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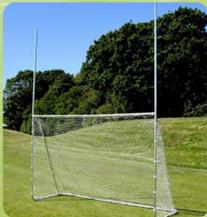
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Fáilte on Cathaoirleach

A Chairde, Fáilte ar ais go Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill chuig an athimirt den chluiche ceannais peile idirmheanach idir an Chlochán Liath agus Cloich Cheann Fhaola. Bhí cluiche de ard-chaighdeán againn an tseachtain seo cáite agus tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche an lae inniú maith fosta.

Chomh maith leis an chorn a gheobhaidh na buaiteoirí ag deireadh an chluiche, is iad an dá rud eile a bhfuil na foirne ag imirt dóibh inniu ná áit sa réamhbhabhta de chraobhchomórtas peile idirmheanach na gclubanna in Uladh ar an tseachtain seo chugainn agus áit i gcraobh peile sinsir na contae ar an bhliain seo chugainn.



Go néirigh go geal leis an dá fhoireann agus go mbeidh an bua ag an fhoireann is fearr.

On behalf of CLG Dhun na nGall it is an honour for me as County Board Chairman 2021 to welcome you back to O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, today. A thrilling game last week between Dungloe and Cloughaneely, that tilted one way and then the other, augurs well for another exciting encounter today. I welcome back the Officers, Mentors and supporters - whether here in person or following our Live Stream and reading our virtual programme - but especially the squads from Cloughaneely and Dungloe. Today's referee for this Intermediate A final replay is Seamus McGonigle, one of the County's most experienced referees, operating out of Aodh Ruadh, Beal Átha Seanaigh. I wish him and his officials well in the final.

The new Donegal jersey for the 2022 and 2023 seasons will be available at the end of this month, in time for the perfect Christmas present for all Donegal fans. It carries a shadow print of the names of our 40 clubs and the new sponsors on the sleeves - London and Dublin based POD-TRACK owned by Paul O'Donnell from Glencolmcille and also GLOBAL HYDRATE who are our new hydration partners as we introduce a new tetra pack water carton in an effort to remove plastic containers from Donegal GAA grounds. Donegal GAA are the first county to take this responsible step towards a sustainable future. We also acknowledge the continued sponsorship, on the back of the new jersey, of our long association with Liam Clancy in the Abbey Hotel and the change of ownership of KN on the front to CIRCET, with special thanks to Donagh Kelly.

Naomh Ádhamháin, as always, have Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill in top shape. It has hosted a lot of key championship games over the last month - three this weekend - and it is a huge credit to the club and to their Park Committee that it remains in excellent shape. I thank all our sponsors, Liam Mailey (Man of the Match award) and especially our main competition sponsor Michael Murphy Sports.

Bainigí sult agus taitneamh as an chluiche agus go mbeidh ceiliúradh sábhailte ag an fhoireann a bhéas an chorn na bhaile leo

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- 12.45 Gates Open
 - 13.35 Both Secretaries to present Team Lists to Referee.
 - 13:40 Cloich Cheann Fhaola take the field and proceed to Clubhouse goals. Cloich Cheann Fhaola will use the Clubhouse seats. Wear Blue Bibs.
 - 13:43 An Clochán Liath take the field and proceed to River End goals. An Clochán Liath will use the River end seats. Wear Orange Bibs.
 - 13:45 Match Officials out onto pitch
 - 13:55 Toss
 - 13:57 Amhrán na bhFiann
 - 14:00 Throw-in in the County Intermediate A Football Final Replay
 - 14:35* Leath Ama (there will be a waterbreak between the 15th and 17th minutes)
 - 14:45* Tús an dara leath
 - 15:20* Lán Ama (there will be a waterbreak between the 45th and 47th minutes)
 - 15: 27 Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Mailey Trophies & Awards
 - 15:30* Presentation of Cathal McLaughlin Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae
- *Depending on 'added time'*

Trophy Presentation Guidelines

Covid Guidelines advise the physical handing over of cups be avoided. Instead the winning captain trophy should lift the trophy directly rather than it being presented to him. Trophies should remain in the presentation area once the captain has completed his speech. Special attention will be paid to facilitating speeches. The sharing of microphones will be avoided; with two people speaking there will be two microphones available to avoid their sharing.

County Boards were advised to retain trophies until a later date after the presentation is completed but CLG Dhún na nGall have decided to allow the winning team to retain the Intermediate Trophy. It is expected, however, that the clubs will be sensitive to Covid guidelines in the use, and sharing, of the trophy.

IF THE GAME GOES TO EXTRA TIME

- 15.29 Toss and Update Teamsheets to the Referee
- 15.30 Start of Extra Time - First Half
- 15.41 End of Extra Time First Half - Teams remain on pitch
- 15.43 Start of Extra Time - Second Half
- 15.55 End of Extra Time

IF LEVEL AFTER EXTRA TIME - PENALTIES

- 16.00 Players Register with the Referee and Toss
- 16.02 Penalties

Katie Mic Giolla Chomhail

Katie Coyle has a great love for singing, music and the Irish language. She has represent her club, Naomh Adhamhnáin at Scór na nÓg for the last two years, competing in Solo Singing, Ballad Group, Instrumental Group and Céile Dancing. She was delighted to be crowned champion 2 years ago in solo singing. She is proud to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann at today's Michael Murphy Sports Intermediate Championship replay between An Clochán Liath agus Cloich Cheann Fhaola in O'Donnell Park.



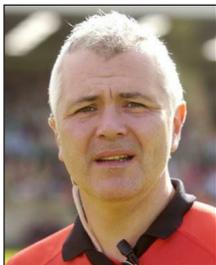
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Le gunnascréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.



The Intermediate A Final is being streamed live by Donegal GAA TV with Commentary from Highland Radio's Oisín Kelly and expert analysis from 1992 All-Ireland hero Martin McHugh.

Seamus McGonigle – Referee Intermediate Club Championship Final



Referee-ing for over a quarter of a century - his Reiteoir career began in 1996 - Seamus is one of County Donegal's most experienced officials. He has been the man in charge of four senior county finals the last of which was also a replay - one of the trilogy of games in 2019 that saw Naomh Conaill finally victorious over Gaoth Dobhair.

He was also referee for three Intermediate finals and the last of these was in 2006, again a replay and one involving a Cloich Cheann Fhaola team (v Fanad Gaels) that featured Michael Lynch, today's Cloughaneely manager, and a very young Sean McGuire, who lines out for the Blue and White again today.

Seamus is a member of Aodh Ruadh, Beal Átha Seanaigh, but lives in Letterkenny with his wife Marie and daughter Caoimhe. He would like to thank his fellow officials today, Martin Coll, Shaun McDaid and Pat Barrett and his umpires Eunan Walsh, Gary Bogle, Henry McGarvey and Oisín McGarvey.

Today's Officials

Referee: Seamus McGonigle

Standby Referee: Martin Coll

Linesperson: Shaun McDaid

Fourth Official: Pat Barrett



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Stair – An Clochán Liath

Dungloe GAA Club was founded in 1923. Between 1928 & 1931 the Club contested no more than 3 Senior League finals. In 1929 Dungloe won the league (Democrat Cup) and the year after secured the Dr Maguire Cup. Back to back Senior Football Championships were won in 1930 & 1931. Another in 1933 & 1936 with title number 5 in 1940. A wait of 17 years and it was back to back Senior Football Championship titles again in 1957 & 1958. Senior league titles were also won in 1956, 1961 & 1962. The first U-14 Championship was played in 1962 & Dungloe secured the title in 1963 & 1966. U-16 titles were won in 1965 & 1981 with the first Minor Title arriving in 1949, another in 1956 and the three in a row in 1966,67 & 68.

Since the Club's reformation in 1981 we have gone from strength to strength both on & off the playing field.

A Junior B title in 1983 got the club back to winning ways. A Donegal Comortos Peile na Gaeltacht Soisir title in 1984 set the wheels in motion and 1986 proved to be a very successful year for the club. The decision was taken to step up to Intermediate Championship without winning a Junior A Championship and this brought more silverware to the Club. An Intermediate Championship, Donegal Junior Comortos Peile na Gaeltachta title, All Ireland Junior Comortos Peile na Gaeltachta title, Promotion to Division 2 & a Division 2 shield final appearance.

The Club is fielding more teams than ever from U-6 to Senior level in boys, girls, ladies & men's football and hurling and 2021 an underage Camoige team took the field. At senior level the club won the 1995 Reserve Championship final, reached the 1996 Reserve Championship semi final, a Senior Reserve Championship win in 2009 & in 2014 a Senior Championship Reserve Final appearance once again only to be defeated in a replay by St Eunans. The Democrat Cup came to town in 1996 again. Another Senior league title in 2001. A Division 2 league title was won in 2015 and in 2016 the Senior & Reserve teams reached the quarter final of the Donegal Senior Championship. Donegal & All Ireland Senior Comortos Peile na Gaeltachta titles were won in 2001. Donegal Comortos Peile na Gaeltachta senior title 2010.

Representation on County Teams has always been a part of Dungloe GAA Club's history down through the year at all levels and at school levels. CLG An Clochán Liath are proud to be home to County, Ulster & All Ireland medal winners from underage, 21 & senior level and of our 2 All Star's Tony Boyle 1992 & Adrian Sweeney 2003.

On the Cultural side the Club are annual participants in both Scor na nÓg and Scor Sinsir, with many county titles & ulster titles bestowed on our competitors along with representations at All Ireland Level. We are proud also this year to have a Club Oige trí Gaeilge for our young people in the area.

Is cuid thábhachtach dár gclub ár dteanga dhúchais agus spreagaimid ár mbaill go léir é seo a dhíspreagadh.

A special evening in Sept 2014 CLG An Clochán Liath opened our new Club House after many years of planning, fund raising, late night meetings and negotiations the dream and graft of those gone before came to fruition.

Over the years emigration knocked on the door of our club and while we were sad to see our players go we are proud to say that many of those who moved on have won honours with Club & County Teams at home and abroad. Our diaspora still follow the day to day activities of our club through the many new media facilities now available and most tune in to the streaming of the games and kick every ball with their fellow team mates and friends.

There are strong links between the 1986 Intermediate final winning team and 2021 Intermediate Senior & Eeserve teams, on the Senior team All Ireland U-21 winners John Sweeney whose son Dylan is a lively forward is joined by John's nephews Daire Gallagher & Oisín Bonner also in the forward line & nephew Eimhin Bonner a reserve team half back John Connors whose nephews Ryan Connors & Eoin Duggan in midfield & the forward line. Joe Neely - who captained the 1986 Intermediate team-son Luke is at midfield, Hughdie Walsh who was staunch in the back line in 1986 son Gerard is also a back or forward whatever is order of the day.

The 3 Boyle brother's of the 1986 team Marty, Gerard & Raymond cheer on their son & nephew Chris Boyle (son of Marty & Marty's nephew James McCole), while 1986 half back Shaun McCole has claim to 2 nephews Chris Boyle & James McCole on the reserve team. The 2021 reserve team also includes Aidan McCole son of Brendan McCole a 1986 player and Raymond Sweeney brother of 1986 vice captain Myles Sweeney.

With a greater amount of activity both on and off the field in CLG An Clochán Liath we look forward to the future as we remember the game is not all about winning and we hope to add many more lasting friendships to those we have gained over the years since the foundation of our club.



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Cloughaneely will need to Improve for Battle with Dungloe

by Alan Foley, Head of Sports, Donegal Democrat

Last September Cloughaneely were defeated by Aodh Ruadh in the Donegal IFC decider and although the success was well-celebrated by the Ballyshannon panel and management, the bulk of their support had to be content with the armchair and streaming service.



This day last week, O'Donnell Park was a crescendo of noise as the excitable occasion brought excitement and unpredictability.

Everything conventional about the rather bizarre 0-13 to 3-4 draw, between Dungloe and Cloughaneely, came from the Rosses men. Dessie Gallagher had seen his team go from seven up to three down in eight minutes or so, with Cloughaneely's comeback and the manner in which it was obtained, adding a tasty serving of craziness and the crowd responded in kind.

Dungloe's performance wasn't perfect by any manner of means, but it was certainly commendable and should they repeat it this afternoon for the replay, you'd think they have every chance. Cloughaneely, on the other hand, know they have to improve.

"The good thing is that we are still in the championship," Gallagher said whilst still trying to formulate what he had witnessed. "We had waited 30-odd years since our last final and now we are going to have two in the one year".

"We came from three points down with about five minutes to go to force the draw and we are happy to be still there. We are all very proud of the way the boys battled back and how they acted in the build up to the final all week.

In a peculiar way, despite being the ones who coughed up a late three-point lead, it was Cloughaneely who were the most relieved having been outplayed for the bulk of the hour.

"Our lads have been great battlers over the years and they battled again today and I have to hand it to them," Cloughaneely manager Michael Lynch said afterwards. "And then when we scored the third goal to go four up we were probably a little too careful with the ball and we missed a chance to maybe go five up.

"But we knew all week and fair play to them that Dungloe were not going to lie down and they kicked good points to draw level."

An Clochán Liath – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Danny Rodgers	24yrs	6ft 4	Goalkeeper	Student
Jack Scally	26yrs	5ft 8	Defender	Analytical Chemist
Mark Curran	22yrs	5ft 11	Defender	Student
Jason McBride	22yrs	6ft 1	Defender	Quantity Surveyor
Barry Curran	24yrs	6ft	Defender	Motor industry
Conor O'Donnell	21yrs	6ft	Defender	Telecoms Technician
Darren Curran	26yrs	6ft	Defender	Physiotherapist
Luke Neely	26yrs	6ft	Midfield	Student
Dylan Sweeney	20yrs	6ft	Forward	Shop Assistant
Ryan Connors	23yrs	6ft 2	Midfield	Student
Daniel Ward	21yrs	6ft 2	Forward	Business Rep
Matthew Ward	29yrs	5ft 11	Defender	Student
Dáire Gallagher	19yrs	5ft	Forward	Student
Oisín Bonner	21yrs	6ft 3	Forward	Student
Gerard Walsh	29yrs	5ft 10	Defender	Teacher
Ciaran Sharkey	36yrs	6ft	Goalkeeper	Teacher
Christy Green	23yrs	6ft	Defender	Postman
Noel McBride	33yrs	6ft 2	Midfield	Engineer
Aaron Ward	18yrs	6ft	Defender	Student
Conor Diver	18yrs	5ft 9	Forward	Student
Shaun McGee	22yrs	5ft 11	Forward	Teacher
Rory McLaughlin	35yrs	5ft 11	Defender	Employment advisor
Chris Boyle	22yrs	5ft 11	Defender	Student
Eoin Duggan	23yrs	6ft 3	Midfield	Civil Engineer





An Clochán Liath



Danny Rodgers



Jack Scally



Mark Curran



Jason McBride



Barry Curran



Conor O'Donnell



Darren Curran



Luke Neely



Matthew Ward



Dylan Sweeney



Ryan Connors



Daniel Ward



Daire Gallagher



Oisín Bonner



Gerard Walsh

FIR IONAD

- 16 Ciaran Sharkey
- 17 Christy Green
- 18 Noel McBride
- 19 Aaron Ward
- 20 Conor Diver

- 21 Shaun McGee
- 22 Rory McLoughlin
- 23 Chris Boyle
- 24 Eoin Duggan

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Conor Coyle



Blake Mac Gairbheith
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Paul Sweeney



Sean Mac Uidhir
Sean Maguire

FIR IONAD

- 1 Mícháel MacFhionnghaile
- 17 Cillian Ó'Gallachóir
- 18 Ciarán Ó'Scanláin
- 19 Ciaran Ó'Colla
- 20 Mairtín Mac Uidhir
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- 22 Séan Mac Gearailt
- 23 Ciarán Mac Géidigh
- 24 Seamus Ó'Colla
- 25 Sean Ó'Curraín
- 26 Fionn McGinley
- 27 Michael McHugh

Cloich Cheann Fhaola – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Michael McGinley	41	5'11"	Goalkeeper	Carpenter
Cian McFadden	27	5'11"	Half Back	Teacher
Fionn McGinley	21	5'11"	Corner Back	Student
Michael Fitzgerald	23	5'11"	Corner Back	Teacher
Mark Harley	24	5'11"	Midfield	Plumber
Ciarán McFadden	23	5'10"	Half Back	Engineer
Jason McGee	23	6'5"	Midfield	Healthcare Assistant
Marty Maguire	32	6'1"	Midfield	Builder
Ciaran Scanlon	36	6'	Midfield	Plumber
Michael McHugh	21	5'9"	Corner Forward	Student
Neil Kelly	21	5'11"	Corner Back	Student
Aidan Doohan	22	5'10"	Half Forward	Student
Sean Gallagher	28	5'10"	Corner Back	Software Engineer
Killian Gallagher	26	5'9"	Half Forward	Quality Engineer
Shaun McClafferty	27	6'0"	Goalkeeper	Master of Print
Shaun Maguire	38	6'0"	Corner Forward	Builder Contractor
Ciaran McGeady	25	6'0"	Half Forward	Solicitor
Darren McGeever	29	6'2"	Midfield	Project Manager
Noel Sweeney	22	5'11"	Corner Back	Quantity surveyor
Kevin Mulhern	32	5'10"	Full Back	Tyre Fitter
John Fitzgerald	27	5'11"	Corner Forward	Electronic Engineer
James Coll	27	6'0"	Full Back	Electrician
Paul Sweeney	30	6'0"	Full Forward	Teacher
Conor Coyle	18	6'	Half Back	Student
Shaun Curran	19	6'1"	Half Back	Student
Lee O'Brien	28	6'0"	Half Back	Building Contractor
Darren Ferry	30	5'11"	Half Forward	Production Engineer
Declan McGarvey	32	5'7"	Half Forward	Key Worker
Blake McGarvey	18	6'0"	Corner Forward	Student
Ciaran Coll	19	6'2"	Full Forward	Electrician





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Pulsating Intermediate Decider Ends in a Draw

le Frank Craig, Donegal News

**Dungloe 0-13
Cloughaneely 3-04**

A stunning and incident packed second-half in Letterkenny on Saturday saw Cloughaneely battle back from the brink against Dungloe in what was a riveting Intermediate Football Championship final.



Dessie Gallagher's men dominated the first period and even though they kicked 10 wides in that time, they still exited with a five point lead at the break. However, Michael Lynch's men's comeback centred on two big second-half penalty calls.

John Fitzgerald, at the second attempt, raised the first of those green flags while Cloughaneely's second goal, through Michael Fitzgerald, was a ball into the area that fortuitously ended up in the back of the net.

By the time John Fitzgerald rammed home his side's third goal, from the spot, Cloughaneely went 3-4 to 0-10 up. But credit to Dungloe also because with six minutes to go and trailing by three, they dragged themselves back up and level by the final whistle with one last trojan effort.

In a tight and tense opening quarter, the sides couldn't be split by the first water break. Darren McGeever had kicked Cloughaneely in front just 30 seconds in.

Dungloe's first attack almost sourced a goal when Barry Curran's direct ball into the area was flicked just wide by Oisín Bonner.

But it was the Dungloe full forward that managed to tie matters soon after. It took until the 12th minute for someone to once again find the front foot as a Jason McGee pinged free, from the ground, cleared Danny Rodgers' crossbar.

But a second Bonner effort up the other end, this time from a free, meant that it was two apiece at the end of the first quarter. Dungloe continued to turn the screw when matters got going once again after the opening water break. Matthew Ward sailed over a fine effort from out the park as Cloughaneely failed to put on the required pressure on the shooter. On 25 minutes Danny Rodgers, despite some vocal pressure from the opposition as he made his approach, boomed a fourth Dungloe point from the ground as a two-point gap was opened up.

Soon after, the same player from a similar distance, dropped his effort short but a back peddling Shaun McClafferty did very well to adjust his feet and push the ball over the bar. Daire Gallagher then manipulated the elements spectacularly as he lofted over a fifth Dungloe point on the bounce.

And just before the short whistle, Gerard Walsh followed that lead to move Dungloe into a commanding five-point half-time lead at 0-7 to 0-2.

Dungloe kicked off the second period in good stead as Matthew Ward and Barry Curran increased the gap to seven. On 38 minutes McGee clipped a free but Dungloe remained in the driving seat.



With the ball breaking around the middle in Cloughaneely's favour, a wrestling match inside, and off the ball, between Mark Curran and Paul Sweeney resulted in Shaun McLaughlin awarding the first of those penalty kicks. And while Fitzgerald cracked the crossbar with his initial strike, he was on hand to drill home the rebound.

And as the teams broke for the second water break, just three points now split the teams on 0-9 to 1-3. Another McGee free on 50 minutes reduced arrears to two. But a timely intervention from Dungloe replacement Daniel Ward, where he brilliantly landed from a tight angle, again left a goal in it.

Cloughaneely's next venture forward resulted in Michael Fitzgerald's speculative delivery into the area missing the outstretched fist of Rodgers and somehow landing in the back of the Dungloe net and, amazingly, the game was suddenly squared.

But the drama and indeed controversy was far from over as Jason McBride, in a desperate attempt to deny McGee a shot on goal, was adjudged to have impeded the big midfielder and again, McLaughlin signalled for a penalty. Fitzgerald again was bold and brave as

he arrowed to the very top right hand corner of Rodgers' goal.

On 56 minutes though Rodgers again came forward to land his third free of the day. Bonner would then add a free and late in the

day Barry Curran booted the precious equaliser. And while both sides did have opportunities to edge it right at the death, they just couldn't make the most of those late, late chances.

Dungloe: Danny Rodgers (0-3, 2f, 1'45); Jack Scally, Mark Curran, Jason McBride; Barry Curran (0-2), Conor O'Donnell, Darren Curran; Christy Green, Matthew Ward (0-2); Dylan Sweeney, Ryan Connors, Shaun McGee; Daire Gallagher (0-1), Oisín Bonner (0-3,2f), Gerard Walsh (0-1).

Subs: Daniel Ward (0-1) for McGee (42 mins), Noel McBride for Connors and Aaron Ward for Scally (both 56 mins), Luke Neely for J McBride (60+4 mins).

Cloughaneely: Shaun McClafferty; Noel Sweeney, Cian McFadden, Michael Fitzgerald (1-0); Ciaran McFadden, Lee O'Brien, Mark Harley; Jason McGee (0-3,3f), Darren McGeever (0-1); Aidan Doohan, Darren Ferry, Conor Coyle; Blake McGarvey, Paul Sweeney, Shaun Maguire.

Subs: Cillian Gallagher for D McGeever (35 mins), John Fitzgerald (2-0, 1 PEN), for D Ferry (38 mins), Ciaran McGeady for Coyle (40 mins), Martin Maguire for S Maguire (42 mins).

Referee: Shaun McLaughlin (Malin)

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Stair -Cloich Cheann Fhaola

Tá stair shaibhir ag an Chumann Luthchleas Gael i gCloich Cheann Fhaola a théann siar go dtí 1918 nuair a imríodh cluiche idir foireann mhic Easmuinn as Cloich Cheann Fhaola agus an Chraoslach. Be iomaí imreoir clúiteach dár gcuid a tharraing orthu geansaí glas agus buí Thír Chonaill, Niall Mac Aoidh a bhí ar an chéad fhoireann as Dún na nGall a d'imir i bPáirc an Chrócaigh go dtí an lá inniu nuair atá fear óg Jason Mac Aoidh páirteach ar an fhoireann contae.

Tá traidisiún láidir agus rathúil ag CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola i gcomórtais Liathróid Láimhe agus Scór thar na blianta agus bíonn muid go fóill páirteach iontu beirt. Bhí Comórtas Náisiúnta Peile na Gaeltachta ar siúl sa pharóiste dhá uair agus d'éirigh linn an comórtas sin a bhaint faoi thrí, an ceann is deireanaí sa bhliain 2011. Bhain muid Craobh na Contae sa chomórtas sa bhliain 2017.

The club also has a very successful under-age set up with many titles being brought back to the club in recent years; a testament to the effort put in by our minor board committee, volunteers & coaches.

Our seniors last won an Intermediate title in 2014. The day after the final they went on to play in the Ulster quarter final. They were defeated by Warrenpoint in the Ulster Semi. They reached Intermediate quarter final in 2016 & 2017.

Cloughaneely reached the final again in 2019 after a strenuous and demanding championship campaign. In the path to the 2019 final they played 3 intense championship games in the space of 10 days then lined out for the final 4 days after a thrilling semi-final replay against Aodh Ruadh. They were then unfortunate to narrowly lose out to St. Nauls in a closely fought final 1-13 | 1-10. In 2020 they again reached the final but unfortunately succumbed to a strong Aodh Ruadh side 1-12 | 2-14. They were promoted to Div 1 in 2017. They have managed to retain their Div 1 status since then in what is a very competitive league. Cloughaneely Reserve team last won the Intermediate County Final in 2019 with the 2020 reserve championship not being finished out due to Covid.

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Forbhreathnú gairid ar ghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha sa chontae

le Caitríona Nic Suibhne agus Fergus Mac Aoidh CLG Dhún na nGall

Cuireann an Chumann Luathcleas Gael an-béim ar cur chun cinn na Gaeilge. Ón bhliain 1884 ar aghaidh, bhí ról lárnach ag ár dteanga in imeachtaí agus rialacha an C.L.G. Rial 1.4. Aidhmeanna Breise: “The Association shall actively support the Irish language, traditional Irish dancing, music, song, and other aspects of Irish culture...” Tá seo a dhéanadh ag CLG Dhún na nGall. Seo forbhreathnú gairid ar chuid de na príomhghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha atá ar siúl ag CLG Dhún na nGall.

Scór:

Tháinig méadú mór i nDún na nGall ar líon na gclubanna agus na ngrúpaí a ghlacann páirt i Scór. Le cois sin d'éirigh go maith linn ag leibhéal Uladh agus leibhéal Uile Éireann. Le linn tréimhse gairid (ó 2016) bhain muid 9 dteideal Uladh agus 4 theideal Uile Éireann san iomlán. An mór chuid díofa seo (5 Uladh agus 3 Uile Éireann) i Scór na nÓG. Tá muid brodúil go bhfuil Dún na nGall anois ar cheann de na contaetha is mó le rá in Éirinn ó thaobh rannpháirtíochta i Scór leis an mórchuid de na clubanna ag glacadh páirt. Idir Scór na nÓG agus Scór sinsir, ghlac thart fa 38 de na clubanna sa chontae páirt bliain amháin ar a laghad le cúig bliain anuas.

Amhrán na bhFiann:

Is iad Seaimpíní Contae Scór (ó'n



am atá thart agus ó'n am i láthair) a faigheann an deis Amhrán na bhFiann a cheol ag gach ceann de na cluichí craobhchomórtais thábhachtacha i nDún na nGall. Tá muid fíor brodúil as caighdeán ár n-amhránaithe atá againn sa chontae.

Tráth na gCeist Bord:

Tá suim mhór i nDún na nGall sa chomórtas seo atá go hiomlán i nGaeilge agus ta sé ar siúl sa chontae achán bhliain (taobh amuigh den dá bhliain seo cáite) ó thoisigh an comórtas sa bhliain 2007. Cé gur cuireadh deireadh leis an chomórtas ag leibhéal naisiúnta ar feadh seal, lean Dún na nGall ar aghaidh.

Thar na blianta ghlac thart fá 25 de na clubanna sa chontae páirt agus le roinnt blianta anuas déirigh go maith le Tráth na gCeist Bord i nDún na nGall.

Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha:

Comhghairdeas le na clubanna as Dún na nGall a fuair boinn Cré-umha agus boinn Airigid agus Óir Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha ó Ghlór na nGaeil i gcomhar leis an CLG le blianta beaga anuas. Tá sé seo ríthábhachtach chun níos mó Gaeilge a thabhairt isteach agus a úsáid insna clubanna le cois fócas méadaithe ar chomharthaíocht Gaeilge atá le feiceál timpeall na n-áiseanna i gcuid mhór de na clubanna anois.

Donegal GAA Urgently Needs Referees

There is currently a severe shortage of referees in Donegal with many of the current roster completing two and three games at adult level every weekend

while also officiating at underage games during the week. Giving out about referees is a constant refrain across many sports but is particularly prevalent in the GAA. Donal Smyth, former Meath goalkeeper believes there is no point complaining about refs until you have walked in their shoes. Having played in the great Meath teams under Sean Boylan, injury ended his career in the 1990s but coaching and later referee-ing gave him an opportunity to give something back. He is now the GAA's National Match Official's manager and is encouraging more people to take up the whistle and give it a go.

"An involvement in the GAA has been a constant all my life. Wherever we have lived it has always provided me with opportunities and friendships and sport has also provided me with life skills. Having played hurling and football for my Club, Navan O'Mahony's in Meath, I was lucky enough to be a part of the Meath Senior football Team of the 80s and early 90s, and fortunate to have some success along the way. I played until 1998 when a wrist injury forced me to stop playing; the fact that I was a goalkeeper it was not possible to continue. I got involved in coaching and enjoyed being involved with Clogherinkoe in Kildare, the Meath U16's and Minors and a number of Clubs in Meath.

"I had always wanted to try Refereeing. It was something that attracted me and it was the opportunity to give something back to the GAA which had given me so much. One of the things I realised when I got involved was how little I knew about the rules of the games. Players and coaches think they know the rules; the question is do they?! I continue to referee hurling and football in Meath, and I find refereeing teaches you mental toughness, good people skills, it also gives you the best view of a game and teaches you how to view the games in a different light - one which puts an emphasis on fairness, integrity, decisiveness, and good judgement. It has provided me with great days, and I greatly enjoy the fact that I can be still actively involved in the participation of our games, for fitness, mental health and friendship. It provides a pathway for ambitious people to Referee at the highest level and for people to make a major contribution to your Club and County.



In my role as the National Match Officials Manager for the GAA it is very noticeable the shortage of Referees we have around the Country, we continue

to increase the number of games played but with the same number of Referees. Every club should have an active Referee, there is no point giving out about Referees until you walk in their shoes. Recruitment is the responsibility of clubs and Counties and we need to encourage participants for all levels.

The importance of Referees to our games cannot be overstated; without them the games will not be played. Each club should actively recruit and support the Referees who are valuable members of the club." Being a good ref often means having the courage of your convictions – even if the decision is not popular. Donal is adamant that people interested in giving refereeing a try should do just that – and not be put off by any worries about criticism of being the man or woman in the middle.

Donal added: "The positives outweigh the negatives and the contribution you make is always a far more valuable contribution to the Association than the people who are interested in being critical of a referee. We also have the rule book to deal with these individuals and I'd always encourage referees to report these instances and do not shy away from doing what they feel is right.

"Referees are human, and we all can make mistakes, but there is great training and assistance within the GAA to develop and nurture referees through the system. In everyday life we have supporters and critics. Self-control is as important as gaining confidence, especially for new Referees. We need to be prepared for the fact sometimes people will not agree with your decisions. With experience you learn composure and keeping the wits about you when everybody else is agitated. Learning how to cope with different personalities is a learned and life skill. Going into games as a team with the other match officials and supporting each other is very important and sharing information and experiences with others will help."

Donegal GAA urgently needs referees. To get involved please contact the County Board administrator.donegal@gaa.ie or the referee's administrator Michelle Bennett at refereesadministrator.donegal@gaa.ie

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