

Gala Presentation Night



Mentors with their Coaching certs at the Gala night

A gala presentation night was held in Russell Park on Friday Jan 28th. New club Chairman Ronan Barrett took time out of his hectic schedule to present medals to 8 teams. First up were the minor footballers who won the Fogarty Cup under the guidance of now Offaly senior supreme Kevin Kilmurray & Cormac O'Sullivan. Minor B Footballers were next up who were runners-up in the Shield.

Our Adult hurlers took centre stage next as our MC John Peake showed his dept of knowledge and story telling ability about the older members of the club.

His Camogie team was next on the roll of honour as they received their runners up medals for their Championship final defeat.

Our Inter Hurlers who won the League title just 2 weeks ago received a huge roar. Our Inter Footballers who were narrowly defeated in the Inter Championship replay took some consolation from their Loving Cup win.

The rowdiest cheers of the night were reserved for the 2 Junior Football teams and our Junior hurling teams who all collected League winner's medals and featured a lot of many dual players. A great nights craic was then had as the packed bar full of players and mentors shared their thoughts on 2004 over a few light refreshments!! Well done to all who helped organize the night & the best of luck to all teams this year.

U21's fall at Final Hurdle

Commiserations to our U21 football team who were narrowly defeated in the County final recently. After a great championship campaign they were defeated by St Vincents under lights at O'Tooles.

Brigid's Blues !!!

We wish Willie Bourke all the best with the Dublin Senior hurlers this year. Willie who has been a great club servant through the years had always dreamt of playing the famous Cats. Sadly, despite being selected for the Dubs for the recent Walsh cup fixture he was cruelly ruled out at the last minute when he picked up an injury in training. No doubt many a Brigid's fan will pop along to Parnell Park to support Willie over the coming months.



Tim O'Donnell

The "Pillar" Caffreys new look Dubs will also feature some Russell Park men with **Barry Cahill**, Declan Lally and **Peadar Andrews** all part of the senior panel. Best of luck to all as the Pillar era begins in a somewhat more positive note than the summer. Support welcome for Dubs home league games against Westmeath and Donegal on March 12th and March 20th. All eyes will also be on last League game V Kevin Kilmurrays Offaly on April 3RD.

Congratulations to **Tim O'Donnell & Aidan O Leary** who have been selected for the Dublin Minor Hurling Panel for the coming season. Well done lads and the Best of Luck.

Well done to **Paddy Andrews** who scored 3 points from full forward for the Dublin Minor Footballers in their league game vs Laois. Best of luck to all the Brigids lads who have been selected on the Minor panel

Our Camogie section are also represented with **Elaine Duncan** on the Dublin junior panel with **Paula Bruen** on the senior Panel and **Danielle Powell & Katie Murphy** on the under 16 panel.

And last but not least well done to **Shona Barrett** and **Noelle Healy** who have joined the Dublin U15 Panel Well done to **Amy Molloy** and **Coleen Barrett** who have been selected for the Dublin Minors and Dublin Juniors this year.

Brigid's get 6 of the best

After the unprecedented success of our Junior 9 team last year (league and Championship winners) and with the conveyor belt of talent showing no sign of slowing down Russell park way, it has been decided to set up a 4th Junior team, which brings Brigids Adult ranks to 6 teams , Senior 1, Inter 1, Junior 1,2 8 & 9 unrivalled in Dublin circles. All adult competitions resume on Sunday 27th so best of luck to all teams for forthcoming season.

Junior Training for 8's and 9's will take place every Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm in Russell Park.

New !! Easter Camp

Football, Hurling Camogie & Handball
March 29th to April 1st
Age 6-13 yrs

- Free Jersey & Shorts
- Qualified Coaches
- Skills Competitions
- Fun Games
- Guest visits from county Player
- **And So Much More!!**

Cost **50 Euro** Per Child
Tuesday – Friday 10AM to 2PM

Join Martin & Tom and all your friends at this years Easter camp. Learn new skills make new friends and have some fun!!!

For further information contact:

Thomas Broderick 087-2505134
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St Brigid's G.A.A.

'SCHOOL of EXCELLING YOURSELF 2005'
Football, Hurling & Camogie

March 29th- April 1st
Tuesday- Friday
3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Age 14 - 16 yr

"Be the best you can be"

- Free St Brigid's Training Top
- Fun Games & Skills Challenges
- Nutritional/Lifestyle Advice
- How to get the most from Your Practise!
- Guest Speakers & Tips from County Stars
- Sports Psych/How to get Fit for Hurling/Camogie & Football
- And much much More....

SO BOOK EARLY...LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE!!

(Closing date for applications is Friday 4th March Fee: €50)

Ladies Football News

Our Ladies hope to build on their most successful season ever this year and training has resumed for all teams. **Just to recap on last year we contested 5 (yes 5) Championship finals at underage level winning 3. Our U-11's, 12'S and U-14's are all Dublin County Champs. Our Minor team and u-16 teams were very unlucky to lose their finals hope to go one better this year.**

Senior and Junior training has started again, training every Monday and Wednesday at 7.30pm. If you are interested in playing, please contact Roisin Ni Bhaoill on 087 6208821. All new members welcome.

Minor and U16 teams have commenced training every Monday night at 6pm. With the guidance of Derek Molloy, the girls are hoping to take the championship this year after their narrow defeat in the final last year. If you are interested in playing, please contact Derek Molloy on 087 2587500.

U10 Ann Hegarty & Mary O'Connor
U11 Fintan O'Sullivan
U12 Tony Hegarty & Michael Grogan
U14 Eoin O'Mhaoileoin,
Ritchard Sturgess & Brenda McCarrick
U16 Breege Carolan & Ciara Lowry
Minor Derek Molloy
Junior Ray Noonan
Senior Ray Noonan & Eddie Murphy

Players of the year were **Amy Molloy (Minor), Aileen Barrett (Junior) and Ciara Lowry (Senior)**. Well done to all.

Thanks to all who came down and supported us on the night and also to the committee, presenters and photographers.

Fundraiser Fashion Show

The ladies football section will be having a fund raiser Fashion Show on **Saturday 16th** April in Russell Park. Tickets will be available from the start of March so keep an eye out for posters in the coming weeks. Tickets will be 20€ for adults, 10€ for students and 5€ for children. We will also have a special family ticket for 45€ for 2 adults and up to 3 children. Please come and support.

Models wanted for Fashion show
in April –please contact Breege
Carolan

This years **U10** Ladies football have just started training on Wednesday evenings at 5PM. Indoors at the moment training will move outside when the weather improves. If you know any kids who would like to be part of the fastest growing sport in Ireland bring them down and we guarantee them a great time, new friends and the chance to learn new skills.

Coaches Corner

Calling all Coaches - Dates for Your Diary

Our Club coaches plan to start running Foundation level courses in Hurling and Football in March for all existing Mentors and any Parents who would like to get involved.

Calling all Mentors & Players (from Minor to adult)

On the 1st Tuesday of every month there will be a coaching seminar at the Club

8PM – 9PM
Russell Park

Seminars are open to all players playing on minor panels or above and are open to all codes in the club. All mentors in the club should be at these seminars. Seminars include:

Practical-seminars on -

- * Core stability- its importance for player development
- * Get fit for hurling
- * Get fit for football

Theoretical seminars will include –

- * Code of ethics
- * Psychology- Getting your mental preparation right
- * Planning for Success

These seminars are not to be missed. For further information please contact:

Martin Kennedy 087-2505135
Thomas Broderick 087-2505134

Other workshops :

26th February - Working with Goalkeepers -

Gerry McGill & John O'Leary

10.00 am - 12.00 pm Ballymun Kickhams

12th March - Drills to Improve Skills - Paudie Butler

10.00 am - 12.00 pm DCU St. Clare's

16th March - Developing Core Stability - Louis O'Connor

7.30 pm - 10.00 pm Parnell Park

Note: The Go Games (Football & Hurling) workshops will be available to ALL juvenile coaches/mentors, teachers – Watch the web for details.

Camogie News

Camogie Training back – all players welcome new and old. Senior and Junior Training resumed on February 1st at 7.30pm

U11	Aodh O Murchu & Anne	Training Tuesdays
U12	Hawkshaw	7pm - 8pm
U14	Kay Winters & Catherine Sweeney	Training Saturday 3pm
U16	Patsy Powell	Training Tues and Thurs 7.30pm
Junior	Shirley Hopkins	Training Tues and Thurs 7.30pm
Senior	John Peake & Keith O'Neill	Training Tues and Thurs 7.30pm

The Annual U11 Blitz has just wrapped up at Russell Park. It ran for the last 3 weeks on Saturday mornings. 10 teams from all over Dublin took part.

A large group from the **Camogie** section were busy packing bags in Tesco's recently to help out with fund raising for this years teams.. Anyone who would like to help sponsor a camogie team this year please contact any of the mentors

St Brigid's are delighted to have a new adult Junior Camogie team this year on the stewardship of Shirley Hopkins.

New Faces at the Help

At the Camogie AGM in December there were several new appointments. The new chairperson is Thelma O' Donnell-O'Mahony who replaces Patsy Powell after more than 20 years in that position. Aoife Cronin is the new secretary replacing Collette Coady after 6 years and Martina Sheridan is the finance officer on the Camogie Development committee.



Aoife Cronin & Claire McNamee at Gala Presentation Night

For Your Diary!

There will be an exciting evening in store for all Camogie supporters in Russell Park on Sunday 27th February with crazy bingo followed by the Juvenile Presentations for last year.

A big club welcome to Joe Morris who has taken up the reins at the helm of the Senior hurlers

Membership Now Due

The Club always welcomes new members who want to join in the promotion of the aims of Cumann Luthchleas Gael and Cumann Luthchleas Gael Naomh Brid see www.stbrigidsgaa.com for application forms.

Well done to all who helped organise the

Gala Asian Appeal

Fri 21st Jan 2005 organising committee of Bill Brady: Johnny McGovern: Gerry Jenkins: Joe O'Shea. Over 25,000 was raised and a big thanks to all who attended and generously donated gifts to such a worthwhile cause. Go raibh mhaith agait !!!

St Brigids GAA Proudly Presents

"Joe Dolan"

Venue: Russell Park Clubhouse

Date: Saturday 12th March



Joe Dolan Party Extravaganza

Contact Gerry Nolan 0872272518 for Tickets

Badminton

For details contact Tom O'Brien

(Mobile 087-2362923)

Beginners and Experienced Players Play Monday and Wednesday evenings

Brigid's band Eastern Harps enters Scor!



The Eastern Harps have just reached the Dublin finals of Scor which will be held on Feb 23rd

Editor

New Ideas, feedback, suggestions and comments always welcome.. contact the Editor Brian Muldoon on 087 2346175 or

infor@stbrigidsgaa.com

Handball Roundup

A very well attended handball blitz was held for the younger players recently. Great fun was had by all as the picture below shows



Minor hurling championship winners Presentation is scheduled for March 4th...with Guest appearance by the Eastern Harps - watch the web for latest details



The St Brigid's U11 Camogie team who reached the final of the Indoor blitz hosted annually at Russell Park.



Eoin Kennedy's position at the very top of the Irish Handball rankings list was confirmed on Feb 14th when he was named Vodafone GAA All Star Handball award winner for 2004. The presentation was made at a ceremony in Dublin attended by the president of the GAA Sean Kelly, Handball Council president Tony Hayes and Vodafone's Head of Brand and Marketing Communications Helen Marks.