

# SOUTHERN GAELS NEWSLETTER

09 MARTA, 2026



## All County Hurling League Division Two



Turin 4-22 Southern Gaels 2-10

This opening League fixture was played in Turin last Sunday. The Athlone side had wind advantage in the opening half but trailed by 1-10 to 1-6 at half time. An early blitz of three goals in the third quarter set up the home side for victory. Cian Geary goaled from a penalty mid way through the half but a steady string of points ensured Turin emerged victorious.

Southern Gaels; Breen Elliott, Dara Shortall, Graham Houlihan, Evan Farrell, Luke O'Connell, Cian Geary (1-5), Diarmaid Murtagh, Dermot Treacy, Sean Murphy, Chulainn Dowd (0-5), Kevin Dolan, Ruairí Ó Duibhir, Neal Rattigan, MJ Kelly (1-0) and Conor Gavin. Subs; Ciaran Morgan (O'Connell) and Aaron Power (Ó Duibhir).

# Junior Camogie



Southern Gaels went to Kinnitty to face the local side in a challenge last Sunday as they continued their pre-season preparation. Fourteen lined out welcoming some new and younger players to the squad.

Southern Gaels matched Kinnitty for play throughout the match but could not convert enough of their scoring opportunities. Ciara Murphy and Emily Watkins along with Aoife O'Connor, Caoimhe Flynn-Kelly, Claire McNamara and Leigha Donlon were some of the new players who will no doubt feature throughout the year.

# Ball Wall Hurling/Camogie Marathon



**SOUTHERN GAELS**  
**HURLING & CAMOGIE**

# BALL WALL MARATHON

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
**10 AM TO 10 PM**



**BALL WALL IN PAIRC CHIARAIN, BALLYMAHON,  
ROAD, ATHLONE.**

**REFRESHMENTS IN THE OLIVE BARR FOR COMPETITORS.  
SPOT PRIZES AND MUSIC ON THE NIGHT.**

The club will run a Ball Wall Hurling/Camogie Marathon this Saturday 14th March as a fundraiser for the club. It will begin at 10am and run until 10pm.

It is vital that all club players and members support this event. To donate please log on to <https://events54.com/event/Southerngaelsballwall> to contribute and support.

The All Ireland county and club camogie cups, the Christy Ring and Nicky Rackard cups will be on show and there will be number of the winning players in attendance.

There will also be a number of intercounty hurlers at the event. Details of the marathon and how to contribute to it will be on all our social media sites. This is an opportunity to support the promotion of both camogie and hurling in the area.

## National Draw Tickets



Tickets for the National GAA Draw are on sale through the club for €15. There are many valuable prizes on offer and all money raised goes directly to our club.

Tickets can be purchased through any committee member or contact **Kevin at 087 7989941**. The draw takes place on 25th March so it is important to get your ticket well on time.



There was no winner of last week's jackpot of €14,400. The numbers drawn were 13, 15, 17 and 18.

The Lucky Dip winners of €25 were Catriona Fagan, Shane Galvin and Caroline Madden.

This week's jackpot will be a fantastic €14,600. Now is the time to buy your tickets online through the Clubforce App.

Thanks for your continued support. New members always welcome.

## Camogie Medal Presentation



The Junior B team who captured the county title for 2025 will be presented with their medals on Saturday 14th March in The Olive Bar from 10.00 pm in conjunction with the Ball Wall Marathon event. Well done girls and management.

## **St Patrick's Day Parade.**



The club will, as usual, take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It will assemble at the Leisure Centre at the Old Railway Station and march through town. All details are available from our mentors.

## **Membership**

Membership for all players is now due and can be done on line through Foireann. All details are available from mentors and on our social media sites.

# Mentors and Helpers



Well done to Eoin Fahy, Niall Coghill, Rob O'Rourke, Pa McLoughlin, Kirsty Donnelly and Mags Mulligan who did the GAA Foundation Coaching Course

The club are always happy to have additional people helping in any way big or small. Additional team mentors are most welcome and the club will ensure that all necessary guidelines and courses are arranged.

Contact Lisa Ann (Secretary) 087 7780364, Leona (Children's Officer) 087 7789021 or Tony (Juvenile Secretary) 087 2249712, if you are willing to help the club in any way at any stage during 2026

# Marist College



Well done to the First/Second Year hurling side who drew with Newbridge College in the last of their Round Robin games and booked their place in the knockout phase.

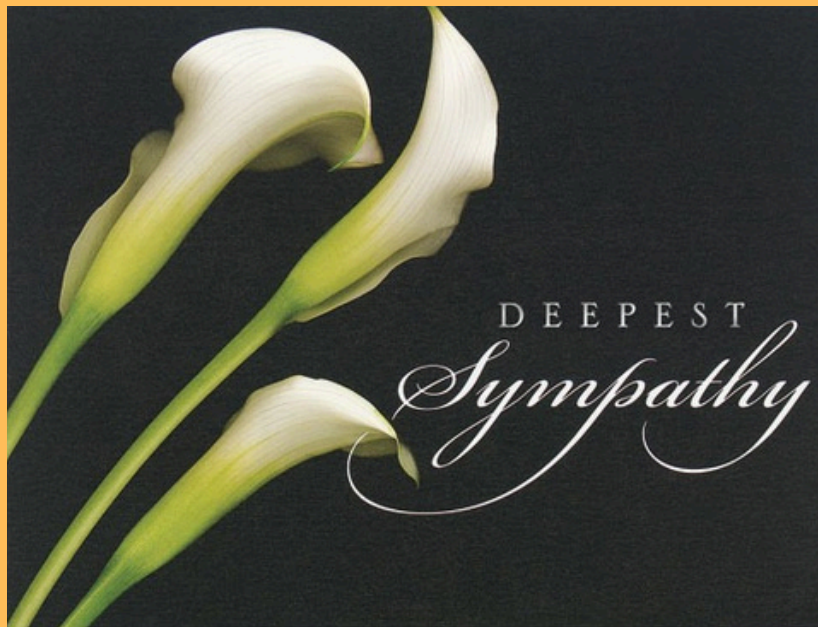
## Return to Training

The adult camogie and hurling teams have returned to training. Any new players interested in playing for 2026 should contact Martin 087 2253350 for hurling and Gearóid 087 2343636 for camogie. Most juvenile teams have returned to training and players can contact mentors for details. The Under 6s Academy or Ash Avengers have begun their season in the Gael Scoil, Scoil na gCeithre Maistrí, on Sundays from 1 - 2 pm.

This is a real fun time for all wishing to start camogie and hurling. All equipment is provided, just show up for a fun time and try the game. League games will begin at the end of March. The adult and Under 18 camogie sides training in Pairc Chiaráin Athlone GAA on Fridays from 8-9.

The Under 8s camogie train in the Gael Scoil on Sundays from 2-3. The Under 12s camogie train in the Regional Sports Centre from 7-8 and the Under 10s hurling train in the RSC on Fridays from 6-7.





The club extends condolences to Ruth O'Keeffe (nee Lennon) Tony and their children Tom, Aoibhín and Róisín on the death of her father Joe Lennon, Glasson. Also to his wife Mary and the extended Lennon family.

Condolences also to the Nugent family, Garrycastle on the death of Seamus Nugent. Deepest sympathies to his wife Bridie, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, also to his extended family, relatives and many friends.

Seamus was a noted footballer and hurler with Athlone and later a founder member of Garrycastle GAA club.

He was a wonderful and kind hearted man and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. May he Rest in Peace.

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