or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a growing membership of almost 3,000 and over 100 teams now competing it is difficult to ensure all club activity is reported upon – **Do not assume** that your team's activity is already known to Na Fianna Nuacht or that someone else has reported it. When errors or omissions occur it is the policy of Na Fianna Nuacht to correct these in subsequent issues when they are reported to news@clgnafianna.ie