



COUNTY BOARD NEWS

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Dates for your Diary

January 31st: Cork
GAA Clubs' Draw,
Crosshaven

February 1st: W'ford
Crystal Cup Semi-Final,
Cork v Clare, 7.45pm,
Sixmilebridge

February 2nd: Allianz
FL Rnd. 1 Dublin v
Cork, 7pm @ Croke
Park

February 9th: Coiste
Oiliúina Coaching
Conference, Mallow
Club PRO Training,
Silver Springs Hotel



Allianz Leagues Begin!

At last... Cork begin their defence of the Allianz Football League Division 1 title on Saturday night with a mouth-watering clash with Dublin under lights at Croke Park at 7pm, preceded by Donegal v Kildare at 5pm. **Tickets just €13 (U16s €5),** available on

www.gaa.ie/tickets

and at selected Centra/SuperValu stores.

Unexpected the expected!



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96FM C103 Sports Awards

Close on 400 people attended Friday nights Gala Banquet where Kildorrery's Peter O'Brien was named the 96FM/C103 GAA Sports Star of the Year for 2012, in association with the Rochestown Park Hotel.

Peter was chosen for his outstanding contribution as Kildorrery were crowned Cork and Munster Junior hurling champions with a series of brilliant displays. Former Cork and Midleton star John Fenton was the recipient of the Distinguished Career Award, while the Kieran O'Driscoll award for a young player went to Blackrock's Stephen Murphy for the part he played in his clubs winning the County Minor and Under 21 Championships. Well done to all involved.



Pic: Stephen Murphy, Peter O'Brien and John Fenton - courtesy Tony O'Connell.

New Look for Rebel Óg Website

The Rebel Óg website, www.rebelog.ie has had a facelift, and is now much more user-friendly. The Rebel Óg site now offers photos from games to events to presentations, along with up to date news as it happens. The main feature is the latest fixtures and results information, and the new navigation system should make it easier to find that vital data! Check it out for yourself at www.rebelog.ie.

REBEL ÓG
COISTE NA NÓG, CHORCAÍ

Cork GAA Coaching Conference

Coiste Oiliúna Chorcaí recently announced details of their annual Coaching Conference. The conference will be held in Mallow GAA complex on Saturday 9th February and will be run in association with Cork Sports Partnership. Headlining the conference with the keynote address will be Donal O Grady. Donal will need no introduction to Cork coaches having guided Cork Senior Hurlers to All Ireland success in the past and from his current role as an analyst with RTE. There is a very exciting line up of practical sessions in both hurling and football. Coiste Oiliúna have ventured outside the county here, allowing coaches an insight in to how our games are coached in other counties.

Indeed the line-up is impressive with Niall Moran (Ard Scoil Rís and Limerick Senior Hurler), Sean Tracey (Portumna and Galway) delivering games based training in both defence and attack scenarios in hurling. Sean Dempsey, Laois Football All Ireland winning manager at minor level as well as 7 times All Ireland winning manager with Cork Ladies Football Team, Eamonn Ryan promise to give very useful demonstrations on games that coaches can use to invigorate and challenge players in their club sessions. To download an application form, see www.gaacork.ie or www.rebelog.ie.



At the launch of the GAA-Cork Sports Partnership Coaching Conference were Maurice O Sullivan, CSP Coordinator, Kevin O Callaghan GAA Games Manager, Michael Crowley, Cork Sports Partnership Director, Brendan O Driscoll, GAA Coaching Officer, Noel Crowley, Games Promotion Officer.

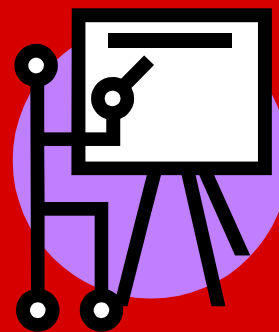
Mercy Foundation Teams Up with Cork!

The Mercy Hospital Foundation is working in partnership with Cork County Board to promote the campaign to raise awareness of testicular cancer.

The Cork senior footballers will be wearing the Foundation's **Testicular Cancer Appeal** logo on their jerseys in this weekend's National Football League opener v Dublin in Croke Park. The Mercy Hospital Foundation was established in 2007 to raise funds towards patient care projects and research at the Mercy University Hospital in Cork. One of the Foundation's commitments is to the Testicular Cancer (TC) Clinic at the hospital. Annually the Foundation commits €100,000 towards the on-going provision of and developments at the TC Clinic which provides Rapid Access facilities to young men with suspected Testicular Cancer as well as running a Schools Outreach Programme to boys aged 15-17 in schools in the Cork and Munster region. All of the funds required to carry out this work are raised through fundraising events, donations and support from the community. To find out more, contact (021) 427 4076, email info@mercyfundraising.ie or visit www.mercyfundraising.ie

Club PRO Training

Our Annual PRO Training Seminar, including a session on social media, takes place on Saturday, February 9th at Silver Springs Moran Hotel. Full details including application form have been sent to the official GAA email addresses of all club PROs – please ensure to respond as soon as possible as places are limited. For any queries, or if there are access issues with your club PRO email address, please contact pro.cork@gaa.ie without delay.



Cork GAA App

For all you iPhone and iPad users out there, we have good news!!! You can now download the **new Cork GAA App FREE** from the App Store - keep up-to-date with all Cork GAA news, fixtures and results on the go!! Check it out for yourself at <https://itunes.apple.com/ie/app/cork-gaa/id565952576?mt=8> or search for Cork GAA in the App Store.

The App has up to now only available for iPhone, but is about to be launched on the Android platform too!



Mouthguards

Following the GAA's Annual Congress in April 2012 a new rule was enacted that made it mandatory to use a mouthguard in all Gaelic football matches and training sessions from January 1, 2013 (for all age grades up to and including minor) and at U21 and Adult level from January 1, 2014. See www.gaacork.ie to download a brochure for Opro mouthguards, the GAA/GPA approved supplier.



Cork GAA Social Media

Make sure you keep up to date via our social media in 2013!

Twitter: The Cork GAA Twitter page is the most popular County GAA page in the country, with almost 15,000 followers to date. For up-to-the-minute news, match updates and other snippets, follow us now

at [@OfficialCorkGAA](https://twitter.com/OfficialCorkGAA).

Facebook: You'll find news, photos, event details and much more on the official Cork GAA Facebook page

at facebook.com/OfficialCorkGAA. We really want to increase our Facebook audience, so please like us now - and ask all your friends to do so too!!



Cork Win Canon O'Brien Cup

Patrick Cronin collected a cup on his first outing as Cork senior hurling captain recently, as Cork enjoyed a comfortable win over UCC in the Waterford Crystal Cup preliminary round, which was also played for the new Canon O'Brien Cup.

Uachtarán Chumann Luthchleas Gael Liam Ó Néill was in attendance at the Mardyke to present the cup, donated by UCC and the O'Brien family to honour the legendary Archdeacon Michael O'Brien, who coached many Cork and UCC teams during the course of an illustrious career. Cork won the game 3-20 to 1-16, and it was followed by a lunch at UCC attended by the Uachtarán and many former players.



Pa Cronin accepts the Canon O'Brien Cup. Included are Liam O'Neill (Uachtarán CLCG) and Dermot O'Brien. Pic: George Hatchell

Allianz Leagues

Cork's Allianz League Campaign gets underway with a glamour tie away to Dublin in Croke Park on February 2nd at 7pm, and from then on, it's full steam ahead! The highlight of the series will undoubtedly be the double-header on March 16th in Páirc Uí Rinn, when Cork play Donegal in football and Clare in hurling – definitely a date for the diary! Also note our first home fixture on February 9th. For more, see www.gaacork.ie.

February 2nd (Saturday)

Allianz Football League Round 1
Dublin v Cork, 7pm

February 9th (Saturday)

Allianz Football League Round 2
Cork v Kildare, 7pm

February 23rd (Saturday)

Allianz Hurling League Round 1
Cork v Tipperary, 7pm

March 3rd (Sunday)

Allianz Football League Round 3
Down v Cork, 2pm

March 10th (Sunday)

Allianz Football League Round 4
Tyrone v Cork, 2.30pm

Allianz Hurling League Round 2
Waterford v Cork, 2pm

March 16th (Saturday)

Allianz Football League Round 5
Cork v Donegal, 5pm
Allianz Hurling League Round 3
Cork v Clare, 7pm

March 24th (Sunday)

Allianz Football League Round 6
Kerry v Cork, 2pm
Allianz Hurling League Round 4
Galway v Cork, 2.30pm

March 31st (Easter Sunday)

Allianz Hurling League Round 5
Kilkenny v Cork, 3pm

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ALLIANZ LEAGUES?
THINK AGAIN



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Scór na nÓg Munster Champions!

On Sunday, Mallow Youth Centre hosted the Munster Scór na nÓg Finals. Congratulations to Cork teams; Boherbue Figure Dancers, Muireann Vaughan of Kanturk in Solo Singing and Clyda Rovers Instrumental Music Group.



Boherbue – Munster Champions, Rince Fóirne

The Munster champions progress to the All Ireland Scór na nÓg Finals in Derry on Saturday, February 23 - **Rince Fóirne:** Boherbue (Cork); **Amhránaíocht Aonair:** Muireann Ní Mhachain (Kanturk, Cork); **Ceol Uirlise:** Clyda Rovers (Cork); **Aithriseoireacht:** Gearóid Ó Gealbháin (St. Senan's-Kerry); **Bailéad Ghrúpa:** Newport (Tipperary); **Tráth na gCeist:** Sean Traceys (Tipperary); **Nuachleas:** Templederry (Tipperary); **Rince Seit:** Spa (Kerry).



Clyda Rovers – Munster Champions, Ceol Uirlise. Pics: John Tarrant

Tráth na gCeist

Beidh Tráth na gCeist CLCG Coiste Chontae Chorcaí ar siúl i seomra an Chumann Luth-Chleas Gael Baile an Easpaig Dé Chéadaoin, 20ú Feabhra, 2013, ag 8in.

This quiz is the only event organised by Cumann Lúth-Chleas Gael that is held completely as Gaeilge, and all clubs are asked to support it. Winning teams will progress to represent Cork in the Munster Final and hopefully National level. Entry fee: €20 per team.

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County Board Report

The County Board meeting of January 29th heard reports from recent Munster Council and Ard-Comhairle meetings. Noel O'Callaghan, Michael Byrne, Jim Hanley and Danny Warren were elected to the Executive for 2013. The procedure for dealing with transfers was explained and will be posted on the website in due course. The full list of transfer applications will be emailed to clubs in the next few days. Next meeting: February 12th.

Next Issue

The next issue of County Board News will be published on **February 12th**. Please forward this newsletter to all your contacts.