

# **C.L.G**

## **Barr na Cúille**



## **Review 2014**

*Feargal Mc Gill, PRO, November 2014*

# EANÁIR

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**Club Draw** Our thanks to all who supported the final draw for 2013 in the Copper Still on Saturday week last and to John Butler for the entertainment and Derek for the hospitality. Winners were as follows; €100 - Terence Boyle Aughnasheelin, €50 - Micheal Shanley, Cornaguillagh €30 Jeremy Sinclair, Dromod, €20 each to Evelyn Reynolds Esker, Daire Brennan, Kilcock, and Eileen Pollock. The winner of a Meal voucher sponsored by Copper Still was Tom Duignan, Cloonboney and a bottle of wine sponsored by Copper Still was won by Mary Mallon Snr, Clooncarne.

**New Arrivals** Congratulations from all at the club to Kevin and Claire Mallon on the birth of baby Niamh before Christmas, a new sister for Eoghan. Meanwhile, in Australia, our congratulations to Derek "Digger" Duignan and wife Renea on the birth of their second child, Lotte Nel, a sister for Jed. Best wishes to you all.

**Congratulations** Our best wishes are extended to Edel Shanley (Ballygeehar) and Johnny Conroy (Drumsna) on their recent engagement.

**Foreign Fields** Delighted to hear over Christmas that Marie Therese Dockery has taken up a position as Secretary of the Luxembourg GAA Club. Marie T, who represented Bornacoola over many years in Scór, will be a busy lady in her new role as the club caters for all those who want to play Gaelic Games in Luxembourg (it's the only club in the country) and has over 150 members.

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**Scór success** A great day at Scór for Bornacoola's young stage stars on Sunday last as the club captured County titles in both Figure Dancing (Rinnce Fóirne) and Tráth na gCeist. The figure dance team under the tutelage of Tracy O Neill, was Amy Blake, Aine Mulligan, Shannon Healy, Rachel Mc Garry, Cian & Shane Mallon and Sean and Caolan O Riordan. In Tráth na gCeist we were represented by Sean Muldowney, Robert O Beirne, Brian Duffy and Karl Mallon with Aidan Dockery managing the boys to yet another victory in this category for the Club. The action now moves on to the Connacht Finals in Castlebar where Bornacoola and the other Leitrim representatives will try to secure All Ireland Final appearances.

**Rúnaí Nua** Our congratulations to Seamus Mallon who was ratified as Secretary of the Club at the first Executive Meeting of 2014 held at the weekend. Seamus brings a wealth of experience to the role and we wish him the very best of luck in his new position with the club.

**Club Draw** Tickets for the 2014 Club Draw are currently on sale - €20 buys you entry to all 12 draws during the year (less than €2 per draw); first draw is on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in the Copper Still. Can all ticket sellers please return their tickets well in advance of this please.

**Leitrim Success** Well done to Damian Moran who started at midfield for Leitrim in last Sunday's great victory over Galway in Ballinasloe. Damian found himself marking Ireland International Rules star Paul Conroy throughout but wasn't phased by the challenge and made one outstanding catch at a crucial time in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

**David Heads to Canada** Best of luck to Senior player David Mulligan who becomes the latest of our young players to head abroad. David has been a hugely popular member of both the Senior and Junior panels over the last number of years and will be sorely missed by his friends and teammates. Go neirí go geal leat a Dháithí; lean ort leis an pheil is tú thar lear, is beidh áit duit fós sa dubh is orma nuair a fhileann tú ar ais dúinn.

**Mouthguards** A reminder to all of our players that mouthguards are obligatory in 2014 for all players at all levels. Referees will not permit players to continue on the field of play if they are not wearing a mouthguard.

**Membership** Membership for 2014 is now due and is available from Niall O Connor, (Registrar) or Martina Hackett (Treasurer) at €40 for adult players, €20 general membership, and €10 Underage playing membership (to a maximum of €20 per family). For insurance purposes all those intending to play for the club in 2013 must be fully paid up members. No players will be allowed to play for the club until their membership has been paid.

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**Scór success** Best of luck to our Figure Dance and Question time teams who travel to Castlebar this Saturday for the Connacht finals of Scór na nÓg. The finals are in the Traveller's Friend and get underway at 3pm. Best of luck to all of the other clubs representing Leitrim also.

**Charlie Bohan, RIP** The sympathies of the club are extended to the late Charlie Bohan who died in Dublin last week. Charlie was part of the last Bornacoola squad to win the Senior Championship in 1957, playing in the semi-final that year before injury prevented his participation in the final. He also collected a Division 1 league title medal in 1957. Both of these awards were treasured dearly by Charlie as was a medal won when playing at midfield for Bornacoola in an inter club tournament around the same time that was organised by Fr Manning and which included a lot of very strong teams. Charlie's funeral mass took place in Donaghmede on Thursday last. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh sé.

**GOAL Mile** A note to hand from Noel Mahon to express his thanks to all who supported and participated in the 2014 GOAL mile at our club grounds on New Years Day. The total raised this year was €4,038, an incredible amount given the financial challenges in society today. As ever we in the club are very proud that the entire effort is being spearheaded by one of our own. Comhghairdeas a Nollaig; lean ar aghaidh leis an obair iontach.

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**Congratulations Charlotte** Our **FBD Success** Well done to Leitrim and our own Damian Moran on capturing the Connacht FBD league title for the second year in a row with a great win over neighbours Roscommon in Páirc Seán on Sunday last. In what was only his 3<sup>rd</sup> start in the County colours, Damien lined out at midfield and battled hard throughout before a dead leg forced his withdrawal late in the second half. Best of luck to the lads as they take on a very experienced Antrim team in their opening Division 4 clash this Sunday in Carrick.

**Club Draw** The first draw for 2014 took place on Saturday night last in the Copper Still, thanks to all who supported and to Ronnie for the music. Winners were as follows: €100 Gerry McGovern, Cloone €20 each Sean Moffatt, Conor Cranny, Micheal Mallon, Sean McGowan and Patrick Duffy.

**Scór Finals** Unfortunately there was no joy for our Figure Dancing team of Amy Blake, Aine Mulligan, Shannon Healy, Rachel Mc Garry, Cian & Shane Mallon and Sean and Caolan O Riordan in the Connacht Finals of Scór na Óg in Castlebar on Saturday. However it was a great year for the dancers and their teacher Tracey O'Neill and no doubt they'll return in 2015 for another crack at provincial honours. Well done to you all and many thanks to everyone who made the long trek to Castlebar to support the dancers. Our congratulations also to the Aughnasheelin set dancers who qualified on Saturday to represent Leitrim in the All Ireland Finals to be held in Castlebar later in the year.

**League Fixtures** The Senior team's Division 2 campaign begins on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> when they travel to Allen Gaels for a 1.30pm throw in. Their second game takes place just 6 days later when Mohill will be the visitors to Dromod. The Junior team start their Division 3 obligations with a home tie against St Marys in Dromod on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. All players are reminded that in 2014 it is obligatory to wear a mouthguard; Referees will not permit players to continue on the field of play if they are not in place.



***Scór na nÓg Figure Dancing  
Champions 2014***

# FEABHRA

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**Club Registration Day** We are planning to hold a club registration day in February. The provisional date is Sunday morning, February 23<sup>rd</sup> but we will confirm this next week.

**Dancers in Dublin** Our Junior Scór Figure dancers that recently won the Leitrim County title were in Dublin last week when they travelled to RTE's Television Headquarters in Donnybrook to take part in Scór Encure, a TG4 programme that will be airing in the coming weeks. The dancing team of Amy Blake, Aine Mulligan, Shannon Healy, Rachel Mc Garry, Cian and Shane Mallon, Sean and Caolan O Riordan also found time to catch up with Ryan Tubridy, host of the Late Late Show and by all accounts it was a big honour for Mr Tubridy to finally meet some proper entertainers!

**Sympathies** We would like to send our condolences to the Reid family, Tulcon on the death of Josephine's mother Bridgie McNiff, Drumgowna, Ballinamore who passed away on Friday last. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh sí

**Bus to Ennis** Leitrim got off to a great start in the Allianz League on Sunday last with Damian Moran again representing the club as Leitrim recorded a five point victory. A bus will travel to Ennis for the second round game against Clare on Sunday next leaving Dromod (Bornacoola GAA Car Park) at 9.45. This bus is subject to a minimum of 35 travelling

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**Minor League** The Minor team got their season off to a great start on Saturday last with a thrilling victory over St Mary's. Goals from Ronan Mulligan, Robert O Beirne, Dylan Hackett and Sean Muldowney set the Bors on the road to victory. St Mary's rallied strongly towards the finish but the Bors dug deep to edge home on a 4-7 to 2-8 scoreline. Team on duty was Fergal Hackett, Karl Mallon, Patric Kozac, Gearoid Mulligan, Luke Jones, Sean Muldowney, Brian Duffy, Dylan Hackett, Robert O Beirne, Liam Jones, Ronan Mulligan. Sub used Kevin Mulligan.

**Weekend Fixtures** The Junior team begin their league campaign on Saturday when they face St Marys in Dromod at 4pm in Division 3. On Sunday morning, it is the turn of the Senior team as they travel to Shane Mc Gettigan park to meet Allen Gaels in game that will have a 1.30pm throw-in.

**Sympathy** The sympathies of the Club are extended to the Howard Family, Cloonturk on the passing of Mrs Bridget Howard on Tuesday last. Bridget was predeceased by her husband Paddy. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh sí.

**Senior Challenge** Our thanks to Gortletteragh for providing a very useful run out on Sunday morning last for our Senior team.

**Best Wishes** Our best wishes to Damian Moran for a speedy recovery following a head injury sustained on Sunday last in Miltown/Malbay in the

Leitrim colours. Damian had enjoyed an excellent first half and his forced removal at the start of the second period was a considerable loss to the county team who nonetheless went on to record an important draw with the hosts.

**Paddy Fox, R.I.P** Our sympathies are extended to Ena and the Fox family, Aghamore and to everyone involved with the Annaduff GAA Club, on the passing of Paddy Fox last week. Paddy was a tremendous GAA man and at the time of his death was honorary President of CLG Eanach Dubh. As Principal of Annaduff national school, he worked tirelessly in the promotion of Gaelic games and a huge number of future stars benefitted from Paddy's easy going but effective nature. He will be sadly missed by all Leitrim GAA folk. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

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**Registration Day** Bornacoola GAA club will be holding a registration and information morning on Sunday February 23rd at 11:30am in the Community Centre. This year we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of Bornacoola GAA club and our main aim is to get as many people of all ages and abilities involved in our activities as possible. During the morning there will be a short presentation on the activities of the club and how you and your family can get involved. Involvement can be at any level. It may simply be attending games in which your child is participating, helping out on sports day, or helping out with an underage team. We encourage everybody to come along and have a look for themselves.

Registration for underage players will take place during the morning. We will also be accepting adult membership at a 50% reduction in cost. Registration fees for U-18's is €10 (to a maximum of €20 per family) while we are welcoming on board new adult members at a special introductory rate of €10 each.

**Bad Weather** Unfortunately the bad weather last weekend claimed the two adult and one minor game Bornacoola were due to play in. Hopefully things will be better this weekend – we are due to play in both Division 2 and 3 as well as in the Minor League; see fixtures section for confirmation of throw-in times and venues.

**Scór All Ireland Finals** The All Ireland Finals of Scór na Óg take place in Castlebar on Saturday week next, March 1<sup>st</sup>. While Bornacoola will not be represented on the main stage, our Tráth na gCeist team will be taking part in the All Ireland final of that competition at the G.M.I.T Campus in the town at 12 noon. Best of luck to the four lads involved – Brian Duffy, Sean Muldowney, Carl Mallon and Robert O Beirne, and to their mentor Aidan Dockery.

**Give Blood** The GAA Nationally have been working with the Irish Blood Transfusion Board towards increasing the level of blood donations and identifying new donors to help save lives. "The GAA - it's in your Blood" comes to the Bush Hotel: Carrick On Shannon on Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th February 2014 from 4:30pm to 8:00pm so get along and do your bit to help by signing up as a donor and donating blood to help save the lives of those around you.

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**Division 2** The Senior team got their league campaign off to a good start with a victory over Mohill in Baltic conditions in Dromod on Saturday afternoon last. Playing with the wind, Bornacoola held a 0-8 to 0-5 half time lead and were made to work all the way by their town neighbours in the second half before eventually emerging with a 0-12 to 0-7 victory. Team and scorers were: Gerry Gearty, Brian Reilly, Conor Mc Cauley (0-1), Noel Mc Enroe, Shane Conroy (0-1), Jason Conroy, Ollie Vaughan, Gary Mc Closkey, Michael Duignan, Niall Mc Gowan (0-2), Damian Moran (0-2), Trevor Howard (0-1), Philip Howard (0-1), Anthony Mulligan (0-3) and Brian Conroy (0-1). Subs used were Sean Mc Keon and Kevin Shanley.

**Transfers** Our best wishes to David O Connor who unfortunately will not be able to commit to Bornacoola in 2014. David has travelled home from London to play with the Bors for the last 3 years and his commitment to the club in that time has been outstanding. Another player who will no longer be making the long trek home (from Cork in this instance) is John Mc Guinness; John recently transferred to the Mallow club in Cork where he is currently living and made a winning start to his new playing career when starring at centre back for Mallow in their opening league game. While the two lads will be sorely missed by the club, we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they made in order to play for us over the past few years and we know they both are Bornacoola to the core, regardless of the colour of jersey they may end up wearing in the coming years.

## **Presentation Night and Club**

**Draw** Our annual presentation night and Club Draw take place in the Copper Still on Saturday night next with music and crialac with Sharon, Shay and Friends. The Senior team – Shield Winners 2013 – will be presented with their medals on the night while the various player of the year awards, as well as the award for Clubperson of the Year will also be announced. And if all that wasn't enough, the February Club Draw also takes place on the night!

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**Minor League** The Minor team travelled to Aughavas on Saturday morning last for their 2<sup>nd</sup> game in the league. Unfortunately they were unable to build on their opening round victory over St Mary's and were well beaten by the final whistle.

**Scór Encore** Comhgairdeas do na leanaí óga as an Rinnce Seit a bhí ag damhsa ar TG4 sa chomórtas Scór Encore de Luain seo caite. Is iad na leanaí chéana a bhuaigh chraobh chomórtas Liatroma i Scór na nÓg is chríochnaigh siad sa triú háit ar an chlár teilifíse freisin. Tá an Chlub go léir an bhródúil astu is as a tréanálaí Tracy freisin. Maith sibh!

# MÁRTA

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**Presentation Night** Our annual presentation night took place in the Copper Still on Saturday night last. Well done to our award winners: Senior Player of the Year is Jason Conroy; Junior Player of the Year is John Bohan; Leonie Duffy was named Ladies Player of the Year and Roisin Donnelly was named Most Improved Ladies Player. Our thanks to Sonny Scully who sponsors the Player of the Year trophies and to Selina Shanley for sponsoring the Most Improved Ladies player award. The men's Senior team – 2013 Shield Champions – were also presented with their medals on the night. Finally, the Club Person of the Year was our outgoing Secretary Shane Reynolds – Shane recently retired as Secretary of the Club after nine years at the helm. In his time Shane has served the club in a variety of administrative roles, was a star player, participated in Scór and did just about everything that it is possible to do as a volunteer with a GAA Club. A deserving winner of the award – maith thú a Sheáin.

**Minor League** The Minor team captured their second victory of the league campaign with an impressive 5-9 to 3-4 victory over Drumkeerin in Dromod on Sunday last. Panel on duty was Fergal Hackett, Karl Mallon, Brian Duffy, Patrick Kozac, Luke and Liam Jones, Liam Mulligan, Ronan Mulligan, Kevin Mulligan, Robert O'Beirne, Dylan Hackett, Sean Muldowney and Gearoid. Mulligan.

**Club Draw** Our thanks to all who supported the Club Draw on Saturday night last – winners were as follows: €100 Sean & Dympna Moffatt €20 Bridie Shanley, Vincent Kelly, Clare Greely, Geraldine Moran and Aoife Hoare.

**Scór All Ireland Finals** Our Scór na nÓg Tráth na gCesit team of Brian Duffy, Sean Muldowney, Carl Mallon and Robert O Beirne were in action in the All Ireland Scór Finals on the GMIT campus in Castlebar on Saturday last. The lads came a very creditable fourth. Well done to them and to their mentor Aidan Dockery on all the hard work they have put in over the last few months and on capturing the County title and representing Leitrim so impressively. Our thanks also to Scór officer Martina Hackett for her work this year.

**100 Hour Challenge** Our underage players are currently undertaking the Bornacoola GAA 100 Hour Challenge whereby they will track 100 hours of the practising of their skills of Gaelic Football – catching, kicking, soloing, tackling, passing, shooting, lifting and so on. Each player that completes the challenge will win a new Bornacoola gear bag. Our players are also being encouraged to upload photos and videos of themselves practising their skills as part of the challenge to twitter and Instagram with the hashtag #bor100 and they have until the end of July to complete the challenge. Good luck to all taking part! Philip Howard is the contact if anyone wants more information (087 9613012)

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**Seachtain na Gaeilge** Is féile idirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í Seachtain na Gaeilge, atá ar an gceiliúradh is mó dár dteanga agus dár gcultúr dúchais a bhíonn ar siúl in Éirinn agus in go leor tíortha eile gach bliain. Tá féile na bliana seo ar siúl ón 1 – 17 Márta 2014. Tugann an fhéile deis do gach uile dhuine sult a bhaint as an nGaeilge. Táimid fhéin ag déanamh iarracht páirt bheag a ghlacadh sa seachtain seo ar son an chlub le cúpla líne de na nótaí a chur as Gaeilge. B'fhéidir go mbeidh sibh féin in ann cúpla focail Gaeilge a úsáid i rith an tseachtain. Na Barrs Abú! (Up the Bors!)

**Roinn 3 (Division 3)** In ár gcéad cluiche Sóisir sa bhliain, chaileamar in aghaidh Gleann Cartha/Cluainín (Glencar/Manorhamilton) ar an Satharn seo caite i Dromad. B'é cheann de na buaicphointí (highlights) do Barr na Cúille ná chúl sár iontach ag Dara O hÉilí sa chéad leath. Fuair Aodán O Raghallaigh dhá chúl freisin ach chailleamar ceithre chúl sa chéad leath is dhá cheann eile sa dara leath is b'é sin an difríocht (difference) ag deireadh an chluiche – an scór deireadh 3-11 go 6-6 do Gleann Cartha/Cluainín. Foireann: Cochubhair O hAicéad, Seán Mac Raghnaill, Conchubair Mac Amhlaigh, Sean O Riain, Marc Mac Mhaoldomhnaigh, Brian O Raghallaigh, Nollaig Mac Conrua, Seán O Buacháin, Trevor Mac Íomhar, Antón O Seanlaíoch, Olibhéar O Mhactáin, Sean Mac Eoin, Philib Mac Íomhar, Aodán O Raghallaigh agus Dara O hÉilí. Fir ionad – Seán "Barnes" O Seanlaíoch, Ronán O Maolagáin agus Alan O Buacháin.

**Scór** Glacamar páirt i dTráth na gCeist (Question Time) agus Athriseoireact (Recitation) i gcomórtas cheannais an chontae (County Final) sa Mayflower i Droim Sean Bhoth oíche Satharn seo caite. D'eirigh le Aodhán O Dochartaigh sa Athrisoeireacht is anois téann sé go dtí Chomórtas Chonnachta ar son an Chlub agus an Chontae. Comhgairdeas leis; ní raibh aon t-ádh ag ár bhfoireann Tráth na gCeist ámh, ach mile bhuíochas d'Aodhán agus Pól O Dochartaigh, Micheál Phádraig Mac Stibhín agus Martina O hAicéad a glacadh pháirt ar son an Chlub.

**Club Lucht Tacaíochta Liatroma (Leitrim Supporters Club)** Beidh Chrannchur (Draw) Lucht Tacaíochta Liatroma ar siúl i Teach Ui Choiligh (Cox's) de Satharn, 22ú Márta. Tá ticéidí ar fáil ó Oifigí Chlub Barr na Cúille, luach €40. I measc na duaiseanna (prizes) atá ar fáil, tá airgead (€5,000, €2,000, €1000), oícheanna leaba agus bricfeasta (i Caisleán Cill Ronán agus sa Hollyrood i Bun Dobhrain)

**Drámaíocht** Comhgairdeas do gach duine a ghlacadh páirt leis na "Bornacoola Players" agus an Dramaíocht iontach a bhí ar siúil leo san Ionad Phobail (Community Centre) i rith an deireadh seachtain seo caite. "I do not Like Thee Doctor Fell" a bhí dár n'anim ar an píosa is rinne siad go hiontach í. Tá na h-aisteoirí (actors) go léir ina bhaill den Chlub Chumann Lúthchleas Gael freisin, is dar ndóigh táimid go léir an bhródúil (proud) astu. Do Jonathan, Deaglán, Aine, Pádraig, Darren agus Sharon deirmid "maith sibh"!

*Published on March 19<sup>th</sup>*

**Division 3** The Junior team earned their first victory of the season in a very tight game against Eslin in Dromod on Sunday morning last. Despite opening the scoring, Eslin led for the remainder of the first half as an early goal gave them a foothold in the game. A different Bornacoola emerged for the second half and a terrific first adult goal from supersub Ronan Mulligan put Bornacoola in front for the first time. Eslin twice rattled the crossbar in the closing stages, but the Bors held on for a hard fought victory on a 1-7 to 1-4 scoreline. Team on duty was: Gerry Gearty, Brian Reilly, Conor Mc Cauley, Noel Mc Enroe, John Shanley, Shane Conroy, Ollie Vaughan, Alan Croghan, Trevor Howard, Tony Shanley, Sean Mc Keon, Danny Farrell, Aidan Reilly, Philip Howard and Daragh Healy. Sub used Ronan Mulligan

**Ladies Division 3** The Ladies played their first match of the 2014 season in Fenagh on Sunday morning last. In this Division 3 league encounter, the home side proved much stronger and recorded a comfortable win after a sporting encounter. Next up for the girls is a home match with Dromahair on Sunday morning, April 6. In action on Sunday last were Susan Shanley, Shannon Boyle, Cora McCauley, Lauren Shanley, Maeve Duffy, Tanya Donnelly, Sarah Duffy, Leonie Duffy, Kelly Howard, Nadine Hackett, Dawn Hackett, Fiona Reilly, Roisin Donnelly. Subs: Seona Cosgrove, Joanne McGushin, Hannah McGlynn, Tanya Boyle, Riona Cosgrove.

**U-14 League** The U-14 team travelled to Carrigallen on Saturday last and a hugely improved performance was delivered in an entertaining game. In the end, Carrigallen emerged with a 7-12 to 1-9 victory but the young Bors showed plenty of promise for the future. This Saturday they travel to Annaduff to play the hosts in a 12 noon throw in.

**Minor Final** Unfortunately our Minor team were well beaten in the league final by Aughavas on St Patrick's day. Well done to the backroom team and panel of Fergal Hackett, Karl Mallon, Patric Kozac, Gearoid Mulligan, Luke Jones, Sean Muldowney, Brian Duffy, Dylan Hackett, Robert O Beirne, Liam Jones, Ronan and Kevin Mulligan for their commitment throughout the league campaign. The highlight of the league campaign was undoubtedly the victories over St Marys and Drumkeerin and with most of the team underage again in 2015, there is much to look forward to from this group of players who continue to develop impressively.

**Scór** Our Congratulations to Aidan Dockery who captured the Connacht Recitation title for the club on Saturday night last in Tubbercurry. His rendition of Kilkelly Ireland sees him into the All Ireland final, which takes place in Castlebar in April. Aidan previously won the Recitation All Ireland in Belfast in 1999 and now fifteen years on is bidding for what would be a terrific double. Adh mór ort.

# AIBREÁN

*Published on April 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**Senior Shield** The Senior team maintained their unbeaten start to the season with a 1-13 to 1-8 victory over Leitrim Gaels in Leitrim village last Saturday. Despite conceding a goal on the stroke of half time – which left the Gaels two points in front at the interval, Brian Reilly finished a well worked moved from the throw in to restore the Bor lead early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and from there we always remained in control despite a very competitive effort from our opponents. The final 20 minutes were played under lights. Team on duty was Gerry Gearty, Jason Conroy, Morgan Shanley, Noel McEnroe, Shane Conroy (0-1), Conor McCauley, John Reynolds, Michael Duignan, Gary McCloskey, Brian Reilly (1-0), Trevor Howard (0-1), Kevin Shanley, Philip Howard (0-3), Ollie Vaughan (0-3), Brian Conroy (0-5). Subs: Conor Hackett, Darragh Healy, John Shanley.

**Fixtures** The U-14's start a busy weekend for the club when they host Glen Gaels on Friday evening in Dromod at 7pm. On Saturday, the Seniors are in Shield action as Annaduff come to Dromod for a 6pm throw-in. On Sunday, the Junior team host Aughavas in Division 3 at 12 noon while our Ladies team play their second league game with Dromahair the visitors.

**U21 Final** Best of luck to our own Anthony Mulligan and the Leitrim U21 Panel who take on Roscommon in Carrick on Shannon on Saturday in the Connacht U21 Final.

**Club Draw** The March draw in draw took place on Saturday night last in the Copper Still. Thanks to all who supported and to Declan Gilhooley for the entertainment. Winners were; €100 Sean McGowan, €20 each Ray McBrien, Sean Mofatt, Geraldine McGuinness, Michelle Hackett and Margaret McGowan.

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**Shield Competition** The lads completed their Shield group matches on Saturday last as they entertained neighbours Annaduff. Following a close encounter that was very evenly contested throughout, a late 1-2 ensured a 1-8 to 0-6 victory for our neighbours. Nonetheless the lads have won the group and will progress to the next stage of the competition. On duty were Gerry Gearty, John Reynolds, Jason Conroy, Brian Reilly, Shane Conroy, Conor McCauley, John Bohan, Michael Duignan, Ollie Vaughan (0-2), Niall McGowan, Trevor Howard, Aiden Reilly (0-1), Philip Howard (0-2), Sean McKeon, Brian Conroy. Subs used: Paul Hackett, Daniel Farrell and Conor Hackett.

**Ladies League** The Ladies were in action on Sunday afternoon in round 2 of the league as Dromahair made the journey to Dromod. The visitors were much too strong on this occasion and recorded a comfortable victory. In action were Michelle Hackett, Seona Cosgrove, Cora McCauley, Shannon Boyle, Maeve Duffy, Lauren Shanley, Leonie Duffy, Sarah Duffy, Nadine Hackett, Kelly Howard (0-2), Dawn Hackett, Roisin Donnelly and Tanya Boyle.

**Underage training** Our under 12s, under 10s and under 8 training and coaching will commence this Saturday morning at 11am on the pitch.

**Under 14** The under 14 team under the management trio of Peter Mallon, John Conboy and Colin McGuinness are in action on Friday evening at 7pm in Dromod when they are fixed to play Gortletteragh. They received a walkover from Glen Gaels in the previous fixture.

**National School Football** The Cumann na mBunscoil competitions have commenced for 2014 and over the past two weeks our schoolboys have been in action with games played away to Aughavas NS and home to Drumcong NS. While our respective opponents have been victorious in these matches, our young team have gained valuable experience for the future. The competitions will resume in May after the Easter break. In action recently were Shane Mallon, Sean McGoldrick, Ciaran McGlynn, James Doyle, Mahon Meldrum, Christopher Healy, Daniel Kaczmarek, Enda McGoldrick, Szymon Kozac, Jakes Shiels, Derek Collins, Jack Gannon, Conor Fanning, Oran Healy, Shane Healy, Odhran Grennan, Ben Carney and Jacob Standowicz. Meanwhile the schoolgirls commenced their campaign on Thursday evening last in Leitrim Village and had an entertaining and competitive outing versus Leitrim NS. The home side took the spoils on this occasion but girls turned in a very competitive performance. In action were Rebecca Banet, Riona Cosgrove, Ellie Jones, Megan Canning, Hannah Shiels, Nyah Meldrum, Sophie

Canning, Rachel McGarry Ellen Woods, Aine Mulligan, Lauren McGarry and Sarah Donelan.

**Best wishes** Our best wishes to our ladies player Susan Shanley, Cloonboney and Owen Atkinson from Dublin who got married on Saturday in St Joseph's, Cloonturk. A great weekend was had by the newly married couple and their families, and we wish you both all the very best in your married lives together.

**Bornacoola Parish Clean up** There will be a Bornacoola parish clean-up day of the roadsides of the parish on Saturday, April 12th. The different organisations in the parish including GAA members and volunteers from each townland are asked to come out in force to assist with this worthwhile initiative. We are looking for volunteers from every townland and also people with tractors and trailers to collect the litter bags for return to the designated disposal area. So bring along your high viz jacket and if you haven't one, we will have one for you. Also, bags, gloves and litter pickers will be supplied on the day. Meet at the GAA car park in Dromod at 10am and hopefully the whole clean-up will be complete in a few short hours. For further details, contact Noel McCloskey on 087 6454317.

**Sympathies** Our sympathy is offered to the extended McNulty family, Clooneagh on the passing of Josephine at the weekend. We would also like to offer our condolences to the Brady family, Aughavas on the recent passing of Eamonn. May they rest in peace.

*Published on April 16<sup>th</sup>*

**Division 2** The Senior team suffered their first defeat of the year when going down to Carrigallen on Sunday last in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the league by 3-10 to 0-5. An early opportunity for redemption comes this Saturday evening when they travel to Leitrim village for a 7pm throw in against Leitrim Gaels.

**Juniors** Unfortunately our Junior game scheduled for last weekend against Aughavas was postponed again. On Easter Sunday the lads travel to Ballinamore in Division 3 to face Sean O Heslins for a 2pm throw in.

**U-14 League** After earlier defeats to Kiltubrid and Carrigallen, our U-14's hit fine form on Friday evening when they pulled off a 7-3 to 2-8 victory over Gortletteragh in an entertaining game in Dromod. The panel on duty in recent weeks has included Christy Sullivan, Daniel Kazmarak, James Doyle, Ciaran McGlynn, Sean O Riordan, Orran McGuinness, Mark McKeon, Shane and Cian Mallon, Sean McGoldrick, Sean Conboy, Christopher Healy, Adam McCrann, Aaron Hackett & Szymon Kozak.

**OpBORation Transformation is coming** From early May for 6 weeks Bornacoola GAA club will be running a fundraising event which will involve a programme of fun and fitness for all. The idea is to get walking, jogging, running, or cycling to prepare for the long summer days ahead. We are looking for teams of five to take part in various events, and to shed a few pounds in the process. A Registration evening will be held in the Community

Centre, which will be followed by weekly weigh-ins, and activities. More details to follow over the coming weeks



***Minor Team Management being presented with new Training Tops***

*Published on April 23<sup>rd</sup>*

**Division 2** The Senior team suffered their second league defeat and a serious dent to their promotion hopes when going down by six points to Leitrim Gaels on Saturday evening last in Leitrim village. A first half goal for the Gaels proved to be the crucial score of the game as they ran out 1-9 to 0-6 winners. This Sunday Fenagh visit Dromod for a 12 noon throw-in.

**U-16 League** The U-16 league gets underway next Monday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>. This year we will again take part in the 11-a-side competition and our first game is against Aughavas away from home at 7pm on Monday next. The following Friday (May 2<sup>nd</sup>) we host Drumkeerin in Dromod at 7.



***Tug of War Action from our Sports Day***

**Juniors** The Junior team travelled to Ballinamore on Sunday last to play Sean O Heslins. Despite a decent first half, injuries to Shane Conroy, Philip Howard and Alan Croghan weakened the Bors severely and O Heslins were much the better team in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half running out comfortable 3-14 to 0-4 winners. Team was: Feargal Mc Gill, Brian Reilly, Conor Mc Cauley, John Reynolds, Ollie Vaughan, Shane Conroy, x, Alan Croghan, Trevor Howard, Tony Shanley, John Bohan, Aidan Reilly, Niall Mc Gowan, Philip Howard and Danny Farrell. Subs used were Noel Mc Enroe, Ronan Mulligan, Daragh Healy and Conor Hackett. Next game is at home to Carrigallen on Saturday week, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.

**OpBORation Transformation** Details of the upcoming events involved in opBORation Transformation are now available on our website. The whole thing kicks off on Thursday 1st May 2014 at 7pm and will run every Tuesday thereafter for six weeks in the Bornacoola Community Centre. There will also be Saturday morning walks from the GAA pitch commencing at 11am each Saturday. All you have to do to get involved and start losing

weight and enjoying a healthier lifestyle is to show up at the Community Centre on May 1st and register for the various activities for just €5. The calendar of events is: May 1<sup>st</sup> - Registration €5 and first weigh-in followed by a talk courtesy of Col. O'Reilly, The Nature Trail; May 6<sup>th</sup> - Weigh-in followed by Body Composition Analysis for all participants, carried out by Sasta, Carrick-on-Shannon as well as a talk by Gerry O'Doherty - International Tri-Athlete; May 13<sup>th</sup> - Weigh-in followed by 'Zumba' with Michelle Fanning, Ballinamore (Bring a mat, towel & drink); May 20<sup>th</sup> - Weigh-in followed by a Healthy Eating Cookery Demonstration by MasterChef himself Kevin Mallon; May 27<sup>th</sup> - Weigh-in followed by Pilates with Selina Shanley (Bring a mat, towel & drink); June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Weigh-in followed by 'Zumba' with Michelle Fanning, Ballinamore (Bring a mat, towel & drink); June 10<sup>th</sup> Final weigh-in. Prizes for group that loses the most weight, as well as prizes for highest individual losers, male & female.



***Shane Mallon in action for our U-12's against Cloone***

*Published on April 30<sup>th</sup>*

**Division 2** The Senior team got their promotion hopes back on track with a good victory over Fenagh in Dromod on Sunday afternoon last. Final score was Bornacoola 2-7 Fenagh 1-7. With a break in league proceedings ahead of the Connacht Championship, the next game for the Seniors will not be until May 18<sup>th</sup> when they play in the Shield Final; the following week, we return to league action when Ballinaglera will visit Dromod.

**Club Draw** Our thanks to all who supported the Club Draw on Saturday night last and to the Cox family for hosting the draw. Winners were €100 Siobhan Mc Closkey, €20 each – Aurora and Blanaid Casserly, Mick and Helena Dorrigan, Denis Donohue, Kieron Keenan and Declan Shanley.

**U-16 League** The U-16's play their second game of the campaign against Drumkeerin this Friday in Dromod. Throw-in is 7pm. The following Friday (May 9<sup>th</sup>) they travel to Drumcong to play Kiltubrid.

**Scór All Ireland** Unfortunately there was no joy for either Aidan Dockery representing Bornacoola in the Recitation or any of the other Leitrim entrants in the All Ireland finals of Scór held in Castlebar on Saturday last.

**OpBORation Transformation** Don't forget that OpBORation Transformation commences this Thursday evening (May 1<sup>st</sup>) in the Community Centre. Registration costs just €5 and the first weigh in will take place on the night along with a motivational talk. So get along to the community centre to lose

that extra bit of weight ahead and put yourself in great form for the summer months

**May Fixtures** Fixtures for the month of May for all teams are available on the fixtures section of our website

**Congratulations** Our Congratulations to former Ladies team goalkeeper Margaret Mc Dermott (Cloncarne) and husband Cormac Cranney (Co Down) who tied the knot in St Michael's on Tuesday of Easter week. A Reception was held afterwards in Lough Rynn and a great time was had by all.

**Ladies League** The Ladies travelled to Manorhamilton on Sunday morning last to play Glencar/Manor in the league. A great second half from the Ladies – under the tutelage of Jonathan Duffy – saw them come up just short of recording their first victory of the year as the home side held out for a 3-11 to 3-7 win. Unfortunately it was the last game in the Bor colours (for the moment at least!) for club stalwart Sarah Duffy who is moving to England to take up new employment in the coming weeks. Best of luck to her and our thanks for her commitment over the years.

**Field of Dreams** Congratulations to our neighbours Kilglass Gaels who recently opened their Field of Dreams and new facilities.

# BEALTAINE

*Published on May 7th*

**Division 3** The Junior team made it two wins from four on Saturday last when they enjoyed a good three point victory over Carrigallen in Dromod on a scoreline of 0-9 to 0-6 with Ronan Mulligan one of the star performers.

**OpBORation Transfromation** got underway last Thursday evening in the Community Centre. Weigh ins take place every Tuesday in the Community Centre. Upcoming events include Zumba with Michelle Fanning from Ballinamore on Tuesday next May 13th. In addition there will be walks every Saturday morning leaving the GAA grounds at 11am.

**U-16 League** The U16's had a great victory over Drumkeerin in Dromod on Friday evening last, scoring three goals in the process as they ran out 3-13 to 4-1 victors. The previous Wednesday they were beaten by Aughavas in their opening game in the competition. This Friday the boys travel to Kiltubrid for a 7pm throw in. The panel for all of these games has included Christy Sullivan, Patryk Kozac, Gearoid Mulligan, Luke Jones, Orran Mc Guinness, Liam Jones, Robert O Beirne, Jordan Cramp, Kevin Mulligan, Dylan Hackett, Cian Mallon, Aaron Hackett, Marc Mc Keon.

**Sympathies** The deepest sympathies of the Club are extended to the Mallon family on the death of Mary's brother Denis Finn in Wexford last week. He was laid to rest in Bunclody on Wednesday last. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé

*Published on May 14th*

**U-16 League** The U16's suffered a narrow defeat against Kiltubrid in a very entertaining game in Drumcong on Friday evening last. Despite scoring four goals – one from Sean O Riordan and three from the boot of Liam Jones, Kiltubrid managed to have their noses in from at the final whistle, 3-10 to Bornacoola's 4-5. The defeat makes the job of qualifying for the final a lot harder, though not impossible. This Friday night we host Gortletteragh in Dromod at 7pm. The panel for recent games has included Christy Sullivan, Patryk Kozac, Gearoid Mulligan, Luke Jones, Orran Mc Guinness, Liam Jones, Robert O Beirne, Jordan Cramp, Kevin Mulligan, Dylan Hackett, Sean O Riordan, Cian Mallon, Aaron Hackett and Marc Mc Keon.

**Division 3** The Junior team were overrun by a rampant Aughawillan in the first half of our Division 3 game in Dromod on Saturday evening last. There followed a much improved second half showing from the Bors but it was the visitors who emerged comfortable 2-18 to 0-6 winners. Team on duty was Gerry Gearty, Noel Mc Enroe, Conor Mc Cauley, Mervyn Howard, Mark Muldowney, Paul Hackett, John Shanley, Trevor Howard, Alan Croghan, Ollie Vaughan, Brian Reilly, Tony Shanley, Ronan Mulligan, John Bohan and Danny Farrell. Subs used were Daragh Healy, Conor Hackett and Feargal Mc Gill.

**OpBORation Transfromation** is now well up and running with some healthy competition beginning to creep in. Weigh-in continues every Tuesday in the Community centre and as always there will be an activity on the night at around 8pm. The Saturday morning walks continue each week starting at 11am from the football pitch. It's not too late to come along and join in the fun, lose a few pounds, make some new friends, and raise a few bob for the club. The full list of events is available on [www.bornacoola.gaa.ie](http://www.bornacoola.gaa.ie)

**Leitrim v Roscommon** Best of luck to Damian Moran and his Leitrim team mates as they face Roscommon in the quarter final of the Connacht Championship in the Hyde on Sunday next at 3pm. Tickets can be purchased at the venue on the day. For the last couple of months, we have been running a draw for members, whereby they can win tickets to Leitrim games (league and championship). The winner of the tickets for the Roscommon game on Sunday is John "Barnes" Shanley.

**Parks Reynolds** The deepest sympathies of the club are extended to everyone associated with the Kilglass GAA Club and in particular the family and friends of the late Parks Reynolds, Knockhall, Roosky who passed away last week. Parks was the quintessential GAA man and was the driving force for many years behind the Kilglass club; indeed his name was synonymous with the Gaels and no matter what activity was being organised – a match, Scór, a fundraiser – you could be sure that Parks would be stuck in the middle of it. He would have been a very proud man recently to see the fine new Kilglass GAA facilities being opened by the

President of the GAA – it is no exaggeration to say, this simply could never have happened without the drive, enthusiasm and organisational ability of the hugely popular Parks. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

**Scrap Metal Collection** If you have any scrap metal that you require disposing of, the club will do so for you; all you have to do is contact Noel McCloskey 087 6454317 or Aiden Hackett 087 2024870 and it will be collected.



***Our underage players being presented with gear bags by Michael Winters on behalf of Abbey Murphy***

*Published on May 21<sup>st</sup>*

**U-16 League** The U16's suffered a narrow defeat for the second week in a row as Gortletteragh claimed the spoils on Friday evening with a two point victory in a hugely entertaining game. For the second week in a row, four goals wasn't quite enough for the young Bors as they lost by 4-10 to 4-8 with Robert O Beirne netting twice and Sean Riordan and Liam Jones also finding the net.

**Division 2** The Seniors return to league action this Saturday as they host Ballinaglera in Dromod at 7pm. Our thanks to Drumreilly for providing a very useful challenge game last Friday.

**OpBORation Transfromation** continues in the Community Centre every Tuesday throughout May with a Weigh-in continues on the night at around 8pm. The Saturday morning walks continue each week starting at 11am from the football pitch.

**Newsletter** The Club has begun producing a quarterly Newsletter – you can pick up the first copy for free in Hunts or O Connor's shops in Dromod. Copies are also available in the local churches.

**Skills Challenge** A skills challenge for all club players under 18 will take place next Saturday morning at 11 am on the pitch. This will count towards the ongoing 100 hour challenge. All underage players must have paid their 10 euro registration fee for insurance purposes, so if you haven't paid please bring it Saturday. Any volunteers who wish to help out next Saturday would be more than welcome

*Published on May 28<sup>th</sup>*

**Division 2** The Senior team put in a good performance last Saturday evening with a good victory over Ballinaglera in Dromod. Building on a half time lead of 0-7 to 0-2, the lads ran out worthy winners on a final score line of 1-15 to 0-3 with Damian Moran scoring the second half goal. The team in action and scorers were Gerry Gearty, Noel McEnroe, Jason Conroy, Shane Conroy, Aiden Reilly, Gary McCloskey, Brian Reilly, Michael Duignan, Damian Moran (1-3), Ollie Vaughan, Trevor Howard (0-2), Alan Croghan (0-1), Kevin Shanley (0-1), Philip Howard (0-1), Brian Conroy (0-3). Subs used: Sean McKeon (0-3), Conor McCauley, Paul Hackett, Mervyn Howard, Ronan Mulligan (0-1), John Bohan. The Seniors are fixed to travel to Glenfarne/Kilty on next Saturday at 7pm in the final division 2 game before the shield final and the commencement of 2014 championship.



***Junior Section Winners in the 2014 Golf Classic at Carrick on Shannon Gold Club***

**Club Draw** The monthly club draw will take place in the Weir Lodge, Rooskey on Saturday night and we ask for your support as always on the night.

**Best wishes** All the club would like to wish a speedy recovery to one of leading young players, Anthony Mulligan, and hopefully he will be back in action in the near future.

**Schools football** The Schoolgirls Division 3 Shield final versus Leitrim NS is fixed for Pairc Sean Mac Dhiarmada on Thursday June 5 at 5pm followed by the Schoolboys Division 3 Shield final against Drumlease NS in the same venue at 6pm.

**Skills Challenge** The various underage managers held a skills challenge for all our underage players on last Saturday morning to promote the 100 hours challenge. The activities included all the skills of Gaelic football and was hopefully enjoyed by all. A big thanks to all the managers who participated on the day especially our Youth Officer Philip Howard and Jonathan Duffy for organising the event and also to Sharon Jones for providing the refreshments.



***Some of our Ladies pictured enjoying the Sports Day in July***

**OpBORation Transfromation** We are just past the halfway point and to date a total weight loss of over 15 stone has been achieved. This is a fantastic achievement by all so keep up the hard work. Weigh in continues each Tuesday followed by an activity in the community centre. Saturday morning walks from the club house are also going very well. As this is a fundraising activity please don't forget your sponsorship card. Money can be handed in at registration each Tuesday.

**Newsletter** The Club has begun producing a quarterly Newsletter - you can pick up the first copy for free in Hunts or O Connor's shops in Dromod. Copies are also available in the local churches. Well done to our PRO Feargal McGill and his team for all the excellent work on this initiative.

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Published on June 11<sup>th</sup>

Published on June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Club Draw** The Club Draw for May was held in the Weir Lodge on Saturday night last. Winners were: E100 Kevin Mallon 20 each to :John Bohan, Michael (The Barber) Wall, Pat Farrell, Deirdre Hanley, and Ursula McHugh. Ursula kindly donated her prize back to the club.

**Division 2** The Senior team travelled to Glenfarne on Saturday night last and were defeated on a scoreline of 1-13 to 1-11.

**OpBoration Transformation** Last weigh in Tuesday June 10th. Please can everybody come along to get final weight. Presentation night in the Copper Still on Friday June 13th. Winners will be awarded prizes on the night. Music by Tom Moran.

**Clothes Collection** One again the club will be organising a clothes collection this year. This was a great success last year, so if you are clearing out the wardrobes for the summer we will take it off your hands. More details later

**Engagement** Congratulations to Bobby Shanley (Clonboney) and Orla Fitzpatrick (Cloone) on their recent engagement

**Schools Football** Both our boys and girls national schools teams are in finals action this Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in Páirc Seán. The girls get the action underway at 5pm in the Shield final while our boys take on Drumalease NS in the Division 3 final at 6pm.

**Championship** Both the Senior and Junior teams begin their Championship campaigns this weekend. The Seniors get the action underway on Saturday when they play Allen Gaels in Carrigallen at 8pm. On Sunday, the Juniors will play St Mary's in Aughnasheelin at 3pm in their first group games. Best of luck to all involved.

**Golf Classic** Bornacoola GAA club will host their biannual golf classic on July 12th next at Carrick on Shannon Golf Club. As usual there will be lots of great prizes and we hope as usual it will be well supported. For more details or to book a tee time contact Micheal McGowan on 0862561023.

**OpBoration Transformation** The Finale of OpBORation Transformation takes place this Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to come along to the Copper Still on Friday night where the final results will be announced. The tension is mounting! Tom Moran is supplying the music so a good night's crack guaranteed.

**Clothes Collection** This was a great success last year, so if you are clearing out the wardrobes for the summer we will take it off your hands. Collection will take place at our grounds in Dromod on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Blitz** Our thanks to all who helped out at the U-8 and U-10 Blitz on Saturday morning last. It was a great occasion for all of our younger players, many of whom were getting their first taste of proper action in the Bornacoola jersey.

*Published on June 18<sup>th</sup>*

**Senior Championship** The Senior team got their championship campaign off to a positive start on Saturday last when they came from 8 points behind in the first half to overcome Allen Gaels by a point in Carrigallen. The concession of two first half goals left Bornacoola with a mountain to climb; however despite this setback, the team continued to fight hard throughout the opening period and managed to score the last two points of the half, as the teams entered the dressing rooms with the Drumshanbo men in control, 2-7 to 0-7 in front. Throughout the second half, the Bors chipped away at the Allen Gaels lead and five minutes from time, they finally got the major breakthrough as Damian Moran fed Brian Conroy for the goal that ensured a 1-12 to 2-8 victory for Bornacoola. The team on duty was: Gerry Gearty, Noel Mc Enroe, Jason Conroy, Brian Reilly, Shane Conroy, Gary Mc Closkey, Aidan Reilly, Damian Moran, Michael Duignan, Alan Croghan, Trevor Howard, Ollie Vaughan, Brian Conroy, Philip Howard and Kevin Shanley. Subs used were Paul Hackett, Conor Mc Cauley, Morgan Shanley and Sean Mc Keon. Carrigallen and Mohill are our other opponents in the group.

**Golf Classic** The Golf Classic is on Saturday July 12th next at Carrick on Shannon Golf Club. As usual there will be lots of great prizes and we hope as usual it will be well supported. For more details or to book a tee time contact Micheal McGowan on 0862561023.

**OpBoration Transformation** The Finale of OpBoration Transformation was held in the Copper Still on Friday last. An excellent night was had by all with a great turnout. An overall weight loss of almost 20 stone was achieved by all the participants. The team which had the greatest weight loss was made up of Ann Marie Boyle, Nadine Hackett, Dawn Hackett, Edel Mallon and Brian Mallon. The lady with the greatest individual weight loss was Ann Marie Boyle, with Peter Mallon picking up the corresponding award for the men. Congratulations to the winners on their great achievement, and to all participants for their magnificent efforts over the past six weeks. The Club would like thank the following for sponsoring the prizes on the night : Copper Still Bar and Restaurant, Cox's Steakhouse, Harkins Bistro, Sasta Carrick-on-Shannon, Beauty by the Shannon, Total Produce Sligo, D&S fitness, Kinneden Organics Dromod, Ann Cosgrove, Sharon Jones, and Aidan Hackett. In addition they would also like to thank the following for their time and expertise over the past number of weeks: Colm O'Reilly Nature Trail, Sasta, Michelle Fanning Zumba, Aisling Meldrum and Mick Quinn, Selina Shanley Leitrim Physio, and chef supreme Kevin Mallon. Finally to Bornacoola Development for the use of the community centre; Go raibh maith agaibh go leir.

**Croke Park Trip** Our young players – boys and girls – will be heading to Croke Park on June 29<sup>th</sup> for the Leinster Senior Football Championship semi-finals between Kildare and Meath, and the All Ireland Champions Dublin against Wexford.

**Junior Championship** A young and inexperienced Junior team were no match for St Mary's second string in the first round of the Junior Championship in Aghnasheelin on Sunday morning last. Despite conceding three early goals, the young Bors put in a good second half showing that should give them something to build on for the upcoming games against Domahaire and Drumkeerin in the group. Team on duty was Feargal Mc Gill, John Shanley, John Reynolds, Liam Mulligan, Roy Keenan, Mervyn Howard, Mark Muldowney, Danny Farrell, John Bohan, Tony Shanley, Niall Mc Gowan, Conor Hackett, Alan Bohan, Sean Mc Keon and Ronan Mulligan. Subs used were Dara Healy and Seamus Mallon.

**Sports Day** Our Annual Sports & Family fun day will be the centrepiece of an Activity Weekend in July which will include the Clothes Collection and golf classic on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> and then on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> it will be the Sports and Family Fun Day in the park. Lots of activities to look forward to this year, including an intra-parish Tug-of-War; more details to follow in the coming weeks.

*Published on June 25<sup>th</sup>*

**Shield Final** A strong first half ensured Kiltubrid ran out eight point winners as Bornacoola surrendered their Shield crown in the 2014 final played in Páirc Seán on Sunday morning last. The crucial score was a goal midway through the first half for Kiltubrid leaving them 1-8 to 0-3 in front at the interval. A weakened Bornacoola did well to get back into contention midway through the second half, before a black card for Gary Mc Closkey effectively ended any

hopes of a comeback and Kiltubrid closed out a 1-15 to 0-10 victory. Team on duty was Gerry Gearty, Conor Mc Cauley, Morgan Shanley, Brian Reilly, Aidan Reilly (0-1), Paul Hackett, Shane Conroy, Gary Mc Closkey, Michael Duignan (0-1), Ollie Vaughan, Trevor Howard (0-1), Alan Croghan, Brian Conroy, Philip Howard (0-6) and Sean Mc Keon (0-1)

**Newsletter** The second edition of our free Newsletter, "The Club" is now available in Hunt's and O'Connor's supermarkets in Dromod or you can pick up a copy at the back of St Michael's or St Joseph's churches.

**Sports Day** Our annual family fun and Sports Day will take place at the Club Grounds in Dromod on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The day will get underway with a 5km road race through the parish at 12noon followed by Mass at our grounds. There will be a chance to grab a cup of tea or coffee and some refreshments at the dressing rooms, before Bornacoola's underage Stars of the Future take to the field at 2.15pm for the main event of the day – an exhibition game. This will be followed by Sports events and races for all ages, getting underway at 3pm. Throughout the day there will be many other activities to engage in, including long jump, shot putt, long puck, and penalty kick competitions. There will be a Barbeque as well as Face Painting, Bouncy castles and the chance to test your skills at The Cube. The day will conclude with the intra parish adult Tug of War competition, with teams representing St Michaels, St Joseph's, Rooskey and Dromod doing battle to see who will be crowned the strongest team in the Parish.

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*Published on July 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**100 Hour Challenge** A large number of our underage players recently completed their 100 Hour Challenge in practising the skills of the game. The reward for those who completed this comes in the form of new kitbags. These will be distributed at the pitch this Thursday evening, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.

**Club Draw** The Club Draw was held in the Copper Still on Saturday night last. Winners were €100 - Darren McGushin €20 Maggie Martin, Jackie Conboy, Noel McCloskey & the very lucky Ciaran Fanning whose name emerged twice. Well done to all and our thanks to Derek and all at the Copper for hosting the draw.

**Newsletter** The second edition of our free Newsletter, "The Club" is now available in Hunt's and O'Connor's supermarkets in Dromod or you can pick up a copy at the back of St Michael's or St Joseph's churches.

**Croke Park Trip** Our young players – boys and girls – headed to Croke Park last Sunday for the Leinster Championship semi-final double header. It was a great day for all involved and our thanks to Philip Howard and all those who helped out on the day in making it such a great success.

**Sports Day** Our annual family fun and Sports Day will take place at the Club Grounds in Dromod on Sunday, July 13th next. The day will get underway with a 5km road race through the parish

at 12noon followed by Mass at our grounds at 1.30pm. There will be a chance to grab a cup of tea or coffee and some refreshments at the dressing rooms after mass, before Bornacoola's underage Stars of the Future take to the field at approximately 2.15pm for the main event of the day – an exhibition game. This will be followed by Sports events and races for all ages, getting underway at roughly 3pm. Throughout the day there will be many other activities to engage in, including long jump, shot putt, long puck, and penalty kick competitions. There will be a Barbeque running throughout the day, as well as Face Painting, Bouncy castles and the chance to test your skills at The Cube. The day will conclude with the intra parish adult Tug of War competition, with teams representing St Michaels, St Joseph's, Rooskey and Dromod doing battle to see who will be crowned the strongest team in the Parish. It promises to be a great day out for all the family—there is no admission charge and we hope you can all come along and enjoy a great social, family and community occasion.

**Golf Classic** Places for the Golf Classic is on Saturday July 12th next at Carrick on Shannon Golf Club are filling up fast so make sure you get in touch with Mícheál Mc Gowan as soon as possible to book a tee time. . As usual there will be lots of great prizes and you can get Mícheál on 086 2561023.

**Clothes Collection** Once again the club will be organising a clothes collection this year. This was a great success last year, so if you are clearing out the wardrobes for the summer collection will take place at our grounds in Dromod on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Published on July 9<sup>th</sup>*

**Senior Championship** The Senior team were quite unfortunate to lose to Carrigallen in their second group game of the championship on Saturday night. A poor start allowed Carrigallen to get into a six point lead. Though Bornacoola reduced this to one point at one stage in the second half, the Bors could never quite get on level terms and in the end were defeated by two points. Gerry Gearty, Jason Conroy, Morgan Shanley, Shane Conroy, Aidan Reilly, Paul Hackett (0-1), Brian Reilly, Michael Duignan (0-1), Gary Mc Closkey, Damian Moran (0-2), Trevor Howard, Ollie Vaughan, Kevin Shanley (0-1), Philip Howard (0-4), Brian Conroy. Subs used: Sean Mc Keon, Conor Mc Cauley, Alan Croghan and Noel Mc Enroe. Our final group game against Mohill will now decide our fate – the game will take place on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

**Golf Classic** Our Golf Classic takes place this Saturday July 12th at Carrick on Shannon Golf Club. Only a few places left so make sure you get in touch with Mícheál Mc Gowan as soon as possible to book a tee time if you are interested in playing. As usual there will be lots of great prizes and you can get Mícheál on 086 2561023. Remember too that there will be a social night in the Copper Still afterwards at which the prizes will be given out; music on the night too, so make sure you come along for a good night's craic.

**Junior Championship** There was no joy for an understrength Junior team as they travelled to Drumkeerin on Sunday afternoon to play Dromahair in their second group game. The north Leitrim men were on top throughout and cruised to a 2-27 to 1-4 victory. Team on duty was: Niall O Connor, Liam Mulligan, John Shanley, Gerry Moffatt, Roy Keenan, Niall Mc Gowan, Mark Muldowney, John Bohan, Danny Farrell, Alan Bohan, Feargal Mc Gill, Conor Hackett, Ronan Mulligan, Sean Mc Keon and Daragh Healy. Sub: Declan Conboy.

**100 Hour Challenge** Any of our underage players who have not collected their new Abbey Murphy sponsored kitbags are asked to come along to the Park this Thursday evening at 7pm to collect them.

**Guess the Score** Our underage players are running a Guess the Score competition for this Sunday's Connacht Final between Galway and Mayo. All cards should be returned to team mentors or Philip Howard before next Saturday, or can be left in to underage training in the Park on Saturday morning.



**Golf Classic 2014 – The Mallons**

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**Activity Weekend** Our thanks to all who supported us and helped out over the course of a very busy weekend for the club – the clothes collection spearheaded by Padraig Jones and his team was on Saturday, as was Micheal Mc Gowan's Golf Classic. Full list of winners from the Classic will follow next week. On Sunday it was the family fun and Sports Day under the guidance of Jonathan Duffy – our thanks in particular to Lock Up Alarms for sponsoring the CCTV unit which was a great success on the day. Again, a full list of winners and Sponsors will follow in the weeks to come. All in all a hugely successful weekend for the club with an enormous amount of people involved in one way or another. Our thanks to the Volunteers, Sponsors, Fundraisers and organisers who made the weekend such a resounding success and to all who supported us in the various activities.

**League fixtures** We face Dromahair in Dromod on Saturday evening at 7.30pm in Division 2. The following Wednesday (July 23<sup>rd</sup>), we host Fenagh in Dromod at 8pm in Division 3 with Augavas the visitors on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. Next championship games are scheduled to take place on the August Bank Holiday weekend with the Seniors playing Mohill and the Juniors playing Drumkeerin.

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**Division 2** The senior team enjoyed a comfortable 16-point victory over Cloone in Division 2 of the league on Tuesday evening last at Páirc Naomh Mhuire in Cloone. First half goals from Gary Mc Closkey, Alan Croghan and Sean Mc Keon were the foundation for a 3-13 to 0-6 victory. On Saturday, Dromahair were the visitors to Dromod and they recorded a 1-11 to 1-9 victory over a weakened Bornacoola. Next game for the Seniors will be in the championship on the August Bank Holiday weekend against Mohill.

**Guess the Score** Congratulations to our own Ellie Jones and Eoin Gilsenan from Oldcastle in Co Meath who were the joint winners of the Connacht Final "Guess the Score" competition and share the €50 first prize. They were both two points away from guessing the correct score. Thanks to all the underage crew for their fundraising efforts on this one - all funds raised go back into our underage set up.

**Minor Championship** The Minor team open their championship campaign when they visit Carrick on Shannon on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> for a 7pm throw in against St Marys. The other teams in their group are Annaduff, St Francis and Carrigallen.

**Division 3** The Junior team face Fenagh in Dromod this evening (Wednesday) at 8pm in Division 3.

**Club Draw** The Club Draw for July will take place in Fox's of Tooman this Saturday night. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

**Golf Classic** Our thanks to all who participated in the recent Golf Classic in Carrick on Shannon Golf Club, and in particular to Micheál Mc Gowan for all his efforts in organising what was a hugely successful day. Despite the rain 23 teams participated. At the end of it all, the winners were the Meath quartet of Noel “Gooch” Mc Enore, Eoin Gilsenan, Stephen Tierney and Lorcan Fox. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was a team captained by Mick Cryan (Leitrim village) that included John and Declan Brennan and David Scally while 3<sup>rd</sup> spot went to Mícheál Mc Gowan’s own team of Ian Kavanagh, B Scally and B Cunningham. The individual prizes for the longest drive were won by Conor Mc Crystal (men’s) and Michelle Hackett (ladies). There were three nearest the pin prizes for the par 3’s – these were won by Ciaran Brehony (8<sup>th</sup> hole), Sylvester Kivlehan (10<sup>th</sup>) and Feargal Mc Gill (17<sup>th</sup>).

**Sympathy** Our deepest sympathy to the Roche and Harte families on the passing of Kathleen Roche (Clooneen) last week. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sí.

*Published on July 30<sup>th</sup>*

**Championship** The Championship resumes this weekend for both the Senior and Junior teams. The Seniors face a make or break tie with Mohill in their final group game in Ballinamore on Saturday evening at 6pm. On Sunday morning, the Juniors complete their group campaign when they face Drumkeerin in Drumshanbo at 12noon. Best of luck to all involved.

**Division 3** The Junior team played Aughavas’ first team in Division 3 of the league on Sunday last and enjoyed a comfortable 2-18 to 2-9 victory. The first goal came courtesy of the penalty spot when a great run from Ollie Vaughan saw him fouled, and Philip Howard converted. The second Bornacoola goal came from Sean Mc Keon who ended the game with 1-6 to his name. Team on duty was Gerry Gearty (0-2), Noel Mc Enroe, Mervyn Howard, Mark Muldowney, Aidan Reilly (0-1), Brian Reilly, Roy Keenan, Conor Mc Cauley (0-1), Paul Hackett, Ollie Vaughan, Trevor Howard, Ronan Mulligan, Brian Conroy (0-3), Philip Howard (1-5), Sean Mc Keon (!-6). Subs used were Liam Mulligan, Daragh Healy and Conor Hackett.

**Club Draw** The Club Draw for July took place in Fox’s of Tooman last Saturday night. Winners were: €100 Gerald Moffatt; €20 each to Marian Sharkey, Margaret Reynolds, Mel Rogan, Sylvia McDonagh & Mickey Faughnan. Bottles of wine sponsored by Jimmy Fox were won by Seamus Reilly & Andrew McGirl. Thanks to Margaret Reynolds & Finnoula Howard for selling the tickets on the night.

**U-14 Championship** Our U-14 players are playing with the Rinn Gaels amalgamation this year. Unfortunately, they lost their opening game heavily against St Mary’s but put up a much better performance in their second outing against Fenagh St Caillins, losing by 4-8 to 1-5. This Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, they host St Brigids at 7pm.

# Lúnasa

*Published on August 6<sup>th</sup>*

**Senior Championship** Unfortunately we exited the Senior championship on Saturday night last when suffering a heavy defeat at the hands of neighbours Mohill in Ballinamore. Score difference in the group means that while we ended on the same points as both Allen Gaels and Carrigallen, their better scoring records mean they survive in the chase for championship glory while Bornacoola must re-group for the relegation. Team on duty was: Gerry Gearty, Noel Mc Enore, Morgan Shanley, Jason Conroy, Aidan Reilly, Paul Hackett, Conor Mc Cauley, Gary Mc Closkey (0-1), Michael Duignan (0-1), Shane Conroy, Trevor Howard, Ollie Vaughan, Sean Mc Keon (0-1), Philip Howard (0-1), Brian Conroy (0-1). Subs used: Brian Reilly, Kevin Shanley (0-1), Mervyn Howard.

**Junior Championship** The junior team put in a decent effort against a vastly superior Drumkeerin in their final group game on Sunday morning last. Despite playing most of the second half with 14 men, a young team kept plugging away. Special mention to Sean Mc Keon who was playing his second championship game in 18 hours in horrendous conditions and who played with great heart throughout. Team on duty was Conor Hackett, Tony Shanley, Seamus Mallon, Gerry Moffatt, Liam Mulligan, Niall Mc Gowan, Kieran Campbell, Mervyn Howard, Daniel Farrell, Feargal Mc Gill, Sean Mc Keon, Alan Bohan, John Shanley, Declan Conboy and Dara Healy.

**Minor Championship** The Minors were unfortunate to lose their first championship game against St Marys on Wednesday night last as only three points separated the teams at the final whistle. It was the town team's ability to manufacture goals that ultimately earned them the victory on a 4-9 to 2-12 scoreline. Next outing is against neighbours Annaduff on Wednesday week, August 13<sup>th</sup> in Dromod at 7pm.

*Published on August 13<sup>th</sup>*

**Championship Relegation** The Draws for the championship relegation semi-finals took place last weekend. In Senior we face neighbours Annaduff while in Junior we will play Melvin Gaels. Both games will take place at the end of the month.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** 2014 is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bornacoola's affiliation to the GAA. We will be having a commemorative weekend later in the year; in the meantime we are collecting any old memorabilia related to the club that may be out there and in particular items from the 1970's, 80's the period around the 1940-50's. Anyone with such can contact Philip Howard at 086 961 3012

**Golf Classic** Our thanks to all who supported the Golf Classic in Carrick on Shannon Golf Club recently and in particular to Micheál Mc Ilroy Mc Gowan for all his hard work in organising the event which raised over €6500 for the club. Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.

*Published on August 20<sup>th</sup>*

**Division 2** The Senior team suffered an away defeat to Kiltubrid in wet and windy conditions in Drumcong on Saturday last on a 2-10 to 0-10 scoreline. Team on duty was Gerry Gearty, Noel Mc Enroe, Conor Mc Cauley, Jason Conroy, Aidan Reilly, Paul Hackett, Shane Conroy, Michael Duignan, Gary Mc Closkey, Ollie Vaughan, Brian Reilly, Trevor Howard, Sean Mc Keon, Philip Howard and Brian Conroy. Subs used were Mervyn Howard and Feargal Mc Gill.

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**Division 3** The Junior league team made the long journey to Kinlough on Sunday morning last. Hero of the day was Conor Hackett who netted in the first half to leave the Bors a point ahead at half time, 1-6 to 0-8. Third quarter goals from Conor again (his second of the game) and Allan Croghan set up a match winning lead and a valuable two points for the Bors. Team: Gerry Gearty, John Shanley, Brian Reilly, Mervyn Howard, Tony Shanley, Aiden Reilly, Shane Conroy (0-1), Conor McCauley, Paul Hackett, Sean McKeon (0-2), Allan Croghan (1-0), Ollie Vaughan, Conor Hackett (2-0), Philip Howard (0-8), Trevor Howard (0-2). Subs used: Darragh Healy and Liam Mulligan.

**Minor Championship** The Minors were well beaten by play Annaduff on Tuesday night last in Dromod. This Wednesday they travel to Drumshanbo to play the Allen Gaels/Ballinaglera amalgamation St Francis. Throw in is 7pm.

*Published on August 27<sup>th</sup>*

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** 2014 is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bornacoola's affiliation to the GAA. The club will be hosting a commemorative day on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> which will include a special club mass and a get together in the Community Centre at which we will reflect on the club's long and proud history. In the meantime we are collecting any old memorabilia related to the club that may be out there and in particular items from the 1970's, 80's and the period around the 1940-50's. Contact Philip Howard at 086 961 3012 if you have anything that you think would be of interest.

**Minor Championship** The Minors put in a battling performance against a very strong St Francis on Wednesday last in the Minor Championship and despite losing by 5-11 to 1-4 there were many positives to take from the game. This Wednesday, they face Carrigallen in Dromod at 7pm.

**New Arrival** Our congratulations to Shane and Orla Reynolds on the birth of their daughter Sadhbh last week – a baby sister for Lilly. Comhghairdeas daoibh uile.

**Sympathy** Our sympathies are extended to the Mc Namara family, Aughavas on the passing of Mary Mc Namara last week

# Mean Fómhair

*Published on September 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**Senior Championship** We faced Annaduff in the Senior Relegation semi-final in Páirc Seán on Saturday last. It was our neighbours who made the better start to the game and who led for most of it, a first half goal ensuring they were the happier team at the half time interval as they led by 1-4 to 0-5. With about twelve minutes to play, Annaduff had increased their lead to four points, but the Bors put in a storming finish to the game to hit eight unanswered points on the trot and seal a 0-14 to 0-7 victory. Annaduff now play Melvin Gaels in the Relegation Final. The Bornacoola team on Saturday was: Gerry Gearty, Noel Mc Enroe, Jason Conroy, Brian Reilly, Aidan Reilly, Michael Duignan, Gary Mc Closkey, Alan Croghan, Trevor Howard (0-1), Ollie Vaughan (0-3f), Sean McKeon(0-1), Philip Howard (0-5) & Kevin Shanley (0-2f). Subs used were Brian Conroy (0-1), Mervyn Howard (0-1).

**U-12 Championship** The U-12 Championship is now up and running. Bornacoola opened their campaign against Aughnasheelin in Dromod on Monday night. Next Monday (Sept 8<sup>th</sup>) there is an away game against Garadice Gaels.

**Club Draw** Winners in the club draw held last weekend were: €100 Brian Beirne, €20 Emer Guckian(Duignan), Lavey Ladies, Mary Reynolds, Derek Hunt and Noel McCloskey. Well done to you all and our thanks to Derek and the Copper Still for hosting the draw.

**All Ireland Golden Goal** After a hectic weekend in the GAA Championship, Donegal have joined Kerry in the 2014 All Ireland final and the club are once again running the Golden Goal competition in conjunction with the big game. The first prize of €500 will be paid to the person who purchases the ticket with the correct time in which the first goal will be scored in the Senior All Ireland football final on September 21st. Tickets are currently on sale from club members and in the Copper Still at €5 each for which you are randomly allocated four specific times. The more times you enter, the better chance you have of winning. Best of luck!

**Junior Championship** The Junior team faced Melvin Gaels in their relegation semi-final on Sunday. A heartening first half performance left us just one point in arrears at half time. However the Kinlough men proved the stronger team in the second half and registered a 1-14 to 1-6 victory. We now face Annaduff in the Relegation final. Team on duty was Conor Hackett, John Reynolds, Seamus Mallon, John Shanley, Mark Muldowney, Mervyn Howard, Roy Keenan, John Bohan, Daniel Farrell (0-1). Liam Mulligan, Sean Mc Keon (0-1), Tony Shanley, Alan Bohan (0-1), Ronan Mulligan (1-2) and Dara Healy (0-1).

**Minor Championship** The Minors were in a very difficult group in the championship this year. However, there is no doubt that there was a game on game improvement in evidence throughout their campaign. Their final clash was with Carrigallen last Wednesday in Dromod and although the visitors recorded a 4-15 to 2-8 victory, the Bor management will have

been happy that the level of performance continued to improve and with a huge number of the team still underage next year, it has been a summer of progress for our players at this age group.

**London Final** Hard luck to Bornacoola's David O Connor who captained Fulham Irish from midfield in last Sunday's London Senior Football Championship final. The Irish were beaten by 1-12 to 1-9 by strong favourites Tír Chonaill Gaels (managed by former Leitrim manager Barney Breen). Joining David on the Fulham team was former Leitrim and Allen Gaels star Declan "Jag" Gilhooley while Peter Reynolds (formerly Sean O Heslins) was a selector on the team.

**Harvest Festival** Don't forget the Harvest Festival is taking place this Sunday in Lough Rynn. All Stewards are asked to report for duty as normal. Now entering it's 20th year, the Lough Rynn Harvest Festival & Vintage Day continues to grow from strength to strength. Visitors to the festival will enjoy a wide range of old Irish farm arts and crafts demonstrations and re-enactments, as well as a large high quality vintage display. Organised by the Bornacoola Development Association the Lough Rynn Harvest Festival & Vintage Day is affiliated to the Irish Vintage Society and is firmly established amongst community and vintage organisations nationwide. With FREE car parking right beside the all-weather main venue, visitors can be assured of hassle free parking, fast entry and a pleasurable experience of Irish vintage culture.

*Published on September 10<sup>th</sup>*

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Don't forget our big celebration evening to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our affiliation to the GAA is coming up on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. The evening will include mass at 7pm in St Michaels at which there will be an opportunity to pray for the deceased members of the club and then there will be a get-together in the Community Centre from 7.30pm at which we will reflect on the club's long and proud history. There is an open invite to everyone in the parish to come along; refreshments will be served and there will be displays commemorating our proud history as well as a Special 125 edition of our Newsletter, The Club, in which we will chronicle the major events since our foundation. In the meantime we are collecting any old memorabilia related to the club that may be out there and in particular items from the 1970's, 80's and the period around the 1940-50's. Contact Philip Howard at 087 961 3012 if you have anything that you think would be of interest.

**Harvest Festival** Our thanks to all who helped out with the stewarding of the Harvest festival in Lough Rynn on Sunday last. The day was yet again an outstanding success and we would like to extend our congratulations to all involved with the Community Development Association on organising such an exceptional day out for the people of the parish.

*Published on September 17th*

**Division 2** The Senior team edged their way to victory and secured their place in Division 2 for 2015 when they overcame Glencar/Manorhamilton on Saturday night last at the Bee Park. In a game that started late, there was very little between the teams throughout and while Bornacoola struggled at times to convert possession to scores, they were nonetheless good value for a 1-16 to 1-13 victory.

**Junior Championship** An understrength Junior team – short the services of experienced players such as Morgan Shanley, Niall Mc Gowan, Seamus Mallon, Gerald Moffatt, John and Alan Bohan – fought to the bitter end against Annaduff in the Relegation final in Páirc Seán on Sunday last. However it was our neighbours who deservedly maintained their Junior A status on a 0-18 to 0-7 scoreline meaning our second team will participate in the Junior B championship in 2015. A particular word of praise for Karl Mallon who made his adult debut on Sunday and performed admirably at corner back. Team on duty last Sunday was: Conor Hackett, John Shanley, John Reynolds, Karl Mallon, Mark Muldowney, Mervyn Howard, Roy Keenan, Sean Mc Keon (0-1), Danny Farrell, Liam Mulligan (0-1), Feargal Mc Gill, Tony Shanley, Ronan Mulligan (0-5), Niall O Connor and Dara Healy. Subs used Kieran Campbell, Declan Conboy.

**Jimmy Geelan R.I.P** It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden passing of former player, member and in recent years avid supporter Jimmy Geelan in Clonmorris. Jimmy played

Senior football for Bornacoola from 1958 onwards and starred at corner forward generally in the black and amber for a number of years thereafter. He seldom missed a Bornacoola championship game over the last 10 years or so and he will be greatly missed by players and fellow supporters who enjoyed his calm and measured analysis. Jimmy was not one for hyperbolic criticism of players and instead generally chose to focus on the positive. A guard of honour of current and former players and members of the club was held at his removal. To his family we extend our deepest sympathies. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Due to the upcoming All Ireland Hurling final Replay on September 27<sup>th</sup>, we've had to move our big celebration evening to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our affiliation to the GAA to Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations** Our congratulations to Junior team corner back Gerald Moffatt and his new wife Orla (Beirne) who were married on Friday last in Annaduff. They celebrated with friends and family afterwards in the Hodson Bay in Athlone and by all accounts a great time was had by all. Comhgairdeas daoibh beirt.

**U-16 Championship** A great start to the U-16 championship campaign on Thursday last when we defeated Drumkeerin by 8-11 to 2-6. It was a good all round team performance with Robert O'Beirne netting a hat-trick on the night and Sean O'Riordan contributing a brace of goals also. Cian Mallon, Liam Jones and Dylan Hackett also found the net as Bornacoola

cruised to a good victory. Team on duty was Christy Sullivan, Patryk Kozac, Orran McGuinness, Luke Jones, Kevin Mulligan, Liam Jones (1-0), Gearoid Mulligan, Dylan Hackett (1-4), Cian Mallon (1-1), Robert O Beirne (3-5), Sean O Riordan (2-1), Jordan Cramp, Aaron Hackett & Marc McKeon

**All Ireland Golden Goal** A reminder to all ticket sellers that Golden Goal tickets should be returned to Kevin Mallon or any of the committee by Friday evening next. Tickets are just €5 and they will give you a stake in Sunday's big game as Kerry take on our North West neighbours Donegal. The first prize of €500 will be paid to the person who purchases the ticket with the correct time in which the first goal is in the Final. On each ticket are four randomly allocated times for €5. The more times you enter, the better chance you have of winning. Best of luck!

**Sympathy** The sympathies of the club are extended to the family and friends of the late Brendan Flynn (Clooneen) who was laid to rest in St Michaels on Saturday last. I am reliably informed that Brendan played for Bornacoola, Kilglass Gaels and of course Clonguish – three different, but neighbouring, clubs in three different Counties – in the course of his playing days. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh sé.

*Published on September 24<sup>th</sup>*

**U-16 Championship** Following their opening day victory over Drumkeerin, the U-16's continued their good start to the U-16 championship campaign on Friday last when they enjoyed another comfortable victory, this time over Glen Gaels on a scoreline of 5-14 to 2-6. Bornacoola are due to have a bye in Round 3 before travelling to Drumcong to take on Kiltubrid in Round 4 and hosting Gortletteragh in their final group game.

**All Ireland Golden Goal** Congratulations to Ruth Coughlan on winning the 2014 Golden Goal competition. The winning time for Paul Geaney's goal was 00.50. Our thanks to all who supported this fundraiser and to Kevin and his crew for organising the Golden Goal once again this year.

**Club Draw** The Club Draw for September takes place this Saturday night in the Copper Still. Music and prizes on the night.

**U-12 Championship** Our U-12's will finish their championship campaign when they travel to Killasnett to play St Osnatts on Monday week (Sept 29<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm.



**2014 Sports Day action**

# DEIREADH FÓMHAIR

*Published on October 1<sup>st</sup>*

**Club Draw** Our thanks to all who supported the club draw at the weekend. Winners were; €100 Susan Atkinson, €20 Sean/Mary McCauley, Teresa Reynolds, Sharon Jones, Noel McCloskey & Kerrigan Brihon.

**U-12 Championship** Our U-12's played Glenfarne/Kiltyclogher on Monday week last and while they were ultimately defeated, they put in a positive performance that yielded four goals in the process.

**Bors Abroad** A poor couple of weeks for former Bornacoola players abroad - in New York, Damian Moran played at full forward on the Leitrim New York team defeated by Kerry in the County Final in the Bronx on Sunday last; his teammates included Paddy Maguire (Glencar/Manor) and Shane Moran (Sean O Hesnins). Nearer to home John Mc Guinness played at centre back as Mallow bowed out of the Cork championship following a quarter final replay, while in Australa, former Bornacoola full back Derrick "Digger" Duignan's Evans River Rugby side were defeated in their Grand Final in New South Wales. Derrick has recently set up a touch rugby team called the Bornacoola Orcas in Evans River – not surprisingly, they'll be playing in Black and Amber! Finally our best wishes to Club Registrar Niall O Connor who departed for New York last week – go n-eirí go geal leat sa chathair mór.

*Published on October 8<sup>th</sup>*

**Division 3** Two second half goals were enough to seal victory for Gortletteragh in Division 3 on Sunday morning last in Cornageeha. The teams were level at 0-6 apiece at half time, but Gortletteragh edged ahead early in the second half with the first goal of the contest and while Bornacoola never threw in the towel, a second Gortletteragh three-pointer in the last 10 minutes ensured a deserved win for the home side on a 2-11 to 0-11 scoreline. Bornacoola team on duty was: Feargal Mc Gill, John Shanley, Brian Reilly, Noel Mc Enroe, Shane Conroy, Mervyn Howard, Liam Mulligan, Trevor Howard, Conor Mc Cauley, Alan Croghan, Sean Mc Keon, Tony Shanley, Ronan Mulligan, Philip Howard and Conor Hackett. Sub used Gerry Gearty.

**Underage Training** Our thanks to the coaches of our youngest boys and girls who have been getting together every Saturday morning for the past number of months in the Park. Training for the year finished up on Saturday last and the parents and trainers got together to throw a great party for the players. Well done to all!

**Scrap Metal** Please note that if you have any scrap metal lying around the place and want to get rid of it, the Club are happy to have it collected from you. All you have to do is give Noel Mc Closkey a call on 087 6454317

*Published on October 15<sup>th</sup>*

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** We are celebrating our 125th anniversary with a gathering in the community centre on Saturday evening next starting at 7.30pm. There is an open invitation to everyone in the parish or those with any interest or past links to the club to attend. Memorabilia and match reports from over the years will be on show and Mr Tommy Moran will MC a night of chat and craic. A special limited edition of our Newsletter, The Club, which looks back on 125 years of the GAA in Bornacoola, will be available to all those who attend. A great night of fun and culture is guaranteed. Refreshments will be served on the night and we look forward to seeing you all there.

**U-16 Championship** The U-16's bowed out of the championship on Saturday last when they were defeated by Kiltubrid in Drumcong by 5-6 to 2-5. The boys never quite got into their rhythm as in previous games and despite goals from Robert O Beirne and Liam Jones, Kiltubrid were in control for most of the contest and were deserving winners. Well done to Jonathan Duffy and Trevor Howard for their work with the boys over the course of the year and our thanks to all the players on this panel who put in some excellent performances over the course of a year in which they learned quite a bit. The panel for the year was Christy Sullivan, Patryk Kozac, Oran Mc Guinness, Cian Mallon, Kevin Mulligan, Luke Jones, Gearoid Mulligan, Dylan Hackett, Robert O Beirne, Sean O Riordan, Liam Jones, Jordan Cramp, Aaron Hackett & Marc McKeon

*Published on October 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Our thanks to all who supported the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration night in Clonmorris on Saturday night last. A great night was had by all with a huge number of players and officials – past and present – sharing their memories of the club down through the years. A particular highlight was of the eight set-dancing men who did an impromptu set for those assembled (well done to Sean Beirne, Mícheál Mc Gowan, John Reynolds, Seoirse Reynolds, Gerard Mulligan, Seamus Gannon, Declan Bohan and Tommy Larkin) – the video is already gone viral on the internet!! The chat and craic was of course coordinated by our extraordinary Fear an Tí on the night – the inimitable Tommy Moran, former President of the Connacht Council and a long serving Secretary of the County Board. Tommy's wit and breadth of knowledge truly made the night and we are hugely indebted to this extraordinary Leitrim GAA man for giving of his time to help us celebrate our anniversary in such a special way. Míle Bhuíochas a Thomáis; ní dhéanaimíd dearmaid faoin chabhair a thabhairt tú ar oíche spéisialta dúinn. There will be copies of the special History edition of the 125 newsletter available in Hunts Shop from next weekend onwards so feel free to pick up your complimentary copy when you are passing. To all those who helped with the catering on the night, to those who faced the inquisitive probings of our host and of course to Seamus Mallon and his team who prepared the hall for the night we say a big thank you.

# SAMHAIN

*Published on November 5<sup>th</sup>*

**Club Draw** Our thanks to all who supported the Club Draw on the Bank Holiday Sunday night in the Copper Still. Winners were €100 Brid Kelly €20 Catherine Gilmartin, Fr. Gerry O'Brien, Jason Faughnan, Maria Bohan and Tommy Larkin. Marie Larkin won a bottle of wine sponsored by Derek Hunt.

**Training day** Our thanks to Leitrim and Manorhamilton full forward James Glancy who ran a seminar for our underage coaches on the Saturday morning of the Bank Holiday. James is employed full time as a coach with the Round Towers club in Dublin and his experience and knowledge was greatly appreciated.

**Sympathy** The sympathies of the Club are extended to the Wynne family (Eslinbridge) on the recent passing of Paul RIP and to the Keegan family (Aughavas) on the passing of Aidan RIP. Both families are well known in GAA circles and our thoughts are with them at this time. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh siad.

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**Table Quiz:** We are holding our annual table quiz fundraiser in the Copper Still, Dromod on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be senior and junior sections on the night and a great night's fun is guaranteed as usual. All are welcome so organise a team and see you there.

**AGM:** The annual general meeting of the club is fixed for Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in Bornacoola Community centre. Nominations and motions should be forwarded to Secretary Seamus Mallon. New members are welcome as well as volunteers to assume new and increased roles within the club.

**Well done Feargal:** The Ireland International team are Australia bound this week and play a warm up game on 16<sup>th</sup> November in Melbourne followed by the one off Test game on 22<sup>th</sup> November in Perth. The role of logistics, planning and organising the entire tour, in line with previous international tours, falls to our club player and PRO Feargal McGill. Feargal is presently in Oz pulling the strings in his role as Tour Manager. You can be sure that if the need arises, he could be sprung from the bench as I heard he has packed his boots! Well done Feargal and enjoy your time down under.

**Congratulations:** All at the club extend our best wishes to club member John McGlynn, Edercloone on his recent marriage to Kelly Keville and we hope you both have a long happy life together.

**Sponsorship:** During the year the club playing gear had been collected and laundered by Midland Dry Cleaners, N4 Axis Centre, Longford owned by Tom Hynes, Cloonboney. Tom has very kindly sponsored all his services and this generous outgoing is much appreciated by the club.

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**AGM:** The Annual General Meeting of the club is fixed for next Sunday, November 30th at 12 noon in the Bornacoola Community Centre. Nominations papers have been sent to members and signed nominations and motions should be returned to Secretary Seamus Mallon by Friday, 28th November. All members are asked to attend.

**Table Quiz:** The club held our annual table quiz fundraiser in the Copper Still Bar, Dromod on Friday night. In a very well supported event, there was a senior and junior section with the team of Pauric Reilly, Michael P. Stenson, Jason Faughnan and Derek Hunt outright winners following a tiebreaker round and the runners up was a team comprised of Declan Bohan, Sean McGowan, Shay Reynolds and John Woods. The Junior winners were Brian Duffy, Sean Muldowney, Karl Mallon and Liam Jones. The winners in the draw were Clare Mallon, Linda Logan, Shay Reynolds, Pauric Reilly and Sean Moffett. A big thanks to all and especially quizmaster Liam Rabbitte assisted by his wife Irene who ran a very enjoyable quiz with a special live music round expertly played by Irene on violin a particular highlight. Also, to the sponsors of the prizes for the draw, Derek Hunt for the use of his premises and the co-ordinating team, we extend our thanks.

**Club Draw:** The next GAA club draw will take place in The Weir Lodge, Rooskey on Saturday night with music by Pdraig Farrell & Fanfare.

**Scór na nOg:** Congratulations the Trath na gCeist team of Michelle Hackett, Shane & Cian Mallon, Sean O'Riordan and our figure dancing team of Amy Blake, Sean O'Riordan, Shannon Healy, Cian Mallon, Rachel McGarry, Caelan O'Riordan, Aine Mulligan and Shane Mallon who qualified for the Leitrim County Scór na nOg final on December 14th in Manorhamilton at 2pm.

**Recent engagement:** All the club extend our congratulations to Robert Moran on his recent engagement to Clare Murray, Ballymacward, Co Galway and wish you both the best in the future. We look forward to Robbie tearing up the playing fields with a new spring in his step in 2015 !

**Sponsorship:** In difficult economic times, sponsorship and financial supports for the running of a GAA club can be difficult but yet again Bornacoola Community Development Association have provided the club with a huge boost when they recently provided a sponsorship amount of €5,000 to the club in recognition of the support provided to the Harvest Festival ran in September. This is a very generous gesture and the club is very fortunate to have such a sponsor and for this support we are very thankful to the Committee. This funding helps the GAA club to prepare financially for the challenges of the future and ensuring that club moves forward in a constructive manner to the benefit of the whole parish. In 2015, the association will be running the Vintage & Harvest festival day for the 21st year and this is testament to the organisation and the hard working committee.