

# SOUTHERN GAELS NEWSLETTER



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## UNDER 14 HURLING LEAGUE

Southern Gaels 3-6 Delvin 6-14

Southern Gaels hosted Delvin in Round Six of the U14 Division Two league. This game played in Pairc Chiaráin last week saw the visitors record a well deserved victory. Delvin took an early lead with a couple of goals and never relinquished that lead. Despite superb saves by our goalkeeper Nathan Quigley and some excellent defending by Eoghan Hardiman and Conal Lambe the Gaels also shipped a number of goals in the second half. Aodhán Fallon and Sam Meegan got through a huge amount of work during the games and took some brilliant scores between them.

### County Development Squads



Pictured are some of the Southern Gaels players on the County Development Squads.

Left to right; Seán Whittaker, U16 Football, Anthony King Carroll, U16 Football, Aaron Hardiman U16 Hurling, Dara Geary U15 Hurling, Pádraig O' Neill U15 Football and Daniel Crosbie U14 Hurling. Oisín O'Donoghue is also on the Under 16 Hurling squad and Peter Bourke on the Under 16 Football squad.

## **ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**

Castletown Geoghegan 3-19 Southern Gaels 1-10

Played in Castletown last Thursday the home side were deserving winners. Southern Gaels had a poor first half, due to lack of match practice and trailed by 2-10 to 0-3 at half-time to a well drilled Castletown team. However, Gaels really improved in the second half. They played with much more gusto, held on to the ball better and distributed it more creatively. The forward line got some good scores throughout the half. There are four remaining Division Two league matches and Gaels need to pick up four points to survive in the Division. The remaining games are against Clonkill, Crookedwood, St. Brigids and St. Oliver Plunketts. There was a welcome return to MJ Kelly, out injured for over a year. Team: Jonathan Keogh, Kieran Duncan, Kevin Dolan, Evan Farrell, Dermot Tracey (0-1), Diarmuid Martin, Cian Geary (0-2), Sean Murphy (0-1), Eanna Holland, Maurice Fitzgerald (1-1), Sean Dowd (C.0-4), Johnny Martin, Eoin Hardiman (0-1), Frank Kelly and MJ Kelly. Sub; Eoin Ahearne. The side face Turin in the first round of the championship in six weeks time

### **Under 18 Hurling League Division 2**

St Brigid's 1-12 Southern Gaels 1-17

A late goal from Padraic O'Neill ensured Southern Gaels had a deserved victory in this fixture played in Rochfortbridge last Friday. Others to play well were Rory Hatton and Liam O'Flaherty.

Southern Gaels 0-19 Fr. Dalton's 1-6

Gaels had a deserved home win in last Sunday's encounter. Sean O'Donoghue was star of the show with an incredible seventeen points. He was majestic throughout from frees and from play. Brian Gill and Aaron Murphy added the other points. Dara Geary had a superb game in goals.

Team; Dara Geary, Ryan Barkley, Matthew Turner, Jack Dowling, Anthony Mannion, Dara Shortall, Oisín O'Donoghue, Dean Burns, Aaron Murphy, Ciaran Morgan, Sean O'Donoghue, Aaron Power, Brian Gill, Killian Keegan and Diarmuid Morgan.

Subs played Luke Duffy, Sean O'Neill and Evan Kinahan.

## **JUNIOR CAMOGIE**

Southern Gaels 0-2 St. Munna's 4-10

The Turin based club had a comprehensive win over a hard working Gaels side only in their second year of camogie. St Munna's led 3-7 to 0-1 at half-time but the home side put in a storming second half to show their progress in a year. Welcome to new player Frances Coote who got on the scoreboard. Team; Lisa Ann Roach, Sarah Carter, Sarah McNamara, Abi Joyce, Ailish Mannion, Aine Galvin, Róisín Ní Duibhir (0-1), Ciara Finn, Lucy Brett, Amy Quinn, Ellen O'Connell, Frances Coote (0-1), Muireann Lambe, Sinead Heavin, Jade Fallon, and Margaret Mulligan,

## **MYTHS AND LEGENDS EVENING**

Southern Gaels hosted a very well attended Irish Myths and Legends evening on Friday last. The event was themed around how Ireland's most famous hurler, Cúchullain got his name.

Irish Language and Culture officer Mickey Moran read retold the story to the kids.

Then we had renowned local poets Jackie Gorman and Christina De Brún read from their recently published collection on the Táin.

To finish up we had local illustrator, Fiona Moran do a "how to draw Cúchullain" workshop.

The event was supported by our Healthy Club team with a lovely box of fruit that was extremely welcome on a balmy evening.

The event was a huge success and part of a club initiative to bring more events associated with traditional culture and the Irish language.

The next event will be our Scór talent show in June.



## HEALTHY CLUBS



The next meeting of coffee morning for retired hurlers and camogie players and friends will be held on Tuesday 4th June. It will be in Spill The Beans coffee shop in St. Peter's Square at 11.00. Anyone who would like to partake in a walk beforehand can meet at the Athlone GAA at 10.30 and walk on the Greenway and new pedestrian bridge to the venue. All active or retired with an interest in the small ball are welcome.

## UNDER 8 GO GAMES



Southern Gaels hosted Cullion and Oliver Plunkett's in Round 3 of the U8 Go Games in Páirc Chiaráin. With six teams and three pitches Páirc Chiaráin was a hive of activity. Each team played three fifteen minutes matches demonstrating the skills they have practiced at training. The standard of ground hurling was extremely high. After the matches the players received fruit & water as part of the GAAs Healthy Club initiative, it went down a treat in the warm weather. Thanks to the parents for helping out and to Cullion and Oliver Plunkett's for travelling to Athlone

### MARIST COLLEGE



Congratulations to the Marist College on their victory in the North Leinster D Second Year Hurling Final with a 1-14 to 1-10 win over Patrician Newbridge. Well done to the lads and mentors Conor Flanagan and Ronan Farrell. The Marist also won the North Leinster C Junior Final earlier in the year.

### Fixtures

Hurling

**Friday 17th May**, Under 12 League St Oliver Plunkett's v Southern Gaels, Robinstown at 6.30

Camogie

**Monday 13th May** Under 14 Southern Gaels v Crookedwood, Pairc Chiaráin at 6.30

**Saturday 18th May** Under 8s and 10s Blitz, Pairc Chiaráin at 10.00am



Best wishes to Vera Corcoran for a speedy recovery from her recent mishap.