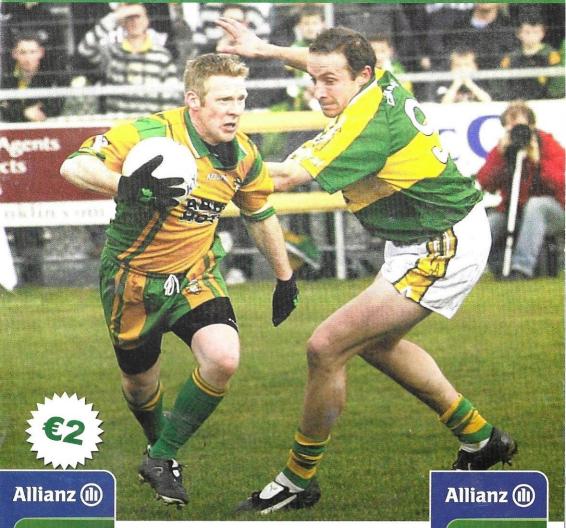


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Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir anseo inniu go Páirc Aibhistín de Staic don chéad babhta den Sraith Náisiúnta Peile. Fáiltím faoi leith roimh muintir Dún na nGall – oifigigh, foireann bainistíochta, imreoirí agus lucht tachtaíochta – atá tar éis taisteal i bhfad ón dtaobh eile den tír.



Today we embark on a new campaign and, as is normal in Kerry, not without hope. Pat O'Shea and his management team have retired and, on behalf of the Kerry Co. Committee and all followers of the game

here, I thank them for their dedication and unselfish commitment to the cause over the past two years. The players and the team certainly developed under their stewardship. I welcome back Jack O'Connor and his management team to the fold. In particular, I welcome Eamonn Fitzmaurice on board and I have no doubt that his astuteness and leadership qualities will have a positive effect on the performance of the team.

In the corresponding game in Ballybofey last year, an own goal at the end of the game caused us to lose by one point. Today's game will be equally enthralling as the newly crowned Dr. McKenna Cup winners come to town with a new management team and improved ambitions. The Kerry management team will doubtlessly use the occasion to examine the well-being of the established players and to introduce some new players to the inter-county scene.

On the home front, the fixture programme for the year has been streamlined with the agreement and co-operation of the Co. Committee and District Committees . The District Leagues will be played and concluded in February and March. Thereafter, the Co. Leagues will commence and will be played during the summer and will conclude in the autumn. The Club Championships will be played and concluded in April/May and the Co. Senior Championship will begin in June and conclude as early as possible in the autumn, depending on the progress of the inter-county teams.



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Thankfully, then, the playing season s upon us. County and club teams proceed with renewed vigour and confidence. Bainigí taitneamh as an gcluiche seo and bígí cúramach ar na boithre ar bhur mbealach abhaile.

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Club Registration Training

Training for all club Registrars & Club Secretaries on the new Club registration system has commenced in Kerry. We had a great turn out last week from all The North Kerry football clubs, Coiste Trá Lí Clubs, St Brendan's Board Clubs and West Kerry Clubs.

We thank all the clubs for their cooperation and for their attendance. Training for remaining clubs is as follows:

Monday 2nd February: Dromid Community Centre South Kerry & Kenmare clubs

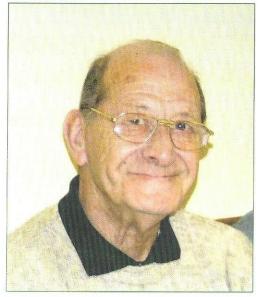
Wednesday 4th February: Austin Stack Park: Mid Kerry Clubs and East Kerry Clubs

Thursday 5th February: Austin Stack Park North Kerry Hurling Clubs and South Kerry **Hurling Clubs**

The club registrar, Club secretary and another person may attend the training. It is important that the Club secretary and Registrar attend. The club may wish to nominate another person to attend as well that has IT skills.

If at all possible each club attending the training is asked to bring in a lap top that is set up for wireless Broadband.

Training commences each night at 7.30pm sharp and we aim to be finished for 9.30 at the latest.



Looking after the financial affairs of the county board is a very specialised job and for over 25 years John McMahon undertook that task with dignity and efficiency.

kind. courteous His and friendly personality endeared him to all. For many of those years he shared the job with Jimmy Coffey and for the past five years with John Joe O'Carroll.

Coming from a financial background, the former Bank of Ireland manager worked tirelessly and unselfishly behind the scenes keeping the financial affairs of Kerry County Board in order.

That posed numerous challenges. Costs are constantly increasing and a careful study of the accounts presented each year at County Convention illustrates the many items of expenditure that are undertaken every year.

The demands of expenditure had to be carefully balanced with the income of the County Board. Income comes from three sources, namely Gate Receipts, Sponsorship and Grants for Munster Council and Central Council.

From time to time additional sources of revenue are needed and John McMahon was at the forefront of formulating and organising these fund raising ventures. Foremost of these ventures are the Ticket Purchase Schemes whereby the members of the scheme can purchase Stand Tickets for intercounty Championship Matches in which the Kerry Senior Football team is involved.

John performed the duties of Treasurer with dignity and he always had time for a friendly chat with players and supporters, particularly during the championship season when he supervised and organised ticket sales to

clubs and the public at The Pavilion and Fitzgerald Stadium. He enjoyed the

loyalty and support of his stilesmen and was always sympathetic and understanding when they encountered criticism

> about admission charges at the turnstiles.

He was very popular with our intercounty players and

they continue to have great respect for him. It is a testament to the respect he gave the players that they maintain the greatest of respect for him.

John enjoyed his years as County Board Treasurer and his love of the games and his respect for the players made it a labour of love for him.

The New Rules at a Glance

by Paudie Commane

New playing rules have come into effect from 01 January 2009. The new rules will be on view for the McGrath and O'Byrne Cups and will also apply for the National Hurling & Football Leagues.

Red Card Offences

No change here. Players shown a red card are ordered off and not replaced. There are 13 offences under this category in football, three more in hurling. The usual suspects are here: stamping, punching, spitting, contributing to a melee etc.

Yellow Card Offences

Likely to be the most contentious area. Players shown a yellow card for a highly disruptive foul are sent off and replaced by a substitute. There are six highly disruptive fouls in football and seven in hurling.

They are:

- Pulling down an opponent.
- Tripping an opponent with hand, foot or hurley.
- Deliberately body colliding with an opponent after he has played the ball away or for the purpose of taking him out of a movement of play.
- Bringing an arm or hurley around an opponent's neck.
- Wrestling with an opponent on the ground and away from play.
- Remonstrating with a match official in an aggressive manner.
- Using the hurley in a careless manner.

Black Card Offences

Players can be shown a black card for repeated infractions. Some offences will warrant a straight black card, two of which will constitute a yellow and a trip to the sideline where the player will be replaced. Other offences will warrant a black book only at the third time of asking while a fourth such transgression will result in yellow. This is confusing but hopefully it will counteract serial offenders.

These rules mean that each team can now use up to six substitutes. This will not be a problem for the senior Club team but may cause problems for the B, & C teams etc. as they might not have enough players to replace players who receive yellow cards...

Disciplinary Playing Rules

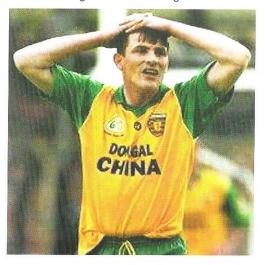
The GAA have today confirmed that yellow cards incurred in games played under the experimental new rules in the January Provincial Competitions and the Allianz National leagues will not remain on a player's disciplinary record outside of the immediate competition in which he was participating. Effectively this means that penalties incurred in the January competitions will not carry forward to the Allianz Leagues or third level competitions and penalties imposed in the National Leagueswill not be carried forward to the Championships. It should be notedthat this only applies to Category 1 (yellow card) infractions and that penalties incurred for Red Card offences will apply across relevant competitions.

A warm-up for the summer perhaps?

by Chris McNulty

WHEN Donegal defeated Kerry in the All Ireland U21 final replay of 1987, Naomh Columba (Glencolmcille) man John Joe Doherty was a tough tackling corner back of the old school.

Twenty two years on from that fateful evening in Carrick-On-Shannon, Doherty is the man tasked with leading an enigmatic, unpredictable, yet undoubtedly talented bunch of men into battle, and ultimately war come the long summer evenings.



John Joe, as he aims to turn the Tir Chonaill water into wine, is hoping for a solid League campaign to precede a fruitful Championship.

Donegal are in Tralee today looking to preserve a good recent record against Kerry, having won the last three meetings between the counties, at Ballybofey in 2005, at Letterkenny in 2007 and again at Ballybofey last year.

For the success-starved followers in the North West, following that on in the Championship has been a sticky point in recent sojourns. Not since the Holy Grail was landed, some

seventeen long summers ago now in 1992, have Donegal danced under the spotlight on September's third Sunday.

The grounding for the summer's bouts is laid in these spring encounters. Many followers will trek to far-flung outposts over the next few weeks and debate the merits of performances in the League.

Donegal won the League in April 2007, only to crash and burn in the Championship; their neighbours Derry did likewise last year.

Yet, winning is a habit that isn't easy kicked. So, there lies in there somewhere a happy medium that bosses like John Joe and Jack O'Connor are attempting to perfect.

In his book, Keys to the Kingdom, O'Connor talks of the 2005 League defeat to Donegal. "People would dismiss those games, but for us they were huge...You just look for that small bit of an edge, some sign of the hunger we want."

John Joe, in a recent interview, made the point that "when all is said and done it's really all about the Championship. We will all be judged on the Championship."

Donegal have never met Kerry in the Senior Football Championship. The hope lingers along that rugged North West Atlantic coastline that one day our troops can walk into battle and place the green and gold of Tir Chonaill on Sam Maguire.

John Joe would surely treasure a repeat of the U21 final of 1987, with the same outcome of course! We live in the hope that today's meeting will be merely a warm-up for a further encounter down the line.

See you in the summer time...! Chris McNulty is Chief Sports Writer with the bi-weekly Donegal News.



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Coaching Conference

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The inaugural Kerry Coaching Conference will take place in Mounthawk Secondary School. Tralec on Saturday 28th February. The title of the conference is "Maximising the Potential of Young Players in the G.A.A" and will focus on developing players from U-8 right through to Minor Level. Player Development now requires the understanding and recognition of the physical and psychological demands on young people as well as the ability to improve technical ability and tactical awareness of players.

This conference will give coaches throughout the county an opportunity to expand on their existing knowledge as well as meet a number of outstanding coaches. The majority of the conference will be practically based and therefore coaches attending will get ideas they can put into use on the training field. The list of presenters on the day includes some of the most experienced and respected in the G.A.A. and everyone attending is sure to benefit in some way from listening to these coaches. We hope that you will enjoy the conference.

Michael McCarthy
Coaching Officer

Conference Programme

9.00	Registration
9.30 - 9.55	Opening Address
	Eoin 'Bomber' Liston
	"Developing Young Players"
10.00 - 11.15	Conditioning Young Players - Practical
	Pat Flanagan - Former Kerry Senior Football Trainer
11.15 - 12.00	Psychological Development Of Young Players
	Alan Ringland Sports Psychologist
12.00 - 12.45	Fundamentals Skills Session for Football and Hurling
	Maurice Leahy Games Promotion Officer
	Former Kerry Senior Hurling Manager
12.45 - 1.30	Lunch
	FOOTBALL
1.30 - 2.30	Developing Better Attackers - Practical
	Pat O'Shea Former Kerry Senior Football Manager
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.30 - 3.20 Developing Better Defenders - Practical

John Sugrue Former Kerry Senior Football Trainer

Game Related Drills - Practical

Donie Buckley - Current Limerick Senior Football

Coach, All Ireland Medal Winner Castleisland Desmonds

HURLING

1.30 - 2.30 Developing Better Defenders - Practical
Paudie Butler - National Hurling Development
Coordinator
2.30 - 3.30 Developing Better Attackers - Practical
Paudie Butler - National Hurling Development

Coordinator

3.30 - 5.00 Game Related Drills - Practical

George O'Connor - Former All-Ireland Winner





3.30 - 5.00

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Back in the old days when Donegal and Kerry met there was a definite colour clash as both wore the same colour and style jersey.

When Donegal changed to an mostly gold jersey in the early nineties, it corresponded with their only All-Ireland senior win.

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While there are many other common similarities between the counties in area, terrain, tourism, etc., the comparison of All-Ireland titles is a poor one.

Donegal's lone senior championship success along with two U-21 All-Irelands and one National League leaves them trailing the Kingdom by a long margin.

It is only in the National League that the 'playing field' is more level.

Donegal have six wins to Kerry's eight in their fourteen meetings so far.

The first three times they met, Donegal came out on top - all in the late 1980s when Donegal football was in its most consistent phase, reaching five Ulster finals in-a-row.

The other three Donegal successes have been in their recent meetings, both at Donegal venues. Donegal won a thrilling encounter in Letterkenny in 2007 and under the lights in Ballybofey last year, Donegal came away with a 'lucky' win after a lucky goal in the final seconds. The other success, in 2005, was in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.

Both sides have new management teams looking after affairs (although 'new' might not be the appropriate term for the Kerry

management, with Jack O'Connor returning). From a Donegal point of view, the term is very relative with three former players with All-Ireland medals taking the reins. When you consider that there are only 26 All-Ireland medals in total in the county, to have three holders in charge is a great achievement.

John Joe Doherty, Tony Boyle and Tommy Ryan have a very impressive combined CV. Doherty and Ryan were part of a successful Donegal minor team in 1985 and then won All-Ireland U-21 medals in 1987 when they overcame Kerry at the second attempt. That Kerry team had one member, Mick Galwey, playing midfield, who went on to distinguish himself on the Munster and Irish rugby fields.

Both John Joe and Tommy will be hoping that their success on that day against the Kingdom can be repeated today.

In normal circumstances Donegal supporters are quite happy when the county is drawn away as it gives them an opportunity to get

away for a weekend break with a game thrown. That is expecially so in places like Tralee and even though the recesssion may have an effect, the hardy supporters will be here in good numbers to enjoy last night and the game this afternoon.

Whatever the result, the Donegal followers will enjoy themselves and hopefully will have made some new friends.

Peter Campbell is Sports Editor of The Donegal Democrat When Pat O'Shea was ratified as the new Kerry manager on the 29th of November 2006 he was taking up a position which many people thought of as a poisoned chalice. Kerry had just stormed to their 4th All Ireland in nine years annihilating teams such as Armagh, Cork and Mayo. Many people thought this team had peaked; allied to this was the fact that no team had won back to back All Irelands in 16 years while two stalwarts in Seamus Moynihan and Mike McCarthy had just retired.

Pat O'Shea

However, this didn't faze the Dr. Crokes man who simply believed that his panel of players had the hunger and desire to go back to back.

But first Pat had to finish his tenure as the manager of Dr. Crokes. Despite losing to a last minute free in the county final, Pat led his team past Nemo (the first Kerry side to do so) and onto the All Ireland series. In the final it seemed for long spells that Pat would add to the club medal he won as a player in 1992 but a late controversial equaliser from Oisín McConville that was shown afterwards to be overcarried and also possibly wide denied Crokes this feat. However, being the sportsman he is Pat didn't complain and accepted defeat in

Now the focus turned to his county and Pat managed to lead Kerry on a tricky road to Croke Park with close wins over Monaghan and Dublin. The Monaghan game was fraught with danger late on but Pat kept his cool and sprung Brian Sheehan who kicked two points to tie the game before it was

the replay with good grace and humility.



won in injury time. In the victory over Dublin,

Dara Ó Cinnéide noted how the Crokes style had been used to keep the ball late on in the game and suck the life from the Dublin team.

So the first All Ireland between the two biggest rivals in the game took place in September of 2007 and history will show it for the magnificent achievement that it was. A resounding victory sealed the back to back All Ireland.

That a freak goal in last year's final plus the width of leather on a boot denied Kerry a three in a row last year does not lessen Pat's great achievement. He will be sorely

missed but his great work as a coach will continue to bear fruit in the years to come and we may not have seen the last of this football fanatic yet.

Ciarraí

Dún na nGall



Fir lonad

- 16) Diarmuid Murphy Diarmuid Ó Murchú Dingle
- 17) Bryan Sheehan Brian Ó Siocháin St Mary's
- (18) Rónán Ó Flatharta Rónán Ó Flatharta An Ghaeltacht
- (19) Daniel Bohane Donal Ó Buacháin Austin Stacks
- (20) Anthony Maher Antóin Ó Meachair Duagh
- (21) Paul O'Connor Pól Ó Concubhair Kenmare
- (22) Kieran O'Leary Ciarán Ó Laoire Dr. Crokes
- 23) Ronan O'Connor Ronán Ó Concubhair Ballyduff
- 24) Kieran Quirke Ciarán Ó Cuirc Duagh

Ger Reidy Gearóid Ó Riada Castleisland Desmonds

Padraig Reidy Pádraig Ó Riada Scartaalin

Aidan O'Mahony Aodán Ó Mathúna Rathmore

Killian Young Cillín De Siún Renard

Tommy Griffin Tomás Ó Grifín Dinale

Marc Ó Sé Marc Ó Sé An Ghaeltacht

Aidan O'Shea Aedán Ó Sé Glenbeigh /Glencar

Seamus Scanlon Séamus Ó Scanláin Currow

David Moran Daithí Ó Móráin Kerins O'Rahilly's

Paul Galvin Pól Ó Gealbháin Finuge

Declan O'Sullivan Deaglán Ó Suilleabháin Piarsaiah Na Dromada Donnacha Walsh Donnacha Breathnach Cromane

(13)Colm Cooper Colm Cuipéir Dr. Crokes

Tommy Walsh Tomás Breathnach Kerins O'Rahilly's

Darren O'Sullivan (C) Darren Ó Suilleabháin Glenbeigh /Glencar

Bainisteóir: Jack O'Connor Piarsaigh Na Dromada Traenálaí: Alan O'Sullivan Kerins O'Rahilly's Rognóirí: Ger O'Keeffee Austin Stacks, Famon Eitzmaurice Finuae



Frank Mc Glynn Prionsias Mag Fhlionn Gleann Fhinne

Charles Byrne

Cathal Ó Beirn

Malainn

Raymond Sweeney Reamonn Mac Suibhne An Clochan Liath

Barry Monaghan Barra Ó Mannacháin Na Ceithre Máistrí

Neil Gallagher Niall Ó Gallachóir Gleann tSúilí

Ciaran Bonner Ciarán Ó Cnaibhsí Gleann tSúilí

Kevin Mc Menamin Caoimhin Mac Meanman An Tearmann

Conall Dunne Conall Ó Duinn Naomh Adhamhnáin

Stephen Griffin Stiophan Ó Griofa Naomh Naille

Rory Kavanagh (C) Ruairí Ó Caomhánach Naomh Adhamhnáin

Paddy Mc Daid

Padraig Mac Daibheid

An Tearmann

Eamon Mc Gee

Éamonn Mac Aoidh

Gaoth Dobhair

Brendan Boyle

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David Walsh Daithí Breathnach Naomh Bría

Fir Ionad

- 16) Micheal Boyle Micheál Ó Baoill An Tearmann
- 17) Michael Doherty Mícheál Ó Dochartaigh Na Ceithre Máistrí
- (18) Ryan Bradley Rian O'Brolchain Bun Cranaiah
- (19) Leon Thompson Leon Mac Tomáis Naomh Conall
- (20) Eoin Wade Eoin Mac Uaid Naomh Conall
- (21) Declan Walsh Déaglán Breathnach Malainn
- (22) Brian Roper Brian Ó Roipear Aodh Ruadh (B/S)
- 23) Johnny Gallagher Sean Ó Gallchóir Aodh Ruadh (B/S)
- 24) Odhran Doherty Odhran Ó Dochartaigh Buncrannagh

Bainisteóir: John Joe Doherty, Naomh Mhuire Traenálaí: Micheal McGeehin, St Eunans Rognóirí: Tony Boyle, Dungloe, Tommy Ryan, Termor

Cumann na mBunscoil Chiarraí

Local Final

Coolard Primary school were hoping to go one step further than last year when they were defeated by Mid Kerry champs Kilgobnet. This year was the first time in Cumann ma mBunscoil history that two teams from the mme parish met in decider. Abbeydorney beautifully maintained and well lit pitch added the occasion.



Coolard Primary School Team

Scoil Maolcheadair won the replay in the two teacher Cumann na mBunscoil.

The story of Cumann na mBunscoil Chiarraí 2008 and 2009 will continue in every home game . So do not miss your program.... Scoil Mhaolchéadair, 2 teacher school

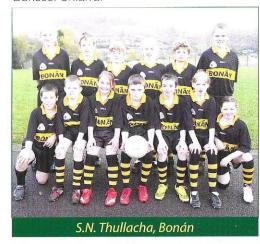
Is scoil Ghaeltachta í Scoil Mhaolchéadair. Ionnaithe i gcroí lár Paróiste na Cille le Cill Mhaolchéadair lasthiar dár ndrom, Séipéalaín Ghallarais agus Cnoc Bhréathnainn lenar gcliatháin, na Triúr Deifiúracha agus Cuan Ard na Caithne romhainn amach agus gan dabht Gort Caide Ghallarais .

'Sé seo an dara bliain as a chéile dúinn na cluichí ceannais a bhaint amach. Anuraidh, bhí an bhliain ab fhearr riamh againn ar pháirc na h-imeartha. D'éirigh linn an chraobh a thabhairt linn i gCorn Mhic Eoin agus Mhic Churtáin. Bhíomar inár dtáinisteoirí i

gCumann na mBunscol agus sa "Mini Sevens".(Dúradh linn go "mbeadh lá eile ag an bPaorach"!)



Bhain imreoir dár gcuid, Caoimghín Ó Beaglaoich, áit amach dó fhéin ar fhoireann Bunscol Chiarraí



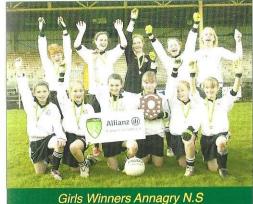
S.N. Thullacha, Bonán is situated just outside Kenmare on the Kerry/Cork border. The school has always had a proud tradition of GAA, with former pupils having played for Kerry at all levels in both football and hurling. We reached the final last year, 2007 but we were unlucky on the day.

We last won the Cumann Na mBunscol county final in 1996

Cumann na mBunscoil Dún na nGall

INTO/Cumann na mBunscol 'Mini 7s' **County Finals**

Mac Cumhaill Park was the setting for the county finals of the boys and girls competitions of the INTO/Cumann na mBunscol 7-aside blitz which took place last Saturday. Dry, mild conditions prevailed at the Ballybofey venue and a feast of gaelic football was enjoyed by all the young participants and their supporters. A record number of schools had competed on a regional basis in order to reach Saturdays final where twelve schools from all over Donegal competed in the girls and boys competitions. The Cumann na mBunscol committee were present to oversee what was a very successful event in the schools' sporting calendar.



In the girls competition, Annagry N.S. took the honours showing skill and class in an impressive victory over an excellent side from Scoil Cholmcille Termon. Gaelscoil Adhnamhain Leitir Ceannain emerged victorious from the boys competition. They defeated Scoil Naomh Mura Tooban in a close contest. Following the finals shields and gold and silver medals were presented to the winners and runners-up.

The girls and boys from Anagry and Letterkenny now progress to the Ulster regional blitzes where players will be selected to partake in the mini-games which are now an established feature of All-Ireland semi-final and final days.

All participating school teams are to be commended for the high level of skills on show and for the sporting manner in which the tournament was contested.



The schools who took part in the boys competition were: Scoil Fionnain, Fal Carragh, Scoil Mhuire, Craoslach, Gaelscoil Adhamhnain, Leitir Ceannain, Scoil Mhuire Glenties, St. Mac Cartans, Bundoran, Scoil Naomh Mura, Tooban.

The following teams participated in the girls competition Scoil Eoghan Moville, S.N. Annagry, Scoil Cholmcille Cill Mhic nEanáin, Scoil Fionnain Fal Carragh, Scoil Cholmcille Termon Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Killymard.

Excellent refereeing on the day was provided by Seamus Bradley, Robbie O' Donnell, Mickey Mulhern and Gerald Mc Hugh. The committee wish to express their gratitude to Peter Maloney, Patsy Patton and the Sean Mac Cumhaills club for the use of their fine facilities.

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Player Statistics 2008 League

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	1st 15	Substituted	As a Sub	Score in Points	Goals	Points
Bohane Daniel	2	2	4	1	0	1
Brosnan Eoin	5	1	2	3	0	3
Cooper Colm	0	0	2	1	0	1
Corridan Pat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cremin Kieran	2	0	0	0	0	0
Donaghy Kieran	7	0	0	6	1	3
Galvin Paul	0	0	0	0	0	0
Griffin Tommy	7	0	0	0	0	0
Maher Anthony	3	3	2	2	0	2
Moloney Mike	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moran David	2	2	1	0	0	0
Murphy Diarmuid	6	0	0	0	0	0
Ó Flatharta Ronán	2	2	2	0	0	0
Ó Sé Darragh	4	0	1	0	0	0
Ó Sé Marc	8	0	0	0	0	0
Ó Sé Tomás	7	0	1	6	0	6
O'Connor Paul	1	1	0	1	0	1
O'Leary Kieran	2	1	2	2	0	2
O'Mahony Aidan	7	0	1	2	0	2
O'Shea Aidan	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'Sullivan Darren	4	2	1	10	1	7
O'Sullivan Declan	5	1	1	3	0	3
O'Sullivan Seán	3	3	0	4	0	4
O'Sullivan Tom	8	0	0	0	0	0
Quirke Micheál	2	0	. 1	0	0	0
Quirke Kieran	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reidy Padraig	8	1	0	0	0	0
Russel Mike Frank	2	2	1	4	0	4
Scanlon Seamus	8	1	0	0	0	0
Sheehan Bryan	7	2	0	47	1	44
Walsh Donacha	5	3	2	8	1	5
Walsh Tommy	1	0	2	2	0	2
Young Killian	2	0	1	0	0 -	0
TOTAL	120	27	27	102	4	90

Player Statistics League (All years to 2008)

Name	Appearances	Goals	Points	Total in points
Darragh Ó Sé	94	1	26	29
Tomás Ó Sé	69	1	22	25
Tom O'Sullivan	61	0	0	0
Mike Frank Russell	54	9	107	134
Eoin Brosnan	53	9	37	64
Marc Ó Sé	45	1	6	9
Aidan O'Mahony	38	0	5	5
Diarmuid Murphy	38	0	O	0
Sean O'Sullivan	35	1	30	33
Colm Cooper	31	7	58	79
Paul Galvin	31	2	15	21
Declan O'Sullivan	30	5	27	42
Tommy Griffin	28	0	2	2
Seamus Scanlon	26	0	7	7
Kieran Donaghy	23	1	5	8
Bryan Sheehan	21	1	76	79
Darren O'Sullivan	17	1	14	17
Michéal Quirke	14	1	2	5
Donnacha Walsh	14	1	9	12
Padraig Reidy	14	0	0	0
Daniel Bohan	8	0	1	1
Paul O'Connor	7	0	2	2
Kieran Cremin	6	0	0	0
Killian Young	6	0	0	0
Kieran O'Leary	6	0	2	2
Ronán Ó Flatharta	6	0	0	0
Anthony Maher	5	0	2	2
Tommy Walsh	4	0	2	2
David Moran	3	0	0	0

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125th Anniversary of the GAA

By Willie O'Connor

Lá Na gClub Sunday May 10th



On Sunday May 10th every GAA club will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the GAA with games and commemorative events in their own communities. The

day is marked on the 2009 GAA Calendar as Lá Na gClub and no intercounty or inter club games will be arranged for that day to allow each club organise its own special events.

All our clubs in the county can be justifiably proud of their achievements down through the years in furthering the aims and ideals of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. They have provided facilities and structures and above all the commitment of countless volunteers to ensure that the youth of their parishes and communities prepare for and enjoy playing our games.

Sunday May 10th is the day to commemorate and celebrate your club's achievements and we are confident that all our clubs will make it a day to remember for everybody in the local community.

It is never too soon to start preparing for Lá Na gClub. Many clubs have had field openings and official openings of newly developed facilities such as dressing rooms, gyms, stands etc. In preparation for these occasions the clubs put in many hours of hard work to make them memorable days.

It should be the aim of every club to make a great effort to have the field and facilities as presentable as they were on the day the field was officially opened. Some clubs in recent years have organised Open Days and the experience gained can be shared with other clubs. A Lá Na gClub sub committee should be formed in each club to organise the commemorative events and preparations.



People visiting the club grounds will invariably ponder on the extent of the club's achievement, an achievement that was made possible by the enormous contributions made by the people of the parish, those living at home in Ireland and their exiles overseas. They provided the voluntary manual labour, the financial support and the commitment to complete the development.

The parishes and communities can be justifiably proud of what has been put in place, facilities that are of great benefit to the youth of the area.

In the past decade the GAA in Kerry celebrated two important landmarks, the new millennium in 2000 and in 2003 the centenary of our first senior football All-Ireland title. The 125th Anniversary celebrations in Kerry will focus on the achievements of our clubs and the vast contribution they have made to the lives of the people in their parishes and communities. Every club is asked to make Sunday May 10th a memorable day. On St. Patrick's Day every club should make the effort to be involved in their local St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Ideas and suggestions for other commemorative events to celebrate the 125th Anniversary are welcome, contact Willie O'Connor with details of any ideas and suggestions you might have.

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As preparations for the coming season begin the Games Promotion Officers are anxious to visit all clubs over the next few months. If your club needs with some practical help with training of underage coaches then you can contact the Games Promotion Officer in your Division and they will be happy to help you out. From these sessions coaches in your club will get new ideas on drills and conditioned games which will be of help when they begin back working with teams on the field.

The G.A.A recently launched a new Coach Education training course, which will replace the old Foundation and Level 1 Courses. The Games Promotion Officers will be organising these courses over the coming weeks in clubs and divisions. Any club wishing to organise a course or just to get some more information please contact the Coach in your division.

Your GPO is there for you-please use his/her to help your Club now.....so make contact.

County Minor League Fixtures

	Division1				
Rd	Home	Away	Date		
1	Austin Stacks	Dingle	28 February		
1	Kerins O'Rahillys	Legion	28 February		
1	Dromid/Waterville	Laune Rangers	28 February		
2	Legion	Austin Stacks	7 March		
2	Laune Rangers	Kerins O'Rahillys	7 March		
2	Dingle	Dromid/Waterville	7 March		
3	Dingle	Legion	14 March		
3	Austin Stacks	Laune Rangers	14 March		
3	Dromid/Waterville	Kerins O'Rahillys	14 March		
4	Legion	Laune Rangers	21 March		
4	Kerins O'Rahillys	Dingle	21 March		
4	Austin Stacks	Dromid/Waterville	21 March		
5	Laune Rangers	Dingle	28 March		
5	Kerins O'Rahillys	Austin Stacks	28 March		
5	Dromid/Waterville	Legion	28 March		

	Division 2					
Rd	Home	Away	Date			
1	St Michaels/Foilmore	Dr. Crokes	28th February			
1	An Ghaeltacht	Kilcummin	28th February			
1	Rathmore	Free	28th February			
2	Kilcummin	St MichaelsFoilmore	7th March			
2	Dr. Crokes	Rathmore	7th March			
2	An Ghaeltacht	Free	7th March			
3	Kilcummin	Dr. Crokes	14th March			
3	Rathmore	An Ghaeltacht	14th March			
3	St Michaels Foilmore	Free	14th March			
4	Dr. Crokes	An Ghaeltacht	28th March			
4	St Michaels/Foilmore	Rathmore	21st March			
4	Kilcummin-	Free	21st March			
5	An Ghaeltacht	St MichaelsFoilmore	28th March			
5	Rathmore	Kilcummin	28th March			
5	Dr. Crokes	Free	28th March			

	Division 3A					
Rd	Home	Away	Date			
1	Annascaul/Lispole	Firies	28 February			
1	St Senan's	Kenmare	28 February			
1	StMary's/Renard	Ballymacelligott	28 February			
2	Kenmare	Annascaul/Lispole	7 March			
2	Ballymacelligott	St Senan's	7 March			
2	Firies	StMary's/Renard	7 March			
3	Firies	Kenmare	14 March			
3	Annascaul/Lispole	Ballymacelligott	14 March			
3	StMary's/Renard	St Senan's	14 March			
4	Kenmare	Ballymacelligott	21 March			
4	St Senan's	Firies	21 March			
4	Annascaul/Lispole	StMary's/Renard	21 March			
5	Ballymacelligott	Firies	28 March			
5	St Senan's	Annascaul/Lispole	28 March			
5	StMary's/Renard	Kenmare	28 March			

		Division 3 B	
Rd	Home	Away	Date
1	John Mitchels	Listowel Emmetts	28th February
1	Templenoe	Spa	28th February
1	Na Gaeil	Currow	28th February
2	Spa	John Mitchels	7th March
2	Currow	Templenoe	7th March
2	Listowel Emmetts	Na Gaeil	7th March
3	Listowel Emmetts	Spa	14th March
3	John Mitchels	Currow	14th March
3	Na Gaeil	Templenoe	14th March
4	Spa	Currow	21st March
4	Templenoe	Listowel Emmetts	21st March
4	John Mitchels	Na Gaeil	21st March
5	Currow	Listowel Emmetts	28th March
5	Templenoe	John Mitchels	28th March
5	Na Gaeil	Spa	28th March

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County Minor League Fixtures

	Division 4A				
Rd	Home	Away	Date		
1	Skellig Rangers/Valentia	Churchill	28 Feb		
1	Ballydonoghue	Knocknagoshel/Brosna	28 Feb		
1	Beaufort	Cromane/Keel	28 Feb		
2	Knocknagoshel/Brosna	Skellig Rangers /Valentia	7 Mar		
2	Cromane/Keel	Ballydonoghue	7 Mar		
2	Churchill	Beaufort	7 Mar		
3	Churchill	Knocknagoshel/Brosna	14 Mar		
3	Skellig Rangers /Valentia	Cromane/Keel	14 Mar		
3	Beaufort	Ballydonoghue	14 Mai		
4	Knocknagoshel/Brosna	Cromane/Keel	21 Mai		
4	Ballydonoghue	Churchill	21 Mar		
4	Skellig Rangers /Valentia	Beaufort	21 Mar		
5	Cromane/Keel	Churchill	28 Mar		
5	Ballydonoghue	Skellig Rangers /Valentia	28 Mar		
5	Beaufort	Knocknagoshel/Brosna	28 Mar		

	Division 4B				
Rd	Home	Away	Date		
1	Castlegregory	Fossa/Listry	28 Feb		
1	Ardfert	Castleisland Desmonds	28 Feb		
1	Milltown/Castlemaine	Cordal/Scartaglin	28 Feb		
2	Castleisland Desmonds	Castlegregory	7 Mar		
2	Cordal/Scartaglin	Ardfert	7 Mar		
2	Fossa/Listry	Milltown/Castlemaine	7 Mar		
3	Fossa/Listry	Castleisland Desmonds	14 Mai		
3	Castlegregory	Cordal/Scartaglin	14 Mai		
3	Milltown/Castlemaine	Ardfert	14 Mai		
4	Castleisland Desmonds	Cordal/Scartaglin	21 Mai		
4	Ardfert	Fossa/Listry	21 Mai		
4	Castlegregory	Milltown/Castlemaine	21 Mai		
5	Cordal/Scartaglin	Fossa/Listry	28 Mai		
5	Ardfert	Castlegregory	28 Mai		
5	Milltown/Castlemaine	Castleisland Desmonds	28 Mai		

Checks for changes to Fixtures on Kerry GAA Website www.kerrygaa.ie

Rd	Home	Away	Date
1	Sneem/Derrynane	St Pats	28 Feb
1	Beale	Ballyduff	28 Feb
1	Glenbeigh/Glencar	Glenflesk	28 Feb
1	Austin Stacks B	Free	28 Feb
2	Austin Stacks B	Sneem/Derrynane	7 Mar
2	Glenflesk	Beale	7 Mar
2	Ballyduff	Glenbeigh/Glencar	7 Mar
2	St Pats	Free	7 Mar
3	St Pats	Austin Stacks B	14 Mar
3	Beale	Glenbeigh/Glencar	14 Mar
3	Sneem/Derrynane	Glenflesk	14 Mar
3	Ballyduff	Free	14 Mar
4	St Pats	Ballyduff	21 Mar
4	Beale	Sneem/Derrynane	21 Mar
4	Glenflesk	Austin Stacks B	21t Ma
4	Glenbeigh/Glencar	Free	21 Mar
5	Glenbeigh/Glencar	St Pats	28 Mar
5	Austin Stacks B	Beale	28 Mar
5	Sneem/Derrynane	Ballyduff	28 Mar
5	Glenflesk	Free	28 Mar
6	Glenflesk	St Pats	3 Apr
6	Ballyduff	Austin Stacks B	3 Apr
6	Glenbeigh/Glencar	Sneem/Derrynane	3 Apr
6	Beale	Free	3 Apr
7	Austin Stacks B	Glenbeigh/Glencar	10 Apr
7	St Pats	Beale	10 Apr
7	Ballyduff	Glenflesk	10 Apr
7	Sneem/Derrynane	Free	10 Apr

	Di	vision 5 B	
Rd	Home	Away	Date
1	Gneeveguilla	Ballylongford/Asdee	28 Feb
1	Duagh	Moyvane	28 Feb
1	Tarbert	Finuge	28 Feb
2	Moyvane	Gneeveguilla	7 Mar
2	Finuge	Duagh	7 Mar
2	Ballylongford/Asdee	Tarbert	7 Mar
3	Ballylongford/Asdee	Moyvane	14 Mai
3	Gneeveguilla	Finuge	14 Mai
3	Tarbert	Duagh	14 Mai
4	Moyvane	Finuge	21 Ma
4	Duagh	Ballylongford/Asdee	21 Mai
4	Gneeveguilla	Tarbert	21 Ma
5	Finuge	Ballylongford/Asdee	28 Ma
5	Duagh	Gneeveguilla	28 Ma
5	Tarbert	Moyvane	28 Ma

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Date	Football	(F) Int/county	(H) Int/county	Hurling	Backdoor
Sun Jan 25	Club S/F Jun & Int				
Sun Feb 1	Dis Comm	Kerry v Donegal			Dis Comm
Sun Feb 8	Dis Comm		Kerry v Wexford		Dis Comm
Sat Feb 14	Club Final Jun & Int		Carlow v Kerry		
Sun Feb 15	Dis Comm	Tyrone v Kerry			Dis Comm
Sun Feb 22	Dis Comm				Dis Comm
Sat Feb 28	MFL Rd 1				MFL Rd 1
Sun March 1	Dis Comm		Offaly v Kerry		Dis Comm
Sat March 7	MFL Rd 2				MFL Rd 2
Sun Mar 8	Dis Comm	Derry v Kerry			Dis Comm
Sat Mar 14		U21 Q/F Cork v Kerry	0.000		
Sun Mar 15	Dis Comm	Kerry v Mayo			Dis Comm
Sat Mar 21	MFL Rd 3	U21 S/F v Waterford			MFL Rd 3
Sun Mar 22	Dis Comm	Kerry v W'Meath	Kerry v Laois		Dis Comm
Fri Mar 27		Sigerson Cup			
Sat Mar 28	MFL Rd 4	U21 Munster Final			MFL Rd 4
Sun Mar 29	Div. League Finals	Dublin v Kerry	Antrim v Kerry		Div. League Final
Fri Apr 3	MFL Rd 5				MFL Rd 5
Sun Apr 5	SFL Rd 1		Kerry v W'meath		SFL Rd 1
Sat Apr 11	SFL Div 5 Rd 12				
Sun Apr 12		Kerry v Galway			
Wed Apr 15		MFC v Tipperary			
Fri Apr 17	MFL Rd 6	Congress			MFL Rd 6
Sat Apr 18		U21 S/F	Down v Kerry		
Sun Apr 19	SFL Rd 2				SFL Rd 2
Wed Apr 22				Div 2 Rd 1	
Fri Apr 24	MFL S/Finals		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		MFL S/Finals
Sat Apr 25	Club Cham Rd 1	MFC Losers Rd			Club Cham Rd 1
Sun Apr 26	Club Cham Rd 1	NFL Finals			Club Cham Rd 1
Wed Apr 29				Div 2 Rd 2	
Fri May 1	MFL Finals/JFL Rd 1				MFL Finals
Sat May 2	Club Cham Rd 1& 2	U21 Final			Club Cham Rd 1
Sun May 3	Club Cham Rd 1& 2				
Wed May 6				Div 2 Rd 3	
ri May 8	JFL Rd 1		·		JFL Rd 1
Sat May 9	SFL Rd 3		SHC Kerry v Mayo		SEL Rd 3



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Kevin Martin - Donegal man at the helm of Skellig Rangers

The Chairman of Skellig Rangers, a small rural Club in the South Kerry is a Donegal man from Northwest Donegal.

Kevin Martin from Falcarragh is a Gaeltacht man with a love of Gaelic Football. Kevin came to live in Portmagee in 1978. Portmagee has a lot in common with Falcarragh both are surrounded by breathtaking scenery, magnificent mountains, and fringed by the Atlantic sea. However it is the close knit GAA community that lured Kevin when he first arrived.

He first saw Skellig Rangers play a South Kerry game in 1978 against rivals St Mary's who were on a high with Jack O'Shea lording over all at centre filed. The romance of the small club doing their best against a strong team took hold - not withstanding that the club colours were Green and Gold -that reminded him of his native Donegal.

Kevin Martin has served in every capacity in the Skellig Rangers Club and given his heart and soul like all his neighbors' to the develop of the club. The Club has worked slowly and well over the years. The GAA facility in Portmagee located in a magnificent scenic spot has a stand and club rooms that are the envy of much bigger urban clubs all over the country.

Kevin himself played with the club and now his two sons Kevin and Colum will represent their Parish in Croke Park on Valentines day. He was Chairman in 1999 when the new pitch was opened, once again he was chairman when the they won the South Kerry Championship in 2006 and he is now Chairman when the club has the dream date in Croke Park in the AIB All Ireland Junior Final on St. Valentines day.

Kevin visits his mother regularly in Falcarragh and has not lost his love for his native County. She will watch Skellig Rangers with pride two grandsons on the pitch and like all the rest of us will whisper "Go n-éirí libh"



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