

Championship Fever

June dates for your Diaries !!

All adult Championship draws were made in March with our Senior footballers getting a tough 1st round assignment against 1997 winners St Sylvesters and our hurlers drawing reigning County Champions O'Tooles. Last years beaten finalists St Vincents drew UCD in the Preliminary stages. In the first round League champions Kilmacud Crokes drew Naomh Olaf while Na Fianna - three in-a-row champions from 1999 to 2001 - will meet Fingallians. The draw for the second round was also made with first round games on week ending June 22 and second round the following week.

Senior

June 22nd 1st Round

Winners of Erins Hope/St. Sylvesters v St. Brigid's

June 29th 2nd Round

Winners of above v Winners of Naomh Fionnbarra or O'Tooles

Intermediate

June 29th Scoil Ui Chonaill V St Brigid's

July 27th /28th: Junior A: St Brigid's V Parnells

Junior C: St Marks v St Brigid's

Junior D: Cuala/O'Tooles v St Brigid's

In the SHC 19 teams entered with UCD deciding not to participate in 2003. There will be three groups of five teams with one group of four. Teams will play off on a round-robin basis with the top two teams in each group progressing to the quarter-finals.

Brigid's drew County Champions O'Tooles in Group B along with St Judes, Naomh Mearnog and Good Counsel. Junior A Championship saw Brigid's placed in a tough group along with Kilmacud Crokes and Lucan Sarsfields.

Dub U-21's Progress to Semi's

Johny Noonan Top scorer with 1-5

Dublin 2-13 Louth 0-12 Dublin had seven points to spare over Louth in their Leinster Under 21 Football Championship quarter-final. Last year's defeated All-Ireland finalists were flattered by the winning margin as substitute Michael Lyons netted a minute from the end before the winners tagged on a further two points.

Brigid's men Declan Lally and Johny Noonan starred for Dubs with Johny notching 1-5, 4 from frees. The young Dubs will meet Westmeath in the semi final on weekend of April 26th / 27th.

Summer Camp 2003

Extra dates laid on for Summer Camp 2003.

The St Brigid's Summer Camp 2002 was a resounding success with over 100 children attending and this year its hoped to have twice that number. The Camp will run for 6 weeks from middle week in July right through to 31st August. Cost will be €40 per child with family reductions. Forms will be available in Club House and from Schools after the Easter Holidays

For further details contact Club Coach Rory Gallagher at 087 777 2220.



Club Nursery going strong and continues every Saturday in Beech Park from 10.30 am to 11.30am. The nursery is children of school going age. If you like to get involved drop by or Contact Seamus Branagan on 8201337

Dubs Ticket News !!

1st Round Clash confirmed as All Ticket

Dublin will play the winners of Louth/Wicklow in this years Bank of Ireland SFC on June 1st at Croke Park. This game will be all ticket and forms part of an attractive double bill with Meath v Westmeath/Carlow.

As per last year Tickets will only be distributed to fully paid up Members. **Adult membership is now overdue and should be paid to Theresa or left in the box behind the bar.**

JUVENILE Round – UP

Hurling goes from Strength to Strength



Action from a Recent U13 Hurling League Game

Our Juvenile Section the lifeblood of Brigids for so long is going very strong. At the last count we had over 330 Juvenile players. Last Years pride of place has to go to our U-15's who won both the Juvenile Hurling and Football Championships a unique double in Dublin.

This years leagues are in full swing with all our Juvenile hurling teams winning respective league games in first round of games last week. Our Minor Hurlers are into the last 4 of the Championship and with 5 players on the county team, there's hope that we can make that elusive breakthrough at Minor Championship grade (last year lost out in semi's).

Our U-16 A's , U-16 B's, u-13 footballers are all going very strong in their leagues and other notable successes have been the Liam Boyles U-14B's and the U-10's managed by Oliver McKenna.

St Brigid's Nursery

Upcoming Events

Hurling Coaching starts Saturday March 29th. Until the end of June. The hurling section also run indoor hurling from November to March on Friday nights, 5pm. -6pm. in the clubs hall in Russell Park.

Football Mini Leagues June 9th. -13th. Monday to Friday 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Beech Park. Finals take place in Russell Park on Saturday June 14th.

A Hurling Blitz will take place on Saturday May 24th. from 10.30am also in Beech Park.

Club Gear (Tracksuits, hats, etc)

You may purchase any of our football or hurling gear from the clubs mobile shop any Saturday morning in Beech Park. Contact Niamh Branagan or Tara Boyne as well at the Clubhouse during shop opening hours (Contact Karina Plunkett)

Guess Who's Back ?

Yes he's back !! Joe is Back !!!

Joe Dolan Show Sat 26th April

Tickets €23 or contact Club or Jerry at 087 2272518

Other Upcoming Events :

Family Table Quiz
on Friday April 11th.

At 7.30 p.m.

In Russell Park

Raffle / Many Prizes & Tuck Shop

All Welcome !

Race Night a Great Success

All the Hurlers would like to thank those who organised, supported and donated gifts the Race Night on Friday 28th March. The evening was a great success with a substantial amount raised on the night.

Every month we will feature a different Section in the club with detailed information on training and key contacts.

This Month -- News from the Ladies Football Section

Current Training times for all teams are as follows:

U/10: Wednesday 5.30pm - 6.30pm

U/12: Monday 4.30pm – 5.30pm

U/14: Thursday 6.30pm – 7.30pm

U/16: Thursday 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Adult: Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm

*** All new players are always welcome. If you have any friends who want to play football and wish to join the club then contact Breege Carolan on 8204604 (juveniles) or Patricia Donaghy on 8202300 (adults). ***



Dublin Representatives 2003

The following players are all representing Dublin on the various squads this year:

U/14: Tara Carolan, Katie Murphy, Grace Dunne, Alison Davis

U/16: Aimee Molloy, Michelle Dunne, Aoife Kilkenny

U/18: Sorcha Furlong

Junior: Lindsay Kilmurray, Ciara Lowry, Jenny Weldon, Orla Brennan

Senior: Elaine Kelly, Elaine Murphy, Louise Keegan, Mary Galvin, Carol Anne Griffin

U/14 Final

On Sunday 23rd March, St Brigid's U/14 team won the Dublin 2002 Division 1 Championship Shield. The competition was held over due to a backup of fixtures last year but that did not stop the girls from first beating Round Towers in the semi final before taking on and beating Croi Ro Noafa in the final held at Westmanstown. The game produced some excellent football with first class performances around the field. Aoife Kilkenny and Katie Murphy were dominant at midfield with Tara Carolan, Frances Lynch and Shona Barrett all in scoring form up front. The backs too were in excellent form with Alison Davis outstanding at fullback. Making her debut at this level, Sarah Fay was a revelation scoring three goals after coming on as a sub in the second half. Although there was only three points in it at half time, the girls pulled away in the second half running out winners by 10-8 to 2-4 ensuring captain Aisling O'Hara would collect the cup from County Board Chairperson Eoin O'Sullivan.

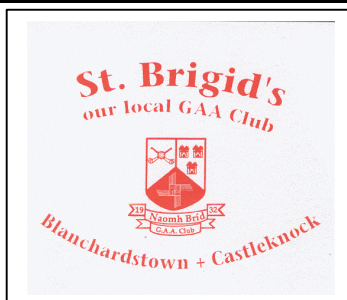
Panel: Niamh NiMhaoileoin, Grace Dunne, Alison Davis, Clare Lynch, Danielle Murphy, Aisling O'Hara, Louise Prior, Aoife Kilkenny, Katie Murphy, Lara Brennan, Tara Carolan, Karla Lee, Lynda Deasy, Frances Lynch, Shona Barrett, Aideen Steele, Anna McNally, Sarah Fay, Noelle Healy, Rachel Jones.

The 2003 leagues are now underway and all the teams so far have made a successful start. The U/10(B) team, playing in Div 2 North, beat Naomh Barrog by 5-1 to 2-4. The U/12's had a good win over Ballyboden St Endas third team in the Div 2 North league, while the U/14's playing with only 13 players against 15 players from St Thomas put up an heroic performance to pip their local rivals by 2-6 to 2-5. The U/16's beat St Olafs/Foxrock by 4-10 to 3-5 in their Div 1 match.

Adult Section

St Brigids have again entered two teams at adult level this year with the first team playing in Div 1 and the second team playing in Div 4. The A team opened their campaign with a good win over Parnells (2-13 to 0-3). Both teams are looking forward to the first round of the Senior and Junior championship, which will be held on Wednesday 23rd April. Draw for the opposition have yet to be made.

Would you like to Sponsor the next newsletter? -If so please Contact the editor. Brian Muldoon at 087 2346174.



Would you like to help out I the running of your club? See next months newsletter for a list of some of the skills we need and the many areas where help is always needed.

Getting Our message Across

- Website** Our Website address is www.stbrigidsgaa.com. This site is constantly updated with all the club news, fixtures and reports and photographs of club activities. There is also a lively discussion group as well as a host of information on the history of the club.
- Newspapers** Our club notes are published every Tuesday Evening in the Evening Herald. The club PRO is Tim O'Leary who will be glad hear any news of interest relating to the club.
- Local Radio** Club news, fixtures and results are broadcast on Phoenix FM (105.2) on Monday at 7:30
- Bongtree** Bongtree allows us to send text messages on important club events to your mobile phone. It costs nothing to sign up for this. Check the website for details or simply To subscribe, simply send the code SB224 (as one word!) as a text message to the BongTree text number 087-989 8000.
- Mailing Lists** We are in the process of setting up a new Mailing list which will be used to send out information on a regular basis to your email address. Signing up is simply a matter of going to the club website and entering your email address.

St Brigid's GAA Rainbow Lotto

.....NEW LOOK. .NEW STYLE

SUBSTANTIAL PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY WEEK

(GUARANTEED JACKPOT TO BE WON EVERY WEEK)

Brochures and information From Russell Park

