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Welcome from County Chairman

Welcome to our first newsletter "Extra Time" where we hope to keep all members informed of what is happening within the county at all levels. This newsletter which is the brain child of our county secretary, Sean Óg, will be sent to all clubs monthly via email.

This year I have asked all members of County Management to give a monthly written report to Sean Óg. As you are aware every member of the board has a specific responsibility and as such works with their sub-committee to deliver on behalf of the county. The idea behind this is to firstly focus the minds of all in the positions to which they were elected, secondly to ensure that a proper work programme is put in place according to their remit and thirdly to ensure that this programme is carried through during the next 12 months.

As in life there are many challenges facing us within the GAA at present and we must be ready to meet these challenges and where possible work our way around them. Clubs are not immune to these problems and we, as county officers, have a responsibility to assist our members in whatever way we can.

With the large numbers of our members leaving our shores in search of work over the last 2 years especially, those of us who remain have to try even harder to ensure our association continues to look ahead. We certainly hope that this newsletter will be helpful in explaining exactly what we in County Management do and will give



our clubs an insight into the workings of our various committees.

Could I wish you all a very every good wish in the season as we all strive to improve both our clubs and our county.

To Contact the County Chairperson please contact:
Seamus Walsh
chairperson.down@gaa.ie

Irish Language

3rd Annual Irish language table quiz took place in Clonduff on Thursday 12th January. This was a most enjoyable evening with 14 teams taking part. Bredagh and Mayobridge battled to the final round of question with Bredagh claiming the county title with a point to spare. Clonduff were third placed and all three qualified for the Ulster Final in English on 20th January.

Bredagh and Mayobridge quiz teams travelled to Eglishe, Co Tyrone on Friday night 20th January to compete in the Ulster Final of the Irish language Quiz. Over 20 teams took part in this competition.

At the end of the evening current champions Cornafean, Co Cavan collected the Ulster title, with a gallant Bredagh team taking runner up and securing a place in the All Ireland final on St Patrick's day in Croke Park with Mayobridge finishing mid table. Congratulations to Bredagh team Michael Flanagan, Donnacha Hanrahan, John Devaney and Paul Doran.

Comhghairdeas do dhroichead maigh eo agus Bredagh a ghlac pairt as cluiche ceannais Ulaidh de trath na cgeiast. As Gaelge oíche Aoine seo chuaigh thart. Ádh mor go haithe ar bhredagh.

We're on the Web
www.downgaa.net

Join us on Facebook

twitter

OfficialDownGAA

County Officers attend Network Training

Ulster council held a County Officers Network Training event on Saturday 7th January 2012. The Event was designed to offer specific officer role training and also an opportunity to discuss key issues and challenges that lie ahead.

In total over 180 officers from all over Ulster attended the event with the majority of Down Management Committee in attendance.

Hosting a Tournament



All Clubs should note that they need to apply to host tournaments.

- If it involves just teams from Down—you need to apply to the County Secretary using the Down GAA Tournament Application form which can be downloaded from the Down GAA Website. Also note their is a fee of €20.
- If it involves clubs outside Down and within Ulster – You need to apply to Ulster with £20 fee included.
- If it involves any teams beyond Ulster — You apply to Croke Park and ingain make sure you include the fee.

The €20 fee cover's Players' Injury Scheme.

Calling all willing Stewards



Would you be willing to act as a STEWARD at major games in Down in 2012?

If so steward training will take place on the following dates in Pairc Esler:

- 20th February
- 5th March
- 19th March
- 2nd April

Please note that each training session is on a Monday Night and will start at 7.00pm.

If you are interested then Contact Sean Og before Friday 17th February.

Player Injury Scheme and Member Registration

Registration

The online registration system for the 2012 season is now open—Log onto (people.gaa.ie/admin).

Clubs can complete their registration of teams for the player injury scheme and complete the registration of their players and members, outlined as follows:

Player Injury Scheme

Player Injury scheme cover runs on a calendar year from Jan 1 - Dec 31. Therefore, as soon as your teams recommence training they need to be registered. Team subscriptions, which remain unchanged for 2012, have to be paid by March 31 to Croke Park. If your teams are not registered they are not covered and may not be eligible to enter competitions.

To register your teams for the player injury fund, go to people.gaa.ie/admin. Click on 'Player Injury Scheme' on the menu on the left of your screen. Then click on the 'Register Teams' box and enter the details as required.

Please note that this does not register teams for competitions within your county. This registers your teams for the player injury scheme only. Registering teams for competitions in your county is carried out by your relevant County Committee - In your case DOWN.

Player and Member Registration

Clubs can register their players and members for the season



ahead by going to people.gaa.ie/admin, clicking on 'Members' on the left hand menu and then clicking on 'Register Members'. This page is for registering players and members who were registered with the club in 2011. Please note that a player must always be registered as a member.

To register new players and members, click on 'Add/View Members'. This page will show all those associated with the club, registered and unregistered. Anyone whose name is in black is registered. Anyone whose name is in red is unregistered. To register a new member/player, click on the 'Add' box and then click on 'Member' and follow the instructions from there.

Support

If you have any issues in accessing the membership system you should contact the Servasport helpdesk at 028-90313845 or email gaasupport@servasport.com.

NFL:

Down v Donegal

7.30PM Saturday 4th Feb
GET MASS BEFORE YOU COME TO THE DOWN DONEGAL MATCH

On Saturday night 4th February Mass in St Mary's Chapel, Chapel Street will take place at 6.00pm, allowing you to get to mass before the match and giving you plenty of time to get into your seat in Pairc Esler

Just remember

- Team Registration and Insurance is now due. All teams must be registered in the GAA Injury Scheme which operates from the 1st January to the 31st December annually.

The amount of team subscriptions is as follows:-

- A) Adult €1000 per team
- B) U-21 €450 per team
- C) Youth €200 per team to a maximum of €1200 per club

All registration must be done on-line and payment must be made to Croke Park directly Payment must be by Euro Cheques or Euro Banker Drafts to Cumann Luthchleas Gael and forwarded to the Insurance Section, Croke Park, Dublin 3. If clubs wish to pay by instalments they would need to contact Croke Park directly to make arrangements.

Further information
please contact
Assistant Treasurer:
Brendan Fitzpatrick

assistanttreasurer.down@gaa.ie

Competition Controls Committee - Vision For 2012

I would like to wish all clubs every success in the incoming season for leagues and championships in what ever level you compete, and hope you reach your goal set out at the start of your season.

The aim of the CCC committee in the coming weeks is look at the league structure. Senior officers, present Leas Rúanai, outgoing Leas Rúnai, representative from a club in each division which will include dual clubs will meet to discuss the proposals already received from various clubs. This meeting is scheduled to take place after the Down County Board meeting on the 9th February. After this meeting a proposal will be brought to the County Board meeting

for further discussion.

CCC will also meet a representative of the South Down and East Down Boards, Hurling Board, Ladies Football, and Camogie Boards to discuss the 2012 season on Tuesday 14th February in Down County Office at 7.30pm.

The senior and junior feis sevens will take place on the first Sunday in June with the winners receiving the entry fee paid to the Kilmacud and St Judes sevens on All Ireland final weekend complimentary of the Down County board.

This year the senior championship in Football and Hurling will take a new format. The main aim for this change is to

improve the standard of Football in Down giving more competitive games to the clubs and help develop our club players and future County players.

I thank all clubs for their support to CCC as we strive to operate and run competitions at the highest standard at all levels in both Football and Hurling in leagues and Championships within the County.

For Further Information on CCC matters please contact:
William Smith
Vice Chairperson
Down GAA County Board
vicechairperson.down@gaa.ie

Railway Cup Returns

The Interprovincial championships have been reinstated to the GAA calendar after a one-year absence.

Inter provincial Football Championship
Ulster will play Connacht on Sunday 19th Feb 2012 in Markievicz Park, Sligo.

Inter provincial Hurling Championship
Ulster will be play Connacht again on Sunday 19th Feb 2012 in Duggan Park, Balinasloe.

Hopefully as many Down Supporters will travel to the games.



Referees Administration

Down GAA Referees Administration Committee had its first meeting on January 24th, there have been 15 new people wishing to be trained as referees, this **training** will commence on Feb 7th in Burrendale at 7 00pm, and continue on Monday 13th and Thurs 16th. The child protection element of the course will be carried out in conjunction with Kilcoo GAC and will take place on Feb 3rd in Kilcoo parochial hall beginning at 7.00pm. It is mandatory for all new referees to do this course.

Referees presentation dinner has been booked for February 24th and will be held in Laitroim as in previous years, we hope as many referees as possible can attend.

The **seminar** for all Referees will take place on Feb 26th in

the Burrendale and the Fitness test and exam have been organised for March 6th in Abbey CBS in Newry beginning at 7.30pm and again on March 13th in the Red High in Downpatrick beginning at 7.30pm, the fitness test will be organised in conjunction with Conor O'Toole our County GDM and Kevin Mc Guigan from Ulster Council. We would hope that all Referees would attend these events so as we have as large a pool of Referees as possible to pick from when our Competitions start.

Further information on Referees Administration please contact:
Sean Rooney
s.rooney550@btinternet.com

SHOW RESPECT TO OUR GATE MEN

Could Patrons who are attending the National League Football and Hurling matches show respect to our Gate men

These men work hard on a voluntarily basis

NOTICE FOR PATRONS ATTENDING GAMES IN PAIRC ESLER

Patrons attending games in Pairc Esler are asked to co operate with Stewards in relation to Parking Regulations.

There will be no parking permitted on the hard shoulder of the dual carriageway.

We ask everyone to respect the Residents of the area--- Would you park across your own driveway?

MET OFFICE WARNING

The met Office is predicting is predicting winds etc from Siberia, Hail, Rain and Sleet with potential freezing temperatures for the coming week.

Can all units please ensure they have taken adequate precautions to protect their property. Units who do not take adequate precautions to protect and check properties may face difficulty in submitting a claim for damages.

New Competition Management System for Down GAA

Over the next number of weeks and in time for the new session Down GAA is moving over to a New Competition Management system for all our Fixtures and Results at Adult and Juvenile Level.

This new system will allow the people in Down involved in fixtures at County Level, South Down, East Down, Hurling Board, the facility is also open to Ladies Football and Camogie to easily create and manage competitions.

This new system will allow us to provide instant web feeds for all our Clubs within Down as well as providing info to the Counties Fixture Planners, Ulster Council and Croke Park.

Over the coming months Down GAA will be revamping the Official County Website. You can also follow us on Twitter (OfficialDownGAA) and Facebook.

Features of the new system include:

- Auto Generate Fixtures
- SMS Availability Requests and Score Requests
- Website Integration
- Referees send in results after each game

Further information please contact :
IT Officer/
Ulster Council Delegate:
Diarmuid Cahill
itofficer.down@gaa.ie
or
ulstercouncilde-
gate1.down@gaa.ie

Fixture Planning for 2012

The planning for the 2012 fixtures is well underway and while it is all new to me as the incoming Assistant Secretary, I have received great help from my predecessor Sean Rooney and other Officers of the County Board.

In setting up the league calendar there is so much to take on board from the County Fixtures and the various Training Schedules of these teams will have leading up their Championships to the setting of the various nights in conjunction with all our four playing Codes within the GAA family.

Dual Clubs in Hurling and Football have to be accommodated both within our Senior Leagues and at the various age groups.

In 2012 we in the CCC hope to streamline the fixtures to finish earlier in the year and with enough time for our Championship winners to participate in the various Provincial that occur later in the season.

As this is my first year in the this post, I am on a learning curve so feel free any stage in the season to contact me with suggestions or indeed to point out any mistakes that I may make.

Further information please contact
Assistant Secretary:
Paul Blaney
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Free competition facetheball have teamed up with Allianz for this year's Allianz Leagues Prediction Competition.

The 2012 Hurling and Football prediction Competitions will be run on:
www.allianzleaguespredictions.ie

There is 7,500 Euro in prize money up for grabs and it is free to enter !!!!

There is 500 Euro for the overall winner in both competition as well as 2,500 Euro for the GAA club nominated by the overall winner of both competitions.

There is also 250 Euro for the monthly prize winners as well.

So register now on
www.allianzleaguespredictions.ie
and spread the word.



GAA Social Media Guidelines

The world of social and digital media is an enjoyable and engaging place. As a GAA official, volunteer, player or member, you will often encounter that world. A document has been put together by Croke Park to help, educate and guide those who use social media in an official GAA capacity. This will be sent to all GAA clubs in next month's GAA newsletter, we will also carry the details on the Official Down GAA Website www.downgaa.net.

These guidelines will evolve over time as new technology and platforms emerge. However, a few basic aims will always remain true:

- To promote and develop positive online discussion of the GAA.
- To protect the reputation of official GAA social



media platforms online.

- To help moderate discussions appropriately.
- To ensure the GAA provides an official voice in this area.

We also want to ensure that a common set of guidelines and policies are in place so that we are all working in unison as one GAA family. In that way, anyone who speaks on behalf of the GAA is authorised, ensuring we work together to give the GAA an appealing online presence.

Each club will need to register their official website and social media channels (facebook, twitter, google +, Linked in etc if applicable) with the Counties IT Officer (Diarmuid Cahill itofficer.down@gaa.ie) and the County PRO (Paul Rooney pro.down@gaa.ie) over the coming months.

Further information please contact :
IT Officer/
Ulster Council Delegate:
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ulstercouncilde-
gate1.down@gaa.ie

Treasurer's Notes

COUNTY DRAW

All Returns are now in for the Down GAA Clubs Draw. There have been in excess of 3,500 tickets sold.

The draw has generated in excess of £250,000 for the clubs of Down. There has been a magnificent effort by many clubs to promote the draw and raise funds to help meet their running cost for 2012.

The draw has also made a significant contribution to the county board's income. One of the added benefits to many clubs was the reconnection with former players and members with whom they had lost touch over the years. The county has also benefited by the interaction of county board officers and club officers over the course of the draw.

I would like to thank all the clubs who made this venture a success for all of us. This is an example of how working together can help both club and county.

On behalf of the County Board and all the Clubs I would like to express our gratitude to James & Mary McGrath for all their hard work in recording the draw entries.

Down GAA Schools Draw 2012

We have invited 86 primary schools to take part in the Down GAA Schools draw for 2012 which was launched on Thursday 26th January. So there should be plenty of tickets for sale in your area. The draw will take place on Friday 4th May 2012 with all prizes being provided by Down GAA.

Tickets cost £2 each and YOUR local school gets £1 for every ticket they sell. We would ask all Clubs to support the Down GAA Schools Draw for 2012 - It is a great way of Schools in your area raising



Congratulations

We salute all Clubs for their great efforts in the Clubs Draw, we pay particular tribute to those Clubs who really earned themselves a lot of Money, the Top 5 Clubs were: Atticall 360 Tickets Sold Tullylish 280 Tickets Sold Annaclone 247 Tickets Sold Rostrevor 230 Tickets Sold Warrenpoint 201 Tickets Sold

Worthy of Mention Killyleagh who sold 37 Tickets as part of their Drive to get Gaelic Games back to the fore in their town. Next Draw will be held in the Glenn Clubrooms at their Function on 24th February, the March Draw will take place at the Bright GAC Race-day in Downpatrick on 25th March.

Top Sellers Atticall will host the Draw on 25th August. If your Club would like to host the Draw at a Club Function on the 25th of any month just contact Sean Og.

much needed funds to support and provide Gaelic Games. Maybe allow your local primary school to sell tickets at matches etc. From a County prospective the money generated helps Down GAA sustain the coaches and our coaching programme.



Further information
please contact:
Conor O Toole
developmentman-
ager.down@gaa.ie

Kathleen Rice from Newcastle takes 1st Prize in Club Draw

The Jan Prize winners in the Club Draw are as follows:

1st Prize - £2000.00

Kathleen Rice from Newcastle (Club: Dundrum)

2nd Prize - £1000.00

Pat McConville from Bangor (Club: St Pauls)

3rd Prize - £1000.00

Maureen O'Hare from Dromara (Club: Dromara)

4th Prize - £1000.00

St Michaels Club

Club winners:

Anne & Niall Girvan from Rostrevor (Club: Rostrevor)

Peter Keenan from Hollywood Grove, Newry

(Club: Shamrocks)

Tom Gregg from Banbridge (Club: Clann Na Banna)

Geraldine Mageean (Club: Bright)

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

As part of the officer training programme run on 31st January there was a presentation given on the role of the club treasurer.

The presentation covered good day to day practice and record keeping as well as a send of year procedures and reporting to the club AGM.

If your club has any questions relating to county board fees and annual payments for insurance to Croke Park etc please contact me.

We all share similar problems and we can all help each other find solutions.

Further information
please contact
County Treasurer:
Seamus Ryan
treasurer.down@gaa.ie

Down Supporters Club Buses

The Down Supporters Club will be running buses to Down's away game in the Allianz Football League.

First such trip is away to Cork on the 12th February, with the **overnight bus** will departing on the Saturday and we will be staying in The Rochestown Park Hotel.

Prices are as follows:

Adults - £65 per person sharing, Single Room £85 and Children £40.

A £20 non returnable deposit is required to secure your place and bookings will close 5th February.

We will also run a **day trip** bus leaving on the Sunday morning, departing Castlewellan 6.30am and Newry 7.00am

Prices are as follows:

Adults - £25 and £15 for Children

Booking for both trips can be done by contacting:
John Dillon 07739 136345 or
Seamus Mc clean 07873 761804

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING



Planning and Physical Development Committee held an officer training event on 31st January for Club Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers and PRO's.

Upcoming Coach Education Courses

Down GAA Coaching and Games Committee will be holding a number of Coach Education Courses in the coming weeks.

Level 1 Adult Course:
Hurling & Football
Saval GAC
10/11th & 17/18th
February 2012
€50 per person

The above course is aimed at coaches of players aged 18 and above. Coaches wishing to attend must have completed a Foundation Level Coaching Award & GAA Child Protection Course.

Level 1 Child Course:
Hurling & Football
St. John's GAC
24/25th Feb & 2/3rd
March 2012
€50 per person

The Above course is aimed at coaches of players aged 6 - 12 years. Coaches wishing to attend must have completed a Foundation Level Coaching Award & GAA Child Protection Course.

Clubs wishing to hold Foundation Coaching Awards (€20 per person) or Child Protection Courses (€10 per person) for their own club coaches should contact:

Conor O'Toole
developmentmanager.dow
n@gaa.ie.

Clubs are reminded however that they **MUST** have a minimum of 14 people to make any course viable.

Further information about courses email **Conor O Toole:**
developmentmanager.dow
n@gaa.ie

Coaching in YOUR Club

In the next few months the Games & Coaching committee will be organising a number of workshops which we hope will be relevant to the work of coaches and administrators in our clubs:

“Coaching the Club Coaches”:

There will be three practical workshops delivered at 7 venues across the County.

The workshops will be:

1. “Building the Foundations” which is aimed at coaches of teams from U-8 to U-12.
2. “Developing Players with Skill and Will” which is aimed at coaches of U14s and U-16s.
3. “Upping the Tempo” which is aimed at the

coaches and managers of Minor, U-21 and Senior teams.

“Coaching in my Club”

The workshop is aimed at the Senior officers in the club plus the Coaching Officer and some of the active coaches.

The purpose of the workshop is to help you think about coaching issues within your club and to start to plan for activities and structures such as:

1. What is the role of the Club Coaching and Games Co-ordinator?
2. What type of links should the club have with local schools?
3. What are we trying to achieve with our coaching?

We would also like to have some feedback and discussion on key areas of Games & Coaching activity including:

1. Development Squads
2. Juvenile Games programmes
3. Development of Hurling.

Further Information on Coaching and Games please contact:

Coaching Officer
Seamus Ennis
coachingofficer.down@gaa.ie

Or

Games Development Manager:
Conor O Toole
developmentman-
ager.down@gaa.ie

County Planning and Physical Development Committee



Ulster Council Grants

Clubs wishing to claim Ulster Council Grants including verti-draining grants are requested to forward their completed application forms with all the necessary documents to the County Development officer Maureen O'Higgins on or before the 21st March.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Maureen on mob 077 4851 8994 or via email: developmentofficer.down@gaa.ie.

Trustees

The County Planning and Physical Development committee (PPDC) are currently carrying out a review of the trustees of all clubs in Down.

Michelle Pollock secretary of the PPDC is currently in the process of carrying out a reconciliation check with all clubs. This will give clubs an opportunity to check that their deed of trust is in order.



Club Maith

Clubs in Down are encouraged to participate in the Club Maith programme.

The Club Maith accreditation is a scheme which allows Clubs to benchmark themselves against best practice. In doing so it encourages clubs to aim for excellence in the core areas of GAA club activity, i.e governance, duty of care, community enhancement, culture and heritage and coaching and games development.

Clubs are then given a level of accreditation which acts as a quality mark for them.

Club Maith application forms can be downloaded from the Ulster GAA website and any queries regarding the programme can be obtained from queries.ulster@gaa.ie.

The club Maith accreditation is necessary when seeking funding from Sports NI.



Impact of Emigration on your Club?

Could clubs please provide the Counties Planning and Physical Development Committee with the number of male and female members who have emigrated in the last 2 years.

We would also ask all Clubs to submit information on what impact this had on the number of your club teams competing in competitions and in the general running of your club.

If possible we are asking all Clubs to forward this information to Maureen developmentofficer.down@gaa.ie by the 28th February 2012.

Further Information on County Planning and Physical Development please contact:

Development Officer
Maureen O'Higgins
developmentoffi-
cer.down@gaa.ie

Notes from South Down

South Down Committee 2012

Chairperson:
Michael McArdle

Vice Chairperson:
Donal McNally

Secretary:
Damien Brady

Asst Secretary:
Michael O'Rourke

Treasurer:
Phillip O'Hare

PRO:
Paula Magee

Registrar:
Anthony Rogers

Additional Members:
Sean Broderick
Thomas Kelly
Kieran McGreevy
Anita Brannigan
Noel Mussen
Eugene Gallagher

Dates for Your Diary

South Down Open Meeting
Wed 14th March 2012
@7.30pm Mayobridge

South Down Awards Night
Fri 30th November 2012
Mayobridge

South Down Convention
Mon 3rd December 2012
Mayobridge

Dates for Start of
South Down Blitzes
and Leagues 2012 (TBC)

U-8 Blitz – Sat 28th April

U-10 Blitz – Sat 21st April

U-12 Blitz – Sun 25th March

U-14 League – Mon 16th April

U-16 League – Sun 1st April
(If Not Going All County)

Reserve League
Sun 15th April

South Down Minor 7's
Sun 6th May
(St Marks Warrenpoint)

All South Down Clubs
are reminded to
return their
Entries for Leagues
to Asst Secretary
Michael O'Rourke
ASAP.

Further Information on South Down please contact:

South Down Chairperson
Michael McArdle
chairperson.south.down
@gaa.ie

Or

South Down Secretary
Damien Brady
secretary.south.down@gaa.ie

GAA Stars, Seen by Cars!

Ulster GAA, through it's Live to Play programme, is promoting a 'visibility' message to young members throughout the winter period. The imaginative new campaign encourages aspiring young GAA players to become stars on the pitch while staying safe off it in winter's dark mornings and evenings!

Cleverly titled 'GAA Stars, Seen by Cars', the campaign is being run out in Primary schools across Ulster. GAA coaches have delivered 600 packs to primary schools, containing colourful campaign posters and entry cards to Ulster GAA's January competition.

The competition will not only reinforce the learning but will enable over 500 children to emerge as winners, receiving an O'Neill's Live to Play backpack with safety enhancing reflective strips, alongside the County crest. It is hoped that this element of the Live to Play programme will encourage the youngest GAA members to be safer on the roads, just like their older counterparts who have availed of education and awareness at Club level.



Down stars Ambrose Rogers and Benny Coulter join Ulster GAA's Aileen Cummins and Lisa McAliskey to promote Ulster GAA's winter Live to Play message 'GAA Stars Seen By Cars' to pupils in St. Dallan's Primary School, Warrenpoint's.

Notes from East Down

The following East Down information **MUST** be returned to: Brian Kennedy, East Down Secretary via email (secretary.east.down@gaa.ie) on or before Sunday 29th January 2012:

- Registrations for U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16, and Reserve.

Please note that Clubs that do not complete registrations and return by the specified date will not be eligible for league or championship entry in 2012.

Only those players who have been registered will eligible for the respective competitions. The Board will not accept late registrations, except in special circumstances.

- Complete entry for proposed competitions 2012 and return to East Down Secretary.
- Clubs who wish to have an amalgamation must comply with the Official Guide in that a separate Club would

be constituted, with all of the affiliation rules applicable.

Please contact either the East Down Chairperson, Sean McCashin or Secretary Brian Kennedy if you require clarification.

- Please note that Under Rule it is not permissible for any Club to participate in any form of playing underage competition or other games with other Clubs without the approval of the East Down Board.

- In relation to U-16, County Board still has to agree if competition is to be run on an All County or Divisional Board bases.

East Down GAA Annual Awards Night

The Annual East Down GAA Awards for 2011 shall take place on Friday 17th February 2012 in Liatriom Fontenoy's GAC Clubrooms.

Scor na Sinsear

The following dates have been agreed for East Down Scor na Sinsear:

1st Semi Final
5th February @ 5.00pm
Teonnaught Hall

2nd Semi Final
12th February @ 5.00pm
Dundrum Hall

East Down Final
19th February @ 5.00pm
St Micheal Hall, Finnis

County Final
26th February @ 5.00pm
Abbey CBS School Newry

Further Information on East Down please contact:

East Down Chairperson
Sean McCashin
chairperson.east.down
@gaa.ie

Or

East Down Secretary
Brian Kennedy
secretary.east.down@gaa.ie

County Management Committee 2012 Contact Information

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Down GAA Ticket Package for 2012

Down GAA Club + Season Ticket includes:

- All Allianz League matches in selected code, including semi-finals and final in 2012
- GAA Club Championship Finals (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) in Croke Park in code
- Opening Down Ulster Championship fixture in selected code in 2012
- All subsequent Down Championship Fixtures in selected code – Right to Purchase (Pay & Play - Terms & Conditions apply)
- GAA All Ireland Final tickets if Down reach the Senior Final – Right to purchase (Pay & Play - Terms & Conditions apply)
- All Down Club Championship Games both Hurling & Football under the auspices of Down County Committee in 2012 including Championship Finals

PRICE:

€175 per ticket per adult
(€10 per juvenile * Please note juveniles will be issues with regular GAA Season Ticket)



OR

You can purchase a Down Championship Ticket which will admit you to all Down Club Championship games in 2012 at a Special Price of €75.00 or €90.00.

For full Terms & Conditions of the Inter-County elements please see www.gaa.ie/seasonticket.

Terms & Conditions relating to County elements of Club+ Package:

1. Entitles bearer admission to all Club Championship games run under the auspices of Down County Committee
2. Not applicable for certain games organised by Ulster Council & Central Council including:

- Ulster U21 Championship (hurling & football)
 - Ulster Minor Championship (hurling & football)
 - Ulster Club Championship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior)
 - Railway Cup
 - Dr McKenna Cup
3. Each Club+ ticket allows free entry to ONE person only.
 4. Only valid for single playing season (2012)
 5. Where Terms & Conditions are not complied with, pass may be withdrawn.

For full Details of Scheme contact: Down County Office, 46-48 Main Street, Castlewellingan or Tel: 028 437 70880 or by contacting the Down County Secretary: Seán Óg McAteer. E-mail: secretary.down@gaa.ie or Tel: 077 3970 0705

Scór 2012

Scór na nÓg success

Congratulations to Caisleán Ruairí on reaching the All Ireland Scór na nÓg final in the Nuachleas competitions to be held in Castlebar Co Mayo on Saturday 18th February at 3.00pm. James, Eoin, Eileen, and Christina Rice perform the roles of school children and a GAA coach, with Michael McNally taking a lead role as the School master. This sketch is entitled class act & to date it has had all its audience in uproar. Best of luck to Caisleán Ruairí, their young competitors and their mentors in the All Ireland final.

An Dúin Scór Sinsir 2012

The following arrangements have been put in place for Scór Sinsir 2012.

County Final:

Down County Final will be held on Sunday 26th February in the Abbey Grammar Newry.

East Down

East Down semi Finals
5th February Teconnaught Prochial Hall @ 5.00pm.
12th February Aquines Hall Dundrum @ 5.00pm.

East Down Final St Michaels Hall Finnis @ 5.00pm.

South Down

The first South Down semi final will be held on Friday 27th January in Annaclone Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The following clubs will be taking part, Annaclone Ladies, Ballymartin, Longstone, Burren, Clonduff, Glenn, Rostrevor, Saval, Mayobridge

Football, and Drumgath.

Second semi final will be held in Mayobridge Community Centre Sunday 29th starting at 6.00pm.

The following clubs will take part, Annaclone Football, Ballyholland, Atticall, Burren, Glasdrumman, Mayobridge Camogie, Newry Shamrocks, Warrenpoint, Tullylish, and Rostrevor.

South Down final will take place on Sunday 12th February in Saval Sport & Leisure complex.

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