

SOUTHERN GAELS NEWSLETTER

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GAA President's Awards



Congratulations to club stalwart Kevin Jordan who received the GAA President's Award for Leinster for 2026 at a presentation banquet in Croke Park last Friday 30th January.

Kevin has been a member of Southern Gaels club since 1982. Since then he has been active in the club as a player, administrator and coach. During that time he has served on a number of occasions as Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

As a player from 1983 to 2010 he was on teams that won several county championships and leagues most notably the 1986 Intermediate Championship. As a coach he was instrumental in helping to bring many championship and league titles to the club.

he first being the Under 16 Championship in 1984 and then the Under 21 B in 1990. When Southern Gaels and Fr. Dalton's juveniles amalgamated from 1998 to 2010 Kevin was one of the lead mentors.

With John Foley and Donal Glynn they coached teams to win eight county titles with the Minor Championship in 2007 the pinnacle of the club's success.

Kevin was also a participant in Scór for many years and with Tommy Molloy and David Hatton captured a Leinster and several County Quiz titles.

In both 1998 and 2023 he penned books for the 25th and 50th Anniversaries of the foundation of the club. He has been club delegate to the County Board for over twenty years, served as County Juvenile Secretary from 2020 to 2022 and is currently on the referees' panel on behalf of the club.

As a teacher in the Marist College (1981-1988) and in Banagher, Co. Offaly (1988 - 2019) he coached school teams and served as secretary of the West Midland Schools' League for twelve years. Following a life-time of service to the GAA and hurling in the Athlone area Kevin is a worthy recipient in recognition of his great work.

His wife Aideen, daughter Eimer and several family members attended the event along with many friends and club members from Southern Gaels. It was an historic occasion for Kevin and his Southern Gaels colleagues and due recognition for their efforts to promote camogie and hurling in Athlone and the surrounding area.



Mentors and Volunteers' Meeting 2026



Southern Gaels
2026 MENTORS
Planning Session
Join us in shaping our 2026 Season.

- Your club!
- Your voice!
- Be part of building the Future!

Date:
3rd February 2026
Time:
At 08.00PM- 9.30PM

 Scoil na gCeithre Maistirí (Gael Scoil)

There is a Planning meeting on Tuesday 3rd February from 8.00 to 9.30 for all mentors and anyone who wishes to help the club in any way during 2026.

This will take place in the Athlone Gael Scoil (Scoil na gCeithre Maistirí) .

All are welcome to come along, get involved and help out even in a small way.

Club Lotto

There was no winner of last week's jackpot of €13,200. The numbers drawn were 5, 15, 28 and 30.

The Lucky Dip winners of €25 were Gearóid Ó Duibhir, Andrea O'Rourke and William Quigley. This week's jackpot will be €13,600.

Buy your tickets online through the Clubforce App. Thanks for your continued support. New members always welcome.



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Adult Players' Meeting

A meeting of the adult players for 2026 will be held this Saturday 7th February at 5.30 in The Olive, Ballymahon Road.

This is to meet with the new manager Seamus Qualter and his selectors Martin Geary and Tom Murphy.

All who are looking forward to playing with the club for 2026 are invited to attend.

There will be two teams, Intermediate and Junior fielded in the Championship and one team in the Senior League in Division Two.



PLAYERS MEETING 2026

LOOKING TO PLAY SENIOR HURLING FOR SOUTHERN GAELS?

MEETUP

SAT. FEBRUARY 7TH
5:30PM

BACK ROOM IN THE OLIVE

SEE YOU THERE

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Healthy Club Steps Challenge



The club is taking part in the Irish Life GAA Clubs Steps Challenge. This is to encourage all club members and their friends to get out and walk/run to improve their wellbeing and fitness.

You can sign in for free through the MyLife by Irish Life App from the App Store and follow the links.

The link is also on our social media sites. You don't have to be a member of Southern Gaels but you can sign up and dedicate your steps to the club.

Any club that reaches a combined total of 4,000 km will be in a draw for a share of €30,000. The challenge runs until 11th February and any steps during that time will count.

The club meet at the Regional Sports Centre at 7.00 - 8.00pm on Tuesday each week for a fun walk. All are welcome.

You can join up through the link <https://share.google/zdlWQfLvG9M9MhtEp>



Westmeath County News

Well done to the Westmeath Senior hurlers who made the long trip to Kerry for their opening League encounter and came away with a draw. Club players Sean Dowd, Cian McCarthy and Jonathan Keogh are on the panel.

Also well done to the Westmeath Senior football side especially all the local players on their 2-19 to 1-17 victory over Clare in Ennis.

Unfortunately the Westmeath ladies lost narrowly to Tyrone by 4-15 to 6-6 in a ten goal thriller in St Loman's.



Best of luck to our three u14 boys who were back training this weekend with the u14 Westmeath Development Squad for 2026. Paddy Kelly, Rory O'Connor and Cillian Coughlan, we're very proud of you all.