



Club Nuachtlitir

Club Newsletter Iúil 2010

Welcome to the July edition of the GAA Club Nuachtlitir. I hope you are all finding our updated Newsletter beneficial as we continue to improve our communication levels with our Clubs both at home and abroad.

Now in its fifth year, the Vhi GAA Cúl Camps is a nationally co-ordinated programme with over 83,000 children taking part in over 1,000 Vhi GAA Cúl Camps in four different countries, Ireland, UK, Canada and the USA. The camps continue to grow from strength to strength and for more information please visit gaa.ie.

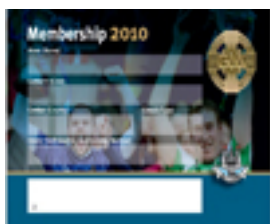
Should you have any feedback on any aspect of what we are trying to do, please feel free to contact our Communications Department through queries@gaa.ie.

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2010 GAA Membership Cards Issued

The issuing of personalised membership cards has now been completed. All County Boards have received their cards and have been asked to dispatch them to their Clubs. The card contains the member's name, County, Club, membership type and the member's ID number. The card also contains the GAA crest, the County Crest as well as an image of the Ballyhale Shamrocks Captain (Hurling), Eamonn Walsh and the St. Galls captain (Football), Colin Brady lifting the 2010 AIB GAA All Ireland Club championship trophies. The cards will be issued to Clubs much earlier in 2011 to facilitate the ease of distribution to Club members.

New Text Message Prices

The GAA has negotiated a new text message price for Clubs through the online



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Registration and Club Membership Management system. Messages will be available in bundles at a cost of 2 cent per message for clubs in the 26 counties and 3.5 cent for clubs in the six counties. To purchase and to use, go to the communication section of the site and click on the 'buy SMS' label. The messages will be available for purchase from the end of July. The functionality of this section is being upgraded to include a facility to reply to messages and to send messages remotely from a mobile phone. These upgrades will be available in the coming months. To access this system, go to people.gaa.ie/admin. Each Club already has a username and password.



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New GAA Club Manual Launched

The new GAA Club Manual is now available on the GAA website in the [Clubzone section](#). This online manual provides a range of advice to clubs on all aspects of club administration including Club officer roles, membership, communication, holding effective meetings, running the AGM, financial matters and so on. The manual also includes a Club activity checklist that Clubs can use to benchmark themselves against recommended best practice. This manual will be updated and added to on an ongoing basis.



Féile 2010

Special congratulations is due to everybody who was involved in the successful running of the 2010 Coca-Cola GAA Féile na nGael and Féile Peile na nÓg finals.

The football competition was held in Derry while Clare hosted the Hurling event and host families, without whom such enjoyable weekends would not have been possible, deserve commendations.

To coaches and mentors of teams, parents of players who travelled and most importantly the young players themselves, we thank you all for your commitment and the good spirit that was shown over both weekends and hope you thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



GAA Museum Events

Why not complete your match day experience with our new unique pre-match guided tour of Croke Park. These new tours provide you with the opportunity to be one of the first people to gain access to the stadium before the stiles open as well as to learn about it's history.

GAA Museum Legends Tour Summer Series 2010: The Legends Tour Series provides fans with a unique opportunity to do a 'behind-the-scenes' tour of Croke Park with their Hurling and Gaelic Football heroes. This year's line-up includes Graham Geraghty, Pat Spillane, Liam Griffin, Peter Canavan, Dónal O'Grady and Darragh Ó Sé. For further details regarding times and dates see <http://www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum/latest-news/all-star-line-up-for-legen>



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Ticket Information: Tickets can be purchased online at www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum. Prices for the Legends Tour are - Adult €12, Child €8.50, Senior/Student €9.50, Family €35, while for the Match Day Tour, which includes the price of your match ticket, it is - Adult €45, Child €15.

For GAA Clubs there is a special offer in place which entitles you to a 25% reduction off the GAA Museum and Croke Park Stadium Tour and should you have any queries contact Selina O'Regan (GAA Museum Education Officer) on 01 8192361 or email education@crokepark.ie.



Fixture Planners

The National Fixtures Planning Committee has introduced a number of minimum requirements in an effort to improve the organisation and frequency of fixtures.

Each Province and County now has two trained Fixture Planners who will work in conjunction with their Competition Control Committee on the production of an ongoing three-year Fixtures Plan and Schedule.

As part of their ongoing work the Fixture Planners are currently conducting a survey of Club players, Club team managers, Club team officers, Competition Sponsors and Supporters and your co-operation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

The following minimum standards have been set down by the National Fixtures Planning Committee. At adult level, in Counties where it is considered that one code is stronger than the other, the stronger code will get 16 games while the weaker code 8 games. In dual counties both codes should get 12 games, while between the ages of U14, U16 and U18 there should be 12 games at each individual age-group.

During the months from April to September, games must be scheduled with gaps of no more than 21 days between them to maximise the number played during the summer months. However, an exception will be made annually to accommodate examinations to help facilitate second level and third level students



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The National Fixtures Planning Committee will keep you updated through the Club Newsletter on an ongoing basis. We have been receiving feedback as a result of the Ag Éisteacht programme and we welcome any further ideas you may have which could help facilitate the playing of Club fixtures in your County.



Club Focus: Moyle Rovers GAA – Tipperary

After eight years of meticulous planning Moyle Rovers GAA Club is ready to officially open the doors of its new and improved facilities.

The future for the Club looks bright with recent club titles in Hurling and Football coming at both juvenile and adult levels. Most impressively, since the current grounds were initially opened in 1990, the young people of this Munster Club have claimed 43 championships.

The development committee consisting of Tommie Campbell (Chairman), Frank Burke (Secretary) and Donal Foley (Treasurer) has overseen the developments in two phases and the first phase, which included a sports hall, dressing rooms and a gymnasium, was opened successfully in 2006.

The second phase, which was completed last month, will show off the addition of meeting rooms, a function room, medical treatment room, multi-purpose sports room, kitchen and reception area.

These fantastic new facilities, which cost €1.75 million, will help to continue to motivate Moyle Rovers' players to build on their prolific past to ensure a prosperous future. More information on the club can be found at www.moylerovers.tipperary.gaa.ie.



Irish Daily Mail International Rules Series 2010

The Aussies are coming back for Irish Daily Mail International Rules action this October and we have a great deal to allow you watch both floodlit tests at a knock-down price.

The first Test takes place in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick on Saturday 23rd October, while the final Test will be held in Croke Park on Saturday 30th



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October.

You can buy a discount Two-Test Package for stand tickets for just €40 for Adults and €10 for Juveniles. The seats will be in Sec F of the Mackey Stand in the Gaelic Grounds and in Sec 306 in the Cusack Stand in Croke Park. Both sections are on the half-way line.

These tickets are now available on www.gaa.ie and print-at-home tickets will be provided to purchasers well in advance of the fixtures. Please note there are no refunds after the first Test on package tickets, while there are no concessions on designated packages either.

More information, including prices for Single Test tickets can be found on www.gaa.ie/tickets-and-merchandise/tickets/international-rules.



GAA Value Ticket Packages

Several ticket packages have been introduced which offer outstanding value to our GAA fans for this summer's action. These range from the 'Hurling Heaven' and 'Football Feast' packages to GAA Quarter and Semi-Final combinations. For full details please check, <http://www.gaa.ie/tickets-and-merchandise/tickets/gaa-ticket-packages>.



Tackling Bullying

The GAA continues to strive towards building an environment where any form of bullying is unacceptable. Incidents of bullying are regarded as serious breaches of our Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport and we are constantly seeking to eradicate bullying from our games.

We are fully committed to creating an ethos of respect within our games to help our members and participants enjoy themselves. As part of our anti-bullying campaign we have launched three new posters, which contain important information on how to deal with and prevent bullying. These are free to download from our website, www.gaa.ie, and are available in both English and Irish.



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'Round the Square – GAA Online Programme

The GAA is pleased to announce the official launch of our new online magazine programme 'Round the Square' which is to be shown on July 29th for the very first time on www.gaa.ie.

The weekly show is the first of its kind in GAA circles and a step forward we are delighted to be taking. It is a significant achievement for our organisation as we adapt and take advantage of modern technologies to help communicate with our members and audiences.

The show will target a young audience and is set to feature face-to-face interviews with our games top stars, highlight the best scores of the week, and preview upcoming action for the week ahead.

The show will also be available to the entire online community and we hope our members from both Ireland and abroad find this programme useful in keeping up with the thrills and spills that occur over the course of the summer.



Vhi GAA Cúl Camps

It is VHI GAA Cúl Camp time again as over 83,000 children between the ages of seven and 13 participate in camps all across Ireland and overseas during the coming weeks. The number of camps scheduled has risen to 1038 in 2010, up from 966 in 2009. The Camps provide a great opportunity for Clubs to showcase our Games and their facilities to new players and members.

Most camps offer Hurling/Camogie, Gaelic Football, Rounders, and Handball where possible, giving great variety to boys and girls in a fun, friendly and sporting environment.

Check www.vhiculcamps.gaa.ie for all details and to book online. Coaching support resources for Cúl Camps are available to all on the website.

We would like to wish the very best of luck to all County Co-ordinators, Camp Supervisors and Coaches in the coming weeks.



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Croke Park Leinster GAA Activity Days

For a third consecutive year almost 2,000 under 8 hurlers and footballers flooded into Croke Park as part of the Leinster GAA Go Games 'Play & Stay with the GAA' Activity Days.

Over 150 clubs were represented on July 5 & 6 as young players from all around the province got their chance to showcase their talents on the famous turf.

This unforgettable experience for the children began with preparing for the games in the Croke Park dressing rooms and concluded with each team lifting a cup at the presentation area in the Hogan Stand afterwards. It was a great experience for all the young players involved over the two days and we hope to see many of them back in Croke Park in years to come.

This week on July 12 & 13 it was Munster's turn as players from across the province got their chance to play at GAA headquarters.