



An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2017 Ostán Hillgrove, Muineachán

1ú Nollaig 2016 ag 7.30i.n

Clár

1. **Clarú 7.00i.n.** (*Registrations at 7.00pm*)
2. **Fáilte – Ostán Hillgrove** (*Welcome to Hillgrove Hotel*)
3. **Glacadh na mBun Rialacha** (*Adoption of Standing Orders*)
4. **Miontuairiscí an Chomhdháil deiridh** (*Minutes of Previous Convention 2016*)
5. **Tuarascáil an Rúnaí Chontae** (*County Secretary's Report*)
6. **Tuarascáil an Chisteoir Chonate** (*County Treasurer's Report*)
7. **Glacadh leis na Cúntaisí eile** (*Adoption of Sub Committee Reports*)
8. **Oráid an Chathaoirligh Chontae** (*County Chairman's Address*)
9. **Toghchán na hOifigh** (*Election of Officers*)
10. **Coiste Shláinte agus Folláine – Health & Wellbeing – Cathal Hand**
11. **Rúin** (*Motions*)
12. **Gradaim Bliantúil 2016** (*Annual Award Winners 2016*)
13. **Aon Gnóth Eile** (*Any other Business*)
14. **Amhrán na bhFiann** (*National Anthem*)

Bun Rialacha – Standing Orders

1. The proposer of a motion may not speak for more than five minutes.
2. A delegate speaking to a motion may not speak for more than three minutes.
3. The proposer of a motion may speak for a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken.
4. No delegate may speak a second time in the debate on the same motion.

An Cathaoirelach may consider any matter not on the Clár with the consent of the Majority of the delegates present and voting.





Ainmniúcháin - Nominations

Cathaoirleach	Michéal Mac Mathúna	An Bhoth
Leas Cathaoirleach	Deaglán Ó Flanagáin	Craobh Mhairtín
Rúnaí	Áine Ní Fhionnagáin Proinsias Mac An Bhaird	Acadh Na Muileann Leachtain
Rúnaí Cúnta	Eibhlínn Ní Cionnáin Majella Ní Búiteach	Corr Dubh Craobh Mháirtín
Cisteoir	Eibhlínn Ní Cionnáin	Corr Dubh
Cisteoir Cúnta	Aílís Nic an tSaoi	Sean MacDiarmada
Ard Chomhairle	Pádraig Mac Searraigh	Druim Shamhain
Comhairle Uladh	Brendáin O'Castaigh Seán Mac Cionna Seán O'Conghaile	Séan Mac Diarmada Cláirsigh Mhuineacháin Curraichín
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	Nollaig Ó Dufaigh	Druim Shamhain
Oifigeach na nÓg	Seán Mac Ardail	Druim Shamhain
Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge	Breda McCooey	Cill Leabhain
Oifigeach Forbartha	Proinsias Mac an Bhaird	Leachtain
Oifigeach Oilíúna	Gearóid Mac Giolla Chomhail	Cláirsigh Mhuineacháin
Oifigeach Iomána	Deásun Mac Aindriú	Béal Átha Beithe

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Lord, we remember in prayer those members and friends of the GAA in the County who have died since our last meeting and all the deceased members of our Association.

They served you faithfully in this life, bring them now to the happiness of life in your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Go ndeana Dia Trocaire ar a n-anamacha





Rúin - Motions

- Annual Convention 2017

COUNTY BYE LAWS

To be included in County Bye Laws

County Bye Law No.1

County Convention: (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O 2016)

County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10, shall having firstly been duly nominated in accordance with Rule 3.13 elect/appoint the following Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Hurling Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee. It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and One representative on Central Council. It shall elect or authorise selection and/or election of Delegates to attend Annual Congress and Provincial Convention in accordance with Rule 3.12 T.O. 2016

(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 1.5 to be included.

- 1.5 The Children's Officer of the County Committee shall not be subject to the maximum period of office of five years as allowed per Rule 3.11 (b) Exception (2) T.O.2016.
(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 3.1

COMPETITIONS CONTROL COMMITTEE

- 3.1 Membership
It shall consist of eleven (11) members:
Chairperson,
Assistant-Secretary of the County Committee (who shall act as Secretary).
Fixtures Secretary,
Youth Fixtures Secretary (who shall act as Assistant-Secretary), as appointed by County Committee & Referees' Administrator,
Three other named members approved by County Committee (one of whom shall represent the Hurling Clubs).

(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 5.

PLANNING, PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Membership
It shall consist of seven (7) named members including the County Development Officer (who may act as Chairperson), *the County Safety*

Officer approved by Management Committee and persons with expertise in physical development, pitch maintenance etc.

(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 10

County Youth Committee

10.1 Membership

It shall consist of seven (7) named members as follows:

County Children's Officer (who may act as Chairperson);

County Assistant Treasurer.

Youth Fixtures Secretary; approved by County Committee

Youth Public Relations Officer; approved by County Committee

Games Development Manager,

One Representative from Football Clubs

One Representative from Hurling Clubs.

(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 12

Information Technology Committee

12.1 Membership

It shall consist of five (5) named members including the *County IT Officer approved by County Committee* (who may act as Chairperson) and persons with IT knowledge.

(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 22

Club Monaghan Sub-Committee

22.1 Membership

It shall consist of a *minimum of (5) named* persons including the County Treasurer.

(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 26

Championship Co-ordinating Sub-Committee

26.1 Membership

It shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:
Chairperson (Central Council Representative) who shall act as Chairman, County Assistant Secretary who shall act as Secretary, *at least five named members nominated by County Management Committee and appointed by the County Committee.*

(County Committee)





County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 30 – Amend to read as follows:

Attachment to First Club

30. A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence or a Club with which he has "Other Relevant Connection as defined in these Bye-Laws.

Permanent residence for the purposes of these Bye –Laws shall be as defined in Rule 6.3 T.O. 2016

(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 31

Attachment to First Club

30.1 The written consent of the player's parent/s or guardian/s to the application for membership must accompany the application. The Competitions Control Committee (CCC) may grant permission to a member to join with a club outside his catchment area after hearing submissions from any club(s) within the catchment area of the applicant.

Other Relevant Connections

A member shall be regarded as having "Other Relevant Connection" with a Catchment Area if:

A sibling of the player in question is already registered and is currently eligible to play in official competitions for the club with which the player wishes to become a member

It has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the CCC that a strong family connection ie. *parents/guardians* exists between the player and the club with which the player wishes to become a member.

Applications from a Member to become a member of a club outside his catchment area shall be submitted in writing to An Rúnaí Chontae on or before January 28th of each year

An appeal against a decision of the CCC may be made in writing by an aggrieved party to the *Provincial Hearings Committee*, within three days of the receipt of the notification of the decision.

(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 32

Inter Club Transfers

(a). Applications for Adult Players Inter-Club Transfers within the County shall be submitted to An RúnaíChontae on or before January 28th each year.

(b). Applications for Youth Members Inter-Club Transfers within the County shall be submitted to An RúnaíChontae on or before January 28th each year except where An Coiste Bainisti, Co Mhuineachain on the recommendation of the County Children's Officer, supported by the National Childrens Officer, authorises

the Competitions Control Committee to consider an application received at a later date.

(c) In deciding on Inter Club Transfers for Youth Members the Competitions Control Committee shall have regard to the Ethos of the Association as set out in Rule 6.1 T.O.2016, the current Permanent Residence of the Applicant and any Other Relevant Connection the member may have with the Club to which he wishes to transfer

(d) In deciding on Inter Club Transfers for Adult Players the Competitions Control Committee (CCC) *should only consider the request if the relevant applicant demonstrates that he has moved permanent residence to the catchment area of club which he wishes to transfer to or has demonstrated that he has an Other Relevant Connection as defined in these Bye-Laws*

CCC shall also have discretion, depending on the circumstances, to grant a transfer if the club the player is leaving has no objection notwithstanding any other provisions of these

Bye-Laws

(County Committee)

County Bye Laws

County Bye Law 32

Grading of Clubs and Players

All applications for Grading of Players must be forward to the Secretary of the County Committee at Annual Affiliation night which takes place in January.

Two meetings will be scheduled to review applications first will take place February/March and secondly in June/July.

3. Grading of Clubs and Players shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.20 T.O 2016.

(County Committee)

County Committee

That Choiste Chonate Mhuineacháin CLG Annual Regulations 2017 should carry the following as pertaining to referees i.e "That Regulation 13 of Annual Regulations 2016 should be replaced by the following in 2017.

Regulations 13

Each club must provide a referee/referees to officiate in the code that they compete in (i.e, Football/Hurling/both) Each club's collective refereeing personnel must referee a minimum of (25) twenty five games (football). (10) ten games (hurling) under the authority of the Competition Control Committee.

Clubs failing to reach the target by 31st August 2017 shall receive a Penalty of 300 euro or a reduced penalty of 150 euro for (10) ten games referred (Football) or (5) five games (Hurling).

(Cluain Eois)

Competitions Control Committee

That no midweek fixtures be arranged between clubs at Junior, Intermediate or Senior who may have to travel from one side of the county to the other (example Currin to Killanny).

(Curraicín)





Coiste Chontae Mhuineacháin CLG

Príomh - Oifigh

CATHAOIRLEACH

1888-1889	Rev William McKenna, Carrickmacross
1904	Philip McGorisk, Drumboory
1905	Rev Laurence Kieran, Magheraclone
1906-1909	Rev Mark Clinton, Castleblayney
1910-1912	Rev James Ward, Aughnamullen
1912-1914	Patrick Whelan, Greenan's Cross
1915-1927	Frank Duffy, Bawn
1928-1929	Rev Francis Donnelly, Ballybay
1930	Jack Gilsean, Killeevan
1931-1932	Dr Con Ward, Monaghan
1933-1935	Frank Duffy, Latton
1936-1940	Rev Bernard Hackett, Ballybay
1941	James Cahill, Carrickmacross
1942	James Hamill, Donaghmoynne
1943-1952	James Cahill, Carrickmacross
1953-1973	Michael Duffy, Blackhill
1974-1976	Michael Feeney, Ballybay
1977-1982	Peter Sherry, Scotstown
1983-1987	Pauric Duffy, Castleblayney
1988-1992	Michael Burns, Castleblayney
1993-1997	Aidan Quigley, Currin
1998-2000	Liam Stirrat, Scotstown
2001-2004	Gary Carville, Cremartin
2005-2009	John Connolly, Currin
2010-2013	Paul Curran, Clontibret
2014-2016	Padraig Sherry, Drumhowan

LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH:

1887-	Rev. J. McCarney, Donaghmoynne
1889-	Fr. W. O'Doherty, Magheraclone
1904-	F. McNally, Carrickmacross
1935-1942	Frank O'Duffy N.T., Latton
1943 -	Michael Donnelly, Castleblayney
1944-	John Moore, Castleblayney
1945	Michael Donnelly, Castleblayney
1948-	Tom McGrane
1949-	Pat McGrane, Clones
1952- 1953	Mick Duffy, Castleblayney
1954-1962	Fr. Terry Kirke, Scotstown
1963	Liam Maguire, Ballybay
1964	Pat McGrane, Clones

1966-	John Murray, Clontibret
1967- 1972	Mick Quigley, Currin
1973-1976	Peter Sherry, Scotstown
1977- 1980	Tom Reilly, Monaghan Harps
1980- 1981	Paraic Duffy, Castleblayney
1982-1983	Tommy McCudden, Ballybay
1984-1987	Frank Mc Atavie, Ballybay
1988 (pt)	John P. Graham, Killeevan
1988 (pt)-1992	Aidan Quigley, Currin
1993-1997	Liam Stirrat, Scotstown
1998-2000	Gerry Duffy, Drumhowan
2001- 2004	John Connolly, Currin
2005-2006	Colm Gormley, Clontibret
2007-2009	Seamus Coyle, Latton
2010-2013	Pádraig Sherry Drumhowan
2014 - 2016	Michael Mc Mahon Scotstown

RÚNAÍ

1888-1889	Owen Cahill, Carrickmacross
1904	James Tierney, Longfield
1904	Patrick Markey, Longfield
1905 -1906	Patrick Morris, Donaghmoynne
1907	William J McGrath, Castleblayney
1908	Thomas Collins, Carrickmacross
1909-1911	Frank Duffy, Bawn
1911-1912	Thomas Treanor, Monaghan
1912	Joseph Murray, Clones
1912	Patrick J Mac Cormack, Clontibret
1912-1914	Owen O'Duffy, Killeevan
1915-1917	Patrick Lonergan, Carrickmacross
1917-1923	Patrick Coyle, Ballybay
1924-1926	Laurie J Reilly, Ballybay
1927-1929	Jack Gilsean, Killeevan
1930	Paddy Hoey, Carrickmacross
1931	James Finlay, Carrickmacross
1931-1935	Michael Markey, Donaghmoynne
1936-1937	Sean McShane, Ballybay
1938	Michael Markey, Donaghmoynne
1939-1940	Sean McShane, Ballybay
1941-1962	Leo Burns, Donaghmoynne
1963	Michael Feeney, Ballybay
1964-1969	John McArdle, Drumhowan





1970-1971	Francie McAtavie, Ballybay and Sean McCague Scotstown
1972-1981	Francie McAtavie, Ballybay
1982	Gerry Gillanders, Castleblayney
1983-1987	Michael Burns, Castleblayney
1988-1990	John P Graham, Killeevan
1990	Sean Murphy, Scotstown
1991-1999	John Heaphey, Scotstown
2000-2007	John Scully, Carrickmacross
2008-2009	Ailish McEntee, Sean Mac Diarmada
2010-2013	Sean McKenna, Monaghan
2014-	Anita Finnegan, Aughnamullen

RÚNAÍ CÚNTA:

1936 - 1942	Michael Markey, Donaghmoynne
1943	Jack Kerr, Ballybay
1944	Charlie McGrath, Castleblayney
1945	Jack Kerr, Ballybay
1946 - 1961	Kevin Cumiskey
1962 - 1969	Paddy O'Rourke, Inniskeen
1970	Michael Feeney, Ballybay
1971 - 1973	Eamonn Fitzpatrick, Killeevan
1974 - 1990	Seamus Murray, Killanny
1991 - 1992	Sean Murphy, Scotstown
1993	Kieran Finlay, Ballybay
1994 - 1999	John Scully, Carrickmacross
2000 - 2003	Marion Donnelly, Emyvale
2004 - 2007	Ailish McEntee, Sean McDermotts
2008 - 2009	Seán McKenna, Monaghan Harps
2010 - 2011	Sean Murphy, Scotstown
2011 (pt)	Michael Burns Castleblayney
2011 (pt) - 2013	Anita Finnegan Aughnamullen
2014 -	(Jan) Eileen Keenan Corduff

CISTEOIR

1888-1889	Patrick Lee, Carrickmacross
1904-1905	Owen Sherry, Carrickmacross
1905	Jack Martin, Carrickmacross
1906-1908	Thomas Collins, Carrickmacross
1909	Peter Duffy, Aughnamullen
1910-1911	James McCooey, Aughnamullen
1912-1913	Frank O'Duffy, Donaghmoynne
1914-1927	Mar Rúnaí
1928-1929	James Murphy, Clones
1930-1940	Peter Coyle, Monaghan
1941	James Hamill, Donaghmoynne
1942-1965	Eugene Clerkin, Blackhill
1966-1969	Eamon Fitzpatrick, Killeevan
1970-2003	Paddy O'Rourke, Inniskeen

2004	Liam Stirrat, Scotstown
2005-2016	Marion Donnelly, Emyvale

CISTEOIR CÚNTA:

2001 - 2003	Liam Stirrat, Scotstown
2004	Marion Donnelly, Emyvale
2005 - 2006	Liam Stirrat, Scotstown
2007 - 2011	Brendan Farrell, Dohamlet
2012- 2014	Eileen Keenan Corduff (to Jan 2014)
2014-	Ailish Mc Entee Seán Mc Dermotts (from Jan 2014)

ARD COMHAIRLE:

1909	Frank O'Duffy, Donaghmoynne
1940	Tom Conaire, Castleblayney (nominated at Ulster Convention)
1947	(This was the first time that counties could now nominate delegates as representatives. Before that Central Council was made up of three people who were nominated by each of the provincial councils)
1947 - 1952	Jim Cahill, Carrickmacross
1953 - 1972	Mick Duffy, Castleblayney
1973	Mick Feeney, Ballybay
1974 - 1986	Mick Duffy, Castleblayney
1987 - 1999	Sean McCague, Scotstown
2000 - 2006	John Heaphey, Scotstown
2007 - 2011	Liam Stirrat, Scotstown
2012 - 2016	Declan Flanagan Cremartin

COMHAIRLE ULADH:

1904- 1906	Patrick Whelan
1912- 1917	Owen Conlon and F. Henry
1918 -	Frank O'Duffy
1927- 1929	Jack Gilsean and P. Hoey
1930 - 1934	H. McEnaney and F. O'Duffy
1935	H. McEnaney and P. Coyle
1936- 1939	Dan Mooney and A. Murphy
1940 -	Jim Cahill
1941 - 1943	S. McShane and M. Donnelly
1944 - 1945	Sean McDonnell
1946 - 1948	Fr. Larry Marron Adm.
1949 - 1950	Fr. Larry Marron Adm and Tom McGrane
1951-	Seamus Drury and Paddy McLoughlin
1952 -	Tom McGrane and Jack Kerr
1953	
1955 -	Frank O'Duffy and Jim Drury
1956 - 1958	Frank O'Duffy and John Murray
1959 - 1960	Macartan Mac Cormack and Michael Feeney





1961 - 1962	Michael Feeney and Philip Moore
1963	Michael Feeney and P. Hughes
1964	Michael Feeney and Eamonn Fitzpatrick
1965 - 1966	Michael Feeney and Pat Murphy
1967 - 1969	Michael Quigley and Pat Murphy
1970 - 1972	Michael Quigley and Seamus McCluskey
1973 -	Michael Quigley and Vincent Lee
1974 - 1976	Frank McAtavie and Vincent Lee
1977	Vincent Lee and Sean McCague
1978 - 1980	Sean McCague and John Rooney
1981 - 1982	John Rooney and Seamus Conlon
1983 - 1986	Paddy Ward and Sean Mulligan
1987 - 1990	Gerry McCague and Martin McAviney
1991 - 1992	Paddy Ward and Martin McAviney
1993 - 1994	Paraic Duffy and Martin McAviney
1995 - 2004	John P. Graham and Martin McAviney
2005 - 2008	John P. Graham and Declan Flanagan
2009 -	Declan Flanagan and Paul Curran
2010 -	John Connolly and John P. Graham
2011 - 2013	John Connolly (to Feb. 2013) and Gerry Duffy
2013 -	Gerry Duffy and Michael Mc Mahon (Feb. 2013)
2014- 2015	Gerry Duffy and Seán Mc Kenna
2016-	Seán Mc Kenna and Brendan Casey

OIFIGEACH CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ:

1980 - 1981	Paraic Duffy, Castleblayney
1982 - 1989	John P. Graham, Killeevan
1990 -	John Heaphey, Scotstown
1991 - 1992	John Boyle, Currin
1993 -	Michael Burns, Castleblayney
1994 -	Patrick Smith, Monaghan Harps
1995 - 2000	Gary Carville, Cremartin
2001 -	Siobhan McQuillan, Rockcorry
2002 - 2004	Sean McKenna, Monaghan Harps
2005	Michael Ryan, Clones
2006 - 2007	Seán McKenna, Monaghan Harps
2008 - 2011	Siobhan Mc Quillan, Rockcorry
2012 - 2013	John Kieran Killanny
2014 -	Noel Duffy Drumhowan

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (Co. Registrar until 1982)

1944 - 1951	Mick Duffy, Castleblayney
1952 - 1953	Cyril McCaul, Cremartin
1954	P. J. McCully, Clontibret
1955 -1968	John F. Conlon, Ballybay
1969 - 1982	Michael McGuinness, Castleblayney
1983 - 1986	Fr. Pat McHugh, Sean Mac Diarmada

1987 - 1989	Martin Brady, Castleblayney
1990 - 1994	Tommy McCormick, Rockcorry
1995	Sean Murphy, Scotstown
1996 - 1997	Paul Martin, Carrickmacross
1998 - 2006	Seamus Coyle, Latton
2007 - 2009	Liam Doherty, Clones
2010 - 2104	Gerry McDonald, Donaghmoyne
2015 -	Francis Ward, Latton (from Jan.)

Oifigeach na bPáistí (Oifigeach na nÓg till 2010)

1975 -	Vincent Lee, Monaghan Harps
1976 - 1979	Paraic Duffy, Castleblayney
1980 - 1988	Tommy McCormick, Rockcorry
1989 - 1993	Sean Forde, Emyvale
1994 - 1995	Dessie West, Aghnamullen
1996 - 1997	Barry Tomany, Cremartin
1998 - 1999	Ray O`Hara, Carrickmacross
2000 - 2001	Austin Corrigan, Scotstown
2001 - 2003	John Connolly, Aghabog
2004 - 2006	Martin Brady, Castleblayney
2007 - 2009	Pdraig Sherry, Drumhowan
2010 - 2012	Cathal Hand, Ballybay
2013 -	John Mc Ardle Drumhowan

OIFIGEACH CULTÚRA & GAEILGE

1977 - 1980	Hugh McCague, Scotstown
1984 -	Tommy McCormick, Rockcorry
1985 - 1986	John P. Graham, Killeevan
1987 - 1993	Paul Fitzpatrick, Rockcorry/Latton
1993 - 2007	Siobhan McQuillan, Rockcorry
2008 - 2010	Pauline Rooney, Scotstown
2011	John P Graham, Killeevan
2012 - 2014	Séamus Mc Elwain Scotstown
2015 -	Breda Mc Cooley Killeevan

OIFIGEACH OILIÚNA:

2001 - 2003	Mark Kellett, Oram
2004 - 2008	Paul Curran, Clontibret
2009 - 2011	Eamon O`Hara, Scotstown
2012 -	John Mc Ardle Drumhowan
2013 -	Garret Coyle Monaghan Harps

OIFIGEACH IOMÁNA:

2006	Paul Ward Clontibret
2007 - 2011	Noel Mullaney, Clontibret
2012	Seán Guinan Carrickmacross
2013 - 2014	Malachy Trainor Clontibret
2015 -	Jason McAndrew, Ballybay (from Jan.)





Tuarascáil Bhliantúil

An Runaí 2016

Tà an-áthas orm an deis seo a ghlacadh, mar runaí an Chontae, mo thriú tuarascáil a chuir i láthair don chomhdháil bhliantúil. Ni feidir a séanadh go raibh bliain den scoth ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Co. Mhuineacháin. Anois tabhairfaidh mè tuairisc ar na gníomhaíochtaí uilig a tharla ar an bPáirc agus ón pháirc.

2016 was another exciting year for Monaghan GAA both on and off the field. Retaining status in Allianz League Div.1, U.21s winning the Ulster Championship, Senior Hurling team reaching the Allianz Hurling League Div. 3A final, Minor Hurlers winning the MHL Div. 2 title, County, Ulster and All Ireland titles for Gaeil Triucha in Scór Sinsir, U.16 Development Squad winning the Buncrana Cup for a third in a row, Irish News Ulster Football All Star award for Conor McManus, Conor McKenna, Truagh Hurling, on making the Nicky Rackard All Star Hurling Team and Monaghan winning the "GAA Website of the Year Award at the 2015 Mac Namee awards in Croke Park.. Monaghan still continue to achieve at the highest levels possible both on and off the playing fields at National Level. The above achievements are a result of hard work and dedication by the members of the GAA in Monaghan. Long may it all continue.

County Teams

Although Monaghan have no silverware at senior level in 2016 they still continue to produce great displays on the playing fields, especially the AFL game against Dublin in Croke Park and AFL league game against Donegal in Castleblayney. Remaining in Div.1 for another year was hard fought but achieved.

Dr. McKenna Cup

Opening game of the 2016 GAA calendar for Monaghan was in the Bank of Ireland Dr. McKenna Cup on the 03/01/2015 in Clones against Ulster University. Monaghan's campaign started with a defeat and the visitors led from start to finish. Monaghan had five new debutants, Cian Mohan, Karl McQuaid, Barry Hanratty, Anthony Courtney and Barry McGinn who hit 1- 03. Mark Thornton later joined the list of rookies to make his first senior county appearance. Having trailed by 0-8 to 0-4 at half time Monaghan rallied within the minimum after Barry McGinn's goal, but the University Students found the net to secure a convincing win for UU, who had ten scores.

A week later it was back to Clones to play Armagh but Monaghan fell to a second defeat when a strong finish by Armagh earned the visitors a one point win. Goals in either half by Barry McGinn and Owen Duffy had Monaghan narrowly ahead for long spells of this competitive encounter, but Armagh gained the upper hand in the final quarter to stay in contention in Group C. Monaghan had ten changes from the previous week's loss to Ulster University, with debutants for Rockcorry trio, Jamie Smith, Niall McKeown and Fergal McGeough, as well as Donal Courtney. Daryl Treanor later became Monaghan's 11th debutant of this month as a substitute. An improved performance saw Monaghan lead by 1-6 to 1-7 at half time, but Armagh reeled off five unanswered points between the 59th and 68th minutes to leave Monaghan searching for the first win in 2016.

Three days later it was off to Breffini Park to play neighbours

Cavan. Monaghan finished the Dr. McKenna Cup with a hard-earned draw to Cavan who top Group C. Cavan held a narrow lead in the first half but with the introduction of Colin Walshe and Conor McManus helped Monaghan rally after the restart and they drew level three times inside the last ten minutes. A McManus free gave Monaghan a share of the spoils in a game where Malachy O'Rourke made eight changes for the loss to Armagh.

Power BOI Dr. McKenna Cup

03/01/2016 Round 1:
Monaghan 1 - 09 Ulster University 2 - 16: Venue: Clones
10/01/2016 Round 2:
Monaghan 2 - 09 Armagh 0 - 16: Venue: Clones
13/01/2016 Round 3:
Cavan 0 - 14 Monaghan 0 - 14: Venue: Breffini Park

2016 BOI Dr McKenna Cup Group C

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Cavan	3	2	0	1	51	35	5
2	Ulster University	3	2	1	0	45	47	4
3	Armagh	3	1	2	0	39	42	2
4	Monaghan	3	0	2	1	41	52	1

Allianz National Football League Division 1

Round 1 31/01/2016

Roscommon 1 - 09 v Monaghan 2 - 10 Venue: Kiltoom

Monaghan started their AFL campaign on a winning note after a later charge gave them victory over Roscommon at a wet and windy Kiltoom on Sunday. Monaghan trailed for most of this encounter, having played against the elements in the first half, but they outscored the hosts by 1-4 to 0-1 in the last ten minutes to decide the game in their favour. There was a 'smash and grab' element to Monaghan grabbing the win – only taking the lead for the first time in the dying moments – but they had been well on top throughout the second half.

Monaghan were behind by 1-5 to 0-2 at the interval, but with Dermot Malone finding the net and Thomas Kerr kicking a couple of fine scores, they worked their way back into contention. Neil McAdam brought Monaghan level in a dramatic finish and even after Roscommon regained the lead, there was still time for a point by Malone and a goal by Conor McManus to turn it around, before impressive substitute Daniel McKenna added the insurance score.

Round 2 07/02/16

Monaghan 0 - 13 Down 0 - 11 Venue: Clones

Monaghan held on to make it two wins from two in the Allianz Football League Division One in a competitive encounter against Down in Clones. After a slow start, Monaghan got into gear with six points between the 17th and 24th minutes to take charge and going in with a lead of 0-9 to 0-6 at half time. A spirited Down side took the game down to the wire but Monaghan held on to emerge as winners by two points. Monaghan had nine scorers in all as they moved on to four points ahead of a three week break before AFL action resumed with a Croke Park clash with Dublin on Saturday 27th February.





Round 3 27/02/2016

Dublin 1 - 14 Monaghan 0 - 16 Venue: Páirc an Chrocaigh
 Monaghan fell short in an absorbing AFL clash with All Ireland Champions Dublin in Croke Park. After a low scoring start, Monaghan went into a five lead midway through the first half, with Conor McManus pointing the way, but a series of pointed frees by Dean Rock helped Dublin turn it around to change to lead 0-10 to 0-9. Dublin added what would prove to be a crucial goal when Diarmuid Connolly converted a penalty in the 42nd minute, but a spirited Monaghan comeback saw McManus take his tally to 0-12 in a Man-of-the-Match performance. Monaghan edged ahead in the closing stages, but late points by Cormac Costello and substitute Bernard Brogan secured a this consecutive win for Dublin.

Round 4 06/03/16

Monaghan 1 – 12 Mayo 2 - 11 Venue: Clones

Monaghan fell to a second narrow defeat in the Allianz NFL in just over a week when they lost out to Mayo in Clones by just two points. Monaghan started the game brightly and although a Conor McManus goal from a rebound after his penalty had been saved was quickly cancelled out by Mayo, points from Thomas Kerr, McManus and Shane Carey had the hosts three up with 20 minutes gone. Mayo hit an unanswered 1-5 either side of the half time break including a goal from Diarmuid O Connor to take charge. A string of frees by Conor McManus led a Monaghan comeback that saw them draw level going into the list five minutes of normal time, but two long range frees by Mayo goalkeeper gave the visitors their first league win of 2016.

Round 5 13/03/16

Cork 1 - 20 Monaghan 1 – 13 Venue: Páirc Ui Rinn

A great start laid the foundation for Cork to get their first Allianz Football League Div. 1 win since the opening day as they saw off Monaghan at Páirc Uí Rinn. By the time Conor McManus opened Monaghan's account in the 11th minute, Cork had 1-5 on the board, the goal coming from Colm O'Neill. Cork continued to pick off their scores and they were 1-10 to 0-3 in the 29th minute. Monaghan got a lifeline when corner-back Ryan Wylie was fouled. Conor McManus showed quick thinking to find Conor McCarthy from the free and he finished to the net. Points from Darren Hughes and Conor McManus closed the gap to four points but Cork didn't panic and with scores from Cork's O'Neill and O'Driscoll the lead was extended to eight points. It was to prove too big a margin for Monaghan to overhaul as any points they got were answered by the hosts.

Round 6 27/03/16

Monaghan 1 - 09 Kerry 1 - 17 Venue: Clones

Monaghan fell to an eight point defeat to Kerry in Clones who produced an impressive second half performance to pull away in this AFL round six encounter. Four points from Conor McManus helped Monaghan to go in level at 0-6 apiece at half time, but Kerry put wind advantage to good use after the restart with some very accurate finishing from Colm Cooper and Kieran Donaghy. A palmed goal by Darren Hughes after an attack led by sub Ryan McAnespie on 57 minutes gave Monaghan hope, but within a few minutes, Kerry had netted a penalty at the other end to kill the game off. Monaghan's battle to maintain Div. 1 status now went into the final round, with Monaghan needing to get back to winning ways against Donegal in Castleblayney the following Sunday.

Round 7 03/04/16

Monaghan 1 – 10 Donegal 1 - 09 Venue: Castleblayney

Monaghan secured their Allianz NFL Div. 1 status in the most dramatic circumstances with this one point win over Donegal in Castleblayney. Monaghan fell seven points down after a Martin McElhinney goal capped a confident start by Donegal, but Monaghan worked their way back into it and they conceded just two points in the second half to halt their four game losing streak.

Colin Walshe's late winner, coupled with Cork's loss to Kerry, saw Monaghan say up on score difference. A Daniel McKenna goal helped Monaghan cut their deficit to three (1-7 to 1-4) by half time and with Conor McManus kicking six points, Malachy O'Rourke side edged the result by the narrowest of margins in a tense finish.

Allianz Football League Roinn 1

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Dublin	7	7	0	0	113	85	14
2	Kerry	7	5	2	0	124	92	10
3	Roscommon	7	4	3	0	125	101	8
4	Donegal	7	3	4	0	108	96	6
5	Mayo	7	3	4	0	101	110	6
6	Monaghan	7	3	4	0	101	112	6
7	Cork	7	3	4	0	116	132	6
8	Down	7	0	7	0	66	126	0

Ulster Senior Football Championship

Quarter-Final 05/06/2016

Monaghan 2 - 22 Down 0 - 09 Venue : Clones

Monaghan started their defence of the Ulster SFC with a comprehensive win over Down at a sunny St. Tiarnach's Park, Clones. Conor McManus put over five frees to send Monaghan in with a 0-9 to 0-6 lead at the end of a first half in which Down kicked eight wides, but they dominated the second period, adding 2-13 to their tally. Kieran Hughes and substitute Owen Duffy got the goals for Monaghan, who had 11 scorers, including three subs who chipped in with a combined 1-3.

Semi-Final 25/06/2016

Monaghan 1 - 11 Donegal 0 - 14 Venue: Breffini Park

After a heart stopping 76 minutes, Conor McManus put over a late free to keep Monaghan's hopes of winning back to back Ulster SFC titles.

Karl Lacey got his team off to a flier with a point after 12 seconds and Michael Murphy put them two up. Shane Carey instantly responded for Monaghan's first point of the evening before a Murphy free put Donegal 0-3 to 0-1 ahead after 13 minutes. Monaghan were slower to settle, but came good mid-way through the opening half and kicked four points in a row in an 11 minute spell. Monaghan hit seven wides to Donegal's three in the first half but still led 0-5 to 0-3 after 26 minutes. The next five minutes Donegal recorded three more points and a converted free by Conor McManus left game level at half time. Conor McManus scored the first point in the second half and put Monaghan 0-8 to 0-7 ahead. Karl O'Connell punished the missed chances by Murphy with two long range points in the 44th and 46th minutes to put three between them for the first time, Monaghan leading 0-10 to 0-7. Donegal were down to 14 men after 55 minutes when Martin McElhinney picked up a black card. Donegal hit back immediately with a superb goal from Odhran McNiallais. Colin Walshe received a black card and McBrearty and Eoin McHugh put over two points to put Donegal two points up with five minutes to go. In a gripping finish, six minutes injury time was signalled and McManus stepped up to bravely land two monster frees to level it with 73 minutes on the clock. Donegal Christy Toyne thought he'd won it when he fisted over, but a late hit on Karl O'Connell gave McManus the chance to equalise at the end of a brilliant contest.





Semi-Final Replay 02/07/2016

Monaghan 2-10 Donegal 0-17 Venue: Breffini Park

Monaghan's bid to retain the Ulster SFC ended with a one-point defeat in their semi-final replay against Donegal at Kingspan Breffini Park, Cavan.

A very slow start saw Monaghan concede five unanswered points in the opening quarter and although goals from Shane Carey and Conor McManus ignited their challenge, Donegal were still full value for their 0-10 to 2-2 half time lead. Monaghan competed better after the restart, helped by an impact from a number of substitutes, two of whom got on the scoresheet, namely Jack McCarron and Conor Boyle. Monaghan twice moved within a point in the dying minutes, but they couldn't find an equaliser that would have kept their hopes of making a fourth consecutive final alive. Donegal had points from their full-forward line as they went through to the decider for a sixth year in a row. Monaghan now enter the qualifiers with a round 2B tie against Longford in Clones.

All Ireland Senior Championship Round 2B

Saturday 9th July 2016

Monaghan 1-13 Longford 2-13 Venue: Clones

It was a thoroughly deserved victory for Denis Connerton's men as they repeated their 2004 qualifier win in Clones in the only other championship meeting between them.

Longford made a brilliant start to the game as Quinn raised a green flag after just four minutes. But Monaghan with the wind at their backs and playing their third match in 14 days, went in at the break 1-9 to 1-6 up after a strong finish to the half. But Longford produced a superb second half performance and in the 62 minute Robbie Smyth's goal proved crucial as they secured their place in the next round. Monaghan besieged the Longford defence looking for a goal of their own but all they could manage in the closing stages was a McManus free deep in injury time as Longford held on for a massive upset. Disappointing to have not progressed further in the Championship, Malachy O'Rourke and his backroom continue to make great strides with the Senior team. With the introduction of new players on the panel in 2016 the future is bright.

U.21 Shamrock Cup

Monaghan 0-16 Louth 2-9.

Monaghan made a winning start to the 2016 Shamrock Cup when they edged past Louth by the minimum margin in this free-flowing and entertaining contest that was played in difficult, windy conditions at Darver. Monaghan led at half-time by 0-10 to 1-4, Adam Treanor with the bulk of the Monaghan points while Darragh Lafferty found the Monaghan net for the home side. Turning to play against they near gale force wind in the second half Monaghan worked hard to retain possession and caught Louth on a number of counter attacks that always gave them a slight advantage. Going into the final 10 minutes Monaghan were six points in front having registered five unanswered points between the sixth and 20th minutes but Louth finished strongly to pull back an unanswered 1-2, all by livewire corner forward Cian Doyle, one of the points from a free and the goal from a penalty, after Doyle himself had been brought down, to leave one between them at the finish.

Monaghan's Under-21 footballers needed a win in game against Antrim under the lights of Páirc Grattan if they are to maintain their interest in the Shamrock Cup. A narrow win over Louth was followed by a loss to Tyrone, leaving Monaghan needing to take full points from Antrim, who lost to Louth in their opening game.

Monaghan 0-13 Antrim 0-4

Monaghan booked their place in the final of the Shamrock Cup when they secured the points in their final round robin game against Antrim in Inniskeen. Played in very difficult conditions, soft underfoot and heavy rain falling throughout, this was a game that

never rose to any great heights and a game where both sides demonstrated more graft than craft with scores at a premium for long periods. Monaghan were never behind during the entire contest against an Antrim side that arrived with just 17 players and while they worked hard and recycled the ball very effectively throughout there were too many times when they failed to finish off good approach work with efforts going wide and quite a number dropping short. Monaghan on the other hand were that little bit more economical although in the first half despite dominating the early exchanges they went all of 15 minutes without a score after opening a four points to no score lead after just 11 minutes and not scoring again until the 26th minute. Adam Treanor and David McAlister did the bulk of the scoring as Monaghan led at half-time by 0-6 to 0-3.

In the second-half Monaghan retained control and pushed their lead out to 9 points by the 24th minute of the second period with Antrim registering their only score of the second-half a minute from the end of normal time.

Shamrock Cup Final

Tyrone 0-16 Monaghan 0-10

21/2/16

Tyrone retained the Shamrock Cup with an impressive second-half performance in the final against Monaghan, which was played in difficult conditions at Cremartin. After an evenly-matched opening 20 minutes, Monaghan eventually put the wind advantage to good use by kicking six unanswered points before half-time to change ends leading by 0-8 to 0-4. Tyrone dominated the second half, however, with their accurate finishing seeing them hit 11 of the game's last 12 scores to run out winners with six to spare.

Senior panellists Conor McCarthy and Barry McGinn, who came into the team as part of eight changes from the last group game against Antrim, combined to land all but a point of Monaghan's total.

Monaghan J Morrow; R Berg, K Loughran (Capt.), N Rooney; D Ward, J Mealiff, D McAlister; N Loughman, M Murnaghan; R McAnespie, B McGinn (0-4, 2f), A Lynch; D Meegan, C McCarthy (0-5), A Treanor (0-1).

Subs: F Maguire for Meegan (H-T), C Rice for Ward (38 mins), C Vernon for McAlister (43), B McBennett for McCarthy (45), A McCahey for Treanor, A Kieran for Berg (both 47).

Cadbury's Ulster Under-21 Football

Championship Quarter-Final

16/03/2015

Monaghan 1 – 15 Fermanagh 0 – 03 Venue: Inniskeen

Monaghan hit an unanswered 1-10 in the second half of this Eirgrid Ulster U-21 Football Championship quarter-final to put Fermanagh to the sword in Inniskeen. Monaghan were 0-5 to 0-0 up after 20 minutes and although they saw their lead cut to two by half-time, they totally dominated from there on, with Fermanagh's challenge faltering after their captain Eoin McManus was sent off in the 43rd minute. Barry McGinn hit 1-5 for Monaghan, while Dessie Ward, Conor McCarthy and substitute Adam Treanor all chipped in with three points each as the hosts ran up a total of 1-12 from play.

Armagh, who had an even more comprehensive win over Down, would be Monaghan's semi-final opponents.³

Monaghan: C Forde; B Kerr, M Murnaghan, K Loughran (Capt.); D Ward (0-3), J Mealiff, A Curran; N Loughman, A Lynch; R McAnespie, B McGinn (1-5, 0-1f), D Meegan; M O'Dowd, C McCarthy (0-3, 2f), F McMahan (0-1).

Subs: A Treanor (0-3) for Meegan (black card, 30), F Maguire for McMahan (40), A Kieran for Loughran (42), B McBennett for McGinn (61).

Cadbury's Ulster Under-21 Football Championship Semi-Final

30/03/2016

Armagh 0 – 09 Monaghan 2 - 16 Venue: Páirc Esler Newry





Monaghan qualified for the Ulster U-21 FC Final for the first time since 2007 with a commanding win over Armagh in Newry. Monaghan trailed by 0-6 to 0-4 on the 20-minute mark, but they outscored Armagh by 2-12 to 0-3 over the remaining two-thirds of the game. Five unanswered points before half-time had Monaghan 0-9 to 0-6 up and although Armagh hit the first two scores after the restart, it was one-way traffic from then on. Fearghal McMahon came off the bench to net a penalty in the 37th minute and with nine players getting on the scoresheet for Monaghan, they convincingly qualified for the final against Tyrone. Another sub, Francis Maguire, added the second goal late on as Monaghan's subs chipped in with 2-3.

Monaghan: C Forde (0-2f); B Kerr, M Murnaghan (0-1), K Loughran (Capt.); D Ward (0-2), J Mealiff, N Rooney; N Loughman, A Lynch (0-1); R McAnespie, B McGinn (0-3, 2f), D Meegan; M O'Dowd, C McCarthy (0-4, 2f), A Treanor.

Subs: F McMahon (1-2, 1-0 pen) for Treanor (34 mins), F Maguire (1-0) for O'Dowd (40), C Rice for Ward (54), B McBennett (0-1) for Meegan, M McCarville for Lynch (both 57), A Kieran for Mealiff (60).

Cadbury's Ulster Under-21 Football Championship Final 06/04/2016

Monaghan 0 – 13 Tyrone 0 - 11 Venue: Athletic Grounds

Monaghan won the Ulster Under-21 FC for the first time since 1999 with a gutsy win over Tyrone in difficult conditions at the Athletic Grounds. Five points by Lee Brennan had Tyrone 0-7 to 0-6 up at the end of an entertaining first half, towards the end of which Monaghan lost their captain Kevin Loughran to a black card, but the winners hit five unanswered points within eight minutes of the restart. Conor McCarthy and Barry McGinn kicked some vital points for Monaghan, while Barry Kerr also got on the scoresheet and substitute Adam Treanor landed the final score as this team added U-21 silverware to their 2013 Ulster MFC success.

Monaghan: C Forde; B Kerr (0-1), M Murnaghan, K Loughran (Capt.); D Ward, J Mealiff, N Rooney; N Loughman, A Lynch (0-1); R McAnespie, B McGinn (0-6, 5f), D Meegan; M O'Dowd, C McCarthy (0-3, 1f), F McMahon (0-1).

Subs: A Curran for Loughran (black card, 28 mins), F Maguire for O'Dowd (42), B McBennett for McMahon (48), A Treanor (0-1) for Lynch (60).

Eirgrid All-Ireland Under 21 Football Championship Semi-Final 16/04/2016

Cork 2-15 Monaghan 1-16 Venue: O'Connor Park Tullamore

Monaghan's bid to qualify for a first All-Ireland Under-21 FC Final fell just short with a two-point defeat against Cork in Tullamore. In a cracking semi-final, Monaghan conceded two first-half goals to Peter Kelleher and Ryan Harkin, either side of a Barry McGinn major for the Ulster champions. Cork led by 2-7 to 1-9 at half-time and they moved four clear inside the last ten minutes. Monaghan halved their deficit through late points by McGinn (taking his tally to 1-6) and Ryan McAnespie, but Cork held on to advance to the final against Mayo.

Monaghan: C Forde (0-1f); B Kerr, M Murnaghan, K Loughran (Capt.); N Rooney, J Mealiff, D Ward (0-1); N Loughman, A Lynch; R McAnespie (0-1), B McGinn (1-6, 0-2f), D Meegan (0-1); F McMahon (0-3), C McCarthy (0-3, 1f), A Treanor.

Subs: F Maguire for Treanor (17), A Curran for Lynch (inj., 35), B McBennett for McMahon (39).

What a year for Monaghan County U.21's under the guidance of Ciaran McBride, Declan McKiernan and John O'Brien. Winning the Ulster U.21 Championship for the first time since 1999 with a gutsy performance against Tyrone in the Athletic Grounds Armagh. This team has made great progress since winning the Ulster Minor Championship title in 2013, credit to all players, management and backroom staff and were most unfortunate not to qualify for the All Ireland Final. Well done!!!

Electric Ireland Ulster Minor Football

Championship Quarter-Final

29/05/2016 Monaghan 2 – 12 Down 0 - 11 Venue: St. Tiernach's Park, Clone

Monaghan had to dig deep in the final minutes to fend off Down's challenge in their Ulster SFC quarter-final clash in Clones.

Leading by 1-6 to 0-2 at half-time, Monaghan's lead was twice whittled down to four points in the closing stages before injury-time efforts from Sean Burns and Pdraig McMahon confirmed Monaghan's place in the last four

Monaghan started brightly by opening up a 0-5 to 0-1 lead inside the first 20 minutes thanks to three frees from David Gartland and one each from Micheal Bannigan (45) and James Wilson, with Declan Murdock registering Down's sole reply.

Monaghan extended their lead to seven points in the 23rd minute when Ryan O'Connor set up Wilson for the only goal. Owen McCabe (Down) and Frank Connolly swapped scores as Monaghan took a seven-point advantage into the break with the half time score Monaghan 1-6 Down 0-2. Monaghan goalkeeper Jack Kirk played no small part in keeping that score down with numerous saves in both the 1st and 2nd half.

McCabe was on the mark again after the restart, only for Gartland to reply with two for Monaghan one from play and another from a placed ball to push the winners eight clear, 1-8 to 0-3.

But the Mourne County then rallied with a succession of scores from Liam Kerr, Murdock and Conor McCrickard to close the gap to four, 0-10 to 1-11. Down suffered a setback when one of their corner backs was red-carded and Monaghan were able to close out the game. They now meet Donegal in the semi-final but will have to improve after a shaky second half.

Team and Scorers: Jack Kirk, Josh Walsh, Colm Lennon, Owen Quinn, Pádraig Mc Mahon **0-1**, Ryan Mohan, Fergal Hanratty, Conor Leonard, Pádraig Finnan, Ryan O' Connor, James Wilson **1-1**, Aaron Courtney, David Garland **0-8** (6f) Michéal Bannigan **0-1** (1- 45), Frank Connolly **0-1**

Subs used -HT Robbie Mc Allister for Aaron Courtney, 56min Fabiaan Beggan for Ryan O Connor, 58min Seán Burns 0- 1 for James Wilson, 63 min Conor Doyle for Josh Walsh(Black Card)

Electric Ireland Ulster Minor Football Championship Semi-Final-Final

25/06/2016 Monaghan 2 – 12 Donegal 3 – 15

Venue: Breffini Park, Cavan

Donegal beat Monaghan at Kingspan Breffni Park in Cavan to reach the final of the Ulster Minor Football Championship.

Donegal were impressive in the first-half and led 2-7 to 0-5 at the break.

Goals from Jason McGee and Eoghan McGettigan put Donegal into a strong position.

Monaghan upped their game early in the second half and scored twice to haul themselves back into the contest and reduced the deficit to a couple of points after a Robbie McAllister's goal.

But Donegal responded positively and a goal from Odhran McFadden gave them breathing space again, and in the end it was a deserved six point win for Sean Paul Barrett's young men.

Ulster Minor Football League

2016 Ulster Minor Football League Group A

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Monaghan	3	3	0	0	53	43	6
2	Armagh	3	2	1	0	44	36	4
3	Down	3	1	2	0	49	46	2
4	Cavan	3	0	3	0	35	56	0





19/03/2016 Monaghan 1 – 16 Down 1 – 12
 06/03/2016 Monaghan 1-10 Armagh 1 – 07
 02/04/2016 Monaghan 1 – 18 Cavan 2 - 12

Monaghan's first game of the Ulster MFL started with a four point win against Down in Inniskeen on 19/03/2016. They then recorded their second win in the space of a week when they travelled to Armagh to win by three points. Michael Bannigan, Paudie McMahon, Ryan Mohan and Ciaran Burns played important roles for Monaghan. On the 02/04/2016 Monaghan recorded a victory over Cavan and top of Group A of the Ulster MFL. Their next encounter was against Donegal in the Ulster MFL semi-final were they played Donegal.

Monaghan exited the Ulster MFL when they were edged out in this high-scoring semi-final after extra-time against Donegal in Clones last Saturday. The scores were level 11 times during the 60 minutes, with both teams kicking some superb points, before Donegal moved ahead in the extra 20 to end Monaghan's three-game winning run. Donegal's star forward Niall O'Donnell (0-14) edged his shoot-out with his Monaghan counterpart David Garland (0-11) in this free-flowing encounter. JD Boyle, Eoghan McGettigan Jason McGee and Aiden McLaughlin were also to the fore for Donegal, while Micheál Bannigan and Fergal Hanratty were prominent for Monaghan.

Monaghan: T Marron; J Walsh, O Quinn, F Connolly; C Burns, R Mohan, F Hanratty (0-2); P Finnan, C Lennon (0-1); R O'Connor (0-1), J Wilson, P McMahon; D Garland (0-11, 5f), M Bannigan (Capt., 0-4, 2f), T O'Hanlon (0-1).

Subs: F Beggan (0-1) for Lennon (inj., 9 mins), C Doyle for Burns (25), A Courtney for P McMahon (39), S McMahon for O'Hanlon (42), J Gormley for Doyle (black card, 46), S Burns for Quinn (57).

Extra-time subs: P McMahon for Burns, O Quinn for Beggan (inj.) (both H-T), S Burns for Connolly (black card, 18), C Burns for P McMahon (19).

Monaghan's campaign in the Ulster Minor Championship started with a seven point win over Down but in the semi-finals, Donegal got off to a dream start when they scored two goals in the first half. Robbie McAllister's goal cut the deficit but wasn't enough to see off a strong Donegal team. In the Minor league Monaghan topped group A with three wins out of three but it was Donegal again that stalled their progression. Monaghan were edged out in this high scoring semi-final after extra time by just two points. The team and Management of Garrett Coyle, Seamus Mulholland and Marty Corey gave it their all and deserved a result at the end of game.

2016 Ulster U17 Group A

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Monaghan	3	2	1	0	50	37	4
2	Cavan	3	2	1	0	54	45	4
3	Down	3	1	2	0	41	44	2
4	Armagh	3	1	2	0	34	53	2

19/03/2016 Monaghan 0 – 13 Down 2 – 05
 26/03/2016 Monaghan 0 – 10 Armagh 2 – 11
 02/04/2016 Monaghan 4 – 15 Cavan 1 – 06

The introduction of Ulster U.17 Football League in 2016 to commence the changing process from Minor to U.17 was an excellent exercise. Both Minors and U.17 played their games on same dates and same venues where possible. Monaghan started their campaign on the 19/03/2016 against Down and recorded a two point win. It was then to Armagh and unfortunately were beaten. Monaghan were without several of last year's Buncrana Cup-winning squad, including several players on duty with Patrician High School. Their final game of the group was against

Cavan and with an impressive victory Monaghan topped Group A with a winning margin of 5 – 15 to 1-06. This was the first time Monaghan were able to play with their full panel and at half time had a good lead 3 -08 to 1-03.

The second half continued in the same fashion with Monaghan maintaining a stronghold throughout. In the end Monaghan ran out 21 point victors on a score-line of 5-15 to 1-6. Whilst this was an excellent team performance, Oran McElligott was certainly the player that caught the eye as he finished the game with 4 goals and 5 points to his name. Matthew Ward at corner-back, Dean Connolly at midfield and Cormac O Connor at corner forward also produced match-winning performances for the home side.

Monaghan Scorers: Oran McElligott (4-5), Cormac O Connor (0-7), Aaron Mohan (0-2), Michael O Brien (1-0), Ed Walsh (0-1)

Starting Line-up: Rigan McAree(Eire Og); Jamie Shields (Monaghan Harps), Calum Blanche (Aughnamullen), Matthew Ward (Ballybay); Tommy Croarkin (Monaghan Harps), Seamus Kindon (Inniskeen), Conor McCabe (Latton); Hugh McGinn (Doohamlet), Dean Connolly (Killanny); Ed Walsh (Killanny), Aaron Mohan (Truagh), Oisin Gleeson (Aghabog); Oran McElligott (Truagh), Michael O Brien(Emyvale), Cormac O Connor (Donaghmoynne)

Subs used: Stephen Irwin (Oram), Paul Monaghan (Eire Og), Tommy Monaghan (Eire Og), Ronan King (Scotstown), Fionn Callaghan (Carrickmacross)

Ulster U.17 Football League semi-final

Monaghan 3 – 07

Donegal 4 – 10

With a strong wind behind them, it was Donegal that started the brightest with two frees from Thomas McGowan in the opening 3 minutes. Monaghan slowly began to adapt to conditions and by the 8th minute, they went ahead when Cormac O Connor finished superbly to the net after excellent work by Michael O Brien. Point were exchanged by both sides but with minutes to go in the first half Monaghan had a four point deficit. However, things got even better when they were awarded a penalty with the last play of the half. Oran McElligott stepped up and for the 2nd game in a row, dispatched the penalty confidently beyond the reach of the Donegal goalkeeper

The story of the second half hinged on a controversial decision in the opening ten minutes when Monaghan were reduced to 14 men following the dismissal of Jamie Shields for a second yellow card. Aside from the fact that it was at best a very contentious decision, Shields had been a very strong presence for Monaghan in the opening half of the game. Despite this setback, Monaghan held their own and with ten minutes remaining, the teams were level, with the Monaghan goal coming from McElligott again. With 7 minutes left however, Monaghan were dealt a fatal blow when Donegal hit the home side for a goal and a point within 60 seconds. Donegal immediately withdrew their forward line and set up a defensive wall that the Monaghan could find no way through

Starting Line-up: Cian McCarney (Clones); Jamie Shields (Monaghan Harps), Calum Blanche (Aughnamullen), Matthew Ward (Ballybay); Oisin Gleeson (Aghabog), Seamus Kindon (Inniskeen), Conor McCabe (Latton); Hugh McGinn (Doohamlet), Karl McMenamin (Carrickmacross); Ed Walsh (Killanny), Aaron Mohan (Truagh), Oran Martin (Donaghmoynne); Oran McElligott (Truagh), Michael O Brien(Emyvale), Cormac O Connor (Donaghmoynne)

Subs used: Stephen Irwin (Oram), Paul Monaghan (Eire Og)

The introduction of the U.17 Ulster Minor League proved an excellent exercise for Monaghan as they finished top of their respective League with two wins. They progressed to semi-final of the Ulster Minor League and were unfortunate not to overcome Donegal as they were reduced to ten men early in the second half. Monaghan fought hard are side were level with ten minutes remaining but Donegal hit the net for the fourth time and ended





the dream of getting to final. Although disappointed there is no doubt that this competition has been of great value to Paul Curran's team. This competition has given the players the chance to test themselves at county level.

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Allianz Hurling League Roinn 3A

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Roscommon	5	5	0	0	100	81	10
2	Monaghan	5	3	2	0	96	87	6
3	Louth	5	3	2	0	101	97	6
4	Fingal	5	2	3	0	104	96	4
5	Tyrone	5	2	3	0	100	106	4
6	Warwickshire	5	0	5	0	73	107	0

Allianz Hurling League 2015 Div. 3A

Round 1.

14/02/2016 Monaghan 2 – 13 Tyrone 2 – 18

Venue: Clones

Round 2.

21/02/2016 Roscommon 1 – 12 Monaghan 0 - 10

Venue: Athleague

Round 3.

06/03/2016 Monaghan 2 - 19 Louth 1 - 12

Venue: Castleblayney

Round 4.

13/03/2016 Fingal 1 – 18 Monaghan 3 - 14

Venue: Naomh Barróg

Round 5.

19/03/2016 Monaghan 2 – 13 Warwickshire 2 – 06

Venue Clones

Allianz Hurling League Div. 3A Final

26/03/2016 Monaghan 0 - 07 Roscommon 4 - 15

Venue: Ballyshannon

Round 1 Monaghan v Tyrone

Monaghan started their AHL campaign with a five-point defeat in a repeat of last year's Division 3A Final against Tyrone in Clones. The unerring free-taking of Damian Casey helped Tyrone open up a 1-12 to 1-5 lead by the end of a first half where Monaghan's goal on the half-hour mark from the returning Seán Leonard gave them a badly-needed lifeline. Mark Treanor spearheaded a spirited second-half showing from Monaghan, as he hit 1-3 from play to help the hosts gradually wipe out their deficit. Three consecutive Stephen Lambe frees inside the final ten minutes made it a one-point game, but a goal by Conor Grogan secured an opening win for defending champions Tyrone.

Round 2 Monaghan v Roscommon

Missed chances again proved costly as Monaghan slipped to a second consecutive defeat in their division 3A campaign and as a result their participation in the play-offs took something of a setback at the end of this, tough, hard hitting contest in Athleague, Sunday 21st February. Monaghan made three changes from the team that started against Tyrone with Brendan Connor, Steven Forde and Aidan Kerr coming in. Monaghan at the benefit of the elements in the first half but did not capitalise on whatever advantage that gave them on all Roscommon with the aid of the elements in the second-half also struggled and it wasn't until the latter stages that they edged in front.

At the end of a scrappy first half Roscommon led by 1-2 to 0-3, the goal by Adrian Murphy in the 25th minute, somewhat against the run of play, after Monaghan had dominated the possession

stakes and chances created, but poor finishing robbed them of numerous chances from play and frees and by the break they had amassed a total of 10 wides while Roscommon who were playing into the teeth of the gale had registered 6. In the second-half Monaghan battled bravely and kept in touch mostly through the free taking of Niall Garland who registered five from placed balls but any time Monaghan threatened to close the gap Roscommon always seemed to be able to respond as they capitalise that bit better on broken play in that vital middle third. Four points separated the sides going into the final five minutes with Niall Garland pulling one back from a free but Roscommon closed it out with two points in stoppage time to leave five between them at the finish.

Round 3 Monaghan v Louth

Monaghan Hurlers got their first win in Division 3A of the Allianz Hurling League with a 2-19 to 1-12 win over Louth in St Mary's Park Castleblayney.

The wee county had taken an early lead in the game going 3 points to 1 up after 6 minutes. However 4 unanswered points from the home side between the 7th and 12th minute saw them take a lead they were never to lose as they opened up a 2 point lead. Liam Dwan who was causing Monaghan all sorts of problems in the opening quarter did bring it back to the minimum in the 15th minute with his 3rd point of 5 that he registered in the first half, but Fergal Rafter's goal in the 23rd minute was to be the telling score of the opening 35 minutes as he played a brilliant one two with Brian Mc Guigan before finishing to the net. While Dwan did continue to keep the score board ticking for Louth, Monaghan were also registering at the other end as they took in a 1-09 to 0-06 point lead at the break.

Louth came out determined at the start of the 2nd half to reduce the arrears with that man Dwan again registering a point but shot selection and a number of poor wides was to be their downfall as Monaghan made the most of their chances at the other end to extend the lead out to 1-12 to 0-08 by the 45th minute. The Wee County did get a life line in the 55th minute when Diarmuid Murphy's free was deflected to the Monaghan net past the otherwise excellent David Mc Gahan who gave a great display of handling throughout. That goal was cancelled out 7 minutes later when Stephen Lambe was at the end of brilliant length of the field move to finish to the net to extend Monaghan's lead out to 2-15 to 1-11.

Both sides continued to exchange points in the final few minutes, but Louth never looked like getting the goal they needed to bring themselves back into the game and Monaghan's first points of the league were wrapped up with points from Stephen Forde, Fergal Rafter and Conor Mc Kenna, to leave it Monaghan 2-19 to 1-12 at the end.

Round 4 Monaghan v Fingal

Monaghan came back in contention to get into another final after wins over Louth and Fingal following losses to Tyrone and Roscommon. Stephen Lambe, Mark and Peter Treanor, Niall Garland and Fergal Rafter continued their good form for Monaghan after their recent displays and capitalized on all opportunities that came available. Monaghan battled to end with scores from Stephen Lambe and Peter Treanor which contributed to their great win by two points.

Round 5 Monaghan v Warwickshire

It took a strong final 20 minutes by Monaghan to secure victory in this interesting and entertaining, if at times scrappy and frustrating encounter, that was played in bright if chilly conditions in Clones. Warwickshire on the other hand were much more efficient and held the lead three times during the game but when Monaghan moved up a gear entering the final 15 minutes of normal time the visitors





visibly faded and Monaghan closed the game out with something of a flourish. Warwickshire took the lead with a goal right after the throw in but Monaghan fought back to lead by two at the break only to find themselves four in arrears seven minutes into the second half as Warwickshire struck for goal number 2. That though was as good as it was to get for the visitors as Monaghan took increasing control and when Mark Treanor crashed home Monaghan's second goal in the 55th minute they were on their way to victory. Monaghan now qualified for the Allianz Hurling League Div. 3A Final.

Allianz Hurling League Div.3A

Monaghan v Roscommon Venue: Ballyshannon

It was disappointment for Monaghan for the second year in a row in the final of the Allianz Hurling league division 3A, this time losing heavily to Roscommon in a game that turned into a very one-way contest in the second-half in Ballyshannon. Conditions on the day were very difficult with a strong wind and squally showers and at one stage it looked as if the elements had conspired against Monaghan when the strong wind that favoured Roscommon in the first half literally changed direction before half-time with the result that Monaghan were facing into the elements for the entire match. Roscommon did adapt that bit better to the prevailing conditions with excellent stick work and tackling and blocking and they also had players who were able to pick off scores from distance while Monaghan were only able to register one point in the entire second half. Roscommon got off to a great start with a goal in the opening minute and they went on to dominate the opening quarter at the end of which they led by 1-4 to 0-3 but they were not to score again before half-time as Monaghan became increasingly dominant but they failed to convert a number of chances that could have made a crucial difference. Roscommon had their first score for almost half an hour when Michael Kelly opened the scoring five minutes after the resumption and by the end of the third quarter they were in complete control and had extended their lead to 11 points, a two-goal salvo from Cillian Egan within three minutes of each other doing most of the damage. Monaghan were now reduced numerically when Stephen Lambe picked up a second yellow card and Roscommon piled on the pressure to add another goal and seven points as opposed to Monaghan's solitary score of the half from Conor McKenna, to run out comprehensive winners.

Teams and Scorers: Monaghan: Kieran Hanniffy, Brian Flanagan, Patrick Finnegan, Jamie Guinan, Peter Treanor, Aaron Kenny, Conor McKenna 0-1, Deaglan Crowe, Stephen Forde, Niall Garland, Mark Treanor, Conor Boyle, Fergal Rafter 0-1, Stephen Lambe 0-5 (4f), Brian McGuigan. Subs: Ronan Curran for S Forde, Aidan Kerr for B Flanagan, Raymond McNally for C Boyle, Shane McNally for J Guinan, David McGahon for K Hanniffy.

Nicky Rackard Cup

Round 1:

23/04/2016 Monaghan 5 - 12 Fermanagh 1 - 12
Venue: Enniskillen

Round 2:

30/04/2016 Monaghan 0 - 17 Fingal 2 - 19
Venue: Castleblayney

Nicky Rackard Quarter Final

07/05/2016 Monaghan 3 - 14 Donegal 4 - 14
Venue: Inniskeen

Monaghan started their Nicky Rackard Cup campaign with a comfortable win over Fermanagh in Enniskillen. Goals by Mark Treanor and Brian McGuigan (two) had Monaghan 3-6 to 0-10 up at half-time against a 14-man Fermanagh team weakened by Daniel Teague's red card on 12 minutes. Seán Corrigan's accuracy kept Fermanagh in touch, but Monaghan found the net

again after the restart through Stephen Lambe, before McGuigan completed his hat-trick. Monaghan ran out convincing winners to set up a clash with Fingal in Round 2A.

Monaghan missed out on the direct route to the Nicky Rackard Cup semi-finals when they lost a high-scoring Round 2A game against Fingal in Castleblayney on Saturday. Stephen Lambe hit 1-2 early on as Monaghan started brightly, but Fingal hit 2-2 without reply at the start of the second quarter – the goals from John Matthew Sheridan and Darren Renahan – to lead by 2-9 to 1-9 at half-time. Fingal stayed narrowly ahead for most of the second half and even though two goals in quick succession by Deaglan Crowe briefly turned it in Monaghan's favour, points from Sheridan and substitute Eoin Thynne helped Fingal edge through to the last four. Monaghan's next opponents were Donegal in the quarter-finals.

Monaghan bowed out of the 2016 Nicky Rackard Cup after a thrilling match in Páirc Grattan, Inniskeen on 7th May. The game was pretty pedestrian in the first half with a Donegal goal from Ciaran Matthewson in injury time giving the visitors a one point lead at half time on a scoreline of Monaghan 1-6 Donegal 1-7.

Donegal made a roaring start to the second half and despite Fergal Rafter plugging away with points Donegal were leading by 11 points with 13 minutes of normal time left. Monaghan then upped the gears with Fergal Rafter scoring four points which were followed by goals from sub Tadhg Campbell and Stephen Lambe to leave only two points in it with four minutes left. However try as they may Monaghan couldn't get any closer with Donegal finishing the scoring with a point in injury time from Niall Cleary to leave the full time scoreline Monaghan 3-14 Donegal 4-14

Teams and Scorers:

Monaghan: David McGahon, Shane Mc Nally, Patrick Finnegan, Jamie Guinan, Martin Murphy, Peter Treanor(c) 0-1 Conor McKenna, Stephen Forde, Aaron Kenny, Conor Boyle, Fergal Rafter 0-11 (8f) Niall Garland 0-2 (1f) Brian Mc Guigan.

Ulster GAA Hurling Senior Shield Final

26/06/2016 Monaghan 2 - 14 Donegal 5 - 13
Venue: Brewster Park

Donegal hurlers survived a choppy start to eventually overcame a plucky but slightly unlucky Monaghan in the first ever Ulster Shield Final in Brewster Park.

The winners had a sluggish start and actually trailed a lighter but much livelier Monaghan by 2-4 to 0-1 by the 13th minute.

But two somewhat lucky goals brought the winners right back into contention and they actually led by 3-3 to 2-4 at half time, going on to clinch victory with a strong second half performance.

Monaghan; D McGahon, A Kenny, P Finnegan, B Flanagan; S McNally, P Treanor, M Murphy; D Crowe (0-2), S Forde; C Boyle (1-5f), C McKenna (0-2), F Rafter (0-1f); T Campbell, M Treanor (1-3) B McGuigan (0-1), C Power for F Rafter, T Forde for S Forde (h-time), B Connor for S McNally (43).

Monaghan Hurlers once again qualified for the Allianz Hurling League Final winning three out of their five league matches. Although their league campaign began with two defeats they progressed as the competition continued and recorded three successive wins to qualify for the final. Roscommon were the opponents and they proved far too strong for Monaghan on the day. It was next to the Nicky Rackard Cup with a first round game against Fermanagh which they won comfortably but fell short against Fingal which meant they had to take the alternative route. Opponents in the Quarter Final were Donegal which was played in Inniskeen and they played their hearts out. A goal separated the sides when the final whistle blew and unfortunately it was Monaghan who were pipped at the post. Monaghan also came up against Donegal in the Ulster Shield Final but were unlucky as Donegal were superior in the second half and went on to win the shield.





Trevor Hilliard and his Management team of Pearse Doherty, John Mitchell and Sean Maher left no stone unturned with this hurling panel. Players and Management have been totally dedicated and committed in their preparations and deserved some reward for their efforts.

2016 Ulster Minor Hurling League Div 2

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Monaghan	2	2	0	0	18	11	4
2	Cavan	2	1	1	0	11	18	2
3	Louth	2	0	2	0	0	0	0

Round 1

30/04/2016 Monaghan 0 - 00 Louth (conc)

Round 2

14/05/2016 (Final) Monaghan 2 - 12 Cavan 0 - 11

Venue: Drumhowan

A more potent, skilful Monaghan side deservedly claimed the Ulster MHL Division Two title at Drumhowan's. Páirc Mhic Eoin. The hosts were much the better team and their ability to take scores under pressure and their success in bagging two goals were crucial in forging what was a wholly deserved victory. Monaghan won the majority of breaking ball and their striking and passing was far superior to their opponents. Cavan couldn't match Monaghan's efficiency in front of goal or their ability to cash in on scoring opportunities and it was notable that the visitors recorded 14 wides, as opposed to Monaghan's seven, over the hour. Cavan also went down to 14 players with almost 10 minutes left to play in the second half when their top scorer Cormac Wall received a second yellow card.

The signs were good for Monaghan from early on with a goal from the impressive Aidan Burns after 19 minutes helping to steer the hosts into a decisive 1-3 to 0-1 lead. Burns, aided and abetted by team-mates Cathal Power, Luke McKenna and Nathan O'Donoghue were to play forceful roles in Monaghan's capacity to engineer and convert the major percentage of their scores. In fairness, an injury to impressive ball-winner Rory Farrell in the 23rd minute meant that Diarmaid Carney was asked to shore up things in the middle third of the field, thus diluting the pressure that might have been exerted on Monaghan's full-forward line. For all that, Monaghan always looked like they had things in hand. They were more mobile, seemed to have more time on the ball and they had artillery in the last third that Cavan's couldn't match or indeed muffle. Apart from the killer wides' tally, Cavan also shot themselves in the foot when they had their captain and top scorer Cormac Wall dismissed in the 52nd minute. Fact is though, Monaghan were ahead by 2- 10 to 0-9 at that juncture and appeared to have another gear in them had the need been there to engage it in the perfect conditions at the resplendent mid-county venue.

Monaghan's purposeful start gave them an early cushioned lead that was never seriously threatened thereafter although their 1-6 to 0-6 interval lead was far from marble-solid. That solidity was underpinned though less than one minute after the restart when good work by Luke McKenna saw Pádraig McGahon ghost in at the far post and bat the ball head high from point-blank range past Cavan 'keeper Clerkin. Just three minutes into the second half, Monaghan had one eye on the silverware as they led by 2-7 to 0-6 Cavan would close the gap to two goals with 11 minutes left to play but the dismissal of top scorer Wall was a big blow. Monaghan seemed to take their foot of the pedal somewhat but they never

looked like tripping themselves up. The hosts duly sealed the deal by out-scoring their opponents by three points to two in the run-in. Monaghan: Patrick Bermingham; James Carville, Dylan McAree, Patrick Mitchell; Conor Gernon, Cathal Power (0-3, two frees), Anthony Greenan; Oran Kiernan, Luke McKenna (0-1); Aidan Burns (1-4, two frees), Stephen Watters, Nathan O Donoghue (0-2); Pádraig McGahon (1-1), Matthew Donnelly, Aaron Boyle (0-1). Subs; Kieran McQuaid for M Donnelly; Josh Mohan for A Boyle; Peter Clinton for J Carville; Ethan O'Gorman for N O'Donoghue.

Ulster Minor Hurling Shield semi-final

15/04/2016 Donegal 4 - 14 Monaghan 0 - 06

Venue: Ballybofey

All Ireland Hurling U.21 C Championship –

Andrew O'Neill Cup

02/07/2016 Monaghan 2 – 18 Louth 4 – 17

Venue: Páirc Naomh Bríd, Dowdallshill

Monaghan competed in the Ulster Minor Hurling League under the guidance of Alan Ryan and Brendan Murphy and they won the Ulster Minor Hurling League when they defeated Cavan on a scoreline of 2 – 12 to 0 – 11 in Drumhowan. A very entertaining game in which Monaghan dominated in the second half. It was a wonderful pleasure on the day to hear the Captain Cathal Power give his speech on receiving the cup as Gaeilge. GO Maith.

Club Competitions:

Greenfield Foods: Senior Football Championship (Mick Duffy Cup)

Teams: Ballybay, Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Clontibret, Doohamlet, Latton, Magheraclone, Monaghan Harps, Scotstown, Truagh.

Senior Football Championship 2016

Date	Result	Venue
14/05/2016	Magheraclone 1 19 Monaghan Harps	0 11 Aghnamullen
15/05/2016	Doohamlet 1 7 Scotstown	1 20 Castleblayney
15/05/2016	Latton 3 14 Carrickmacross	0 11 Castleblayney
15/05/2016	Clontibret 1 12 Ballybay	1 13 Scotstown
15/05/2016	Castleblayney 0 11 Truagh	2 16 Scotstown
13/08/2016	Monaghan Harps 1 10 Castleblayney	0 12 Scotstown
13/08/2016	Doohamlet 0 10 Clontibret	1 13 Scotstown
14/08/2016	Latton 1 14 Scotstown	0 13 Castleblayney
21/08/2016	Carrickmacross 0 12 Scotstown	0 18 Aghnamullen
21/08/2016	Clontibret 0 15 Monaghan Harps	0 09 Emyvale
21/08/2016	Ballybay 2 15 Truagh	0 04 Clontibret
21/08/2016	Magheraclone 0 18 Latton	1 13 Clontibret
27/08/2016	Scotstown 0 15 Truagh	0 07 Clontibret
28/08/2016	Latton 1 14 Clontibret	2 13 Castleblayney
11/09/2016	Magheraclone 3 04 Clontibret	1 12 Clones
11/09/2016	Ballybay 1 09 Scotstown	0 14 Clones
02/10/2016	Clontibret 1 12 Scotstown	2 13 Castleblayney Final

The Senior Football Championship once again provided some close contested encounters. Two of the above games had just one point margins but it was Scotstown who retained the Mick Duffy for the second year in a row with a win over Clontibret. Castleblayney Faughs hosted the Senior Championship Final and great credit to the club as they pulled out all the stops to make it an occasion to remember. Scotstown then moved on to the Ulster Club Championship preliminary round to play Kilcoo but unfortunately it wasn't to be. They put in a gallant effort but just fell short on the day.





McElvaney Waste & Recycling: Intermediate Football Championship (Paddy O'Rourke Cup)

Teams: Aughnamullen, Corduff, Cremartin, Currin, Donaghmoynes, Emyvale, Inniskeen, Killanny, Rockcorry, Tyholland,

Intermediate Football Championship 2016

Date	Result	Venue
10/07/2016	Corduff 1 8 Donaghmoynes 0 15	Castleblayney
10/07/2016	Killanny 0 11 Inniskeen 1 19	Castleblayney
06/08/2016	Emyvale 0 10 Rockcorry 1 16	Smithborough
07/08/2016	Currin 2 07 Cremartin 1 10	Castleblayney
07/08/2016	Aughnamullen 1 10 Tyholland 3 10	Castleblayney
19/08/2016	Aughnamullen 0 9 Killanny 0 06	Inniskeen
20/08/2016	Donaghmoynes 3 10 Inniskeen 2 14	Magheraclone
20/08/2016	Currin (Replay) 1 12 Cremartin 0 11	Smithborough
27/08/2016	Emyvale 1 13 Cremartin 1 12	Clontibret
02/09/2016	Donaghmoynes 2 20 Aughnamullen 1 07	Inniskeen
03/09/2016	Corduff 1 11 Emyvale 1 12	Drumhowan
04/09/2016	Rockcorry 2 17 Currin 2 08	Smithborough
04/09/2015	Tyholland 0 14 Inniskeen 2 11	Blackhill
17/09/2016	Currin 0 11 Donaghmoynes 0 14	Aughnamullen
17/09/2016	Tyholland 0 22 Emyvale 1 09	Truagh
08/10/2016	Rockcorry 1 10 Tyholland 0 10	Scotstown S. Final
08/10/2016	Inniskeen 0 09 Donaghmoynes 1 11	Scotstown S. Final
16/10/2016	Rockcorry 1 06 Donaghmoynes 0 10	Clontibret Final

Donaghmoynes returned to senior ranks when they defeated newly promoted Rockcorry team by just one point in the Intermediate Championship Final. A very hard fought victory in a game that was close from start to finish. Both teams provided a thriller and left all supporters on the edge until the final whistle blew. Overall the Intermediate championship provided great entertainment, with a replay between Currin and Cremartin, games with just a one point margin but overall a championship that was very hard to predict. Donaghmoynes moved on to the Ulster Intermediate Club Championship and played Bredagh in the Quarter Final and recorded their first win in the 2016 Ulster Club Championship. Their semi-final encounter was against St. Mary's GAC Aghagallon and once again came out victorious. The Ulster Intermediate Club Championship Final took place against Pomeroy Plunketts in Pairc Elser, Newry on Sunday 20th November.

Universal Graphics Junior Football Championship (Packie Boylan Cup)

Teams: Aghabog, Blackhill, Clones, Corduff, Drumhowan, Eire Og, Killeevan, Oram, Toome, Scotstown, Sean McDermotts, .

Junior Football Championship 2016

Date	Results	Venue
14/05/2016	Corduff 1 4 Sean McDermotts 4 21	Inniskeen
14/05/2016	Clones 2 10 Blackhill 2 12	Inniskeen
28/05/2016	Scotstown 0 23 Oram 2 12	Monaghan Harps
03/06/2016	Drumhowan 2 11 Aghabog 1 08	Cremartin
18/06/2016	Eire Og 4 17 Killeevan 0 07	Monaghan Harps
19/06/2016	Drumhowan 2 09 Toome 1 10	Clontibret
19/06/2016	Scotstown 0 04 Blackhill 1 12	Clontibret
08/07/2016	Aghabog 3 11 Oram 2 06	Drumhowan
10/07/2016	Toome 1 11 Killeevan 0 11	Cremartin

16/07/2016	Clones 3 18 Corduff 0 10	Cremartin
12/08/2016	Clones 3 16 Aghabog 3 12	Emyvale
14/08/2016	Drumhowan 2 08 Blackhill 1 14	Clontibret
14/08/2016	Sean McDermotts 2 10 Eire Og 2 09	Clontibret
14/08/2016	Scotstown 1 14 Toome 2 20	Castleblayney
02/09/2016	Drumhowan 1 13 Clones 1 14	Emyvale
03/09/2016	Eire Og 0 08 Toome 3 19	Cremartin
25/09/2016	Clones 2 12 Sean McDermotts 2 18	Scotstown S.Final
30/09/2016	Blackhill 2 24 Toome 2 12	Inniskeen S. Final
09/10/2016	Blackhill 1 16 Sean McDermotts 0 11	Drumhowan Final

Blackhill ended their 64-year JFC famine when an excellent second-half performance put a halt to their recent final woes of the past three years. Sean McDermotts had the better of much of the first half, but a goal for Blackhill left the sides level at half time. But mid- way through the second half Blackhill put over several points to capture the Packie Boylan Cup. Blackhill progressed to the Ulster Junior Club Championship Quarter Final and played Clonmore Robert Emmets winning on a scoreline of 0 – 19 to 0 – 08. Next was the Semi-Final and they played NA Dúnaibh/Downings and emerged as winners to reach Ulster Junior Club Championship Final that took place on Sunday 20th November in Pairc Elser, a curtain raiser to Intermediate Final.

Silver Hill Foods Senior Hurling Championship (Mick Quigley Cup)

Teams: Carrickmacross Castleblayney, Inniskeen, Monaghan Harps, Truagh, Clontibret.

Senior Hurling Championship 2016

Date:	Results	Venue
Senior Hurling Championship Quarter-Final		
14/07/2016	Castleblayney HC 1 - 14 Inniskeen 0 - 19	Clontibret
14/07/2016	Truagh 2 - 13 Clontibret 3 - 11	Monaghan Harps
Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final		
21/07/2016	Carrickmacross HC 0 - 03 Inniskeen 4 - 21	Carrickmacross
21/07/2016	Monaghan Harps HC 1 - 11 Clontibret 2 - 07	Truagh
Senior Hurling Championship Shield Semi-Final		
28/07/2016	Truagh 2 - 04 Castleblayney HC 5 - 14	Truagh
28/07/2016	Clontibret 3 - 10 Carrickmacross HC 1 - 07	Clontibret
Senior Hurling Championship Shield Final		
07/08/2016	Clontibret 1 - 07 Castleblayney HC 3 - 15	Clontibret
Senior Hurling Championship Final		
07/08/2016	Monaghan Harps 1 - 06 Inniskeen 5 - 15	Clontibret

Inniskeen club won back the Mick Quigley Cup when they defeated Monaghan Harps in the Senior Hurling Championship Final which was played in Clontibret. Inniskeen played their main rivals Castleblayney Hurling in the first round off the Championship and continued with their success with ease. They progressed onto the Ulster Junior Hurling Club Championship and after a long had a comprehensive win over Cootehill Celtic GAA on a scoreline 7 – 19 to 0 – 05. The next opponents were Antrim's Lamh Dhearg and unfortunately lost out on a scoreline of 2 – 06 1- 12.

Minor Football Championship Div. 1 (Fergal O'Hanlon Cup)

Teams: Aughnamullen, Clontibret, Corduff, Magheraclone, Monaghan Harps, Scotstown, St, Pats and Truagh.
Corduff were victorious in the Minor Football Championship overcoming a strong Aughnamullen challenge on County Final day





in St. Mary's Park, Castleblayney. For such a small club not only were they victorious in the championship but they have also won the elusive double by winning the Minor League Final when they defeated Magheacloone in a very entertaining and close encounter in Aughnamullen. A great achievement for Corduff and a bright future for the Club as they have recorded back to back double for the second year in a row.

Minor Football Championship Div. 2 (Jimmy McCarey Cup)

Teams: Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Clan na Gael, Clones, Emyvale, Donaghmoyno, Inniskeen, Killanny, Na Mullaí Sarsfields and Patrick Emmets.

Carrickmacross have completed the double in Minor Championship and Minor League in 2016. Their first game in championship was against neighbours Killanny and with nothing between the sides at the end of game it was back again in three weeks for replay. Carrickmacross emerged as winners by four points and next it was Emvaley in the semi-final which they won by on a scoreline of 3 – 03 to 2-09. A very close encounter against Na Mullaí Sarsfields in the final but Carrickmacross battled on to win by a two point margin.

Minor Football Championship Div. 3 (Kellett Cup)

Teams: Cremartin, Doohamlet, Latton, Rockcorry, Sean McDermotts and Rockcorry.

Latton O'Rahilly Club have also completed the Minor double when they overcome Sean McDermotts in both the Minor Championship and League in 2016. A brilliant game of football between 2 very evenly matched teams. Credit goes to both sets of players and management for a very entertaining and skillfull game of football. Latton's captain Dylan Quinn hoisted the Cup high into the air to celebrate another momentous day for Latton Minors completing back to back double for the second year in a row.

Silver Hill Foods Minor Hurling Championship

Teams: Carrickmacross, Monaghan Harps & Castleblayney.

Carrickmacross Hurling and Monaghan Harps Hurling contested the Minor Hurling Championship in 2016 on the 01/10/2016. With nothing between the sides at the end of the game they both had to meet again in Clontibret on the 22/10/2016. Carrickmacross were awarded the Minor Hurling Championship title after another very close encounter with a margin of only two points. A very good display by both teams and great credit to both Players and Management.

Minor Hurling Championship Final

01/10/2016

Monaghan Harps HC 2 – 09 Carrickmacross HC 1 - 12

22/10/2016

Monaghan Harps HC 1 – 09 Carrickmacross HC 0 - 17

Minor Hurling League

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Cootehill Celtic GAA	2	2	0	0	38	19	4
2	Monaghan Harps Hurling Club	2	1	1	0	27	30	2
3	Carrickmacross Hurling	2	1	1	0	12	15	2
4	Castleblayney Hurling	2	0	2	0	7	20	0

Minor Hurling League Final

08/05/2016 Cootehill Celtic 0 – 04 Monaghan Harps HC 3 – 12

Venue: Truagh

Monaghan Competition Winners: 2016

Competition

Senior Football Championship
Intermediate Football Championship
Junior Football Championship
Minor Football Championship Div. 1
Minor Football Championship Div. 2
Minor Football Championship Div. 3
Senior Football League
Intermediate Football League
Junior Football League Cup
Junior Football League Shield
Reserve Football League Div. 1A
Reserve Football League Div. 1B
Reserve Football League Div. 2
Reserve Football League Div. 3
RFC (O'Duffy Cup)
RFC (Crawley Cup)
RFC (McKeown Cup)
U.21 Football League Div. 1
U.21 Football League Div. 2
Minor Football League Div. 1Cup
Minor Football League Div. 1 Shield
Minor Football League Div. 2Cup
Minor Football League Div. 2 Shield
Minor Football League Div. 3
Senior Hurling Championship Cup
Senior Hurling Championship Shield
Senior Hurling League
Development Hurling League
Minor Hurling Championship
Minor Hurling League

Winners:

Scotstown
Donaghmoyno
Blackhill
Corduff
Carrickmacross
Latton
Ballybay
Killanny
Toome
Aghabog
Scotstown
Donaghmoyno
Blackhill
Killanny
Truagh
Sean McDermotts
Clones
Donaghmoyno
Truagh
Corduff
Clontibret
Carrickmacross
Emyvaley
Latton
Inniskeen
Castleblayney HC
Castleblayney HC
Truagh
Carrickmacross Hurling
Monaghan Harps Hurling

County Committee:

Monaghan County Committee met on eight occasions in 2016. The meetings were well attended as you can see from table below. Nine clubs attended all meetings and seven clubs only missed one. The county committee is the governing body of the GAA in the County is responsible for all decisions taken. Clubs Delegates provide a very important communication link for all our clubs. It is with sadness that I acknowledge the recent passing of one County Committee member Niall McAdan RIP who has gone to his eternal reward. Niall has been a County Board Delegate for the past three years and has contributed a lot to both Club and County in his short life time. He will be sadly missed by his Family, Friends, his beloved Drumhowan Club and fellow Gaels.

County Committee Meetings 2016

Cumann	Meetings	Attendance
Aghabog	8	5
Aughnamullen	8	6
Ballybay	8	5
Blackhill	8	7
Carrickmacross (F)	8	7
Carrickmacross (H)	8	4
Castleblayney (F)	8	8
Castleblayney (H)	8	7
Clones	8	8
Clontibret	8	6
Corduff	8	5
Cremartin	8	8
Currin	8	5
Donaghmoyno	8	8
Doohamlet	8	8
Drumhowan	8	7
Eire Og	8	4
Emyvaley	8	6
Inniskeen	8	8





Killanny	8	6
Killeevan	8	7
Lattoo	8	5
Magheracluone	8	8
Monaghan Harps (F)	8	4
Monaghan Harps (H)	8	6
Oram	8	6
Rockcorry	8	8
Scotstown	8	8
Sean McDermotts	8	6
Toome	8	7
Truagh	8	7
Tyholland	8	5
Referees Administrator	8	3
Secondary Schools	8	
Cumann na mBunscoil	8	
Liathroid Laimhe	8	

Coiste Bainistí

Coiste Bainistí met on 14 occasions this year to ensure that the daily affairs of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Coiste Mhuineachain were dealt with efficiently under the guidance of Pádraig Sherry, An Cathaoirleach. Pádraig's aim when he took up the position of An Cathaoirleach was to make Cosite Chontae Mhuineacháin a stronger more vibrant organisation. His ability to follow up on decisions being carried through are one of his strongest traits. His focus was always to keep making Monaghan County Board moving forward in the right direction. His determination to put in place an Operations Manager for Monaghan was one of his ambitions which he fulfilled. Pádraig Sherry is not seeking re-election for the position of An Cathaoirleach. Having served as Rúnai with Pádraig over the last three years I wish to acknowledge his commitment to his role, which became a 24 hour a day role, his commitment to every aspect of the GAA in Monaghan, be it on the playing field, administration or advice, he give 100%. I am confident that the members of Coiste Bainistí for 2017 will continue to assist clubs in all aspects of the GAA possible to benefit of Monaghan GAA. Marion Donnelly, Cisteoir will not be seeking re-election for 2017. Marion became a member of Coiste Bainistí in 2004 as Cisteoir Cunta and in 2005 she took up the role as Cisteoir. A role which was carried out with the great efficiency and total dedication. The responsibility of looking after the financial affairs of our County is one of the most difficult roles and I wish to thank Marion for her professional approach to aspects of her role. I wish her best for the future.

Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisí

Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisí (CCC) have the responsibility of organising the fixture programme and dealing with all disciplinary matters for Monaghan GAA. They went about their business in a transparent and efficient manner, Austin Corrigan (Chairman) organisational skills along with his knowledge of rules and regulations ensured that CCC arranged a fixture programme suitable to the needs of both Club and County players. Adrian Sherry (Adult Fixtures Secretary) and Derek McConnon (Juvenile Fixtures Secretary) administered their respective fixtures programmes efficiently and diligently. Disciplinary matters takes up quite a considerable amount of time for the officers of CCC and in particular for the Secretary of CCC, Eileen Keenan who carries out her duties with the great efficiency. CCC have to meet at least once a week and at times more, due to the number of disciplinary matters and appeals. It is definitely the busiest sub-committee in the GAA and very time consuming. Another responsibility for the CCC committee is to process transfer applications within the County. The workload of CCC may have increased but they have carried all their duties with great efficiency. We must remember that these people are volunteers and give up their time and services for the good of Monaghan GAA, so they deserved our upmost respect for their efforts and commitment.

Sub Committees

Coiste Chonate Mhuineachain operates sub committees as per rule of Official Guide and County Bye Laws. With the New Strategic Plan 2016 – 2018 circulated, all of the objectives and targets set out will be the guidelines for our volunteers who actively involved on our sub-committees. Approx. 120 people are involved on these committees and have given up their time to ensure that the affairs of Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain operate in efficient and progressive manner. Each sub-committee have provided an end of year report in this booklet and I would be grateful if you would take time and read them as you will see the amount of work carried out on our behalf.

I wish to acknowledge the great work of all of these committees and would like to congratulate Noel Duffy and his PR committee on winning the MacNamee Award for the best Website in the country. The PR committee have really moved with the times and all aspects of the Monaghan GAA is circulated through social media. Well done and well deserved.

Annual Awards Night

The Annual Awards night was held in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan on the 22/01/2016. I wish to compliment Seamus McElwain and his committee for organising the event. The winners announced at County Convention last December are listed below.

Gradaim Bliantúil 2016

Category

Winner

Senior Footballer	Darren Hughes – (Scotstown)
Intermediate Footballer	Colin Walshe – (Doohamlet)
Junior Footballer	Niall McKeown – (Rockcorry)
Young Footballer	Shane Carey – (Scotstown)
Senior Hurler	Fergal Rafter – (Castleblayney Hurling)
Young Hurler	Niall Garland – (Castleblayney Hurling)
Senior Club Official	PJ Meehan – (Doohamlet)
Juvenile Club Official	Brian Sherry – (Castleblayney Faughs)
Handballer of the Year	Martin McEntee - (Monaghan Harps)
Camogie Player	Amber Lam – (Castleblayney)
Ladies Footballer	Ciara McAnespie – (Emyvale)
Youth Achievement Award Football	Inniskeen Club
Youth Achievement Award Hurling	Carrickmacross Hurling
Senior Referee	Niall McKenna – (Emyvale)
Intermediate Referee	Xavier Coyle – (Tyholland)
Junior Referee	Anthony Marron – (Corduff) & David Hurson – (Drumhowan)
Minor Referee	Stephen Hagan – (Sean McDermotts)
Hurling Referee	Stephen McKenna – (Carrickmacross Hurling)
Youth Referee	Damien Boylan – (Donaghmoyne)
Hall of Fame	Brian Daly – (Donaghmoyne) Nudie Hughes – (Castleblayney Faughs)
Special Merit Award	Tom Freeman – (Magheracluone) John Heaphey – (Scotstown)
Club of the Year	Rockcorry Club
Club Monaghan Senior Footballer	Conor McManus – (Clontibret)
Most Improved participants in Scór	Sean McDermotts Club

Irish News Ulster All Star 2016, Ring, Rackard and Meagher Champion 15 Team.

In 2016 Monaghan Conor McManus was awarded the Irish News Ulster All Star Award at a function in September. Conor McKenna, Gaeil Triucha also was awarded the Christy Ring, Nicky Rackard & Lory Meagher Champion Awards for 2016.

These awards are in recognition for their contribution on the playing field for 2016. A great honour for the players, their families, their clubs and their county.

Also this year four Monaghan Players received the Independent.ie





Rising Stars Awards in Croke from Uachtarán CLG Aoghán Ó Ferghail, Kieran Hughes, UU, Ryan Wylie, UCD, Daniel McKenna, DKIT and Shane Carey, DCU. A great honour for all these students. Congratulations also the Ryan Wylie and Conor McCarthy who were part of the UCD Sigersons Cup winning team. Success also for Kieran Duffy from Latton who captained DKIT to All Ireland Trench Cup Glory.

Investec/Fkm

Investec Ireland continue to Sponsor our County Teams and we are entirely grateful. We are as a county very fortunate that a company of this stature are willing to support and assist Monaghan GAA. Michael Cullen (CEO, Investec Ireland) has a tremendous pride in his native county and to be associated with such prestige company with global recognition is a great honour for us all.

Early in the year Coiste Chontae Mhuineacháin were pleased to announce a New Tier 2 Sponsor of FKM. The FKM group are one of the longest established Project Management, Engineering, Construction and Property related companies in Ireland. The sponsorship deal was launched in Croke Park after the Allianz League Div. 1 game between Monaghan and Dublin. FKM in conjunction with Monaghan GAA organised a Gala Ball in Dublin on Friday 21/10/2016 which was a great success. A huge thank you to Matt Mohan of FKM who organised this wonderful occasion and for his kind Sponsorship. Great to have back on board.

A special thank you to our local sponsors for their continued financial support for all local competitions.

Referees

An Coiste na Reiteoirí continue their hard work in recruiting new referees each year. Under the guidance of Cormac Connolly, Ailish McEntee and Mickey Conlon, the committee has worked diligently to ensure that referees are trained and well prepared for that task ahead of officiating at our games. The referees provide an invaluable service to Cuman Lúthchleas Gael and as we are well aware that without them there would be no games. It is imperative that club officials, team mentors and players ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect so that they can mature into a competent match official. Some of our younger referees have now progressed to the Inter County Scene and have made significant progress. I congratulate all our referees and wish them well for the future. I encourage clubs to continue to identify and recruit new referees as they are a major necessity for our games.

Coaching and Games Development

Monaghan County Board are once again indebted to Monaghan County Council for their continued financial support towards Coaching and Games Development within Monaghan. Our full time coaching staff under the direction of Paul O'Connor (Games Development Manager) provide coaching tuition and support to all clubs and schools in Monaghan. The onus is on the clubs to ensure that all coaches working with children have completed the Coaching Courses available. The vision of Monaghan Coaching & Games Coaching staff is to provide a regular Games/Coaching Programme which is structured and co-ordinated by all key stakeholders (Clubs Schools and Coaching & Games Staff) within the County. Monaghan development squads this year won the Buncrana Cup for the third time, an excellent achievement. A lot of our schools and received success on the playing fields and this success is partially due to the hard work and commitment of our coaching staff. I thank Paul and all his hard working staff for their continued work in coaching and games development within the County

Deceased Members Niall McAdam

It is important at this time of year that we remember people that served the Association and have passed away to their eternal reward.



Niall McAdam (Drumhowan) RIP. Niall was a County Board Delegate for the Drumhowan Club and a member of Monaghan County Committee for the past three years.

Niall coached various teams in Drumhowan and was also a selector with St. Patrick's team (Ballybay and Drumhowan) when they had their success in 2012. Niall was a true

GAA gael and only recently distributed the tickets in his club for the National Club Draw, this was one of his last tasks as County Board Delegate. He would do anything for his beloved club Drumhowan and will be sadly missed by all. Our deepest sympathy to his wife and sons, his father, his brothers, family and friends and his beloved club Drumhowan.

Also remember today family members of present and former members of Coiste Bainistí and County Committee who have passed away this year, Nancy McArdle, mother of John McArdle, Mary Scully, mother of John Scully, Michael McAndrew, father of Jason McAndrew and Mary Marie Rooney, mother of Tony Rooney.

While I have mentioned a few of the people who have passed to their eternal reward in 2016, I am conscious that every club has lost valued members during the year. I offer my sincere sympathy to all the bereaved and thank their families for their contribution to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Go nDeana Dia Trocaire ar a nAnamacha.

Scór

Comhgairdeas do Gaeil Triúcha on winning the Scór Sinsear All Ireland Léiriú title in the INEC Killarney. A wonderful achievement as Gaeil Triúcha club have been stalwarts of Scór in Monaghan for many years and they truly deserve this All Ireland victory after many years of promoting Culture and Scór in their Club and County. Léiriú team as follows: Brian Clinton, Claire McMeel, Mickey Corrigan, Denis O'Hagan, Majella Connolly, Mark Skinnader, Therese McKenna, Ciara King and mentor Paddy Flood.

Ulster Champion Set Dancers from Emyvale and Drumhowan quiz team competed in very stiff competitions in Killarney and were unlucky not to bring home All Ireland medals on this occasion.

Scór na nÓg: Drumhowan represented Monaghan and Ulster in Ceol Uirlise competition in Killarney for the fourth year in a row. Unfortunately not successful at national level in 2016 this team have won two of the last four All Ireland titles and this is a fantastic achievement. (Cáit Ní Bhraonáin, Colm Mac Mahúna, Conchur Ó Coinne, Dónal Ó Tomaine, Aodhán Ó Braonáin agus Fionnbarr Ó Braonáin). I wish to acknowledge the work of Breda Mac Cumhaigh, Oifigeach Cúlra agus Gaeilge and her committee who works tirelessly to promote Culture and Scór within the County.

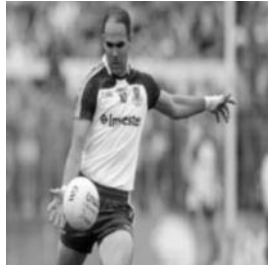
Conclusion

I wish to acknowledge the following three players who have given great service to Monaghan GAA both at club and County Level.

Owen Lennon made his senior debut for Monaghan in 2002 and wore the number 8 jersey with pride. He has contributed so much to the recent success of our senior county team winning two Ulster Senior Championships.

Dick Clerkin made his senior debut for Monaghan in late 1999 and played a record 179 games, during which he scored three goals





and 107 points. The midfielder also holds the record for SFC appearances, having lined out in 54 championship games for Monaghan, with 1-26 to his name.

Paul Finlay made his championship debut against then All-Ireland champions Armagh in a preliminary round fixture in May 2003 and, handed the responsibility of taking frees, he contributed eight points as one of the biggest shocks in the province for many years unfolded. He started the 2013 Ulster final as Monaghan brought a 25-year wait without a provincial title to an end by beating then All-Ireland champions Donegal.

Monaghan GAA thanks Dick, Owen & Paul for their service to the County and the wonderful memories.

Acknowledgements:

To all club officers especially Club Secretaries who I dealt with throughout the year. Thank you for cooperation and support.

To Paraic Duffy (Ard Stiúrthóir) and Croke Park staff, particularly Teresa Rehill, Aine Manning and Lorena Kelly for their assistance, advice and support.

To Emma Tormey, Kevin Leahy and Kevin Sexton, Croke Park and her team for their assistance with tickets for the various games.

To Comhairle Uladh staff for their support and assistance throughout the year.

To my fellow officers for all their commitment and dedication to their respective roles.

Each member of Coiste Bainistí puts in a lot of hours in administrating and promoting our games. Well done to all.

A special thank you to all our gate personnel who have over the past six months collected and those who stewarded at our championship games, we are indebted to you all.

I wish to acknowledge the work of our County Chairman Padraig Sherry who has shown great leadership in administrating the affairs of the association within Monaghan. Padraig's drive to keep moving Monaghan forward is infectious and he will continue until he has achieved his goal. Although he is not seeking re-election for the position of An Cathaoirleach I believe he will still play a

major role in the future of Monaghan GAA. I thank you for all your hard work and wish you well for the future.

I wish to also acknowledge the work of Leas Cathaoirleach, Michael McMahon who also continues to work the good of the association in Monaghan. Michael and Padraig have a great working relationship and as the saying goes "They sing from the same Hymn Book". His ambition for the future of Monaghan GAA is for success for the County both on and off the field.

I wish to thank Eileen Keenan, assistant secretary for her assistance throughout the year. Eileen has deputised on several occasions this year in my absence. Eileen has a great trait in life, she never says no. She has helped me in so many ways it is hard to acknowledge it all but I sincerely thank you.

To Malachy O'Rourke and his back room team, you have brought great joy and life to County Monaghan. The commitment of these people, Manager, Selectors, Physios, Stats people, Liaison Officer and Kit Man have contributed to our success to date. A special thank you to Finbarr Fitzpatrick, selector who has stepped this year.

Words can't describe what Marion Donnelly has done for Monaghan GAA. It is her life. Marion has given up countless hours looking after the finances of Monaghan GAA. If she didn't appear in Cloghan you would think something was wrong. As club members you would all know that it is hard enough to keep ahead of the finances but when it comes to County level it is a total different ball game. Marion has carried out her duties with the upmost professionalism possible. As you can see from the Financial Reports there is a serious amount of time required to manage the accounts. We have been fortunate to have the expertise of Marion for the past twelve years and I wish her good health and happiness for the future. Thank you Marion.

To. Ciaran McBride, Declan McKieranan and John O'Brien for their commitment with our successful U.21 Ulster Champions team.

To Trevor Hilliard & Pearse Doherty and the backroom team who have brought our senior hurling team to Allianz Hurling League Div. 3 Final and who continue to work hard at promoting hurling in Monaghan.

To Minor Football, and Hurling Managers along with U.17 managements who have given up their time and efforts with their respective teams.

To My Husband Brendan, sons Brendan & Thomas, daughters Lisa & Genna & grandsons Aaron & Ryan.

I hope that I have managed to achieve a degree of satisfaction for the clubs in the manner that I carried out my role as County Secretary.

The support from my fellow officers, Croke Park Staff & Comhairle Staff was tremendous but most of all the support from clubs. I wish all clubs success both on and off the playing fields for the coming year.

**Ar aghaidh le chéile
Aine Ní Fhionnagáin
Runaí
Coiste Chontae Mhuineacháin**





Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain

Accounts

**for the year ended
31 October 2016**





Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain

Independent auditors' report to the members of Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain

We have audited the financial statements of Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain for the year ended 31st October 2016 which comprise the income & expenditure account, the balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies as set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of management and auditors

Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Irish Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and Auditing Standards promulgated by the Auditing Practices Board in Ireland and the United Kingdom.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with applicable law and Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. We also report to you whether in our opinion proper books of account have been kept by Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the officers in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain as at 31st October 2016 and of its income & expenditure for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with applicable law and Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

**Liam Mc Gailey FCCA
For and on behalf of CMF
Statutory Auditors**

**3rd Floor, Quayside Business Park
Mill Street
Dundalk
Co. Louth**

Dated 24th November 2016





Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain

**Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 October 2016**

		2016	2015
		€	€
Income	Schedule A	1,345,397	1,245,913
Expenditure	Schedule B	<u>(1,310,461)</u>	<u>(1,213,860)</u>
Surplus for the Year		<u>34,936</u>	<u>32,053</u>





Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain

**Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 October 2016**

		2016	2015
		€	€
Schedule A			
Income	Schedule		
Gate Receipts	1	173,932	179,722
Allianz National League Share	2	72,772	86,084
Commercial Income	3	311,212	333,160
Fund-Raising Activities	4	130,935	70,157
Financial Income	5	3,345	2,509
Other Income	6	331,718	249,600
Income from Associated Bodies	7	328,330	334,048
Royalties		1,800	1,800
Match Ticket Income		(8,647)	(11,167)
		<u>1,345,397</u>	<u>1,245,913</u>
Schedule B			
Expenditure			
Match Expenses	8	124,410	125,518
Team Expenses	9	538,618	561,504
Upkeep and Maintenance of grounds	10	71,804	76,547
Financial Expenses	11	6,765	8,901
Administration Expenses	12	242,949	169,541
Scor and Culture	13	2,414	1,969
Coaching and Games Development Expenses	14	323,501	269,880
		<u>1,310,461</u>	<u>1,213,860</u>





Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain

	2016	2015
	€	€
Schedule 1 - Gate Receipts		
Gate Receipts Gross	173,932	179,722
	<u>173,932</u>	<u>179,722</u>
Schedule 2 - National League Shares		
Allianz National League Share	<u>72,772</u>	<u>86,084</u>
Schedule 3 - Commercial Income		
Programmes	4,512	5,620
Other Sponsorships	<u>306,700</u>	<u>327,540</u>
	<u>311,212</u>	<u>333,160</u>
Schedule 4 - Fund Raising		
Club Monaghan	48,909	46,711
Other Fundraising	<u>82,026</u>	<u>23,446</u>
	<u>130,935</u>	<u>70,157</u>
Schedule 5 - Financial Income		
Interest on Investments / Deposits	<u>3,345</u>	<u>2,509</u>
	<u>3,345</u>	<u>2,509</u>
Schedule 6 - Other Income		
Club Affiliation Fees	157,051	121,196
Summer/Easter Camps	167,927	122,404
Fines	<u>6,740</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	<u>331,718</u>	<u>249,600</u>





Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain

	2016	2015
	€	€
Schedule 7 - Income from Associated Bodies		
CLG Annual Grant	175,000	175,000
CLG Other Grants	35,346	41,726
Ulster Council - Finalists Grants	-	10,000
Ulster Council - Coaching Admin Manager Grant	117,984	107,322
	<u>328,330</u>	<u>334,048</u>
Schedule 8 - Cost of Staging Games		
Medals, Trophies and Awards Night	19,235	27,241
Rent of Grounds	22,979	25,198
Local Competition Expenses	8,480	8,691
Referees	73,716	64,388
	<u>124,410</u>	<u>125,518</u>
Schedule 9 - Teams Expenses		
Players Travel Expenses	107,570	98,185
Team Administration Costs	218,691	226,412
Sportsgear, Equipment & Laundry	72,924	91,684
Medical including Physio and Masseurs	60,312	67,888
Catering	75,021	73,485
Players Injury Insurance	4,100	3,850
	<u>538,618</u>	<u>561,504</u>
Schedule 10 - Upkeep and Maintenance of County Grounds		
General Repairs and Upkeep of Grounds	<u>71,804</u>	<u>76,547</u>





Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain

	2016	2015
	€	€
Schedule 11 - Financial Expenses		
Bank Charges	6,580	6,939
Loan Interest	185	1,962
	<u>6,765</u>	<u>8,901</u>

Schedule 12 - Administration Expenses

Office Administration	21,738	25,530
Printing and Stationery	12,058	11,032
Postage and Telephone	8,740	11,152
Public Liability and Property Insurance	81,749	45,596
Audit and Accountancy Fees	4,500	3,675
Expenses of County Board Officers	44,869	30,806
Legal and Professional Fees	1,661	978
Sundry Expenses	41,680	30,592
Depreciation	22,064	8,339
Videoring and Photography	3,890	1,841
	<u>242,949</u>	<u>169,541</u>

Schedule 13 - Scor & Culture

Gaeltacht and Scor Expenditure	2,414	1,969
	<u>2,414</u>	<u>1,969</u>

Schedule 14 - Coaching and Games Development

Employment of Personnel	172,049	163,734
Summer/Easter Camps	114,441	84,214
Coaching Equipment	1,279	840
Games Development Expenditure	35,732	21,092
	<u>323,501</u>	<u>269,880</u>





Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain

Balance Sheet
as at 31 October 2016

	Notes	€	2016	€	2015	€
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	2		747,273		711,414	
Investments	3		1,016		1,016	
			<u>748,289</u>		<u>712,430</u>	
Current Assets						
Stocks and work-in-progress	4	13,228		36,053		
Debtors	5					
falling due after more than one year		70,000		70,000		
falling due within one year		233,337		245,143		
Cash at bank and in hand		70,713		95,518		
		<u>387,278</u>		<u>446,714</u>		
Current Liabilities (Note 6)						
Bank loans and overdrafts		11,616		-		
Accruals		256,774		219,836		
		<u>268,390</u>		<u>219,836</u>		
Net Current Assets			<u>118,888</u>		<u>226,878</u>	
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>867,177</u>		<u>939,308</u>	
Long-term liabilities	7		-		(107,067)	
Net Assets			<u>867,177</u>		<u>832,241</u>	
Capital Account						
Brought forward at 1 November 2015			832,241		800,188	
Profit for the year			34,936		32,053	
			<u>867,177</u>		<u>832,241</u>	

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Padraig Mac Searraigh

Maire Ui Dhonghaile

Date: 24 November 2016





**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2016**

1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention modified when necessary to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

1.2. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Centre of Excellence	-	2% Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% Straight Line

1.3. Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost.

1.4. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.5. Revenue Recognition

Income from gates and cul camps is only recognised in the Accounts of Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain when it has been received by an officer and lodged to the bank account.

Income from other sources is recognised on an accruals and prepayments basis.





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2. Tangible assets

	Land and buildings freehold	Centre of Excellence	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
Cost					
At 1 November 2015	142,533	503,525	117,343	4,000	767,401
Additional Expenditure	-	26,724	31,199	-	57,923
At 31 October 2016	<u>142,533</u>	<u>530,249</u>	<u>148,542</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>825,324</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 November 2015	-	-	51,987	4,000	55,987
Charge for the year	-	10,605	11,459	-	22,064
At 31 October 2016	<u>-</u>	<u>10,605</u>	<u>63,446</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>78,051</u>
Net book Values					
At 31 October 2016	<u>142,533</u>	<u>519,644</u>	<u>85,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>747,273</u>
At 31 October 2015	<u>142,533</u>	<u>503,525</u>	<u>65,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>711,414</u>

3. Investments

	2016 €	2015 €
Irish Life	<u>1,016</u>	<u>1,016</u>
	<u>1,016</u>	<u>1,016</u>

4. Stocks

	2016 €	2015 €
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>13,228</u>	<u>36,053</u>





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5. Debtors	2016	2015
	€	€
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Castleblayney Faughs CLG	70,000	70,000
	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	223,337	235,143
Castleblayney Faughs CLG	10,000	10,000
	<u>233,337</u>	<u>245,143</u>

The loan to Castleblayney Faughs CLG is interest free and is being repaid over 10 years which commenced in 2014.

6. Current Liabilities	2016	2015
	€	€
Bank overdraft	11,616	-
Accruals and deferred income	256,774	219,836
	<u>268,390</u>	<u>219,836</u>

7. Long-term liabilities	2016	2015
	€	€
Bank of Ireland	<u>-</u>	<u>107,067</u>

Security

Bank of Ireland hold first legal charge over folio 16785F Monaghan.

8. Contingent liability

There exists contingent liabilities as at 31st October 2016 in respect of Magheraclone CLG in the amount of €69,016, Donaghmoyne CLG in the amount of €44,676, Carrickmacross CLG in the amount of €86,562, Doohamlet CLG in the amount of €47,919, Monaghan CLG in the amount of €70,801 and Blackhill CLG in the amount of €40,900, from guarantees provided by the county committee.



Monaghan Ulster U-21 Champions





Senior Football Champions Scotstown



Intermediate Football Champions Donaghmoyne





Junior Football Champions Blackhill



Senior Hurling Champions Inniskeen





Corduff MFC Champions



Gaeil Triúcha Scór Sinsir All Ireland Champions





Tuarascáil Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisí 2016

2016 was a very busy year for CCC. The role of the CCC is to administer a programme of approx. 685 adult games and approx. 663 juvenile games both in football and hurling. Taking into account the success of our County Teams it was a major achievement to have our fixture programme completed by the 13th November 2016.

Discipline: Discipline actions have decreased in 2016. Hopefully this trend will continue.

Referees. I take this opportunity to thank Cormac Connolly for his work as referee administrator. Cormac has a busy role in organising referee's Linesmen and fourth officials along with Eugene Mc Kenna and myself for all Championship games. I wish to express my gratitude to all clubs who have made great efforts in providing referees to officiate at our games.

Committee: I would like to thank all members of Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisí for their work in implementing a successful fixtures schedule for 2016. A special work of thanks to Adrian Sherry (fixtures secretary) and Derek Mc Connon (juvenile fixtures

secretary) for their excellent work in ensuring that our entire fixture programme be completed in the calendar year. I would like to thank all members of Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisí for their time and integrity when difficult decisions had to be made. CCC meet over 30 times this year and attended all Championship Matches.

Committee members: Austin Corrigan, Eileen Kennan Adrian Sherry, Derek Mc Connon, Cormac Connolly, Eugene Mc Kenna, Noel Mullanny, Paddy Quinn, Enda Mc Elroy, Tony Mc Gorman and Declan Lambe.

I would like to congratulate and wish Derek Mc Connon every success on been appointed Operation Manager of Monaghan GAA.

Finally I wish all members success in 2017.

Austin Corrigan
Cathaoireach Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisí

Archive Committee Report

The work of the Committee continued during the year and progress can be reported even though it was slow and tedious at times. However patience and perseverance triumphed in the end. Frank McManus, Joe McElvaney and An Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí, Nollaig Ó Dufaigh were determined that the objectives of the Committee would be realised and would further enhance the image of our Training and Development Centre.

Progress to date:

Appropriate headings and titles were placed over the Collages that are on display.
Truagh was added to the Scór Roll of Honour.
Images of Clubs that won All Ireland and Ulster Football Titles were put on display.

Work in Progress:

Research to verify and record the winners of County Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Minor Football as well as Senior Hurling Champions is ongoing. When completed the result will be displayed on Boards designed for that purpose.

I will to acknowledge the role of the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Pdraig Mac Searraigh in supporting the work of the Committee and especially since it was his vision and initiative to form a Group that would recognise excellence and achievements in all its forms and to have a permanent record on display.

Seán Ó hEamhthaigh
Cathaoirleach
Samhain 2016





Tuarascáil Choiste Iomána 2016

Baill: Jason Mc Andrew (Oifigeach Iomána), Derek Maguire (Carrickmacross HC), Alan Ryan (Monaghan Harps HC), A.J Morgan (Clontibret), Jarlath Denny (Castleblayney HC), Peter Dooley (Inniskeen), Niall McCarron (Gaeil Triúcha), Jimmy Lacey (Youth Committee & Cumann na mBunscoil), John Mc Ardle (Oifigeach na nÓg).

Is cúis speisialta dom chun an tuarascáil seo a chur os comhair an Chomhdháil Choiste Chontae Mhuineacháin.

On behalf of the County Hurling Committee I would like to welcome everyone to the Hillgrove Hotel this evening for the annual County Convention. Today we come together as a community to discuss and reflect on the year that was 2016. As Hurling Officer it is my particular duty to report on the comings and goings of the hurling community within the county. The hurling community is an integral part of the fabric of the GAA within the county and the small ball game connects us to our history, culture and heritage.

The hurling community must now look to the future of its association with Monaghan GAA and in the forthcoming years ahead of us draft plans must be put in place for the prosperity of the game. These goals and objectives must be attainable and sustainable and reflect what should be possibilities and not about improbabilities.

Our three Hurling Forums to date and the Hurling Reform work group have been productive and thought provoking to say the least and have raised opinions about on-going problems with clubs and set challenges for the rest of us in Coiste Iomána to try and succeed. The themes rose included:

1. School (Primary and Secondary) Initiation Programmes and Links.
2. Resources, Coaching and Refereeing (Club Development Plan).
3. Promotion of the Game; Fixtures, Structures, Coiste Iomána.

Juvenile Hurling 2016

On the field of play in 2016, at Juvenile level, Castleblayney took U12 league cup while Clontibret took the shield honours. At U14 once again Carrickmacross won the championship and Castleblayney won the league cup and Monaghan Harps took the shield decider. In the U16 championship Castleblayney won the championship beating Carrickmacross in the final. The minor hurling championship was decided after a replay where Carrickmacross defeated Monaghan Harps after two very exciting games held in Clontibret. Monaghan Harps took the honours in the minor league beating Cootehill in the final. Once again it is great to see other teams from other counties competing in our leagues and again this will be the aim for 2017. It can only be seen as a success of how our league and championships are well structured which I must commend the juvenile fixtures committee for this continued success.

At adult level, honours were split three ways Inniskeen winning the senior championship by beating Castleblayney in the final, Castleblayney gained some compensation by beating Clontibret in the shield final and Truagh won the development league by beating Craobh Rua. It was great to see Monaghan Harps compete at an adult level again and we must work hard to maintain the clubs that are still striving to provide the small ball games to their communities.

County Senior Team

The county senior team had a reasonable year again. It was the second year of the current management of Trevor Hilliard, Pearse Doherty, John Mitchell and Sean Maher. For 2017 we will have a new backroom team in place with Trevor. I would like to thank Pease, John and Sean for their commitment in 2016. Once again Monaghan competed in Division 3A of the national hurling leagues and also competed in the Nicky Rackard championship. The team also competed in the Ulster senior shield completion and made it to the national league final and Ulster shield final. However there was to be disappointment on both occasions losing to Roscommon and Donegal respectively. However preparation is already under way to hopefully push Monaghan over the winning line in 2017.

County Minor Team

I would like to take this time in thanking Alan Ryan who looked after our county minors this year. Alan stepped in at short notice to ensure that our young hurlers could continue to represent the county. Alan and the team were rewarded by their effort in winning the Ulster Minor Division 2 league by beating close neighbours Cavan in the final which was played in Drumhowan. This year also saw the first year of the new U17 Competition the Celtic Challenge. This was a national competition were this age group got 6 meaningful and competitive games.

Referees

As a referee myself I want to take this time and acknowledge the hurling referees in Monaghan. I would like to thank them for giving up their time to officiate the games that hold dear to our hearts. We are a small group but hopefully through training and guidance we will be increasing the numbers in 2017. I would encourage clubs to continue to seek out new referees because as the saying goes no referees no games.

In Conclusion

I want to pay tribute to all the clubs officials and committees involved in all of the clubs in Monaghan. This is my 2nd year as Oifigeach Iomána of Coiste Chontae Mhuineacháin. I would like to thank all those who I have worked with over the past year. I have learned a lot over the course and I will always be indebted to all those who helped, gave advice and supported me through my 2nd year. I hope that this past year's experience can put to use for the coming season. Go raibh míle maith agaibh. Finally, as a hurling community in Monaghan we are quite small but we remain a tight knit group and continue to provide support to each other on many levels. Hurling as always is imbedded deep into our history and culture; it is a magnificent game to play and my wish would be to see it prosper and played at strength in every county and revered by many as a king of sport. I encourage and implore every member to remain strong and continue with the promotion of the small ball game within the county. It remains to be said that hurling can and will only prosper by maintaining youth structures within clubs and providing the assistance to coaches and teams.

**Deasun Mac Aindriú
Oifigeach Iomána.**





Tuarascáil Oifigeach Chomhphobail agus Sláinte

Is mór an onúir dom Tuarascáil Bhliantúil Oifigeach Comhphobail agus Sláinte a chuir faoi bhráid an Chomhdháil Coiste Chontae **Mhuineacháin** 2016.

It is an honour for me to present this annual report as Chairman of the Monaghan GAA Health and Wellbeing Committee to the annual Convention of CLG Chontae Mhuineacháin in 2016.

The work of County Health and Wellbeing Committees helps ensure all available supports and structures are in place to maximise the GAA's potential in this area.

We, as members of the GAA, are breaking new ground for a sporting organisation by engaging in issues such as mental health, suicide prevention, or addiction. For some members this can cause concern and apprehension. I feel it is important to stress at this stage that our job or aim is not to become a counselling service in matters such as those just outlined. Our job is to work in partnership with the many excellent statutory, voluntary, and community services that are out there; and better enable our members to access help when they need to. We can also do good work in encouraging our members to seek help when they need support and by tackling the stigmas that often prevent people from reaching out.

In summary, all that is asked of any of us as members of the GAA, when we have a concern about our own health and wellbeing or the health and wellbeing of another member / teammate or officer is simply to Listen, Support and Signpost to a relevant service or seek out someone else who can.

To assist us in this the GAA has a national partnership with the Samaritans since March 2014. All of our members should be aware of the Samaritans' new all island 24hr 365-days-a-year, helpline 116 123 and be encouraged to avail of it in times of need.

In November, the Samaritans visited Monaghan GAA in Cloghan and informed our club Officers about the organisation and how it operates and supports members of the GAA when required.

During 2016, 28 of our 33 Clubs had a Club Officer trained as a Club Health and Wellbeing Officer – this is a fantastic achievement for our County and Clubs.

In 2016, the Committee met on six occasions and has progressed a work plan that includes; the planning and delivery of safeTALK training to increase awareness about Suicide Prevention; the design and roll out of a Critical Incident Response Plan; the hosting of the Dermot Early Youth Leadership Initiative and supporting the Clubs to put in place a Club Health and Wellbeing Officer and providing training for these Officers. Monaghan has two training tutors in place to provide this training, Melissa Conlon from the Castleblayney Faughs club, and County Children's Officer John McArdle from the Drumhowan club.

Monaghan has two additional Clubs partaking in Phase 2 of the National Healthy Club Initiative – Clones and Truagh. We wish them well in this work, alongside the Castleblayney Faughs Club who continue from Phase 1.

Members of the Committee attended the National GAA Health and Wellbeing Conference in Croke Park in October. Monaghan was to the fore on the day with Speakers and Workshop Leaders

including Niall Moyna and Sharon Courtney.

The GAA launched its Critical Incident Response Plan during 2015. This plan acts as a support to any Club that has to respond to a Critical Incident, and outlines the steps that should be taken. Our Committee provided information on the Plan as part of Club Officer Training and we are bringing the Plan to Convention tonight to have it ratified by Monaghan GAA.

In May and November, we hosted safeTALK events with the support of the Office for Suicide Prevention and the HSE. One was targeted at Clubs in mid Monaghan and the other at Clubs in south Monaghan. The training was attended by over 40 members from a range of clubs. In 2017 we will take this training to the other parts of the county. This training is aimed at raising awareness about suicide and giving people the skills to support a person who may be contemplating suicide. Our target is to have at least four members of each Club in the County trained in safeTALK by Convention in Dec 2017.

To link all of this important work with the great efforts being made at grassroots level, it is important that all clubs across the country appoint and support a Health and Wellbeing Officer throughout 2017. This role is intended to better reflect the broad nature of health, promoting work the Association already engages in. The County Committee will support these Club Officers in their role and provide training during the early part of 2017 for any new Officers.

The role of Chairman of the County Health and Wellbeing Committee can only operate successfully, if part of an overall team, and now I want to acknowledge the very large number of people who supported me in the past year.

Firstly, I wish to thank my committed Committee members.

Louise O Hanlon; Michelle Murphy; Fr. Stephen Joyce; Michael McGinn; Dr Kieran Bourke; Fintan McTiernan; Irene Connolly, Melissa Conlon, Louisa O'Brien and John McArdle, County Children's Officer, who acts as Secretary to the Committee. Irene Connolly is stepping down from the Committee at the end of this year and we thank Irene for her commitment and input over the past two years.

There is a great breadth of knowledge and experience on this Committee and I look forward to the work that lies ahead as we try to support our Clubs and members to make better decisions about their Health and Wellbeing.

I also want to thank all of the members of Coiste Bainisti who are always supportive of the work that we are doing. In particular, an Runai Chontae, an Cisteoir agus an PRO. We welcome the role of Operations Manager and look forward to working closely with Derek in 2017.

I also want to thank the Community and Health Unit within Croke Park, led by Colin Regan for the support that they provide to all County Health and Wellbeing committees throughout the year.

Lastly, I want to thank Cathaoirleach, Padraig Sherry for the total support that he has shown to the area of Health and Wellbeing during his term as Cathaoirleach. Without leadership at this level within our counties areas such as this struggle to acquire the space that they need to develop.

**Is mise,
Cathal Mac Laimh.**





Club Monaghan

Club Monaghan is the main fundraising group on behalf of Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain, which seeks to maintain and raise revenue to promote the development and growth of all matters to do with the GAA within the county.

This can be done in a number of ways but can be broken down in to Direct Debit participants and keynote one off fundraising activities over the course of the last 12 months. We have maintained our Direct Debit figure from the end of 2015 and have sought to increase it and have also encouraged through our contacts in Dublin, to become more actively involved. This is something which we will also seek to build on during 2017 and to encourage close links with those outside the county. Revenue from this scheme goes directly towards the upkeep and continued development of our centre of excellence in Cloghan. Our aim has always been to raise our participants to the 200 mark and to maintain it at that figure. Given our low population base within the county, this is a figure which we have set ourselves and which we believe is attainable and sustainable. This can, however, be increased if greater efforts are mobilised from outside our borders, in particular, in Dublin, which has seen a greater number of native Monaghan people move to over the past few years for work or other purposes. Should this be done, the finance raised can be redirected to Cloghan in order to continue the development of young talent from development squads right through to senior level, and provide a conveyor belt of talent which can hopefully, lead to Monaghan continuing to be a powerful name in Ulster and beyond.

Our half time draw underwent a change this year with the cost of the ticket being included in the admission price. This was done in order to continue to make the draw more relevant and to be as inclusive as possible. This should lead to an increase in half time draw figures which again, is a valuable revenue stream for Club Monaghan. Previous incentives had been tried with a variety of success including end of year prizes for those successful at games and being entered into a draw. However, this is a constantly evolving process and we will sit down early in 2017 and see what we can develop or maintain the current arrangements. We are, as always, indebted to our principal sponsors, Hotel Hillgrove, for their continued and valued sponsorship and we hope to continue this for 2017 and many years to come.

Merchandise has continued to show steady income, thanks in no small part to the return to duty of Seamus McMeel and again can be almost directly linked to the fortunes of the senior team. A rise in fortunes for them is usually mirrored in merchandise in shirts and other apparel so while 2013 and 2015 saw record highs, 2016 wasn't quite what we had hoped for but all involved are hopeful that 2017 will see a return to the old ways.

2016 also see our now annual Monaghan GAA Golf Classic in Rossmore GC which saw record participation both in terms of numbers competing on the day and from tee and green sponsorships. This event has now cemented itself as a regular fixture after a hiatus of a few years but is an event that can continue to grow and develop with the continued and valuable support of its keynote sponsor, McAree Engineering. Many thanks go to the committee of Brendan Casey, Eugene McGinnitty, Raymond Treanor, Al McKenna, Majella Boyd, Michael Owen McMahon and Padraig Sherry, whose knowledge of the structures and intricacies of hosting an event like this are first class. There

was also an historic debut of a Golf Classic in New York for Monaghan GAA under the stewardship of Raymond Treanor. By all accounts this was a huge success and a huge congrats to all concerned. Again this is tapping in to the wider Monaghan community and is something we are acutely conscious of as we move forward in endeavouring to secure the funds necessary in running our county teams. Club Monaghan were also involved in another new feature in October, a Monaghan GAA Gala Ball held in the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Dublin, a black tie night which had approx. 500 people attending which was skilfully handled by Matthew Mohan and FKM on the night. Again, we would hope that this would become an annual feature with hopefully some silverware to adorn the top tables ! A huge thank you to FKM and Investec for their assistance in making this a success.

Finally I would like to thank the main committee members of Club Monaghan for their continued assistance, in particular Mary Kerr Conlon, Seamus McMeel, Ann Marie Boyd and any others who helped out on match days, particularly on NFL home games. Various County Board officers including Padraig Sherry, Michael Owen McMahon, Anita Finnegan, Marion Donnelly, Eileen Keenan and Dorinda Sherry deserve a mention for their co-operation throughout 2016. A word of thanks to my own family, Lorraine and Neil, for their patience in putting up with me coming back to Dundalk at all hours after meetings or games.

Club Monaghan is there to serve the interests of the GAA in Monaghan, first and foremost. Its voluntary and unpaid and requires a sense of volunteerism which is unique to our association. We would appeal to all Gaels in the county and beyond, with a like minded vision of seeing our teams mix it with the best in the country, to get involved and make a difference. Already thoughts have turned to next summer following last months draw in Ulster and how the team can plot their course back to Clones in July. With the backing of our great supporters, the memories of 2013 and 2015 can be revisited in 2017. We can all make a difference, on and off the field. A unique opportunity awaits us to move on to the next level, but this can only be done through investment and strategic planning. Div 1 of the NFL awaits the senior team again early in 2017 which will bring them on even further and lay the groundwork for future success. which Club Monaghan will be assisting with financially, for as long as it takes.

**Is mise
Gabriel Reilly
Chairman, Club Monaghan**





Coiste Cultúrtha agus Gaeilge

Tá bliain eile thart agus ba mhaith liom féachaint siar ar imeachtaí Scór & Cultúir i mbliana. Ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a rá agus míle buíochas a ghabháil le gach club a ghlac páirt i Scór i mbliana. Is í aidhm an CLG ná ár gCluichí, ár dteanga agus ár gcultúr a chur chun cinn.

2016 was a busy year of commemoration and celebration of our Gaelic culture and heritage. The opening lines of the GAA's Official Guide state that the active support of the Irish language and culture is central to the GAA's business stressing that all GAA clubs should do their best to ensure that our culture and heritage is kept alive in our clubs. We are very fortunate in Monaghan to have clubs that indeed are very active in carrying out their responsibilities in this regard and in doing so prevail at provincial and national level.

Scór

The 2nd of April 2016 in The INEC Cill Áirne was a great occasion for Monaghan Scór supporters, as it was there to tumultuous applause, that Monaghan captured another All Ireland Scór title when Gaeil Triúcha won their All Ireland title in the Léiriú competition. Gaeil Triúcha's efforts and dedication to Scór epitomizes the true spirit of Scór and their long awaited All Ireland Title was a fantastic reward for their endeavors. No other sporting or cultural body has anything like Scór, a framework which allows local people to take part in activity right across the cultural spectrum and within a clear community-based and amateur context. Participants have the added benefit of moving on to represent their Club and/or County and Province. Scór provides a great opportunity for people who may not participate in our games to become involved and become part of their GAA Club.

Scór na nÓg

Scór na nÓg i Ionad CLG Sheáin Mhic Dhiarmada 14ú Samhain 2015

The Acorn Life sponsored Monaghan Scór na nÓg competition took place in the Seán Mac Diarmada Complex in Threemilehouse before a large and enthusiastic audience. Children from fifteen clubs across the county treated the audience to a fantastic night of music, song and dance.

Olivia Ní Chanáin was a very capable Bean an Tí and great credit is due to CLG Sheáin Mhic Dhiarmada for hosting another Scór event in such an efficient way. Míle Buíochas to Dessie Mone for coming along to present the medals. Thanks too to the adjudicators who had a very difficult task in choosing the acts to go on to Ulster.

Well done to all the children involved on the night – they were a credit to their families and clubs. The overall standard was very high and the adjudicators had a very difficult task in their deliberations.

The results were as follows

- Rince Foirne; Druim Shamhain,
- Amhránaíocht Aonair; An Bhoth Catriona Sherlock
- Aithriseoireacht ; Cláirsigh Mhuineacháin Danny Treacy
- Ceol Uirlise ; Druim Shamhain
- Léiriú ; Gaeil Triúcha
- Bailéad Ghrúpa Gaeil Triúcha
- Rince Seit 1st Druim Shamhain
- Tráth na gCeist Druim Shamhain,

Pauline Grogan accepted The Peggy Mc Quaid Trophy on behalf of Drumhowan for An Club is Fearr. The Monaghan winners then progressed to babtha leath Cheannais Scór na nÓg Uladh i Cill Sleibhe, Co Ard Mhaca ,competing against Cavan, Antrim, Fermanagh and Armagh . The standard was very high in all seven competitions with Drumhowan - qualifying for the Ulster Final in two of the competitions – Rince Seit and Ceol Uirlise. Also through to represent Monaghan in the Ulster Final were Catriona Sherlock from An Bhoth and The Gaeil Triúcha ballad singers. Commiserations to the other Monaghan competitors, Drumhowan Rince Foirne group, Danny Tracey in Recitation and the young actors from Gaeil Triúcha in the Léiriú competition, they were unsuccessful on the night but performed to a very high standard.

Four in a Row Scór na nÓg Ulster Titles

The final of the Gaelic Life Ulster Scór na nÓg competition took place in Beál Átha an Airgid, Co. Ard Mhaca Dé Sathairn 12ú Nollag 2015. Congratulations to Drumhowan musicians who became Ulster Champions again. This was the 4th time in a row that the Drumhowan group won Ulster – congratulations to Colm Mac Mathúna, Conchúr Ó Cuinn agus Fionnarr Ó Braonáin on winning their 4th Ulster medals and to Daniel Tomany and Cáit Brennan the newer members of the group. Congratulations too to their teacher Francis Mc Mahon and their parents for all the work put into preparing this group to such a high standard.

Also representing Monaghan were the Drumhowan Rince Seit group, Gaeil Triúcha in the Ballad Competition and Catriona Sherlock from An Bhoth in the Solo Singing competition – despite performing to a very high standard they were unsuccessful on the night – they represented their clubs and county with pride -well done to all.

Craobh Ceannais na hÉireann 2016 Scór na nÓg

Despite great performances by the Drumhowan quiz team and music group they both just missed out narrowly on winning All Ireland titles at the Scór na nÓg All Ireland Finals in Cill Áirne, Dé Sathairn 30ú Eanáir. It was a busy day for the Drumhowan youngsters with three of them taking part in the Tráth na gCeist in the morning and in the music competition in the afternoon. This was the 4th year in a row that the music group has represented Ulster and indeed some of the group has All Ireland medals from 2013 and 2014. They can take great consolation from their achievements over the past four years where they set such high standards for others to aspire to – well done to their teacher Francis Mc Mahon , their parents and all associated with them in the Drumhowan club. Congratulations to Colm Mc Mahon, Conor Quinn, Cáit, Finbarr & Aodhan Brennan and Daniel Tomany.

Scór Sinsir

The finals of The Acorn Life Scór Sinsir took place in Ionad Pobail Corr Cheachan on Saturday 23rd January. Comhghairdeas to the following who qualified for the Ulster semi-final.

- Rince Foirne : Scairbh na gCaorach
- Amhránaíocht Aonair : Scairbh na gCaorach Amelia Murphy
- Ceól Uirlise : Sean Mac Dermotts
- Aithriseoireacht : Scairbh na gCaorach Laura Treanor
- Léiriú : Gaeil Triúcha
- Bailéad Ghrúpa : Inis Caoin
- Rince Seit : Scairbh na gCaorach





Tráth na gCeist winners Drumhowan won through to the All Ireland Final in Kerry on April 2nd

Thanks to Bean an Tí Eileen Duffy Adjudicators Pat Deery, Pat McCabe & Marion Mc Kenna and to Katie Boyle Anthem Singer

Babtha Leath Cheannais Scór Sinsir 2016 i Ionad CLG Sheáin Mhic Dhiarmada

The first semi-final of the Ulster Scór Sinsir competition was held in Threemilehouse on Saturday 12 ú Feabhra 2016 with competitors from Monaghan, Cavan, Antrim and Armagh taking part. Rose Mc Mahon was a very capable Bean an Tí and great credit is due to CLG Sheáin Mhic Dhiarmada for hosting another Scór event in such an efficient way.

The standard was very high in all seven competitions with Monaghan winning through to the Ulster Final in four of the competitions. It was a great night for Scairbh na gCaorach with their Céilí & Set dancers and Amelia Murphy qualifying. Gaeil Triúcha put on a great performance in the Léiriú competition and also qualified. Commiserations to the other Monaghan competitors, Inis Caoin Ballad Group, Sean Mac Dermotts Music Group and Laura Treanor in the recitation who were unsuccessful on the night but performed to a very high standard.

Ulster Champions

Comhghairdeas do Gaeil Triúcha and Scairbh na gCaorach who are Scór Sinsear Ulster Champions.

On 20ú Feabhra 2016 in Downpatrick the actors from Gaeil Triúcha put on a fantastic performance in the Léiriú competition to beat the county champions from Dún na nGall, An Cabhán agus Tír Eoghain.

The experience and quality of the Emyvale dancers in the Rince Seit competition was enough to see off competitors from Doire, Tír Eoghan agus An Cabhán.

There were great scenes of jubilation from the Monaghan supporters when the results were announced. Both clubs have put tremendous effort and hard work into promoting Culture and Scór and truly deserve their Ulster Titles.

Well done to all involved.

Craobh Ceannais na hÉireann 2016 - Scór Sinsir Gaeil Triúcha All Ireland Champions

Heartiest congratulations to Gaeil Triúcha on winning the Scór Sinsear All Ireland Léiriú Title in the INEC Killarney on April 2nd. A huge Gaeil Triúcha crowd had travelled to Kerry in support of their Leiriú group and they were not to be disappointed. Paddy Flood's group had improved with each round of the competition and this continued in Kerry with a faultless performance. While their depiction of 1916 events was compelling and absorbing they added a huge entertainment aspect to the drama which captured the audience's attention and ultimately the winning marks from the adjudicators. There were great scenes of jubilation and celebrations when the results were announced with the huge travelling Truagh crowd making themselves heard in the huge arena. Celebrations continued on the Sunday evening in St. Mellans where a huge crowd of locals gathered to welcome home their All Ireland Champions. The Gaeil Triúcha club has been stalwarts of Scór in Monaghan for many years and they truly deserve this All Ireland victory following many years of promoting Culture & Scór in their club and county. Congratulations to All Ireland champions Brian Clinton, Claire Mc Meel, Mickey Corrigan, Denis O Hagan, Majella Connolly, Mark Skinnader, Therese Mc Kenna, Ciara King and mentor Paddy Flood

Emyvale Set Dancers and the Drumhowan quiz team competed in very stiff competitions in Killarney and were unlucky not to bring home All Ireland medals on this occasion.

Congratulations to Gaeil Triúcha who hosted a celebratory Scór concert in St. Mellans on Saturday May 7th – Scór participants from

all over Ulster took part in a great evening of song, dance and drama.

Comhghairdeas libh ar fad.

Scór na bPáistí 2016 i Ionad Chluain Tiobraid 5th November 2016

The 2016/2017 Scór season opened on Saturday November 5th in the Clontibret Community Centre with Scór na bPáistí before a large and enthusiastic audience. Children from eighteen clubs across the county treated the audience to a fantastic evening of music, song and dance.

Buiochas do Mollie Mc Keever from An Bhoth who again was a very capable Bean an Tí. Credit also to the team of helpers back stage and to Ciara Clinton from Gaeil Triúcha who sang Amhrán na bhFiann.

Well done to all the children involved on the night – they were a credit to their families and clubs. Special thanks go to the parents and mentors who prepared the children for this event. The overall standard was very high and the adjudicators had a very difficult task in their deliberations.

The results were as follows;

Rince Foirne 1st Scairbh na gCaorach 2nd Cluain Eois 3rd An Bhoth

Amhránaíocht Aonair 1st Amy Hughes Scairbh na gCaorach 2nd Ally Ní Cearain Cláirseacha Mhuineacháin (Cailíní) 3rd Eadaoin Mc Glone Achadh Bog (Cailíní)

Rince Seit 1st Druim Shamhain 2nd Leachtain 3rd Gaeil Triúcha

Bailead Ghrúpa 1st Cláirsigh Mhuineacháin (Cailíní) 2nd Inis Caoin 3rd Dúthamlacht (Cailíní)

Aithriseoireacht 1st Orna McCooey Achadh Bog (Cailíní) 2nd Brannagh Connolly An Bhoth 3rd Scairbh na gCaorach

Ceol Uirlise 1st Druim Shamhain 2nd Tuaim 3rd Cláirseacha Mhuineacháin

Tráth na gCeist 1st Cluain Tiobraid 2nd An Bhoth 3rd Cláirseacha Mhuineacháin & Dúthamlacht (Cailíní)

Well done to all involved in Scór in the past year. Ba mhaith liom buiochas mór a ghabháil le gach duine a thug cuidiú dúinn le Scór i mbliana. Our thanks to our sponsor Acorn Life for their support. I would like to thank all the clubs that have participated in Scór 2015/16 and those who have promoted Scór in their own club. A big Míle Buiochas to the teachers and mentors that have helped all our participants.. I would like to acknowledge too, the clubs that hosted county and provincial Scór events over the past year – these clubs and their volunteers are deserving of 'Míle Buiochas' for their contribution to Scór. Thank you too to the adjudicators who have worked with us over the past year. Congratulations to Mackie & Pauline Rooney who were awarded the Cultural Award at the Ulster GAA Writers awards night earlier in the year – two names synonymous with Scór in Monaghan.

We look forward to the 2017 Scór year full of hope and enthusiasm.

An Gaeilge

Gaeilge is a very important part of our culture and heritage and it is incumbent on clubs to support its use in day to day club life. I would urge all clubs to use Seachtain na Gaeilge to promote our language agus cúpla focal a úsáid at club functions. I would particularly appeal to all our coaches, mentors and administrators who work with our young people to encourage the use of Gaeilge whenever possible. It has been very encouraging that some of our underage hurling and football captains' victory speeches were as Gaeilge. Club signs as Gaeilge should be embraced, and a





Ciorcal Gaeilge could be set up in every club. This is an initiative that sees members coming together on a regular basis to converse as Gaeilge no matter the fluency or líofacht of the person. I congratulate a number of clubs across the county who are leading the way in promoting the use of Irish - in their club notes, on their social media platforms, on club merchandise, hosting quizzes as Gaeilge. Congratulations to the two Monaghan teams who took part in Comhairle Uladh Seachtain na Gaeilge Quiz i Páirc na Lúthchleas Ard Mhaca.

Comhghairdeas do Na Sáirséalaigh, Cill Laobháin who were the Ulster winners of Glór na nGael's national competition for promoting the Irish language in GAA clubs. This competition, An Turas Teanga- Comórtas na nGael do chlubanna CLG is an annual competition in partnership between the GAA and Glór na nGael. Cill Laobháin received €1000 as the provincial winners at a presentation dinner in Dunboyne Castle on April 9th. The GAA and Glór na nGael are working together to increase the use of Gaeilge in GAA clubs and I would urge clubs to avail of funding from Glór na nGael.

Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta

Coláiste Bhríde Coiste Chontae Mhuineacháin awarded the following 5 students a scholarship to Coláiste Bhríde ;

Eoghan Mac Giolla Thuile, Gael Tríúcha
Tara Ní Ghiolla Seanáin, Cláirseacha Mhuineacháin
Leah Ní Mhurchú ,Scairbh na gCaorach
Mark Mooney, Tigh Thaláin
Laura Holohan, An Bhoth

In addition Niall O Sluain from Coláiste Bhríde gave a discount on course fees to two other students from Monaghan

Coláiste Chú Chulainn

Coiste Chontae Mhuineacháin awarded the following 5 students a scholarship to Coláiste Chú Chulainn ;

Edel Quinn Achadh Bog
Macdara Treanor Seán Mac Diarmada
Cathal Meehan An Bhoth

Aoife Flanagan Craobh Mhártain
Jane Duffy Leatón

In addition Kevin Cassidy from Coláiste Chú Chulainn gave a discount on course fees to seven other students from Monaghan.

In 2016 we made a special effort to have Amhrán na bhFiann sang at as many championship matches as possible – thanks to all the clubs for their co-operation. Thanks too to the people who sang The National Anthem at the county/provincial GAA events throughout the past year. Special mention goes to Catriona Sherlock from An Bhoth who sang at the LGFA Ladies All Ireland Final in Croke Park. Congratulations to the Monaghan participants in Laochra – The GAA Commemoration of 1916 – in Croke Park on April 24th – well done to Maitiú Flood from Gaeil Tríúcha who was selected to read part of the Proclamation on the day. A special effort was made by Coiste na Gaeilge & na hOidhreacht Uladh to include historical articles as Gaeilge in the Ulster Championship match programmes – míle buíochas do Sarah, Brian, JP, Maitiú and Edward for helping me with those articles. Well done to all involved with Monaghan's Comhairle na nÓg 's 1916 commemoration day held in Cloghan in April.

Mar Chríoch

Mar nóta deiridh, ba mhaith liom buíochas mór a ghabháil leis an choiste Cultúrtha & Gaeilge- Gerard McQuaid, Martina McKeown, Mairéad Boyle, Rose McMahan, Pauline Grogan and Sean Walsh. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Many thanks to JP Graham, Christy Lappin, Fintan Mc Tiernan and The Northern Standard who help promote Scór in Monaghan. On a personal level I would like to thank the members of Coiste Bainistí for their support and encouragement over the past year. I wish to say a special buíochas to the clubs, to Coiste Scór Uladh, to Coiste na Gaeilge & na hOidhreacht Uladh and to all who gave me support and advice during the past year.

Is mise le Meas
Breda Nic Chumhaí

Oifigeach Cultúrtha CLG Mhuineacháin

Tuarascáil Choiste Riaracháin Réiteoirí Chontae Mhuineacháin

Baill: Micheál Ó Conalláin (Cathaoirleach), Cormac Ó Conghaile, Seamus Ó Ruairc, Gearóid Mac Carrúin, Breandán Mac an Fhailí, Ailís Níc an tSaoi (Rúnaí).

Is cúis mhór áthais dom an tuarascáil seo a chur os comhair Chomhdháil Choiste Chontae Mhuineacháin.

Reference has been made in previous reports to the mission statement of this committee and it is imperative that it is used continually for focus by the committee. The mission statement reads: "To promote and facilitate a high standard of refereeing and consistency in decision making and to minimise foul play in all our games and to encourage respect for and appreciation of referees by players, team mentors, club officials and supporters".

Recruitment & Training

At the beginning of the year Clubs were encouraged to nominate individuals as potential referees. Part of this process included

extending an invitation to members of the 2013-2014 Go Games Referees Panel with a view to encouraging them to expand their interest in refereeing. Fifteen new recruits completed the Basic Training Course. It is most encouraging that six of this group are actual dual referees. This year it was notable that there was a very positive response from our hurling clubs and it is hoped that this trend will continue.

We are well served with almost 80 referees. It is important to maintain a balance between the number of referees and the games available. Regrettably despite the great cooperation being received from most of our clubs we have still three clubs who are not providing referees. Every club has a responsibility in this regard. It would be ideal if each club could provide two referees.

Communication & In- Service Courses.

The committee met with all referees in early February.





Communication is vital in all organisations and it is important that referees are given the opportunity to express their opinions, to obtain information and to receive assistance and guidance where required.

All referees were given the opportunity to order gear this year. The Referees Administrator Cormac Connolly undertook the organisation of the ordering and provision of gear. We thank him for his efforts and extend appreciation to all our clubs for the financial support in this regard.

Sixty-four of our existing referees completed the In-Service Course. The course incorporated a test on the knowledge of the playing rules. Forty referees also completed the Fitness Test making them eligible for match official duty at championship games. Rules & Fitness Tests were organised by the committee during the year on four occasions in order to give all referees the opportunity to participate. Accreditation certificates are issued from Croke Park to all referees who complete the relevant Basic & In-Service courses. A list of the recipients has been submitted but unfortunately the certificates for 2016 have not been issued to date.

Development

A number of our referees have progressed to Provincial & National Panels. Martin Mc Nally and Niall Mc Kenna refereed National Football League games this year whilst Anthony Marron refereed at Provincial level. Noel Mullaney, Jason Mc Andrew, Stephen Mc Kenna and Fintan Finnegan are members of the National Support Group. Damien Boylan and Fintan Finnegan are currently

attending the Ulster Referees Academy. Congratulations to Niall Mc Kenna who refereed the Ulster Football Minor Championship Final between Donegal and Derry.

Referees Advisors

Very little progress has been made in expanding the Referees Advisor Programme. There is a limited number of individuals who are doing an excellent job. To benefit and assist referees with their development there is a great need for more advisors.

Buíochas

I wish to extend appreciation to the following: Micheál Ó Conalláin (Cathaoirleach) and the members of the Referees Administration Committee.

Cormac Ó Conghaile (Referees Administrator) who fulfils the role in an efficient and dedicated manner.

Padraig Sherry (Chairman) and the members of An Coiste Bainistí. Padraig as chairman was always very supportive to the work of this committee. As he concludes his term we thank him and extend to him best wishes for the future.

Referees and their officials have the responsibility for the control of games. They work as a team and must do so with integrity and consistency. To each referee I thank you for the important contribution you make to the work of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

**Ailis Níc an tSaoi
Rúnaí**

Tuarascáil Choiste Forbatha

Development Officer Annual Report 2016

The Development-Health & Safety Committee is there to support the Coiste Bainistí in achieving objectives as outlined in the Strategic Plan 2015-2017. The remit of the committee is to provide advice and assistance to clubs in developing their grounds, drawing down funding and supporting Club Officials in enhancing their Club.

The members of the Development-Health & Safety subcommittee for 2016 are Cathaoirleach, Declan Flanagan; Oifigeach Forbartha, Francis Ward; Joe Sullivan, Martina McKeown, Ken Lonergan, Majella Boyd and Mac Malone. These are the main areas of the committees' focus:

Club & Officer Development

In collaboration with the National Officer Development Committee in Croke Park, Monaghan was one of 16 counties chosen to engage in the Club Leadership Development Programme at the beginning of the year. This initiative delivers Club Officer Training, particularly for Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers & P.R.Os, with an aim to bring it to all counties by the end March 2017. Given this busy time of year for AGMs I would encourage all clubs to engage in this worthwhile initiative. Club Officer training requests can be made online: www.surveymonkey.com/r/clubofficertaining

Funding

A total of 13 applications were approved for the annual GAA Development grants. Monies to be distributed at the end of the year to those clubs who were successful with their applications.

Health & Safety

Risk Assessment Audits of all our club grounds were completed in 2016. Clubs are now obliged to have a Safety Statement in place in accordance with GAA national policy. It is imperative that this document is clearly on display in EVERY club in 2017.

Stewarding at our games remains a priority and we're very grateful to all our volunteers around the county for giving their time to steward at our games. With the support of Sport N.I. it is planned that Ulster GAA will provide formal training for stewards in Monaghan early in the new year.

I wish to thank the members of An Choiste Forbartha for their commitment to the tasks outlined by the sub-committee at the beginning of the year. On a personal level, I extend sincere thanks to all officers who supported me over the course of the year.

Proinsias Mac An Bháird





Turascáil Oifigeach na bPáistí

The role of the Children's Officer within any club is still a relatively recent one. In this context, it is a role which is still developing but which is rapidly becoming one of the most critical posts within any club. At county level, the work of the county children's officer is dealt with through the Youth Committee. It may be the case in the future that these two roles diverge and that a separate Children's Committee will be formed to oversee all aspects of child safety and good practice.

The function of the Children's Officer is about making sure that everyone within the club is clear about their own responsibilities and behaviours in relation to children. My role as County children's officer is to assist club children's officers where possible and to ensure that best practice is also followed at county level. I hope that I am doing the clubs justice in terms of what they expect of me and that we can continue to work together to promote the issue of child safety at club and county level.

Part of the responsibility of the Children's officer is making sure that all club members meet all legal and GAA requirements. In 2016, The Garda Vetting Act came into force, making Garda vetting a legal requirement for all individuals within the GAA who come into contact with children. Alongside that we also had the commencement of online Garda vetting.

I would confidently suggest that in the majority of cases, clubs are doing a good job of making sure that their members have completed their Garda vetting and that they have completed child protection courses. In some cases this does not always seem to be reflected in some of the databases at provincial or national level and I will continue to work with clubs to try to ensure that where discrepancies are identified these should be corrected as quickly as possible.

2017 is going to be a busy year. Almost all clubs will be acting as host clubs for Féile Peil ne nÓg so all members of host families will need to complete their Garda Vetting early in 2017. Ulster GAA has initiated an audit of all aspects around child safeguarding in recent weeks. This work will require some response from the club children's officer in the coming weeks and I would ask all clubs to respond to the queries as quickly as possible. It is also expected that Monaghan GAA will be asked to commence a re-vetting process for all members some time during 2017 and I would again ask for the cooperation during this process

While the formal part of the children's officer role is to oversee the implementation of *Our games our code* and the joint code of behaviour with the cooperation of the county children's officer, another important aspect of this post is around developing a culture within a club which is child friendly. It seems ridiculous that it is necessary to appoint an officer to tell us what we should already know about what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable behaviour but perhaps that is a reality of society today!

In the coming year, I would ask all clubs to formally adopt the code of best practice in youth sport at a club committee meeting and to support the children's officer in making sure that the obligations within the code are presented to all players, mentors, employees, members of the club executive, parents and spectators. Clubs are also asked to instigate a Code of best practice hearings committee to deal with any complaints or breaches of the code of best practice within the club

May I conclude by offering my thanks to all club children's officers, Gearóid Ó'Maoilmhicií- National Children's Officer- and to all members of Coister Bainisti for their ongoing support.

**Mise le meas
Seán Mac Ardghail**





Turascáil Oiliúint agus Cluichí

Like most years 2016 proved to be an extremely busy and successful year for Co. Monaghan Coaching and Games. Coaching staff rolled out various strategies and initiatives under the following headings;

- Schools (Primary and Secondary).
- Development Squads.
- Easter and Summer Camps.
- GoGames.
- Club Development Programme.
- Coach Education.
- Community Development.

Primary/ Secondary Schools

Our schools coaching programme consists of the Coaching & Games staff delivering coaching sessions to the vast majority of our primary schools who request it. Each school receives a minimum of 8 weeks of coaching throughout the school year. In Gaelic Football all classes from Junior Infants to 4th class are catered for in this programme. For 5th and 6th class boys, their coaching programme consists of attending the very successful After Schools Coaching Programme. The county is broken into three regional centres in Carrickmacross, Castleblaney and Monaghan Town. The Coaching & Games staff deliver a minimum of 6 weeks of coaching in Gaelic Football in each region. One of the by-products of participating in the After Schools Programme is the children get a chance to show off their skills at half time in a Monaghan National League game. In hurling, 2nd class to 6th class are catered for with the core hurling schools receiving an 8 week coaching block. Unfortunately we cannot offer a hurling coaching block to every school but any school that would like to receive hurling coaching can still do so, with a one-day hurling day taking place in the school. An After School Hurling Programme also takes place during the school year which caters for 4th – 6th Class boys. It has a similar format to the football programme. During the summer holidays this group of players took part in a 3-day U13 Farney Hurling Academy which took place in Cloghan. The camp was very successful with over 50 players in attendance.

In addition to this the Coaching & Games staff organise indoor and outdoor GoGames blitzes, skill competitions and a host of other activities that keep the children busy over the school year. Our Secondary Schools are also kept busy throughout the school year. Super Touch Blitzes in football and hurling which over the course of the school year cater for all age groups and teams are organised. Four Foundation Level coaching awards were also organised for transition year students in St Macartan's College, Patrician High School, Largy College and Ballybay Community College. These proved very popular with a lot of the students who completed these awards working as coaches for us during the Kellogg's Cul Camps during the summer.

The Schools GAA Competition has changed in Ulster with the ETB Schools and Ulster Colleges amalgamating to form one organisation under the auspices of Ulster Schools. It has proven to be a successful transition so far. The school year 2015/16 was another successful season for Monaghan schools. Patrician High School Carrickmacross won the MacLarnon Final (u18 1/2) and ensured the Ranafast Cup (u-16 ½) stayed in Co. Monaghan for another year after they beat St. Macartan's College in the first ever

all Co. Monaghan Ulster Colleges 'A' Final. St. Macartan's College themselves won the Corn na nOg (u-14 ½) for the first time ever in their history. At ETB level Ballybay Community College won the county u-16 and u-18 titles while Castleblaney College won the u-14 title. It is a reflection of the standard of Gaelic Football in Co. Monaghan when Monaghan schools are not only just competing at this level but are winning titles year in and year out.

Development Squads

The purpose of Development Squads within Monaghan are to give players the opportunity to represent their county, train & play at a higher level and get an insight on how to prepare the body and mind to play Gaelic Games. In Monaghan we have Football Development Squads at U14 to U17 level. All these age groups take part in a number of blitzes (challenge matches) throughout the year that are arranged at Ulster Council and National level (Croke Park). In preparation for these blitzes each squad would take part in a number of training sessions both indoor (Strength & Core conditioning programme) and outdoor (focusing on technical & tactical areas). All squads have competed very well in the various blitzes & challenge games that they took part in throughout the year.

At U16 level the Ulster Council in conjunction with Buncrana GAC organise the Buncrana Cup competition for all counties throughout the province. This competition is used as a yard stick in terms of trying to gauge what level we are at compared to the other counties. Fortunately for Monaghan we have had great success in recent years in this competition and this continued in 2016. Below is a report of the U16 Buncrana Cup Final replay played on Saturday 23rd October.

Monaghan Win U16 Ulster Buncrana Cup for 3rd Year in a Row

On Sunday the 23rd of October, Monaghan completed a historic treble when winning the U16 Ulster Buncrana Cup for the 3rd year in a row after a replay against a very strong Derry team. Monaghan had qualified for the final after coming through a semi-final over Donegal before playing Derry in the drawn final in a high scoring game back at the beginning of August. However, due to club and school fixtures, Sunday 23rd October was the first available date the replay could take place.

Monaghan, playing with a strong breeze at their backs in the first half, got off to a terrific start by registering the first three scores of the day, 2 points and a goal from the penalty spot. This lead could have been more after Monaghan had created several other very good goal scoring opportunities but due to a fine save from the Derry goal keeper and the cross bar coming to Derry's rescue, this kept them in touch of Monaghan as the half wore on. Both teams traded scores until Derry hit a purple patch just before half time, capitalising on a Monaghan error to maximum effect with a goal of their own. Monaghan held on to the lead by the minimum of margins at half time but they knew their backs were going to be against the walls in the second half as Derry had the advantage of the strong breeze. Derry continued where they left off at the end of the first half with a dominant display for the first 20 minutes of the second half. They opened a 3-point lead but this could have been much more only for a high number of wayward shots going





wide. Monaghan to their credit bounced back in the final 10 minutes and started to come back into the game. After bring the game back to 2 points, Monaghan got the score of the day through a beautifully worked team goal which was dispatched to the net by Aghnamullen's Darren Geoghegan to send Monaghan into a 1 point lead. Derry bounced back with a point of their own and as the game entered added time, both teams were still level. This was when Monaghan showed their greatest character and perseverance to continue to create a few scoring opportunities. They managed to find two points and run out winners on a scoreline of 2-11 to 1-12.

This year also seen Monaghan go back to the traditional route of developing players for the future in relation to Hurling. For the previous year's Monaghan had combined with Cavan & Fermanagh to take part in Ulster/ National Development Squad blitzes. Though through the direction of the Hurling clubs it was decided that we would go back to putting out our own squads for this blitzes. Through the guidance of Aidan Morgan (Clontibret), Derek Maguire (Carrick) and Lorcan Murphy (Clontibret) Monaghan fielded an U14 team. Again like the football counter parts this management team would have put in a lot of work with this group in preparing them for a number of blitzes throughout the year. The final blitz of the year seen this team gain success in a National blitz held in Cloghan at the end of August.

Below is a brief report on the U14 Hurling Development Squad National shield winners;

Monaghan U14 Hurling Development Squad won the under 14 National Shield on Saturday 27th August in Cloghan. Played in wonderful conditions these lads tasted success for the first time at county level and at this age group in hurling. In the group stage wicklow were up first, Monaghan scoring with ease to go 2-2 to no score up. Wicklow came into the game more as it progressed but Monaghan pushed on to win 3-4 to 1-4 and were never really troubled. In the next group game was a more physical and organised Kildare team who were stronger all over the field winning on a scoreline of Kildare 4-7 to Monaghan 1-1. Having qualified for the shield Semi Final Monaghan's next challenge would be Derry. Senan O'Brien and James Slevin holding the half back line strong with Shane Slevin at midfield linked well with Conall Mc Hugh and Darragh Murray in attack, Monaghan were never troubled winning comfortably by 3-11 to 1-4 giving the management the opportunity to get all players a run. With the team on a high Longford awaited in the final. The strongest team available started and it showed as Tristan Moyna finished with a personal tally of 2-2 at full forward, Darragh Murray also on the score sheet and Shane Slevin accurate from frees. The final score of Monaghan 4-8 to Longford 1-2 reflects how much the squad have developed over the past few months and we now look forward to making further strides with this group of talented young hurlers.

Easter/ Summer Kelloggs Cul Camps Easter Camp 2016

Over the Easter period Monaghan Coaching & Games held their annual Farney Academy Easter Camps. This is a 3-day camp which catered for boys and girls from 5 – 12 years of age. Four camps took place this year in Ballybay, Clones, Magheraclone and Scotstown. To highlight the success of the camps, in 2015 five camps took place with a total of 450 children taking part, but this year with only four camps, the numbers increased to 515, which is great to see.

Monaghan Coaching & Games would just like to thank each of the host clubs for assisting us in promoting and organising of the camps. It was evident a lot of work was put in by each and every host club in promoting the camps in their locality. We would just

like to pay particular thanks to all the host club Coaching Officers who distributed application forms, put up posters and signs and attending meeting in relation to the Easter Camps. All your hard work doesn't go unnoticed and we thank you for the excellent promotion of our games to the younger members of our community.

We were lucky enough to have a number of our county players namely Rory Beggan and Ryan McAnespie working at the Easter Camps this year. Before the camps even began, Rory was busy out promoting the camps in our local primary schools. We have no doubt this had a great impact in the massive numbers attending the camps and it was great opportunity for the children to get a meet their heroes. During the camps, Rory attended the Scotstown, Ballybay and Magheraclone camps where he either spent the day coaching the different groups, undertaking different challenges against the children, answering their questions and most importantly of all signing autographs and taking pictures! We would also like to thank Fintan Kelly and Darren Hughes who attended the Awards Ceremony at the Clones and Scotstown camps. This is an element of the camp which all the children love and we would just like to thank Rory, Ryan, Fintan and Darren for coming along and working or attending the camps this year.

We would just like to thank all our coaches and assistant coaches. It was evident that they all brought something new and different to the camps which the children really like. The coaches play the most important role in ensuring all the children enjoy the camps and come away each day with a smile on their face. We would just like to thank the ladies which helped out on Tuesday morning at the registration on the camps namely Anita, Marion and Eileen. Our camp coordinators Colin Malone, Ann McKenna, Paul O'Connor and Adrian Alford who put in tireless work all week.

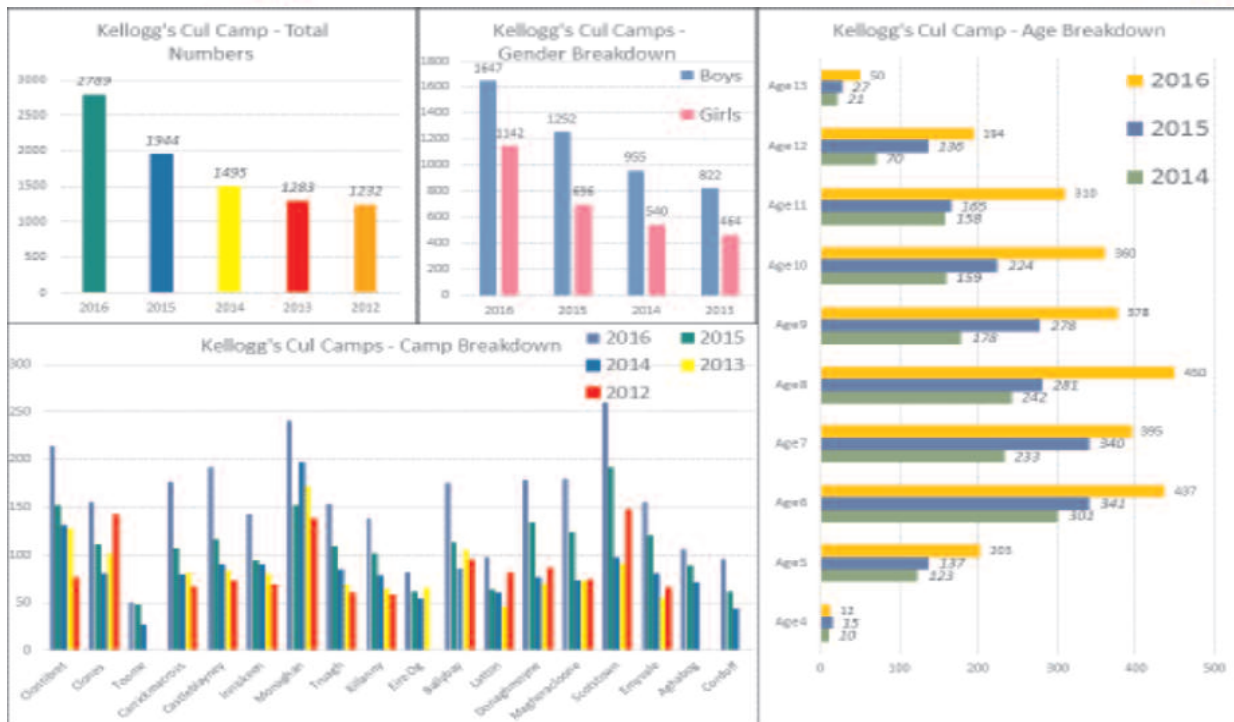
Monaghan Kelloggs Cúl Camps 2016

Monaghan Kelloggs Cúl Camps took place over 4 weeks in July, 4th – 29th. There was 18 venues held throughout the county in what proved to be a very successful Kelloggs Cúl Camp programme with attendance at this year's camps up 40% on the previous year, which nationally was one of the highest increases per county. Our final figures for the camps, were just over 2,800 children with each child receiving a jersey, half zip tracksuit top and a school bag. All camps this year seen an increase with our biggest camps taking place in Scotstown (260), Monaghan Harps (240) and Clontibret (214). Great credit must go to all the Host clubs, co-ordinators, coaches and participants for making the Cúl camp programme should a huge success. Please see below stats sheets which outline further details about our Kelloggs Cúl camp programme for 2016.





Camp	2016		2016 Breakdown										2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	Boys	Girls	Age 4	Age 5	Age 6	Age 7	Age 8	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Total				
Clontibret	134	80	3	23	29	29	39	21	24	21	17	8	214	152	131	127	76
Clones	98	57	0	12	25	24	19	21	17	20	14	3	155	111	80	101	142
Toome	33	17	2	3	6	6	10	7	10	4	2	0	50	48	27		
Carrickmacross	85	91	0	12	25	24	18	25	21	22	27	2	176	106	79	81	67
Castleblaney	128	64	1	11	28	30	42	32	23	20	5	0	192	116	90	83	73
Inniskeen	79	64	0	6	22	20	25	20	15	14	14	7	143	94	90	80	69
Monaghan	132	108	1	22	42	32	39	21	28	32	19	4	240	152	197	172	138
Truagh	99	54	0	8	21	20	21	21	20	27	12	3	153	109	84	69	60
Killynny	78	60	0	8	22	26	23	17	19	13	7	3	138	101	78	64	58
Eire Og	47	35	0	8	11	11	10	12	15	6	4	5	82	61	54	66	
Ballyboy	121	54	4	14	22	27	30	33	20	16	7	2	175	113	85	105	95
Lutton	66	32	1	10	16	20	19	16	11	5	0	0	98	63	60	46	81
Donaghmoynne	111	67	0	2	31	30	22	34	23	23	13	0	178	134	76	70	86
Magheracooone	88	91	0	19	31	23	34	21	21	16	11	3	179	123	73	73	74
Scotstown	146	114	0	21	45	31	45	28	38	32	20	0	260	191	97	91	147
Emyvale	89	66	0	9	31	15	18	24	20	20	15	3	155	120	80	55	66
Aghabog	55	51	0	8	16	13	17	14	20	9	6	3	106	89	71		
Corduff	58	37	0	7	14	14	19	11	15	10	1	4	95	61	43		
Total 2013	822	464															
Total 2014	955	540	10	123	301	233	242	178	159	158	70	21					
Total 2015	1252	696	15	137	341	340	281	278	224	165	136	27					
Total 2016	1647	1142	12	203	437	395	450	378	360	330	194	50	2789	1944	1495	1283	1232



Go Games

Hurling

Over the course of the year Monaghan coaching and games held a number of hurling go games blitzes for under 8 and 10 level in Cloghan on the 18th of may, 22nd june, 20th july, 17th august and the 7th september. On average 110 kids took part. Clubs that attended are Clontibret, Castleblaney, Inniskeen, Carrickmacross, East Cavan Gaels.

Football

Again we had 9 U8 blitzes and 9 U10 blitzes in 2016.

Attendances and the numbers of players increased from last year.

All clubs attended at least 6 blitzes each throughout the year.

All county blitzes were held in Cloghan and Clones.

Each club hosted at least 1 blitz

We had 3 double blitzes this year, 2 on a Thursday evening and 1 on a Saturday.

We had our own pool of 50 Go Games referees

Review meeting was held on Wednesday 2nd November, attended by 14 clubs.

On Monday the 15th of August, 90 children took to the hallowed turf in Croke Park for the annual U12 Croke Park GoGames Activity Day. The boys & girls who took part were all born in 2004 (In their last year of u12). 27 of our 29 football clubs were represented with 2 players each while 5 of our 6 hurling clubs were represented with 5 players each. All the football players were divided into 6 different teams and all the hurling players were divided into 3 different teams. We had access to the field from 9:30am to 11:00am. Each team played 3 games lasting 25 minutes. During the football and hurling matches the players showcased some great skill and talent that we will hopefully see in years to come when they go onto represent Monaghan in Croke Park. After the matches had finished the players went and got changed in the Hogan stand dressing rooms predominantly used by the Dublin senior football team. After which we took to the Cusack stand to eat our lunch followed by a tour of the stadium and the museum. All the players enjoyed the day, with all of them coming down the road in high spirits.





Coach Education and Development Programmes

Monaghan Coaching & Games once again organised a very well structured and well run Coach Education and development programme for 2016. Coach Education is a great way for us to help support our club coaches and offer our assistance, help and guidance throughout the year. In total there was 10 Foundation Courses organised throughout the year. This was on a par with last year's numbers so it's great to see clubs are really supporting our Coach Education programme. In addition to this we also ran 2 Level One Awards. In total over 40 coaches completed the Level One Award this year. To keep Monaghan GAA where it is at the minute requires high quality coaches who want to aspire to become the next Malachy O'Rourke or Ryan Porter so coaches looking to move up the coaching ladder is great to see. Formal coaching awards are not the only coach education programmes organised. Monaghan Coaching & Games also run a series of workshops which cater for the needs and the wants of the clubs. This year there was a total of 10 workshops organised, with the majority of them organised in conjunction with Ulster GAA. 29 of our clubs supported the workshops which is again up on last year. All the workshops are delivered at different times of the year, targeting specific and different age groups.

Club Development Programme

The Club Development Programme continued to be rolled out in the months of April to August. This phase of the programme among other things focused on helping clubs develop and expand their Nursery Programmes for children up to the age of eight. Our development officers Rory Beggan and Colin Malone played a very important role in this programme by individually visiting their selected clubs a minimum of 3 times over the course of the 4 month period and helping them with this programme in whatever way the club felt they needed their assistance the most. Colin was designated the following football clubs: Ballybay, Drumhowan, Blackhill, Oram, Castleblayney, Aughnamullen, Corduff & Donaghmoynne. Rory was designated the following football clubs: Scotstown, Eire Og, Clones, Currin, Emyvale, Tyholland & Rockcorry.

Integrating Others into the GAA

Event; Integrating Girls into the GAA

Venue; Various venues throughout the county

Dates; Various dates from April to September

Time; Various times

Primary Schools – Our development officers Rory Beggan & Colin Malone have both been busy coaching in our Primary Schools. Since April, the 3 all-girls Primary Schools in Monaghan (Monaghan GNS, Castleblayney GNS & Carrickmacross GNS) have received an 8-week coaching block. There was also a Primary School GoGames blitz in June where 7 all-girls teams and 23 mixed teams took part.

Cul Camps: For the first time ever in Monaghan, over 1,000 girls took part in this year's Kellogg's Cul Camps. There was both a nationally and county driven campaign to try and encourage more girls to take part in the camps. It was great to see a 64% increase in the number of girls attending the camps compared to 2015 & a 246% increase since 2013!

Secondary Schools: We have run a number of TY Foundation Courses in our Secondary School's which catered for both boys and girls in the mixed Secondary Schools and also one in St Louis Girls Secondary School Monaghan.

Event; GAA For All: Targeting disability and special needs Adult Groups with County Monaghan

Venue; Monaghan Training Grounds, Cloghan

Dates; Wednesday 16th and 23rd June 2016

Time; 11am – 1pm

During the month of June under the guidance of our Development

Officers Colin Malone and Rory Beggan, Monaghan Coaching & Games organised a two-week block of GAA FOR ALL coaching for Adult Disability groups in the County. In total 3 groups (Day Activation Unit, Steadfast House & Errigal Truagh Special Needs) attended the programme, with an average of 35 participants each week. Our coaches put them through their paces working on the fundamental movement skills and fun games in both football and hurling. All the participants enjoy the coaching & were delighted to receive a participation certificate from Rory Beggan.

Event: Teach na nDaoine Coaching Days

Venue; Monaghan Training Grounds, Cloghan & St Macartan's College Monaghan

Dates; 3rd & 10th August 2016

Time; 11am – 1pm

Our Development Officers Rory and Colin Malone organised 2 fun coaching sessions for the Teach na nDaoine Group in Monaghan Town. There was a good turn out over the two days and all the participants seemed to enjoy it. The sessions focused on full participation, developing good team skills and the importance of communication skills during team sports. Hopefully the groups can further develop these skills in other aspects of their life.

Event: Coaching in Primary School Autism Units

Venue: Loughmorne NS and Threemilehouse NS

Dates: 7th & 14th June 2016

Time: 11am – 1pm

Our Development Officers Colin Malone and Rory Beggan visited the two Primary School Autism units in the county in June to deliver two coaching sessions in each school. The coaching sessions were based on full participation and the children having fun. There were over 40 children aged between 4-12 years old took part in the coaching sessions, they all enjoyed the coaching sessions and we are looking forward to going back into the school's next year.

In conclusion, Co. Monaghan Coaching and Games is extremely busy looking to promote all our Gaelic Games in the County. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed staff in the county to ensure this happens. Under the stewardship of GDM Paul O'Connor the GPOs of Colin Malone, Anne McKenna, Rory Beggan and Aidan Morgan work along with our newly appointed GDA Conor Fadian above and beyond the call of duty on a near daily basis. Along with the staff we also have Martin Corey as our full-time Strength & Conditioning Coach. I would like to thank all my fellow County Board officers for their support in the fulfilment of my role. Without the support of my family I would not be in the position to carry out my role to the extent that I do and for that I am extremely grateful. Over the last few years I would like to think that Monaghan Coaching & Games would have built up a good network with the Club Coaching officers and Mentors and it is this group of people who we are most appreciative of. Without their enthusiasm and drive a lot of strategies and initiatives could not be implemented. On a personal note, I have finished my role as Co. Minor Manager. A role that I thoroughly enjoyed though also could be very challenging. Ultimately we were extremely disappointed to not achieve the goals that we had set ourselves at the start of the year, but we were beaten in two Ulster semi-finals by a talented Donegal outfit who went onto to the All-Ireland semi-final. Over the course of my four years involved with this group of players we played 22 counties and beat 19 of them. I had the privilege of being the manager to some of the best under-age talented group of players of not only in Ulster but in Ireland and the true measure of success for this group will be to see how many of this group of players realise their potential and represent their clubs at senior level and Co. Monaghan at u-21 and Senior Level.

Garrett Coyle





Turascáil Rúnaí Cumann na mBunscol 2015-16

At the 2015 AGM, the following officers were elected to serve on the Cumann na mBunscol committee for 2016

Cathaoirleach: Adrian Kelly, Loughmourne NS

Runaí: Jimmy Lacey, St Joseph's BNS, Carrickmacross

Cisteoir: Edel Hackett, Loughmourne NS

PRO: Róisín Daly, Broomfield NS

Committee Members: Kevin Maloney, Annyalla NS; Joe O Gallchoir, Gaelscoil Ultain; Adrian Trappe, Threemilehouse NS; Eamon McEaney, Castleblayney BNS; James Kieran, Mullaghrafferty NS; Geraldine Clarke, Clontibret; Clare O'Reilly, Corduff NS; Rita Connell, Broomfield, Noel Duffy, Scoil Éanna, Ballybay, Mark McEntee, Blackstaff NS; Carmel O'Reilly, Lisdoonan NS; Natasha Meegan, Inniskeen NS, Seodhna Flanagan, Inniskeen NS

Boys Football Leagues 2016

39 schools took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Boys Football League. Games were played in September and October and the finals day was held in Castleblayney on Saturday 22nd October 2016.

The results were as follows:

	Winners	Runners-up
Div 1	Monaghan BNS	Castleblayney BNS
Div 2	Scoil Rois	Gaelscoil Ultain
Div 3	Mullaghrafferty NS	Edenmore NS
Div 4	Knockconan NS	Latnamard NS
Div 5	Leitrim NS	Blackstaff NS
Div 6	Ballynagarn NS	Aughnafarcon NS

Girls' Football Leagues 2016

33 schools participated in the Cumann na mBunscol Girls' Leagues. There were 6 divisions in all and the games were played in April and May 2016. The finals were held in Castleblayney on Friday 27th May 2016. The following were the results:

	Winners	Runners-up
Div 1	Castleblayney GNS	Gaelscoil Ultain NS
Div 2	Corracrin NS	Gaelscoil Lorgan
Div 3	Latton NS	Clontibret NS
Div 4	Doohamlet NS	Mullaghrafferty NS
Div 5	Glaslough NS	Corcaghan NS
Div 6	Ballynagarn NS	Scotshouse NS

Hurling League 2016

Seven schools participated in the Cumann na mBunscol Hurling Leagues which was played on a blitz basis during May 2016. The finals were held in Castleblayney on Friday 10th June 2016. The following were the results:

	Winners	Runners-up
Div 1	Monaghan BNS	Castleblayney BNS
Div 2	Annyalla NS	Carrickmacross BNS

Camogie 2016

Two outdoor camogie development blitzes were held in Cloghan and organised by Geraldine Clarke, Clontibret NS. These blitzes were well attended and were used to select players to represent

Monaghan at half time games in Croke Park during the summer

Handball 2016

The Cumann na mBunscol Handball competitions were held in Monaghan on Wednesday 27th of January 2016. There were competitions for boys and girls in U-11 Singles, U-11 Doubles, U-13 Singles and U-13 Doubles. The following were the results:

Boys U-11 Singles; Sean Callan, Monaghan BNS

Boys U-13 Singles; Oisín Byrne, Drumgossatt NS

Boys U-11 Doubles; Evan Bradley & Fergal Magee, Monaghan BNS

Boys U-13 Doubles; Nedas Guoga & Ailandys Jocys, Monaghan BNS

Girls U-11 Singles; Aoibheann McCluskey, Deravoy NS

Girls U-11 Doubles; Fiona Flood & Molly Flood, Deravoy NS

Girls U-13 singles; Eithne Boyle, Clara NS

Girls U-13 doubles; Juste Audiejaityte & Karolina Kaklauskaitė, Monaghan GNS

Thanks to Martin McEntee, formerly of Monaghan BNS, for continuing to organise our handball competitions in Monaghan despite his retirement and to all who helped him on the day

Mini Sevens 2016

The Boys' and Girls' Mini Sevens football blitzes were played on a blitz basis during the months of April and May 2016.

39 teams participated in the boys. The eight group winners played in the finals day on the 19th May 2016 in Cloghan. Annyalla NS defeated Loughmourne NS in the final.

32 teams participated in the Girls Mini Sevens competition. The eight group winners played in the finals day in the Peace Link complex in Clones on Tuesday 8th March 2016. Latton NS defeated Gaelscoil Lorgan in the final.

The Mini Sevens hurling blitz for 2016 was held on Wednesday the 11th of May and attended by seven teams. Castleblayney BNS defeated Annyalla NS in the final

Allocation for Monaghan Cumann na mBunscol All Ireland Semi and final days

The allocation for Monaghan representation at the All Ireland semi-finals and final days were as follows for 2015:

Camogie (2); Aoibheann McCooey, Castleblayney GNS; Alanna Fitzpatrick, Clontibret NS

Hurling (1); Paudie Heavin, Castleblayney BNS

Boys Football (2); Cillian Carragher, Annyalla NS; Gerard Finnegan, Lisdoonan NS

Girls Football (1); Coragh Lennon, Latton NS

These are rotated each year. Where Monaghan were allocated two places in a particular code, both Mini Sevens finalists in that code were asked to nominate a player to represent the county. Where only one place was allocated, only the winners nominated a player. In relation to the camogie representation, the selection was made at an outdoor camogie development day held in Cloghan at the end of May.

Cumann na mBunscol Quiz 2016

On Tuesday 2nd February 2016, the Glencarn Hotel and the Hillgrove Hotel hosted the Cumann na mBunscol regional quizzes. The two semi-finals allowed schools to enter 2 teams. A total of





36 schools participated - 19 in the South and 13 in the North. The top ten teams from each quiz went through to the final that was held in The Hillgrove Hotel on Wednesday 23rd February. The overall winners were Broomfield NS, with Urblesahanny NS, Monaghan BNS and Gaelscoil Ultain finishing as runners-up. These four teams represented Monaghan in the Ulster Cumann na mBunscol quiz which was held in Letterkennu on Monday the 14th March 2016.

Miscellaneous

Cumann na mBunscol will continue to work with Paul O Connor, Monaghan Games Development Manager, in the coming year for further promotion of hurling, camogie, football and handball in our schools.

Cumann na mBunscol request that a teacher and one mentor should only be on the side-line during any Cumann na mBunscol organised events and games. Cumann na mBunscol will only deal with teachers from the schools. If there is no teacher on the side-line, the school will be excluded from the competition.

Cumann na mBunscol strongly urge that schools arrange for qualified and neutral referees to referee all primary schools games. Where schools have unqualified people willing to referee school games I would ask that they approach them about completing a refereeing course which will be organised by Cumann na mBunscol and Monaghan County Board. There is a list of referees who may be available to referee school games at the back of this year's Cumann na mBunscol fixtures booklet

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the primary schools in Monaghan for their patience and co-operation during the last year.

Finally I would like to thank the following for their help and assistance throughout the year:

All those who were involved in refereeing the games and assisting the referees on the day.

All of the clubs in the county who made their facilities available to us. This was and always is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Kevin Moloney for making the facilities at Annyalla NS available to the committee for meetings

The Monaghan County Board for the use of the County Training Grounds in Cloghan for development days, blitzes and games.

Special thanks to Castleblayney Faughs GFC for hosting our finals days. Thanks to Monaghan Harps and St Mellons for hosting our handball competitions and again to Martin McEntee for organising these competitions

Paul O Connor and the county Coaching and Games Development staff coaching in our Primary Schools.

All of the teachers who looked after school teams and who promoted Gaelic Games in the schools. Teachers who gave up their time to help organise various events held throughout the year. This was no easy task and it was greatly appreciated.

Seán Egan for his help in compiling Cumann na mBunscol quizzes in 2016

The local media for promoting our competitions

The Hillgrove Hotel and The Glencarn Hotel for hosting our county quizzes.

Clare McElroy for providing the medals, plaques and trophies for our competitions.

All of the members of the Cumann na mBunscol committee for their hard work and co-operation, in particular Adrian Kelly for his support as Cumann na mBunscol chairman.

Jimmy Lacey

**St Joseph's BNS, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan
Runaí, Cumann na mBunscol Muineachán, 2015-2016**

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Turascáil Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

As I finish my 3rd year as PRO I would like to thank everyone who has helped me throughout 2016. The year began in early January when the PR and Marketing Committee met in Cloghan to discuss the plan for the year. In February it was the great news that the County Website had received a Mac Namee Award for the best GAA Website for 2015.

Co. Teams

The first work of the year involved the Senior County Team with the Mc Kenna Cup. At this stage I would like to thank all the co. management teams for providing their teams without any hassle through the year. In May we had a successful County Open Night where young and old supporters attended. In June we had a press night when both local and national journalists attended. At this stage I would like to thank Malachy O' Rourke and all the senior panel for all the time they afforded me during the year.

Information Booklet

The PR committee once again had the information booklet this year. A lot of hard work went in getting this to the press. At this stage I would like to thank Gary Smyth for the design. Thanks to all the clubs for providing the necessary information for the booklet which was printed by R&S.

Programmes and Posters.

Our main work throughout the year was the production of programmes for both the Allianz National Leagues and our own internal Championships. All programmes for the Allianz National Football League Games and the Championship Finals were produced in full colour. The Allianz games and Senior final were designed by Declan Savage while the intermediate and junior co. finals were designed and printed by R & S. At this stage I would like to thank Declan for all the work he put into the programmes and also all the posters he designed throughout the year starting with our Co. League Games. He also designed posters promoting our local championships which were put up on our website and facebook. I would also like to thank Caoimhe Flanagan at this stage for coordinating the sale of these programmes. Míle buíochas also to Ailish Mc Entee who took charge of the programme finances.

While Declan designed the major programmes there were also lots of other programmes to be produced. Thanks to Caoimhe Mc Mahon for taking charge of these for the Co. Hurlers and also for all of our Minor and Adult finals plus championship games. Majella Boyd took charge of the same for all juvenile finals. These were all printed in Cloghan, thanks to the coaching staff for coordinating this for most of the year and our new Operations Manager Derek for taking over from mid September. For the championship games these were transported to the grounds in the MTU.

Website, Facebook , Twitter and You Tube

During the year we have continued to try to improve the website by making small alterations. This was recognised nationally by the GAA in February when it received the best GAA Website for 2015 at the Mac Namee Awards At this stage I would like to thank Chris Colhoun and Kristina Reilly from Lair Design, Paul O' Neill and John Holland for all their help in the technical aspects of the

website. Mid way during the year during the year Paul O Neill had to step down from the role of webmaster due to work commitments. A big thank you to Alanna Mc Carey for taking over this post and posting regular updates on the website. Thanks must go also to Colm Shalvey and the Coaching and Games Department for regularly providing updates.

In 2016 the facebook page continued to be updated on a regular basis and at this point we have now over 9,850 likes which is by over 2, 300 since this time last year. All Clubs should ensure that their Facebook accounts are Pages not Profiles.

Twitter continues to grow a pace with now over 24,400 followers, up 5,600 since last year and we are number 3 county in terms of activity. At this stage I would like to thank John Holland who coordinated match day twitter during the year. Also at this point all clubs have twitter accounts. While many are quite active I would encourage other to become more so. There should only be one official twitter account per club. At this point I would urge players and officials to be careful what they tweet about in the aftermath of the games.

The Monaghan You Tube channel continued to grow this year. We also introduced club championship match highlights from round 2 this year. At this point the channel has had 104, 000 views. Thanks to Paddy Mc Carron, Paul Mc Cabe and Shane Birdy for helping to edit these. However a big thanks must go to Fausto Lavery who did the lions share of this work.

Media, Photography and PA

While we have our social media outlets now which makes it easier to communicate with the public we still very much need the media. I particularly would like to thank the Northern Standard and Northern Sound who help promote GAA in Monaghan. Sean Mc Caffrey, Alan Gunn, Colm Shalvey and JP Graham deserve particular praise.

Míle buíochas to Fintan Mc Tiernan and Christy Lappin who pictured the majority of our games and other functions throughout the year. Thanks also to the other photographers who helped out occasionally. Great thanks also goes out to Seamus Mc Elwain who coordinated the PA operators throughout the year and always had people at the ready at championship and final venues.

In conclusion I need to thank all the members of the county executive and the staff in both the Ulster Council and Croke Park who continue to advise me. Most importantly thanks to the Club PROs and Secretaries who helped me or any of the PR and Marketing Committee during the year. You all certainly made my job easier. If I have left anyone out it certainly wasn't my attention. While we continue to work hard as a committee there is still room to make things even better and we will continue to strive to do so in 2017.

Is mise,
Nollaig Ó Dúfaigh
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí





Turascáil Oifigeach na nÓg

Monaghan GAA Youth Committee is responsible for the juvenile fixture programme and for the safety of all of those who participate in our games. The members of the Youth Committee who oversee this work are Derek McConnon (Youth Fixtures), Majella Boyd (Youth PRO), Martin McNally (Juvenile Referees), Andrew O'Sullivan, Patricia Smith, Jimmy Lacey, Mickey McCaffrey, Paul O'Connor. It is the club coaches and volunteers which ultimately allow all of this to happen and it is my privilege to work with all of them to help develop our games together.

Fixtures Breakdown

Under 12 Football	Under 12 Hurling
Spring League: 36 teams (8 B Teams, 1 C Team, Competitive League: 37 teams (8 B Teams, 1 C Team) 278 fixtures made 12 conceded	7 teams 34 fixtures made 8 conceded
Under 14 Football	Under 14 Hurling
33 teams (7 B Teams, 2 Amalgamations) 201 fixtures made 17 conceded	7 teams 35 fixtures made 6 conceded
Under 16 Football	Under 16 Hurling
33 teams (1 B Team, 4 Amalgamations) 135 fixtures made 11 conceded	4 teams (Championship only) 3 fixtures made 0 conceded

Features

- 50 fewer fixtures than 2015
- An increase in amalgamations @ U16 (2-4)
- No significant rule changes
- Fewer disciplinary issues
- B teams play in single division at U12 level

Discipline

This year was a better year in terms of discipline on the field than 2015. CCC has taken a strong stance in relation to all of these problems and has been very effective in dealing with infringements from players and mentors. I must offer my thanks to Austin Corrigan and all members of CCC for all of their work.

Children want to play our games. Our roles as responsible adults is to allow them to do this to the best of their ability in the best environment possible. The GAA pitch should be a haven where players of all abilities come to have fun with their friends and it is the responsibility of each club to make sure that players and officials are assisted in operating in a safe environment, free from abuse.

Around the fringes of the field, there are however some unwelcome developments which I would hope we can improve on in 2017. For instance, there seems to be a marked increase in levels of aggression and the amount of verbal abuse coming from spectators. Much of this is directed at juvenile players, which is unacceptable. Parents and spectators have no reason to get involved with officials or players. They must abide by the same code of conduct as players and team mentors and this message should be presented to all of them: If you can't control your actions or your mouth, stay at home!

Feile 2017

In 2017, Monaghan, Cavan and Fermanagh will host the U14 Féile Peil na nÓg festival, the first time that this event will take place within our county. Almost all of our clubs have signed up already as host clubs, taking in visiting clubs from all parts of Ireland and beyond. It promises to be an historic event and it is an opportunity for our clubs and our communities to present themselves and their facilities. I have no doubt that this will be a brilliant occasion for all of our clubs.

Plans for 2017

As part of the transition to U17 as the new age for inter-county minor football, Coiste Bainisti was invited to see if Monaghan GAA would participate in a trial to play at U11/ 13/15 level. There was a serious discussion with all of the clubs before it was decided not to proceed. What was most impressive here was the level of engagement with the clubs and there seems no doubt that this subject will be revisited during 2017.





I expect that the U14 fixtures programme will be adjusted for 2017 to allow our clubs to prepare appropriately for the challenge of competing in the Féile competition and under Féile rules which are significantly different from our existing set of rules. So it seems likely that we will (through CCC) implement a set of rules which match the Féile rules for our 2017 U14 championship competition.

Hurling

In 2016, after discussions with Ulster GAA and with all of our clubs, it was agreed that the clubs would participate in an Ulster hurling league at U16 and at minor age grade. The hope was that this would facilitate all clubs in playing at the most appropriate level for their club. However, there may still be space for a Monaghan league and I do not expect any difficulty in running a Monaghan league at U16 level in 2017 if the clubs agree to participate. The most pressing challenge for most of the hurling clubs is to find more volunteers to assist them in developing the game and their players.

Acknowledgements

Primarily to Derek McConnon and Majella Boyd who do so much work developing and promoting our Youth fixtures programme. Also to the referees and officials who have ultimate responsibility for running our games for all of their efforts. We have many young referees and I hope that each club will continue to help and support them and give them the opportunity to become the senior referees of the future. I also wish to express my thanks to Ailish McEntee for organising gates at juvenile finals, doing a much better job than I have done myself in previous years., to Cormac Connolly and the Referees Administration committee, to all the clubs who have hosted finals and events on our behalf and to Emmet Flanagan who facilitates us regularly in Cloghan

I conclude by offering my thanks to our juvenile games sponsors, Gerrys Prepared VEG and Silverhill Foods and to all members of the Youth Committee, especially Martin McNally who is stepping down from the committee.

Mise le meas
John McArdle

Competition	Cup Name	Winners	Runners Up
U12 FL Div. 1 Cup Final	Coyle Cup	Carrickmacross GFC	Monaghan Harps
U12 FL Div. 1 Shield Final	Bragan Cup	Clontibret	Scotstown
U12 FL Div. 2 Cup Final	Tom Reily Cup	Magheraclone	Gaeil Triúcha
U12 FL Div. 2 Shield Final	Mullyash Cup	Tyholland	Donaghmoynes
U12 FL Div. 3 Cup Final	Conlon Cup	Cremartin	Drumhowan
U12 FL Div. 3 Shield Final	The Bawn Cup	Aghabog	Aughnamullen
U12 FL Div. 4 Cup Final	Magill Cup	Doohamlet	Toome
U12 FL Div. 4 Shield Final	Laragh Cup	Rockcorry	Oram
U12 FL Div. 5 Cup Final	Knockatallon Cup	Carrickmacross GFC (B)	Scotstown (B)
U12 FL Div. 5 Shield Final	Largy Cup	Monaghan Harps (B)	Gaeil Triúcha (B)
U12 FL Div. 6 Cup Final	Tierney Cup	Scotstown (C)	Clontibret (B)
U12 FL Div. 6 Shield Final	Donagh Cup	Killanny (B)	Currin
U14 FC Div 1 Cup Final	John Moen Cup	Donaghmoynes	Latton
U14 FC Div 2 Final	PJ Marray Cup	Clan na Gael	Scotstown
U14 FC Div 3 Final	Tully Cup	Cremartin	Aughnamullen
U14 FC Div 4 Final	Farney cup	Ballybay	Rockcorry
U14 FC Div 5 Final	Na Glask Lisgall Cup	Donaghmoynes (B)	Monaghan Harps (B)
U14 Div 1 Cup Final	Sean Mason Cup	Donaghmoynes	Latton
U14 Div.1 Shield Final	Lisnagrieve	Emyvale	Inniskeen
U14 Div. 2 Cup Final	McHugh Cup	Carrickmacross GFC	Scotstown
U14 Div. 2 Shield Final	Derrygorry cup	Castleblayney	Magheraclone
U14 Div. 3 Cup Final	Ballintra Cup	Aughnamullen	Drumhowan
U14 Div. 3 Shield Final	Mannan Cup	Clontibret	Clones
U14 Div. 4 Cup Final	Mullaghmore Cup	Ballybay	Tyholland
U14 Div. 4 Shield Final	Annaglaive Cup	Doohamlet	Corduff
U14 Div.5 Cup Final	Castleshane Cup	Donaghmoynes (B)	Carrickmacross GFC (B)
U14 Div. 5 Shield Final	Lakeland Cup	Emyvale (B)	Latton (B)
U16 FC Div. 1 Final	Francie Connolly Cup	Aughnamullen	Magheraclone
U16 FC Div. 2 Final	Rooskey Cup	Latton	Emyvale
U16 FC Div. 3 Final	Ballinode Cup	Tyholland	St Tiarnach Sarsfields
U16 FL Div. 1 Cup Final	McNally Cup	Castleblayney	Aughnamullen
U16 FL Div. 1 Shield Final	Monalty Cup	Carrickmacross GFC	Inniskeen
U16 FL Div. 2 Cup Final	John Mc Cormack Cup	Latton	Donaghmoynes
U16 FL Div. 3 Cup Final	Curley Cup	Tyholland	Clan na Gael
U16 FL Div. 3 Shield Final	Mullan Cup	St Tiarnach Sarsfields	Doohamlet
U12 HL Cup Final	Hollywood Cup	Castleblayney Hurling	Cootehill Celtic GAA
U12 HL Shield Final	Lough Egish Cup	Clontibret	Gaeil Triúcha
U14 HL Cup Final	Dunmaurice Cup	Castleblayney Hurling	Carrickmacross Hurling
U14 HL Shield Final	Silverhill Cup	Monaghan Harps Hurling	Gaeil Triúcha
U14 HC Final	Joe O' Rourke Cup	Carrickmacross Hurling	Castleblayney Hurling
U16HC Final	Raferagh Cup	Castleblayney Hurling	Carrickmacross Hurling





Féile 2017 Update



The John West John West Féile Peile na nÓg tournament is a club festival for Football at Under 14 years of age level. In 2017 Cavan, Fermanagh & Monaghan will host the event.

General Féile Information

- Féile Peil na nÓg 2017 will take place from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June 2017.
- It involves approximately 250 teams, both boys and girls, resulting in 6,000 players participating over the weekend.
- Registration Fee €150, payable by all clubs.
- Participating teams will be 15-a-side, 13-a-side and possibly 11-a-side.
- Players must be over 11 & under 14 on 1st Jan 2017.
- Playing panels will be confined to 24 players.
- Each team shall be accompanied by a maximum of 4 team mentors.
- Host Clubs should consider an itinerary for the weekend in conjunction with their visiting team to ensure that all club members, players and officials are aware of the agenda for each day.

Host Families

- Each club to identify a minimum of 12 families, where possible with children of a similar age.
- Once host families are identified the Club should commence the Garda vetting process. More information available on <http://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-welfare-and-protection/vetting>

Preparation for Games

- For those Clubs who are venues for games, ensure that your dressing rooms are in good shape and that there are sufficient numbers of changing rooms.
- All Clubs should arrange their own transport early as there will be a huge demand on buses that weekend.
- Appoint a Club Féile Officer and a separate Club Venue Official.

Draft Event Dates

- Friday 23rd June
 - o 2pm : First Group Match
 - o 3:30pm : Second Group Match
- Saturday 24th June
 - o 11am : Group Game versus Visitors
 - o 2:30pm : Quarter Finals
- Sunday 25th June
 - o 10am & 11am: Semi Finals
 - o 12pm & 1pm: Finals





Next Steps

1. Monaghan Féile Committee will Process Application Forms and submit to Ulster GAA along with Payments.
2. Clubs requested to provide a list of their under 14 playing numbers for 2017, including date of births. The deadline for the return of this information is Friday 16th December.
3. Monaghan Féile Committee will start the Club Grading process in December.
4. Clubs identify host families and start the vetting process.

For any queries or further information please contact a member of the organising committee.

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Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2016 – 3ú Nollaig 2015

Miontuairiscí

An Cathaoirleach Pádraig Mac Searraigh proposed a minutes silence for the Late Rose Coyle RIP, mother of former Vice Chairman of Monaghan County Board, Seamus Coyle Latton, Aiden Quigley RIP former Chairman of Currin GAA and County Committee member, Peter Sherry Scotstown RIP former County Chairman.

I Láthair:

See Appendix 1.

Miontuairiscí Comhdháil 2015:

Minutes of Annual Convention 2015 were adopted.

Proposed: Frank McManus, Clontibret. Seconded: Sean Murphy, Scotstown.

Tuarascáil An Rúnaí Chontae.

Secretary's report adopted.

Proposed: Aine Ni Fhionnagáin (Rúnaí Chontae). Seconded: Sean Murphy, (Scotstown).

Tuarascáil an Chisteoir Chontae:

Treasurer's report adopted.

Proposed: Marion Donnelly (Cisteoir Chontae). Seconded: Tom Freeman, (Magheracloone).

Na Tuarascálacha eile:

The following reports were adopted in block.

Proposed: Sean Murphy (Scotstown), Seconded: Tony Rooney (Donaghmoyne).

Tuarascáil Choiste Cheannaisne gComortaisi, Tuarascáil Riarthóirna Reiteoirí, Tuarascáil Oifigeach nabPaistí, Tuarascáil Choiste Oiliúna & Cluichí Forbatha, Tuarascáil Oifigeach Chomhphobail agus Sláinte, Tuarascáil Choiste Iomana, Tuarascáil Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí, Tuarascáil Cultúra & Gaeilge, Tuarascáil Choiste Liathróid Láimhe & Tuarascáil Cumann Club Mhuineacháin, Tuarascáil Cumann Archive, Tuarascáil Cumann na mBunscol,





Matters Arising:

- Nil.

Aitheasc An Cathaoirigh Chontae (Pádraig Mac Searraigh):

- Thanked Paraic Duffy for attending convention and for his support throughout the year. Pádraig also welcomed former Chairpersons John Connolly and Gary Carville.
- Acknowledged the success of County Senior Football Team on regaining the Ulster Senior Championship final and qualifying for the National League Div. 1 semi-final.
- Congratulated Scotstown, Doohamet and Rockcorry on winning their respective Club Championships. Also congratulated Rockcorry on winning the Ulster Junior Football Championship Final. Commended Scotstown on their fine performance in the senior final.
- Confident that all clubs in Monaghan are strong.
- Thanked CCC for their sterling work in administrating a compact fixture programme for all adult teams. Over 740 adult games played in 2015. Thanked Austin, Eileen, Derek, Adrian, Paddy, Cormac, John, Tony, Noel and John.
- Thanked all referees within the county who have given up their time to officiate at our games. Acknowledged the work of John Mullen, AilsihMcEntee and Michael Conlon.
- Expressed his gratitude to the youth committee under the guidance of Derek McConnon and John McArdle who have administered all juvenile fixtures. Referred to the lack of discipline in youth report at juvenile level.
- Congratulated the Castleblayney Hurling club on winning back to back championships.
- Thanked Trevor Hillard, Pearse Doherty and Kevin Maloney for the commitment and dedication to Senior County Hurling Team who reached final of Allianz Hurling League Div.3. More help is required for hurling at juvenile level.
- Commended all the coaching staff, Paul, Colin, Marty, Ann, Aiden and Patrick for their continued work within the schools, clubs and development squads.
- A special word of thanks to PR committee, local media, northern standard, northern sound for the coverage of all games.
- Thanked Marion & Ailish for their all their work on all aspects of finance within the county. Acknowledged the work of Golf Classic committee and fundraising breakfast committee. Great success.
- Thanked Seamus McMeel, Gabriel Reilly, Mary Kerr Conlon & Annmarie Boyd for their work on Club Monaghan.
- Praised the Trophies committee, Deborah Flanagan & Karen Hughes who had all cups in immaculate shape for all presentations.
- Acknowledged the work of Championship coordinating committee and the Archives committee.
- Pádraig paid tribute to Gerry Duffy who has completed his five years as Ulster Council Delegate. He acknowledged his excellent contribution to Monaghan GAA and thanked him for his advice over the past year.
- Acknowledged the unique sponsorship deal from Investec. & Michael Cullen and thanked John Kieran for his work in securing sponsorship.
- Thanked county secretary for her assistance throughout the year.
- Thanked Michael McMahon for his support, advice and friendship on numerous occasions.
- Thanked wife and family for their support in his role as Chairman.





ToghchánahOifigh:

The following Officers were elected:

Cathaoirleach	Pádraig Mac Searraigh (Druim Shamhain)
Leas Cathairleach	Micheál Mac Mathúna (An Bhoth)
RúnáíChontae	Anita Ní Fhionnagáin (Acadh na Muileann)
RúnáíCunta	Eibhlín Ní Chianáin (Corr Dubh)
CisteoirChontae	Máire Ní Dhongháile (Scairbh na gCaorach)
CisteoirCunta	Ailis Nic an tSaoi (Sean Mac Diarmada)
ArdComhairle	Deaglan Ó Flanagáin (Craobh Mhairtín)
ComhairleUladh (2)	Brendáin O’Cathasaigh (Sean Mac Diarmada). Seán Mac Cionna (CláirsighMhuineacháin)
OifigeachCaidreamhPoiblí	Nollaig Ó Dufaigh (Druim Shamhain)
OifigeachnanÓg	Seán Mac Ardail (Druim Shamhain)
OifigeachCultúra&Gaeilge	Breda McCooey (Cill Leabháin)
OifigeachForbatha	Proinsias Mac an Bhaird (Leachtain)
OifigeachOiliúna	Gearóid Mac GiollaChomhaill (Cláirsigh Mhuineacháin)
OifigeachIomána	Deásun Mac Aindriú (Béal Atha Beithe)

Joe Brolly addressed the meeting:

- Spoke about the generosity of people who are involved with the GAA.
- Outlined the importance of Organ Donation.
- Encouraged everyone to give Organ Donation great consideration. – The amount of lives that are saved over the past few years through Organ Donor Donation has increased dramatically.

Ard Strúithóir: Paraic Duffy:

- Paraic addressed the meeting and firstly stated the he is proud to be a Monaghan man.
- Paraic acknowledged the success of the county and the clubs within the county, stating that this success is due to the hard work within clubs.
- He admires the spirit of enthusiasm of all club members. Recently attended two functions within the County, Killeevan and Aghabog social events and acknowledged the hard work of all volunteers.
- Paraic was delighted that the recent document on “Overtraining and Player Burnout” was been discussed and that Player Welfare is receiving a good debate.
- His priority is that all players receive a regular programme of games and that Player Welfare is treated with high regard. – Better balance for club players.
- He complimented Gerry Duffy for his contribution to the GAA at County Level, Provincial Level and National Level.
- Paraic paid tribute to John McArdle on his article in the Convention Booklet and recommended that all present should take time to read it.
- He thanked Padraig Sherry for the invitation to Convention and congratulated all involved in the administration of all aspects of the GAA in Monaghan.

Marion Donnelly encouraged all clubs to avail of the National Draw – Tickets still available in Cloghan.





Gradaim Bliantúil 2015:

Category	Winner
Senior Footballer	Darren Hughes (Scotstown)
Intermediate Footballer	Colin Walshe (Doohamlet)
Junior Footballer	Niall Mckeown (Rockcorry)
Young Footballer	Shane Carey (Scotstown)
Senior Hurler	Fergal Rafter (Castleblayney Hurling)
Young Hurler	Niall Gartland (Castleblayney Hurling)
Senior Club Official	Pj Meehan (Doohamlet)
Juvenile Club Official	Brain Mc Sherry (CastleblayneyFaughs)
Handballer of the Year	Martin McEntee (Monaghan Harps)
Camogie Player	Amber Lam (Castleblayney)
Ladies Footballer	Ciara McAnespie (Emyvale)
Youth Achievement Award Football	Inniskeen
Youth Achievement Award Hurling	Casrickmacross Hurling
Senior Referee	Niall McKenna (Emyvale)
Intermediate Referee	Xavier Coyle (Tyholland)
Junior Referee	Anthony Marron (Corduff) David Hurson (Drumhowan)
Minor Referee	Stephen Hagan (Sean McDermotts)
Hurling Referee	Stephen McKenna (Carrickmacross Hurling)
Youth Referee	Damien Boylan (Donaghmoyne)
Hall of Fame	Brian Daly (Donaghmoyne) NudieHughes(CastleblayneyFaughs)
Special Merit Award	Tom Freeman (Magheracloone) John Heaphey (Scotstown)
Club of the Year	Rockcorry
Club Monaghan Senior Footballer	Conor McManus (Clontibret)
Most improved participants Scór	Sean McDermotts

Votes of Sympathy:

See Appendix 2.

Aon GnóthEile:

- Nil.

As there was no other business Annual Convention 2016 concluded.

Siniú: _____.

Cathaoirleach

Data: _____.





Appendix 1.

**Attendance Sheet
Chomhdháil Bhliaintuil 2016
Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan
3rd Nollaig 2015.**

Cathaoirleach	Padraig Mac Searraigh
Leas Cathaoirleach	Michael Mac Mahúina
Runai	Aine Ni Fhionnagáin
RunaiCúnta	Eibhlin Ni Cionnáin
Cisteoir	MáireNíDhongháile
CisteoirCúnta	AilisNic an tSaoi
Ionadai Don ArdComhairle	Deaglán Ó Flanagáin
Ionadaithe Do ComhairleUladh (1)	Brendán Mac Cathasaigh
Ionadaithe Do ComhairleUladh (2)	Sean Mac Cionna
An OifigeachCaidreamhPoiblí	Nollaig O’Dufaigh
OifigeachnanÓg	Seán Mac Ardáil
OifigeachCultúra&Gaeilge	Breda Ní Chumhaí
OifigeachForbartha	Prionsias Macan Bhaird
OifigeachOiliúna	Gearóid Mac Giolla Chomhail
OifigeachIomána	Deasún Mac Aindriú





Club	Name	Total
Aghabog	Damien Murphy, Pat Conway, Frank O'Brien	3
Aughnamullen	Dermot Hamill, Joseph Duffy, Mary Hamill	3
Ballybay	CilianMcAviney, Ann Garraghan,	2
Blackhill	Paraic Craig, Bernadette Courtney, Marie Murphy	3
Carrickmacross (F)	Gordon Finnegan, Pauric Keenan.	2
Carrickmacross (H)	Jimmy Hayes, Raymond O'Hara	2
Castleblayney (F)	Melissa Conlon, Stephen Dignam. Pat Mackin	3
Castleblayney (H)	Hugh Cullen. Noel McGuigan& Catriona Quirke	3
Clones	Liam Doherty, Martina Holland, Fintan Cunningham	3
Clontibret	Colm Gormley, Frank Mc Manus, Aiden Deighan	3
Corduff	Karen Keenan. Bernice McNally, Seamus McConnon	3
Cremartin	Emmett Flanagan, Majella Boyd, Enda Carville	3
Currin	John Connolly, Patricia Clerkin, Breda Marron	3
Donaghmoyne	Tony Rooney, Brian Finnegan, Gerry Woods	3
Doohamlet	PJ Meehan, Brendan Farrell, Martin Connolly.	3
Drumhowan	Paul McGuirk, Martin McElearney, Niall McAdam	3
Eire Óg	Seamus Morrow & Ciaran Leonard	2
Emyvale	Enda Clerkin, Martin O'Brien, Eamon McKernan	3
Inniskeen	Paddy Meegan, Peter Dooley, Pete Meegan.	3
Killanny	Jimmy Gartlan, Johnny Quinn, Leo McGlew,	3
Killeevan	Patricia Smith, Darren Greenan, Feargal Kieran	3
Latton	Brendan Fitzpatrick, Paul Quinn, Ken Farmer	3
Magheraclaone	James Finnegan, Tom Freeman,	2
Monaghan Harps (F)	Fergus Coyle, Colm Shalvey, Donal McAdam	3
Monaghan Harps (H)	Alan Ryan, Frank Burke, Jimmy Croarkin	3
Oram	Richard Boyd, Tony Graham, Stephen Irwin	3
Rockcorry	Martina Mc Keown, Michael Carroll.	2
Scotstown	Stephen McKenna, Seán Corr. Sean Murphy	3
Sean Mc Dermotts	Conor Mc Elvaney, Sean MCElvaney, Derek McMahon	3
Toome	Declan Lambe, Ciaran Watters	2
Truagh	Brian McKenna	1
Tyholland	Kevin Kavanagh, Siobhan McKenna, Finbar McNally	3
Referee Administrator		
Handball		
Post Primary Schools		---
Cumann na mBunscol		---
Daoine eile í lathair.	Gerry Freeman	
	Gabriel Reilly (Club Monaghan), Seamus Mc Meel (Club Monaghan)	
	Christopher Lappin (Photographer))	
	John P Graham (Media)	
	Gary Carville (Lar Cathoirleach)	
	Liam Mc Gailey (Auditor)	





Appendix 2.

Votes of Sympathy Annual Convention Meeting 2016

Proposing Club	Vote of Sympathy To	Deceased
Aghabog	Reilly Family	John Joe Reilly
Blackhill	Leo & Sheila Comiskey & Family	Tony Comiskey
Clontibret	Meehan Family Ardaghay	Vincent Meehan
Currin	Quigley Family	Aidan Quigley
Currin	Eileen Beattie & Family	Patricia O'Reilly
Currin	Cassidy Family	Mary Cassidy
Eire Og	Leoanrd Family	Packie Treanor – Tydavnet
Inniskeen	Hoey Family	Patsy Hoey
Inniskeen	Woods Family	Annie Woods
Killeevan	Reilly Family	John Joe Reilly
Latton	Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Rose Coyle
Rockcorry	Phoebe Carroll & Family	June Brown
Toome	Conlon Family	Christina Conlon
Tyholland	McGonnell's Family	Eddie McGonnell





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