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Adam and Aslan steal hearts at the INEC Arena See Page 4



## FROM THE EDITOR

With the first signs Autumn appearing, we have a busy magazine for you this week.

An inspirational Killarney woman has published a book, Adam King stole the hearts of concert goers and the INEC Arena and 12-15 year olds are queuing up for their Covid-19 Vaccine.

Aisling Crosbie.

Kerry Mountain Rescue Team are appealing for people to be prepared when they go hill walking and climbing, the 54321 Challenge is taking place this weekend and Ian O'Connell looks back at life four years on since his life altering accident. We have a packed sports section for you with lots of analysis on

Enjoy!

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## ADAM AND ASLAN STEAL HEARTS AT THE INEC ARENA

While enjoying their summer holidays at The Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney, star of the Late Late Toy Show, Adam King and his family popped over to the Inside Out Alsan gig at the INEC Arena where Adam and his lovely family got a rapturous applause.

Adam stole the hearts of the nation when he appeared on the Late Late Toy Show with his hand drawn "Virtual Hug Heart" which has raised thousands of

euros for Cork University Hospital and the Children's Health Foundation Temple Street.

Street. Both of these hospitals are very close to the King family as Adam was born with osteogenesis imperfecta type 2, the most severe form of the condition which causes brittle bones.

Hundreds of people attending the Aslan concert were delighted to see Adam and his family and the band stopped playing to pay tribute to him. Afterwards the band tweeted "It was an honour to have you there @ AdamKingIRL We are all big fans of yours! We hope to see you again



The King family pictured at The Gleneagle Hotel with DJ Donal enjoying the nightly family entertainment.

#### soon".

Adam King Adventures also tweeted a clip of the whole experience saying... "We had the most amazing time in Killarney this week! Thanks to all the places and people who made the experience unforgettable for the kids, and big thanks Aslan for the love yesterday evening when we popped in for a few songs!



A wave for the crowd at the Aslan Concert. (Video still)

### Kerry Mountain Rescue Team EXPRESS CONCERNS

Following a large number of callouts in recent weeks Kerry Mountain Rescue team have expressed concern that many of the people rescued are inexperienced hillwalkers. They have also observed that a number of families with young children are attempting to climb Carrauntoohil without proper equipment or footwear.

This month alone, Kerry Mountain Rescue team has responsed to 16 callout, five of them were parties who got lost and 11 were injuries.

The most recent callout involved 24 members of the voluntary group, took almost 6 hours and resulted in the casualty being airlifted to University Hospital Kerry by Coastguard Rescue They are calling on climbers and walkers to take personal responsibility and keep in mind the following before they decide to set out on mountains: Are they, or members of their group, fit, competent and experienced? Do they know the area, can they



navigate effectively in all weather? Have they got the right gear, including boots and raingear for the mountain, with food, water, map and compass, a fully charged mobile phone, first aid kit, bivvy bag/shelter? Have they checked weather the forecast? Do they have a route

plan and have they

notified someone of their intended route, start time and expected return time?

Kerry Mountain Rescue Team is made of 35 voluntary active members who come from all walks of life and who are all active and accomplished walkers and mountaineers in their own right. Their area of operation covers the entire South West of Ireland principally the peninsulas of Beara, Iveragh and Dingle – and boasts fifteen of Ireland's twenty highest peaks, including Carrauntoohil (the country's highest, at 1039 metres).

## WILLIAM GETS THE JAB FROM HIS MUM

Nothing like your mum to give you your Covid-19 vaccine and thats what happened when 12 year old William Dillon visited the Park Medical Centre on Park Road, Killarney where his mum Dr. Fidelma Cronin works.

William Dillon received his first Pfizer covid 19 vaccination from his mom who guaranteed us that there was a big smile behind that mask.

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## BRÍD FINDS THE SPARK TO IGNITE BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

Following a cancer diagnosis, just fifteen months after her mother had received a terminal diagnosis, Bríd O'Connor struggled to find a glimmer of light.

Her diagnosis was coupled with the fact that two of her sibling's had tested positive for BRCA gene meant that the family unit became shadowed and veiled and that cancer had invaded her happy homestead.

Brid's mum, Evelyn O'Regan passed away in November 2020 and her death and living inspired Bríd's idea for her book, Spark, Stories to inspire body, mind and spirit.

With her greatest champion gone, Bríd needed to find a way to "turn and face it", a phrase her mom often used in her role as a basketball coach.

As a History teacher, Brid always had a keen interest in stories of triump and she turned her skills to research how others had recovered from great loss? How did they rise from the dark and what had they done to heal themselves?

In doing so, Brid decided to write a book with contributions from storytellers who have all gone through a time in their lives when they were faced with adversity.

In the book, there are pieces on grief, illness, accidents, suicide, depression and addiction but all of the writers reveal what resets them. "There is a strong message of hope throughout the book with lots of nuggets of golden sparks on every page", Brid told Killarney Outlook.

"The writers are from all walks of life, some are family and friends and more are friends of friends", said Bríd, who is very thankful that they have all allowed her to be custodian of their story.

Among those who have contributed are Billy Keane, Dick Spring, Neil Kelders, Elaine Galvin, Dr Dearbhaile Collins, Naomi Brosnan, Holly Power and Mikey Sheehy Jnr.

In her own story, Brid realised that she had lost her spark and zest for



life after her own diagnosis. With a young family, she found herself in unchartered waters and rudderless. Searching for something to help her navigate her new journey, she found the poem "Invictus" by William Ernest Henley would have a lasting and profound effect.

"Invictus" translates from Latin as "Uncoquered" and on difficult days the poem became Brid's mantra, her battle-cry, her spark, guiding her in the knowledge that she too had mastered her own fagte and captained her own soul.

All proceeds from the sale of the book will go to Comfort for Chemo Kerry, a charity which is obviously so close to Bríd's heart.

"While the staff are amazing at University Hospital Kerry, the faciities for those receiving chermotherapy are far from ideal", Bríd said.

The vision at Comfort for Chemo Kerry is to fundraise €5 million euros to build and equip a state of the art purpose built Chemotherapy Unit for the people of Kerry, where the best care available will be delivered in an environment which is welcoming, reassurig, comfortable and dignified. Brid would like to thanks the main sponor of the book Henry and Paula Bartlett and their team at

Independent Irish Healthfoods and the sponsor associate Gearoid Linnane and the Lee strand Team. Spark, stories to ignite body, mind and spirit is available to purchase at Eason Killarney and is retailing at €24.99.



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### Comfort for Chemo Kerry have a mission to fundraise €5 million to build and equip a start of the art, purpose built chemotherapy unit for the people of Kerry.

Their vision is to build a centre of excellence for the patients of Kerry, who need Chemotherapy and Oncological treatments. Ensuring the best care available is delivered in an environment that is welcoming, reassuring, comfortable and dignified.

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Queen Victoria herself, accompanied by her husband Prince Albert and their children Prince Albert, Princess Alice and Princess Helena were on board and began what is now the Killlarney Tourism Experience.

The Herbert Family of Muckross enjoyed a high social standing, which reached its climax in 1861, with the visit of Queen Victoria to Killarney. Although the Queen had visited Ireland on two previous occasions, in 1849 and 1853, this was the first time that Kerry was included in her itinerary.

The Queen was accompanied by Albert, the Prince Consort, the Prince of Wales, Prince Alfred, Princess Alice and Princess Helena.

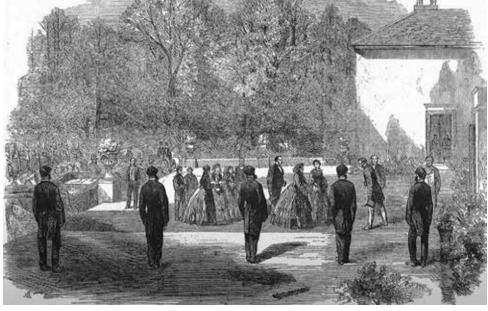
The Royal party stayed the night of Monday, 26 August, at Killarney House, home of the Earl of Kenmare. They then travelled on to Muckross, where they spent the following two nights. The Queen's visit to Killarney House was very

much a state occasion. However, her stay at Muckross was a much more private affair. The local press reported that Her Majesty'had declared her intention of being "very quiet" while at Muckross.' (Kerry Evening Post, Wednesday 28 August 1861).

At 6.30 pm on the evening of Monday, 26 August, the Royal train arrived in Killarney from Dublin. The Royal party were then escorted to Killarney

House, where a large dinner was held that evening. The next day the Queen embarked at Ross Castle for a day on the Lakes. Lunch was served at Glena Cottage. In the evening the party returned to Ross Quay, from where they were escorted back to Killarney House.

At about 6.30pm that same evening, Tuesday 27 August, the Queen and her family set out for Muckross. They were accompanied by The Right Hon. Henry Arthur Herbert, Viscount Castlerosse (of the Kenmare family) and a troop of the Royal Dragoons. The Times described how Mr and Mrs Herbert received the Queen on the lawn at the door of Muckross House. A host of



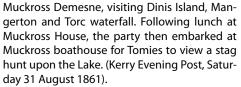
Pictured is the arrival of the Royal Party at Kenmare House on the 26th of August 1861. Picture courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan.

other ladies and gentlemen were also present and greeted the Queen enthusiastically. (The Times, Friday 30 August 1861).

Elaborate preparations had been carried out at Muckross for the Royal visit. Tapestries, mirrors, Persian carpets, silverware, musical instruments, linen, china and servants' uniforms, are all said to have been specially commissioned for the occasion. The curtains, which still hang in the Dining Room of Muckross House, were specially woven, probably in Paris, for the occasion.

The Queen's apartments at Muckross were described in the local press as follows:

'An entire section of the mansion has been set apart for the royal family, so that all their apartments communicate without the necessity of passing into the corridors to be used by other



On Thursday 29th August, the morning of her departure, Queen Victoria visited Muckross Abbey, a fifteenth century Franciscan friary within the Muckross demesne. Eleanor, the eldest Herbert daughter described this visit as having been, 'very quiet, hardly any of the suite with us, they were all enchanted and wandered over it gathering ferns and leaves as recollections. She is to have ivy from the Abbey and ferns from various places sent to Osborne as recollections of this place.'

Before departing from Muckross, the Queen



occupants of the house. The Queen will live here in privacy, and from the windows of her rooms she can walk into delightful grounds, which will be kept private during her stay at Muckross. In her sitting room - which, like all the others, is a splendid apartment furnished richly and tastefully, there is a series of views of the Lakes of Killarney, painted by Mrs Herbert. They are works of the highest artistic excellence.'

(Kerry Evening Post, Wednesday 28 August 1861).

The following day the Queen, accompanied in her carriage by Mrs Herbert, drove around the

sent for Mrs Mary Herbert and presented her with a bracelet of gold, pearls and diamonds. Her daughters, Eleanor and Blanche, also each received a piece of jewellery. The Royal Collection at Windsor Castle contains three water-colours by Mary Herbert. Presumably Mary presented these to the Queen on her departure.

At noon the Royal party left Muckross House for Killarney

Railway station. There they boarded their train for Dublin, which they reached in just a little over five hours. Mr Miller, Chief engineer of the Great Southern and Western Railway drove the train both to and from Killarney.(Kerry Evening Post, Saturday 31 August 1861). The unstable financial situation of the Herberts in the late nineteenth century may have stemmed from the outlay involved in preparations for this Royal visit.

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Taking Flight...

Twenty-one Norwegian-born White Tailed Eagle chicks were released into the wild at the four Munster sites - on the Shannon Estuary, Lough Derg, Waterford and in Killarney National Park.

It is hoped they will bolster Ireland's existing White-Tailed Eagle population. Overseeing the Release in Killarney National Park were Eamonn Meskall, Regional Manager National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dr Allan Mee, Advisor, White Tailed Eagle Project Phase 1, Danny O'Keeffe, National Parks and Wildlife Service district conservation officer, Philip Buckley, Project Site Manager, Shannon Estuary.

The chicks have been kept in purpose-built enclosures at the four locations while they grew, matured, and developed the feathers and muscles necessary for flight. They will continue to be carefully monitored and by NPWS Photographs: Valerie O'Sullivan

staff leading the collaborative reintroduction programme, which began in 2007. The satellite tags will allow the project to monitor their progress and their integration into the existing Irish breeding population.



Overseeing the Release in Killarney National Park, from left, Eamonn Meskall, Regional Manager National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dr Allan Mee, Advisor, White Tailed Eagle Project Phase 1, Danny O'Keeffe, National Parks and Wildlife Service district conservation officer, Philip Buckley, Project Site Manager, Shannon Estuary.

Taking flight.... one of the Twenty-one Norwegian-born White Tailed Eagle chicks were released into the wild



Overseeing the Release in Killarney National Park, Dr Allan Mee, Advisor, White Tailed Eagle Project Phase 1, Danny O'Keeffe, (ladder)National Parks and Wildlife Service district conservation officer.



It's a wrap.... **JOYRIDE** FINISHES FILMING IN KERRY

Joyride, starring Oscar winning actress Olivia Colman, has wrapped on location in Kerry!

The feature film, produced by Subotica and funded by Fís Eireann/Screen Ireland & Ingenious, had a successful 5 week shoot in the county. Emmy Award winning director, Emer Reynolds, was delighted with how it went commenting that "Kerry brought an ineffable magic to the film. Its people, beauty, wildness, poetry, humour, light & scale, all of which have seeped into the film's DNA." Screenwriter Ailbhe Keogan had always strived to have the film shoot in her native Kerry & was delighted that the efforts of the Kerry Film Office made this possible. "Screen Kerry did colossal work to ensure we could compete favourably with the East coast."

Siobhan O'Sullivan, Kerry Film Officer, commended Kerry College Monavalley Campus, Kerry County Council & the Creative Ireland Kerry Programme on their support in securing this production for the county, without which "it would not have happened". Kerry College Monavalley Campus saw the training opportunity the film presented and enabled a production base to be established on campus. Kerry College students gained industry experience in the camera, sound, lighting, DIT, AD, Art & Production Departments. Con O'Sullivan, Manager Kerry College Monavalley, emphasised the importance of such strong links with industry; "getting the first step on the ladder in a career in film is a critical part of our learner's progression. This was a great opportunity for Kerry College to help provide this". Brian Nolan, lead instructor on the Kerry College Broadcast Production Skills course, agreed, outlining that, "putting the skills you



Kerry Stakeholders supporting Film in Kerry Screen Kerry, Kerry College & Kerry County Council. Pictured are : Siobhan O'Sullivan, Kerry ETB Film Dev Officer, Mary Theresa Buckley, Kerry College Administrative Officer, Olivia Colman, Academy Award Winning Actress, Star of Joyride, Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer, Kerry CoCo, Cathaoirleach Chiarrai, Cllr Jimmy Moloney, Elaine Sharp, Kerry College Apprenticeship Services and Bridget Fitzgerald, Economic Dev Officer, Kerry CoCo. PHOTO: Tara Donoghue

have learnt in the classroom into practice in an industry environment is the only way to fully develop your potential."

The film brought employment opportunities for local crew & trainees & significant economic activity with over 100 people employed in the production, all needing accommodation, transport and catering. Kerry County Council recognised the benefit to the county of such a production and were proactively engaged from the outset. Kerry County Council Area Engineers gave swift advice on road access for this road movie while the Arts Office & Economic Office provided support and info throughout. Bridget Fitzgerald, Economic Development Officer, recognises the economic impact productions have and is looking towards the future. "We were delighted to support Joyride filming in the county.

Kerry has great potential as a film location & we cannot underestimate the economic impact of this. " Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer agreed, commenting that "the Creative Ireland Kerry Programme supported the production locating in Kerry, in turn supporting the creative sector working in film in Kerry at this time."

Siobhan O'Sullivan, Kerry ETB Film Development Officer, is looking forward to bringing more production & film business to the county and was clear that "by investing in the Film Industry as a significant employer of the future we have the capacity to unlock Kerry's full economic potential."



Alison and Conor Casey, from Killarney had a fantastic day out at Sandy Feet Farm this week



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This year's 54321 Challenge began yesterday, Thursday 19th and will run until Sunday Last weekend in an effort to raise awareness and funds a Spinathon was held in a number of locations arund the county.

All money raised will to towards this years chosen charity Comfort for Chemo Kerry.

The first of the spinathons took place on Saturday July 31st in Listowel, Killorglin, Dingle, Cahirciveen, while the Killarney event took place on Sunday 15th.

On the day volunteers took to the spinning bikes from 10.00 to 17.00 in different locations around these towns and volunteers did bucket collections.

The 54321 Challenge was originally started 9 years ago with a team of 5 People over 4 DAYS, completing 3 CYCLES, and climbing 2 MOUNTAINS for 1 Cause – a local charity.

Given the ongoing COVID 19 situation, this year again will see restricted numbers taking part in the event. The 54321 Challenge's top priority is to ensure the safety of its participants and in

extends to their families, neighbours, friends etc. This year ten ladies will take to the roads and

mountains over the 4 days of the event and this will take place from Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd of August 2021 inclusive. This will include the following.

Day 1 (Thursday 19th) - Cycle the Ring of Kerry.

Day 2 (Friday 20th) - Climb Carrantuohill. Day 3 (Saturday 21st) - Cycle from Killarney to the foot of Cnoc Na Tobair and then climb **Cnoc Na Tobair** 

Day 4 (Sunday 22nd) - Cycle the Skellig Ring.

The Challenge has raised almost €242,000 to date supporting a number of very deserving Kerry Charities.

"This year's selected charity is Comfort for Chemo Kerry, when choosing this year's charity the organisers contacted a past participant and a dear friend to us all Mairead Dunphy from Glencar who is currently on her own Journey

## 54321 CHALLENGE **SPINS** FOR COMFORT FOR CHEMO KERRY



the current climate, this Front left to right: Theresa Carroll (Comfort for Chemo Kerry) Cora Walsh (Comfort for Chemo Kerry) Mairead Dunphy (participant) Maryanne Leane (participant) Carole Moran (54321 Challenge committee member and participant) Back left to right: Marian Kelly (participant) Siobhan O'Sullivan (participant)

> with Cancer", PRO for the charity, Tony Dunne told Killarney Outlook.

"We wanted to show our support to Mairead and knowing that she would like to support those who have supported her on her journey so far, she had already being looking at ideas to raise much needed funds for Comfort for Chemo Kerry. Little did we think that Mairead would be actually contemplating taken part in the event but in true style and testament to the person that she is, she will be one of the ten participants", he added.

Comfort for Chemo Kerry is fundraising to build a centre of excellence for the patients of Kerry, who need Chemotherapy and Oncological treatments. Ensuring the best care available is delivered in an environment that is welcoming, reassuring, comfortable and dignified.

They need to raise €5 million to build and equip a start of the art, purpose built chemotherapy unit for the people of Kerry.

## Theresa wins five star stay at the Europe Hotel & Resort

Theresa O Riordan from Kilcummin won't have far to go for her 2021 staycation after her fabulous win of a three night stay at the Five Star Europe Hotel and Resort in the Boherbue National School Fundaaiser.

Teresa is pictured with Margaret Herlihy, Treasurer of the Boherbue NS Fundraising Committee, Carmel O Mahony - Deputy Principal Boherbue NS and Anne McCarthy, Chairperson of the Board Of Management Boherbue NS at The Europe Hotel & Resort Killarney receiving her prize which she won in the July Monthly Draw in the Boherbue National School Win Your Dream Home raffle. Boherbue National School are raffling a 4 bed Semi Detached House in Killarney Town worth €355000 which will take place on Dec 31st 2021 with the number of tickets limited to 10,000. In addition to the main prize of the house there are also monthly cash prizes along with a

#### monthly bonus prize.

The winners in the monthly draws to date are as follows: June: €10,000 Cash – Rosarie McCarthy, Bandon. July: €5000 Cash - Deborah Minihane, Bishopstown, Cork, Theresa O Riordan, Kilcummin - 3 Night Staycation at the 5 Star

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Theresa O Riordan from Kilcummin, Killarney pictured with Margaret Herlihy, Treasurer of the Boherbue NS Fundraising Committee, Carmel O Mahony – Deputy Principal Boherbue Wireless Laser Colour NS and Anne McCarthy, Chairperson of the Board Of Management Boherbue NS at The Europe Hotel & Resort Killarney after she won a 3 night Staycation in the July Monthly Draw in the Boherbue National School Win Your Dream Home raffle. Photo: Don MacMonagle



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## SOUTH KERRY SKILLNET LAUNCH NEW MANAGEMENT **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME** TO SUPPORT HOTEL INDUSTRY



(L-R) Bernie Fitzgerald - Great National South Court Hotel, Ines Guerra (President IASI Irish Accommodation Service Institute) - Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport , Aoife O Reilly South Kerry Skillnet, Josephine Ryan- Red Cow Moran Hotel, Mary Rose Stafford - Munster Technological University, Mary Flannery - Ashford Castel

South Kerry Skillnet along with the Irish Accommodation Services Institute (IASI) and Munster Technological University, Tralee have today launched a national Accommodation Supervisory Management programme. It is a free management development programme to aid post-pandemic recovery in the hospitality sector by training the unemployed in much sought-after skills, with the aim of finding them employment. Applications are now open for the programme, which is aimed at previous or potential accommodation managers and those who are unemployed with relevant experience in the industry.

The programme is funded through Skills Connect, an initiative from Skillnet Ireland, and was developed in partnership with enterprise, to enhance cross-sector employability and support those who have lost their jobs. The Accommodation Supervisory Management (level 6 Special Purpose Award) will run online over a 12-week period commencing on 27 September 2021, for approximately 2 days a implement. We look forward to working with 

week (5 hours a day).

South Kerry Skillnet Network Manager Aoife O'Reilly said the course will address skills gaps in the industry, "The tourism and hospitality sectors continue to deal with the many challenges that Covid-19 has brought. This programme has been developed by South Kerry Skillnet as a response to requests from the hotel industry for a focused programme in Accommodation Supervisory Management. South Kerry Skillnet is delighted to offer this national online programme which will be providing management and supervisory training to the hospitality industry, giving businesses the tools to support their teams and get them ready for the recovery".

Mary Rose Stafford Munster Technological University said, "At Munster Technological University we are conscious of the need to support affected sectors in responding to the pandemic. Retraining people for the 'new normal' is easily said and often difficult to South Kerry Skillnet to offer this online national Accommodation Supervisory Management programme. This is a practical and actionable programme that will help address a current need within the hospitality sector".

Ines Guerra president of the IASI said, "The hospitality sector remains under immense pressure. It is vital that we protect and grow the talent and skill set that has enabled the sector to deliver the warm, authentic service and exceptional experiences which Ireland is renowned for the world over. Tourism and hospitality are key to Ireland's economy, and I believe that this programme will ensure the industry can return to its best".

To find out more about this programme or to view South Kerry Skillnet's full range of programmes, please visit www.kerryskillnet.ie or call Aoife on 066 9762477.

Closing date for applications: 13th September 2021, Places are limited.

Two significant awards for Muckross Park Hotel

uckross Park Hotel and The iNua Collection Was announced as the winner of the 2021 Health and Safety Excellence Award, Hotel and Leisure, at the annual awards hosted by Business River Magazine, the foremost H&S award platform in Ireland.

This is the second significant award to be won by Ireland's largest regional hotel group in the last three months, as Muckross Park Hotel and The iNUA Collection also won the Excellence in Sustainability award at the Facility Management Awards 2021 at the end of April, the most prestigious awards of their kind in the country.

Both awards are judged by independent panels of leading, industry-specific professionals, with rigorous criteria delivering a balanced judging assessment from leaders in their field, who bring their extensive knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise to the judging process to ensure

that the winners are truly outstanding and worthy of recognition.

he 2021 Health and Safety Excellence Award, Hotel and Leisure, recognises any organisation in hospitality or leisure industry who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the safety, health and welfare of its employees and customers over the past 12 months.

"The 2021 Health and Safety Excellence Award, Hotel and Leisure, is a huge achievement for the group and super recognition of our Health and Safety programmes," says Group Operations Director of The iNUA Collection, Chris Austin. "Special thanks and congratulations to Andrew Mullen, Group Facilities Manager at The iNUA Collection, Rafal Lazarz, Muckross Park Hotel Hotels' Maintenance Manager, all the group's Maintenance Managers and the H&S representatives across the group."

Winning the 2021 Health and Safety Excellence

Award, Hotel and Leisure, and the 2021 Excellence in Sustainability award at the Facility Management Awards is a boost to the whole team at The iNUA Collection, and being recognised by these two panels of leaders in their industry is very rewarding indeed.



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## **KILLARNEY CYCLIST** NAMED ON IRISH JUNIOR SQUAD FOR **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Killarney Cycling Club has received a big shot in the arm with the announcement that its Junior rider, Stefan Caulfield Dreier, has been selected on the Ireland Junior track team to compete in the European Championships later this month.

Stefan, who lives in Beaufort, started cycling with the club in 2013/14 as an under-12 and enjoyed mixing his cycling with other sports for a number of years. Along the way he had many under-age successes culminating in an under-16 national time-trial title in 2019 and this year he won two silver medals at the Irish Junior Track Cycling Championships.

Club Chairman, Mark Murphy, said that Stefan's success was due, in the first place, to his own talent and work-ethos but that the club also took satisfaction from seeing the fruits of its Youth Academy initiative started about seven years ago: "Stefan's dedication to his sport is a beacon to all our young riders and shows that love of sport and

hard work can pay off. On behalf of everyone in the club, I congratulate Stefan, his parents Heiko and Louise who have closely supported him, and his club mentors".

While various Killarney riders have been on different track squads down through the years, Stefan is the second to make a track squad, the last being John Blackwell who was on regular Irish Track Team duty between 2004-09.



Stefan Caulfield Dreier at the launch of the Irish National Junior Squad at the team's training camp in Spain.

The Ireland National Junior Coach, Martin O'Loughlin, speaking from the squad's training camp in Spain, said that Stefan will compete in both team pursuit and individual pursuit, and hopefully the Omnium which is four bunch races in a single day. He also paid tribute to Stefan's work-ethic: "He has made a huge commitment to track cycling this year, travelling twice a week from Kerry to Dublin for training, and it has paid off for him".

Mark Murphy also put Stefan's success in the broader context of the fall-out from the Covid epidemic: "It is especially significant given the difficulties with Covid as our excellent crop of Juniors – which we had nurtured up through under-age years - have missed out on two years of top-level competition and opportunity, such as The Junior Tour of Ireland. They would possibly have been one of the strongest Junior teams in the club's history".

However, as Mark outlined, the club is redoubling its efforts in this regard: "In the Autumn

we will launch a new initiative to promote the retention of young riders in the sport and to give a supported pathway of progression from U-16 to Junior and onto to U-23 level. "We are going to spare nothing in this regard and I would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters who's good will and financing make this type of outcome possible."

Stefan's first national outing with the national squad will be in Apeldoorn in the Netherlands from 17th to 22nd of this month.

## "IF I CAN'T STAND UP - I'LL STAND OUT....

## FOUR YEARS ON, **IAN RELFECTS ON LIFE** SINCE HIS ACCIDENT

## On the 16th of August 2017 Ian O'Connell was out cycling with his friends in Killarney National Park when his bike hit a log and he was thrown over the handlebars.

The life changing accident inspired Ian to defy the odds and exceed all medical expectations.

In his own words following the accident, Ian said "the minute I hit the ground, I just heard a crack in my neck and lost all feeling. I didn't know my body was there. I stayed conscious and I landed on my neck and then fell onto my back. I looked to one of my friends and said 'ring an ambulance, quick!' and they were still in shock. I said to my friend 'Michael, I'm paralysed'.

This week he looked back on his life since that fateful day in August 2017. "4 years ago today my life was turned upside down and inside out for the rest of my life. Some will say it's something bad that happened to me, but in my opinion it was a blessing in disguise. I have been to hell and back, been through things and saw things you would never want to see, I have been through it all. When I went over the handlebars and landed on my neck I heard the cracks of my neck breaking and my body went lifeless and all I could move was my eyes. To be honest, I thought it was all over but I wasn't going without a fight. I looked up at the blue sky, I said a prayer. I still distinctly remember exactly what I said to myself "Ian don't close the book when something bad happens, flick the page and start a new chapter".

I have overcome multiple barriers and different types of adversity in the last 4 years. Some life threatening and some everyday obstacles. When I fell I broke 4 bones in my neck, severed my Spinal Cord, developed a collapsed lung and bleeds to the brain which have thankfully all gone. I was told I would be on a ventilator for the rest of my life and 80 days later I took my first breath of fresh air without a ventilator. In 2020 I got a collapsed lung which resulted in cardiac arrest which have now been overcome, thank God.

It's things like these which give you a different perspective on life and show how grateful I am to be healthy today.

When asked would I go down the hill I had my accident if I could go back in time, the answer is yes I would. The reason is yes I would because I didn't know it would lead to all this, I went down that hill everyday during the summer but on the 16/08/2021 God had different plans for me and I was just unlucky but lying on the ground I never thought it would lead to a better life than before my accident. Yesterday Is the past, right now is up to you and tomorrow is a mystery.

The only time I ever look back on the 16/08/2021 is to see how far I have come because that log I hit on the ground made me the man I am today. The support I have been shown is hard to put into words it's phenomenal from all of not only Ireland but all over the world. Its the support and the kind messages that motivates me".





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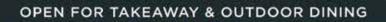


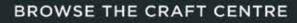
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## ATHLETIC BOYS MAKE LIFE TIME MEMORIES IN BELFAST

Members of Killarney Athletic Under 13 team travelled to Belfast last weekend to take part in The Belfast Youth Cup which was hosted at Ulster University Jordanstown.

The project was delivered in partnership with Ulster University and Visit Belfast and hosts teams from all over Ireland, England and Scotland.

The 2021 tournament was a real festival of football with over 100 teams due to participate across the 2008 - 2013 age groups for boys and 2009 girls.

Played from the 12th - 15th August at Ulster University Jordanstown, the Athletic boys had a tough group in the tournament and finished in sixth place.

"There were a lot of hard games where the Young Bues did Athletic proud", Chairperson Ger Nagle told Killarney Outlook.

"The had a wonderful experience and made lifelong memories on the trip which they took with their families and coaches", she added.

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## TED'S OPEL VAUXHALL RUN 2021 A GREAT SUCCESS

On a hazy Saturday morning the cars started to congregate at the Mills Inn Ballyvourney for the fourteenth Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run.. The rain held off until the first award of the day was presented, the winner of the first Special Award chosen by a staff member of the Mills Inn went to Jim Ahern from Castleconnell, Co. Limerick. for his 1963 Vauxhall Victor FB. It was Jim's first time joining the Run. As the cars proceeded on to Kilgarvan, Borlin Valley the rain lightened but some fog remained to give a different view on the Valleys landscape. At Cronin's Centra in Ballylickey again a staff member chose a Special Award winner, selecting the Opel Kadett Coupe Rallye of Kieran O'Neill from Belfast. After the lunch stop the Run continued through Glengarriff and up the Healy pass where the rain continued and gave an unusual view of waterfalls as backdrops throughout the ascent. At the stop at Helen's Bar in Kilmacalogue a Bridal party selected the Billy Coleman replica Opel Manta 400r of Joey O'Shea from Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick.for the third Special Award. The Main awards were also presented at Helen's Bar. The Kevin O'Leary Cup for Best Opel was won by Raymond O'Connor from Churchtown, Co. Cork. for his 1983 Opel

Kadett D. The Cartell.ie Cup for Best Vauxhall was won by Patrick Sheehan. Midleton. Co. Cork. The Rentokil Cup for Best Modified was won by John Twomey Ballinhassig, Co. Cork. for his 1979 Vauxhall Chevette. The Perpetual Shield was won by David O'Hanlon from Tralee, Co. Kerry. with his 1973 Opel Ascona A. The "Spirit of the Run" Award was presented to Paul (Rally) Hally from Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. for his assistance on the run over the past years. The Jackie Small Memorial Award was presented by Group Motors Rallying to William Mangan from Miltown, Co Kerry for his Opel Kadett Coupe. The Opel Ireland sponsored trophy for Best Overall Car of the Run was won by Padraig and John McCarthy Macroom, Co. Cork. for their 1980 Bedford Chevanne. After the return journey through Kenmare and over the Top of Coom to the Mills Inn, the proprietor picked the car for the final Special Award, the 1972 Opel Manta A of John Keating from Ballincurra, Co Cork was the winner. Overall it was a thoroughly enjoyable day despite the rain and fog at times. A presentation will be made to the Dogs for the Disabled in the near future. We are looking ahead to next year already so keep the 13th August 2022 in your diary.

## CRONIN ON THE PACE IN SCOTLAND

Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin finished Saturday's Grampian Forest Rally in Scotland just one second shy of the podium places in their Hankook Tire Ford Fiesta Rally 2. The Killarney & District Motor Club crew went into the final stage level on time with Rhys Yates and James Morgan, but it was the latter who prevailed by the smallest of margins in their M-Sport Fiesta.

The Aberdeenshire event was the third round of the 2021 British Rally Championship, and it marked Cronin's second outing since he returned to the series following a three year absence. The route consisted of three separate stages, each repeated during the course of the day, and the second run on each test saw the fourtime champion record times closer to the ultimate pace, as the Hankook Tire programme continues to progress.

The rally was won by M-Sport's development driver, Matthew Wilson, ahead of Osian Pryce, who was co-driven by Killarney's Noel O'Sullivan. Yates' third place result moves him to the head of the championship standings following the late retirement from the Grampian of erstwhile leader, Matt Edwards, with mechanical problems.

Speaking at the finish of the final stage, Cronin outlined how he pleased he was to be mixing with the championship's leaders so soon. "I didn't really expect to be in the battle with any of them but we were getting closer. That stage felt good. We tried a few things with the Hankook tyres, overall it was good, I'm happy with the day".

The British Rally Championship action resumes at Trackrod Rally Yorkshire on September 24th & 25th. It will be the first two day event of the season, with a twelve mile stage in darkness opening the rally on the Friday evening, followed by a further 45 miles of competition on the Saturday.

Keith Cronin is supported by Hankook Tire, M. O'Brien Group of Companies, Rentokil Initial, Cremin Coaches, Cronin's Centra, Cronin's Homevalue and M-Sport.



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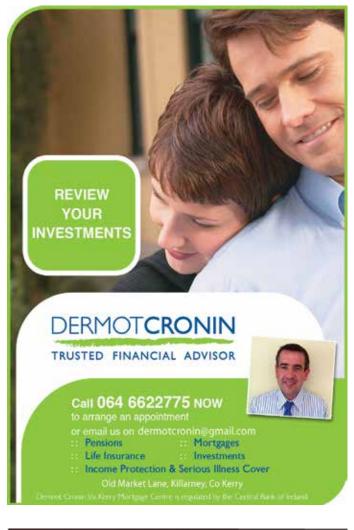


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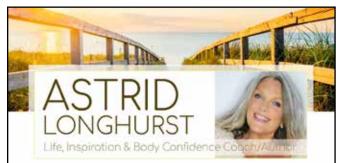
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- Remember that life never flows in a straight line and that everything will pass and change in time. Where you are now is only a snapshot of your life, not a picture of your entire life.
- **Reach out!** Riding life's rollercoaster is made so much easier when we can ask for help, join a community or just pick up the phone to a friend. We often feel that we don't want to bother others, however, everything that we do in life connects us to others in one way or another. No one is an island and we are stronger when helping each other navigate the journey.

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More than one in 10 children in every classroom is estimated to have an undiagnosed common vision problem that affects their learning and development.

Some eye conditions do not display any signs or symptoms, so the only way to know for sure is to take your child for a sight test.

Signs which may show there is a problem with a child's sight include: • an eye appearing to drift inwards or outwards:

- difficulty concentrating:
- headaches:

• sitting too close to the television; or

rubbing their eyes a lot.

The condition 'lazy eye' can run in the family, so if someone in your family has either an eye turn ('squint') or suffers from reduced vision in one or both eyes('amblyopia'), it's a good idea to take any related children for a sight test.

#### What is vision screening?

Some children have their vision screened at school - this is usually a basic test, designed to pick up children who have reduced vision in one or both eyes. If a problem is

suspected, children will usually be referred for a full sight test. What is a sight test?

A sight test is a comprehensive check which can pick up many including conditions. colour vision defects, problems with the development of 3D vision and any need for glasses. Taking children for sight tests from an early age helps to build good eye health habits into adulthood.

What can I do if I don't want my child to wear glasses?

Some parents avoid taking their children for a sight test, because they do not want them to wear glasses

It's important to understand that some children do need visual correction so their vision can develop normally and to achieve their full potential. The good news is there is now a much wider range of attractive frames to choose from and less stigma attached to wearing glasses.

Many children are also suitable for contact lenses.

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### **KILCUMMIN**

#### >KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS CONGRATULATIONS

It was with great pride that we learned of a gold medal winner from the Fleadhfest in Sligo. Michael Healy, now a stalwart of Kilcummin CCÉ didn't hesitate in demonstrating his prowess in the melodeon competition and achieved a well-deserved first place. The Fleadhfest navigated through online competitions over this Covid period to whittle the numbers down and fortunately it allowed for the cream of the crop to play in Sligo. Michael Healy wasn't finished or satisfied with one gold medal. He presented once again on the Saturday of Fleadhfest and won another gold medal in the button accordion. This young man's talents are limitless and everyone in Kilcummin CCÉ knew that the potential to excel was within Michael's grasp. On behalf of Kilcummin CCÉ, we congratulate him and indeed his family on such a wonderful achievement. We look forward to future success and even a performance in person once we get beyond the current Covid restrictions.

#### >SIAMSA TIRE

Siamsa Tíre, the National Theatre Training Scheme 2021-2022, is holding live auditions for children between the ages of seven and twelve. The auditions will take place at Siamsa Tíre on Friday 13th & Saturday 14th Aug., Friday 20th & Saturday 21st Aug. Auditions must be booked through the box office in advance (no walk-ups) 066 7123055. For more information please visit https://www.siamsatire.com/nft/training.

#### >KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to Bryan O'Leary on winning the silver medal in the county u16 pitch and putt competition, a fantastic achievement. Best of luck to all our athletes competing in the track and field events at the County competition in An Riocht Castleisland this weekend.

### >MASTERGEEHA FC LOTTO

There was no winner of the Lotto on Friday 13th August 2021. Numbers

#### drawn were 2, 9, 14, 16.

Consolation prizes went to the following: €50 Kevin McCarthy, Gortnatona, Kilcummin, €50 Martin Brosnan, Coolies, Killarney, €50 Donal O'Sullivan, Online, €50 Darren Hackett, Co. Laois. Next lotto draw for a jackpot of €3,600 in the Village Inn, Kilcummin on Friday night August 20th . Please support us by purchasing tickets from our team of ticket sellers or online at www.mastergeeha.com/lotto.

#### **>KILCUMMIN GAA**

KERRY GAA are running a fundraiser with the ultimate prize for the winner of a new house (now under construction) valued at €340,000 located just off the Park Road in Killarney. Tickets cost €100 and can be purchased online at www.kerry.ie. The house draw will take place in April of next year 2022 but there will be other draws every 4-6 weeks with cash prizes, hotel breaks and golf packages up for offer.

#### **>SHARE THE POT LOTTO**

"Share the Pot" draw winner last Sunday was Sean McSweeney who won  $\in$  220 and that will continue next Sunday August 22nd while the Lotto draw will continue on alternate Sundays with the current Jackpot almost  $\in$  6,000. From a club financial perspective these are essential for the continued existence of our club and tickets can be bought online and at local shops.

#### ≽GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Monday August 16th. The numbers drawn were 1, 6, 12, 25. Consolation prizes of  $\notin$ 50 each went to; Pauline Herlihy, Kilcummin, Sara Buttimer (online), Ross and Rosie Griffin c/o the Post Office and Paul Cahill, Knocklebede, Kilcummin. Next draw for a Jackpot of  $\notin$ 6,000 will take place on Monday August 30th. Please support, tickets available online and in local shops.

Written by: John Moriartty

### GLNFLESK

#### **≻LOTTO**

The numbers drawn were 14, 22, 25, 27. There was no winner. Consolation prizes of  $\leq$ 50 each to: 1. Bridie Foley, Kilquane. 2. Lizzie Spillane (Sellers' prize). 3. Ciara O' Donoghue c/o John O' Donoghue (Yearly Ticket). 4. Dan Hickey USA (Online on Clubforce). The next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 23/08/2021. Jackpot will be  $\leq$ 5,200. Tickets can be purchased online using link below:

https://play.clubforce.com/play\_newa.asp?ll\_id=2534#Anchor Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

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#### ▷ ≻KERRY GAA WIN A HOUSE IN KILLARNEY

For €100 you could win a stunning new build A-rated 3 bedroom house superbly located just off the Park Road in Killarney, Co Kerry.

Kerry GAA are also running numerous other promotional draws throughout the fundraising campaign. The earlier you purchase your "Win a House in Killarney" ticket (or tickets!) the more draws you will be entered into. Remember all tickets purchased before the deadline for each promotional draw will entitle you to be entered into all promotional draws thereafter. Be in with a chance of winning 2 tickets to the All Ireland Football Semi Final, (Kerry V Tyrone, Satuday 28th August) by purchasing your ticket before midnight on Monday 23rd. August 2021.

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Written by: Seamus Healy

#### BEAUFORT

#### **>FIXTURES**

Senior men will play Laune Rangers in the 2020 Mid Kerry senior league final on Saturday, 21st August at 5.30pm at

venue to be decided. > SYMPATHY is extended to the Kissane and O'Connor families on

the passing of Peggy. To the Breen family, on the passing of their sister, Mary Linsdell McHugh Sympathy is also extended to the Hayes family on the passing of Maureen. May they rest in peace

SOOD LUCK to Beaufort PRO, Cliona Coffey who has taken a career break. Cliona had many roles in the Club.

As well as being P.R.O., she was a member of our senior ladies' team, coach and referee and was always willing to help with any task. We wish her well in her new role and hopefully she will return in the not-too-distant future.

#### >HEALTHY CLUB

Beaufort G.A.A Club has achieved Healthy Club status for 2021 having completed Phase 4 of the G.A.A. Healthy Club Project.

The Club has taken part in the Healthy Club since it opened in 2013. Hopefully, our Healthy Club activities will begin again in the near future. The G.A.A. Healthy Club partners are the HSE, Irish Life Insurance and



Beaufort Under 10 Girls who played Laune Rangers on Friday, 13th in Beaufort

### Healthy Ireland. ≻KERRY GAA FUNDRAISING DRAW

Support the Club, Support the County. Kerry GAA are having a fundraising draw to win a house in Killarney and a chance to win other additional monthly prizes. For €100, be in with a chance to win. For all details and to enter, please go to:

https://www.kerrygaa.ie/win-a-house-in-killarney-with-kerry-gaa/.

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#### **RATHMORE** GNEEVEGUILLA

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#### WALK RUN CYCLE STROLL

Michael O'Mahony Rathmore is planning to walk roads of rathmore for funds for Air Ambulancewill include walking two to three miles a day to fulfill 60 miles goal in September want to join me in supporting a good cause? I'm taking part in 60 Miles for Missions for Irish Community Air Ambulance and your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate  $\in$ 5 or  $\in$ 500. Every little bit helps. Thank you for your support.

All donations are greatly appreciated for further informations contact 0876676817. You can also donate in my face book page Michael O'mahony facebook

#### >GNEEVEGUILLA GAA

Congratulations to the senior players and management team who were promoted back up to division 1 rennily defeating Castleisland Desmonds 0 19 to 1 09.

Congratulations to Rathmore on retain senior states in Senior Football League Division 1 Relegation Play-off Rathmore GAA v John Mitchels Saturday last. Full time: Rathmore 5-16 John Mitchels 1-10

The late Michael Dilworth played hurling with Rathmore at full-back for a few years in the late 80s & early 90s. An absolute gentleman on and off the field. Our thoughts are with his family. RIP Michael.

#### Play Rathmore Gaa lotto online on clubforce.com or in local shops >GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL - GNEEVEGUILLLA BASKETBALL CLUB had our weekly draw for our Share the Bucket on Friday evening/1408/21.

The Jackpot winners Congratulations to Edel Lehane this week's jackpot winner of €303Congratulations to Edel Lehane this week's jackpot winner of €303 Congratulations to, this week's jackpot winner of Congratulations to this week. Well done. Guaranteed winner every week, go to our

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#### Draw takes place every Friday eve @8:30 pm on Facebook live > COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - IMPORTANT NOTICE

As you will appreciate the demands on our parish secretaries is very high, and will be especially so in the coming months, as rebuild our structures following from Covid lockdown. The Community Newsletter will have to be printed on Wednesday morning at the latest; therefore the deadline for receiving notices is 10p.m on Tuesdays. Unfortunately, items received after that time will have to await publication until the following week. Fr Pat O'Donnell.

#### **>REBUILDING OUR PARISH STRUCTURES**

over the coming weeks we will invite parishioners to volunteer for various roles and ministries, as we prepare hopefully for a return to more normal service in the coming months.

Parish Office Volunteer:

The build up to Christmas is generally a hectic time in the Parish Office; the volume of callers greatly increases, and the administrative requirements also grow. To assist us this year, we are looking for a parishioner (or parishioner's) who would be willing to volunteer a few hours per week to assist in the office from December 9 to December 23rd Please phone Fr Pat 086-8351732 or the Parish Office 064-7761669 if you are interested. >VOLUNTEER AS AN USHER

Over the past few weeks, we have sought the assistance of additional ushers who will act as backup to our existing team. So far, our appeal has had limited success, therefore we would ask those who are willing to fill in form in parish newsletter and hand it into the sacristy or Parish Office.

By Michael O' Mahony

# FIRIES GAA CLUB GEARS UP FOR ITS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF CLASSIC

FIRIES GAA CLUB is gearing up for one of their main fundraisers for 2021 with the launch of their inaugural Club Championship Golf Classic on Saturday, 28th August in Beaufort Golf Club.

Derek Comerford, Firies Coiste na nÓg Chairman outlined the significance of the fundraiser to the East Kerry Club; "Firies GAA continues to grow and grow and the primary outcome of the golf classic is to continue to raise funds for our ever expanding club. Its particularly satisfying on a personal level having been involved with Firies GAA at grassroots level as a juvenile

coach for the past few years to witness the great work by our members to develop our club from under-fives right up to senior players in Football, Hurling and Ladies Football."

Kevin Cronin, Club Secretary added that to link both the GAA and Golf elements together, the committee decided to replicate that Club Championship format and the fortunate winners will secure a much sought after prize of an underage training session with THREE Kerry GAA stars for their club in addition to the trophy and golf prizes.

Derek continued to outline that interest in the event is high and there are a limited number of places available.

"We have only limited availability remaining which is a fantastic response to our efforts especially from rival club members looking to

win the training session for one of their underage teams, as well as the

many golf prizes available on the day.

If you or your club are interested in submitting a team of four at €200 per team, please contact Derek on 085-1007703.

The event has tee time's available early on Saturday 28th to ensure players are back to watch Kerry take on Tyrone or we can also facilitate teams who want to play Friday, 27th August in Beaufort Golf Club. We wish all our participant's a great day!"



Pictured at the launch of the Firies GAA Golf Classic in picturesque Beaufort Golf Club were, from Niall Donohue, Derek Comerford; Coiste na nÓg Chairman, Liam Harmon, Kevin Cronin; Club Secretary, Rian Comerford, Gavin O'Sullivan, Donnacha O'Sullivan and Katie Doe.



#### **SPA**

#### >WIN A HOUSE WITH KERRY GAA

Kerry GAA are giving one lucky winner a prize of a lifetime, a brand new 3-bedroom house in Killarney. This is the top prize in the April 2022 draw, but there will be several bonus draws for ticket holders between now and then, including cash prizes and match tickets! Tickets for the Draw are €100 and the link to purchase is on the Kerry GAA website, or they can be purchased at the Kerry GAA Store in the Outlet Centre or hard copy tickets available from John O'Leary (0863026041). \*\*When entering your details don't forget to mention your club SPA GAA in the 'Additional Information' section\*\* The sooner you purchase a ticket, the more draws you will be included in.

#### >CO MINOR LEAGUE SEMIDEMO FINAL

Best of luck to our minor team and management this Monday August 16th in the Co Minor League Division 9 semi-final against Castleisland Desmonds. The game is on in Spa at 7pm.

#### ≻KERRY LADIES U14

Commiserations to Maggie May O'Donoghue and the Kerry Ladies Under14 team and management on their loss to Cork on Sunday in the Munster U14 A Final.

#### >MINOR CO CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

The Keanes Supervalu 2021 Minor Co Championship Draw took place last week and East Kerry will be in Group 3 with Kenmare District, Glenflesk & St Brendans Board. Group Stage Rd 1 will begin on 18th/19th September with the competition concluding with the Final on 22nd/23rd October. Each team will play a minimum of 3 games for a total of 6 rounds, with the top 2 teams of each Group qualifying for the knockout stages - 2 of the top 3 teams will be getting byes to the semi finals and the remaining 4 teams play in the quarter finals. Byes are drawn from the top 3 group teams. Reminder to Clubs that School games are played on Wednesdays and all players are expected to play with their School as per Fixtures

#### **>U15 EAST REGION LEAGUE**

Our young blues welcomed close neighbours Kilcummin to Spa last Wednesday needing to get a result after a hard loss last week to Keel / Listry. The lads got off to a great start getting an early goal and this set the tempo for the night. A combination of hard work and some excellent football from both sides made for highly entertaining game of football. Our boys eventually ran out winners on the night on a score of 4-12 to 1-10. Thanks to Kilcummin for a very sporting game, next for this group is an away game with Killarney Legion on Wednesday.

#### >UPCOMING FIXTURES

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Monday August 16th: Co Minor League Div9 semi-final Spa v Desmonds

#### (home, 7pm)

Wednesday August 18th: U15 EK League Spa v Legion -back game (away, 7pm)

Wednesday August 18th: U12 Girls Spa v Finuge/St Senans (away, 7.30pm) Thursday August 19th U11 Go Games Spa v Rathmore (home, 6.30pm) Sunday August 22nd: U13 Co League Spa v Desmonds (away, 6pm)

Best of luck to all teams and managements. In the event of any changes to fixtures, the most up to date list will be on the spagaa.com website calendar.

#### >SPA LOTTO RESULTS 09/08/21

Numbers drawn: 4, 9, 21, 23. Congratulations to our lotto jackpot winner of  $\in$ 5,600 Tony Mangan, Killorglin. Next Monday's JACKPOT is  $\in$ 5,000 and tickets are on sale online on spagaa.com or from Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra Muckross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our club lotto.

#### ►ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL

The All-Ireland semi-final against Tyrone has been re-scheduled to Saturday August 28th, with the winner to meet Mayo in the All Ireland Final on Saturday September 11th. Times TBC

#### **>KERRY LADIES**

Well done to Niamh Kearney, Cassandra Buckley and the Kerry Kerry Ladies team and management who defeated Tipperary on Saturday afternoon to secure their Senior Ladies Championship status for 2022.

#### >2020 INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The outstanding games of the 2020 Intermediate Championship (including Spa v Desmonds) will take place one week after Kerry exit the All Ireland Championship.

>THE NLN (National Learning Network) in Tralee are now enrolling for their 'Sporting Chance Course' - a free course for applicants over 18 years of age. Contact details attached to poster or visit

https://www.rehab.ie/national-learning-network/find-a-course/our-centres/national-learning-network-tralee.html

#### >SPA MERCHANDISE SHOP

The Spa GAA merchandise shop (top of the stairs in reception) will be open on Saturday mornings from 10am - 11am. Any queries on gear for adults or juveniles please contact Mathilda on 087 6487356.

#### >ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 0851216359 before 8pm on Sundays.

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

# VOLUNTEERS HELP TO ENSURE THE TOWN IS LOOKING GOOD

Tidy Towns Volunteers are out and about every Monday evening ensuring that the town will be looking its best for the return of the Supervalu TidyTowns Competition, The iconic competition was cancelled in 2020 – for the first time in over 60 years – due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

But special arrangements have now been put in place to ensure the return of the competition this year, with the overall winners due to be announced before the end of the year.

The 2021 Supervalu TidyTowns competition will take place in the same format as previous years, albeit with a specific emphasis on electronic entry and remote adjudication of each town's entry.

Groups continue to adhere to public health guidelines as they have done so remarkably well since the onset of the Pandemic as the health and safety of volunteers continues to be paramount.

Killarney Tidy Town is a group of volunteers who work together and with Killarney Municipal Council and Kerry County Council to maintain and improve the town and outlying areas to keep them litter free and beautiful.

They meet twice a week - Monday's and Wednesday's - and are always delighted to see new faces. There is a little bit of hard work but the gains both personally and socially outweigh the work. To get involved just text 0872385600



# IRELAND HAS A MORAL OBLIGATION TO HELP THE AFGHANISTAN PEOPLE

Statement by Seán Kelly, MEP for Ireland South and Head of the Fine Gael Delegation in the European Parliament, on the situation in Afghanistan



The current situation in Afghanistan is appalling, and we have a moral obligation to help. Tragic footage is emerging, such as of desperate crowds running alongside a US military plane as it prepared to depart Kabul airport on Monday.

I welcome the Government's response to the emergency to date. Ireland has committed to grant programme refugee status to up to 150 Afghans under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme, in addition to the 45 visas which were approved in recent days. These measures are vital to help secure the safe departure of foreign nationals and Afghans who wish to flee the country.

The current humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan will not be short-lived. Therefore, it is highly important that Ireland continue its current efforts to help, even once the initial shock of the recent developments has passed.

Many women in Afghanistan have expressed deep concern for the future. Under the Taliban's previous regime, women and girls were subject to repressive policies and systematic human rights violations. Ireland must continue to strongly advocate for the safety and freedom of women, minority groups and human right defenders in Afghanistan as a matter of priority.

I will continue to closely follow the situation in Afghanistan and the Irish and European response, and assist in any way I can. I call on all Members of the European Parliament to advocate in their Member States for support to victims of the crisis.

> The international community must play its full part in providing humanitarian aid and facilitating refugees. Ireland will participate fully in these efforts. Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD

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#### LISTRY

#### >JUVENILE UPDATE

Results Week ending Sunday August 15th. MD O Sheas East Kerry U15 League Div 1, Mon Aug 9th Keel Listry 2.10 Kilcumin 1.06. Wed Aug 11th Keel Listry 4.11 Legion 2.1. Div 4 Fri Aug 13th Keel Listry 5.10 Legion 5.10. U13 Lee Strand County League Sun Aug 15th Div 1 Keel Listry 4.09 Laune Rangers 1.08. Div 9 Keel Listry 5.09 Laune Rangers 1.09. U11s had a good work away to John Mitchels on Thursday. U9s had a good trip to Na Gaeil on Sunday 15th.

Fixtures for the week ahead.

MD O Sheas East Kerry U15 League Div 4A Final.

Thursday August 19th: Kenmare B V Keel Listry B in Fr Breen Park Kenmare at 7pm. (Lost the toss).

Note Div 1 final V Legion or Spa in Keel on Wed Aug 25th at 7pm.

U7s are away to Cromane on Wed.

U11 Lee Strand County League non competative. Thursday Aug 17th. Away V Laune Rangers at 6.30.

U13 Lee Strand County League Sunday August 22nd Away V John Mitchels Div 9 at 5.30pm. Div 1 at 7.00pm. Best of luck to all players and mentors. >LISTRY WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS

Numbers Drawn : 1, 2, 22 28.  $\in$ 100:Carmel McCarthy, Faha.  $\in$ 50 x 2 : Bernie Sweeney, Lahard. Mgt Doherty, Listry.  $\in$ 25 x 2: Bridie D. Crowley, Faha. Amanda Dennehy, Lissavane. Congratulations to all our winners this

#### evening. Next Sunday August 22nd Jackpot €6,350 >PITCH AND WALKING TRACK

Listry Gaa pitch and track are closed for the next 2 weeks due to works taking place. This is due to health and safety as a lot of machinery etc will be used in the works. Thank you for your co-operation.

≻KERRY GAA WIN A HOUSE IN KERRY

Kerry Gaa launched in winahouseinkerry draw for a fantastic opportunity for a person to win a stunning new build A-rated 3 bedroom house superbly located just off the Park Road in Killarney, Co Kerry.

When entering your details don't forget to mention your club 'LISTRY GAA' in the "Additional Information' section. A special draw for clubs will take place in December and another in April.

Kerry GAA are also running numerous other promotional draws throughout the fundraising campaign. The earlier you purchase your "Win a House in Killarney" ticket (or tickets!) the more draws you will be entered into. Ticket €100. Fantastic prizes to be won.

https://www.kerrygaa.ie/winahouseinkerry/

#### >ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL

Best of Luck to Peter Keane, management and The Kerry Senior Team in the semi-final against Tyrone on Saturday August 28th.

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien





U9 Listry Juvenile boys



Gavin O'Donoghue, with his son Darragh and daughter Lauren at the Belfast Youth Cup last weekend. Darragh was part of the Killarney Athletic U13 team who competed in the event.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MICHELLE! Michelle Murphy resident of St Mary of the Angels, and her nieces are Saoirse and Róisín Joyce on the occasion of her 40th Birthday on July 18th. Michelle was joined by family and friends for her special birthday party on July 16th



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#### **EAST KERRY GAA NEWS**

#### By Michael O'Mahony

**SYMPATHY** to following families of The late Michael Dilworth RIP played hurling with Rathmore at full-back for a few years in the late 80s & early 90s current secretary of knocknagree GAA & Rathmore GAA An absolute gentleman on and off the field. Our thoughts are with his family. Friends & member knocknagree & Rathmore GAA Ar dheis Dé go Raibh a anam

#### FIXTURE ALL IRELAND SENIOR SEMI FINAL

Kerry vs Tyrone in croke park on saturday August 28th time TBC

**KEEL GAA BINGO:** Unfortunately, due to a technical difficult we couldn't facilitate our Keel GAA Zoom Bingo on Friday night. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Any books purchased will be valid for the next Bingo. Date to be confirmed as soon as possible.

**CLUB LOTTO:** There was no winner of the jackpot of  $\leq$ 4,500 on Monday the 9th of August. The two  $\leq$ 50 winners were David Murphy Gortanedin and Noreen Power Gortaleen. The next lotto draw will take place on Monday the 16th of August at 8pm. Lotto results will be posted on social media on Tuesday and the results will be in the notes next week. Thank you to everyone who supported our club lotto last week. It is a vital source of income for the club. Tickets are available in usual outlets and available from club officers.

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#### **KEEL GAA CLUB NEWS**

KEEL CAMP 2021: The club held our annual camp from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th. Almost 80 children from u7's to u13's attended 3 days of jam-packed fun and games. Once again, the camp was fully volunteer led & a huge debt of gratitude is owed to the 18 coaches & 11 assistants that gave their time so generously. Thanks also to those who work behind the scenes to ensure camps like this become a reality. We were delighted this year to be able to call on 2 female Kerry players & 3 male Kerry players that have/ are representing Kerry at Minor & Senior level from our very own club. The children were delighted to pick their brain on what it's like to play for Kerry. Wise advice was given with regard to practice, dedication & commitment as well as the importance of teamwork. To finish off the 3 days our Coaching Officer Sean O'Dowd cooked up a storm & children were given freshly prepared burgers (kindly sponsored by Aidan & Róisín Foley of Mid Kerry fuels) & pancakes. We also held an art competition "What does Keel GAA mean to me".



Fossa Under 16 Girls

A winner from each age group was presented with a Bingo Book for our Fundraising Zoom Bingo. Unfortunately (through reasons outside of our control) the t-shirts for the children didn't make it in time for Friday but we will organise to get them given out as soon as possible.

Finally thanks to the children for their attention, good humour & wit over the course of the 3 days. I hope you all enjoyed it. PJ Ryan, Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg.

**MID KERRY C LEAGUE:** Best of luck to our B team and management who travel to Firies on Thursday evening at 7pm.

**UNDER 17:** Best of luck to our U17s who are at home to Knock/Brosna in the semi-final of the County League on Monday the 16th.

**UNDER 15:** The U15's had a busy week. The U15A team played Monday and Wednesday and had two hard fought victories over Kilcummin and Legion. 3 out of 3 wins in Division 1 of East Kerry secures us a home final which will be played on Wednesday week. Meanwhile our B team continued their recent good form with a home draw against Legion B securing an East Kerry Division 4 final. This will be played this coming Thursday away to Kenmare B. Best of luck to both teams and their coaches.

**UNDER 11**: The under 11's travelled to Duagh last Thursday evening. Both teams showed great determination and commitment in what were two very strongly contested games. The next game, which is the last game in this round of Go Games is at home to Daingean Ui Chuis next Thursday, throw in at 6:30pm. Best of luck to our U11s and their coaches. Training takes place on Monday the 16th at 6:30pm.

**UNDER 9:** The U9s played Glenbeigh on Sunday morning in Glenbeigh. The numbers were down a bit this week but the U9s still played some great football. The U9s will play Gneeveguilla on Friday evening at 6:30 in Keel. Best of luck to our U9s and their coaches.

**UNDER 7 AND UNDER 5:** Training was held on Sunday morning once again. Lots of fun games played & skills practiced, thankfully the rain cleared away soon after we began. Next Sunday the U7's play Glenbeigh in Keel. First games begin at 10:30. Be at the pitch at 10:15. There will be no training this Sunday for the U5's but they are more than welcome to come along & support the U7's. Best of luck to the U7s and their coaches.

**KERRY LADIES:** Congratulations to Ciara

Murphy, Caoimhe Evans and the Kerry Ladies team who were victorious against Tipperary on Saturday in the All-Ireland Senior Football Relegation playoff. Caoimhe lined out at centre forward and Ciara lined out at corner back. The Kerry ladies will now retain their place in the senior championship next year. We are very proud of both girls and despite their preparations for the important game they both gave their time to be part of the Keel GAA camp last week.

#### FOSSA GAA CLUB NEWS BOYS U13:

#### Fossa u13 boys - Lee Strand County League

Fossa A team were home to Beaufort last Sunday evening for penultimate round of Lee Strand County league phase 2.Fossa put in massive first half, leading at the break 3-8 to 1-6.Second half was more balanced with Beaufort pushing hard. Through great team work, Fossa kept the score board ticking over to stay ahead, and despite 2 late goals by Beaufort, Fossa finished worthy winners on a scoreline of 4-14 to 3-10.

#### Final A game is home v Churchill next Sunday. FOSSA U13 B'S TOOK ON KILCUMMIN B'S

Although Fossa put up a spirited game, Kilcummin proved too strong on the night and prevailed in the end. The game was played in good spirits throughout and our Fossa boys gained good game time which will stand to them.

**U12 GIRLS:** Our U12 girls overcame Firies this evening. Firies led at half time 2-05 to Fossa's 1-04.Our girls rallied to get the better of Firies on a score of Firies 3 - 10 to Fossa's 5 - 08.

**U16 GIRLS:** Our U16 Div 1 semi final didn't go our way but our 16 players can hold their heads high as they battled to the end losing out by a minimum Fossa 6 05 Ballymac 4 15. These girls, and their coaches Merry, David and Tracey have given us heart stopping matches during their Div 1 County league campaign and tonight.

**LOTTO:** 10,13,17,19. The Allen's Westmeath. Kathleen Murphy muckross. Kirean Dennehy c/o leibher. Martina Cronins Fossa. JJ O'Connell aughacureen. Tickets on sale from Foleys Spar Fossa the golden nugget and usual sellers thanks for the support.

**KEERY LADIES:** Well done to the Kerry ladies especially Anna Clifford in their victory over Tipperary.



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LOTTO: Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown. Here are the results for the Fortnightly Milltown-Castlemaine GAA Club Lotto Draw On Monday, August 9th, 2021. Jackpot €12,600 Lucky Numbers: 05 – 21 – 27 . Bonus Ball: 29

Results: Unfortunately, there was no Jackpot or match 3 winner. Lucky Dip Prize Winners:  $\in$ 50: Willie O'Shea.  $\in$ 50: James Daly.  $\in$ 25: Tanya Joy  $\in$ 25: Nancy Coffey.  $\in$ 25: Kathleen Casey (Dowd)  $\in$ 25: Helena O' Shea. Thank you again for your continued support of Milltown-Castlemaine. In supporting our club lotto, you are helping raise much needed funds for the club; your generosity in this respect is, as always, most welcome, and greatly appreciated.

Well done to the prize winners & best to luck to everyone in our next draw in two weeks' time (Monday, August 23rd, 2021) where the jackpot will be  $\in 12,600$ .

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Fundraiser, the money raised is vital to the day to day running of our club and your support is sincerely appreciated.

**CLUB FIXTURES:** Tuesday 19.00: U13 White V Listowel Emmets (A) County League - Phase 2 Wednesday 20.00: U13 Green V Listowel Emmets (H) County League - Phase 2

Thursday 18.30: U11 Boys V Kerins O'Rahillys (H) Go Games

19.30: Junior C V An Gaeltacht. Sen C Mid Kerry League

Sunday 18.00\*: U13 Green V Ballymac (A) County League - Phase 2

18.00\*: U13 White V Na Gaeil (A). County League - Phase 2

\* TBC - Subject to change

(Stay tuned to our social media pages and Clubforce for any additions or changes to the above fixtures

**MC WALKATHON COMING SOON:** Stay tuned for further details and save the date for a big and exciting club event here at Milltown/ Castlemaine Gaa Club. The MC Walkathon coming soon

**COISTE NA NÓG:** Sponsored by Foleys Spar, Milltown This Week in the Coiste na nÓg:

A quieter week than usual as our younger members took a break as some attended the Kerry GAA Cup Camps at Paddy Burke Memorial Park. A huge thank you to PJ Reidy and his Cup Camp trainers for their a great week had by all. A special mention for our own Sean Hogan who was a popular coach with our juvenile member all week.

Our U15 footballers were in Central Region action Wednesday evening against Churchill and played very well missing out though as Churchill took the win 6-07 to 4-07.

On Thursday night our U11 team took 3 teams to play away in Kilcummin. After three brilliant games at home against the same opposition the matches on Thursday evening did not disappoint with some fantastic football on show by both sides.

That was all for this week but check out our



Glenflesk County League Div 6A Winners last Sunday defeating Rathmore in Kilcummin.

fixture updates on clubforce games coming up. **NAME OUR MC SUPER FAN:** Get your names in for our 'Name our MC Super Fans' competition we have had some fantastic entries so far and have some lovely party bags for prizes for the and finalists and winner courtesy of our Coiste na nÓg sponsors Foleys Spar Milltown.

Send your entries into Danny on 0876536631

**FIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:** A huge thank you once again to the numerous volunteers who helped with the installation of the terraced steps at pitch side with the second step taking shape this week. We are sincerely grateful to the hard work and time everyone put in when working on this part of our project and will be thrilled to see our supporters avail of it in the years ahead.

Next attention turns to the community walkway and it's completion, stay tuned to our club notes for further updates.

**SENIOR TEAM:** Sponsored by Almas Takeaway & Bathrooms 4U. Senior Round Up:

Senior: After their promotion to division 2 last week it was a week off for our seniors. off for our Seniors this week as they look forward to a competitive group in this years Club Championship being drawn against An Gaeltacht, Laune Rangers and either Na Gaeil or Beaufort.

Senior B: Our Junior side had a great run in this years Mid Kerry League all leading to the final against Laune Rangers on last Tuesday evening, unfortunately it was not to be in the night with our Juniors missing out by the most narrow of margins: With the lead charging hands several times, the final score read 2-11 to 2-12.

Senior C: Well done to our Junior C side who although they lost out played some great football on Thursday evening in the Mid Kerry Junior C League. The hosted a strong Firies side and next Thursday looking forward to a trio to Gallarus to face An Gaeltacht.

Minor: Our minors were unlucky to miss out in a Play Off in the County League Div 2 against Kenmare in their first County League defeat this year. Our minors had remained unbeaten drawing only with the same opponents in the group stage. On the night although they battled hard missed out with the final score 2-18 to 2-10.

#### BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

COISTE NA NOG: In association with Moriartys'

Centra, Farranfore, academy Football Training continues on the pitch in Farranfore with Boys U5, U7 & U9 and Girls U6, U8 & U10 on Saturday from 10.30 to 11.30. Hurling Academy for boys and girls continues on Sunday for U5, U7 & U9 from 11am to 12pm.

FIRIES FOOTBALL, HURLING & LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB INAUGURAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF CLASSIC: On Sat 28th of August, Firies GAA will hold their golf classic in the beautiful Beaufort Golf Club. There are a number of great prizes on the day included a unique prize of the best score on the day winning a juvenile training session with three Kerry GAA Stars.Contact Derek on 0851007703 to book your team.

**LOTTO:** Numbers drawn were: 10, 11, 14, 25. No jackpot winner.  $5x \in 30$ ; Patricia Riordan, The Castle, Firies. JohnJoe Spring, Dublin. Stephen Flynn, Firies. Ulick O Sullivan, c/o Bridie. Cathriona O Connor, c/o Brid. Next weeks jackpot  $\in$ 5800 Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and don't forget to get one for next week!!

Get your lotto tickets online via the Firies page on Clubforce or tickets are also available to purchase physically in some of the local shops incl. Aherns Pharmacy, Farranfore, Sherwood Bar and Restaurant Farranfore, Sheehans Shop Farranfore, Moriarty's Centra Farranfore, Bridies Shop Firies, Hendersons Shop and Bar Firies and from all the usual sellers. We thank these businesses for their continued support. Thank you all for your continued support.

**CONGRATS:** Congratulations to Sean Barry, Henry Walsh & Cillian Cronin who were selected as part of the Kerry County U14 Hurling squad who played against Clare at the weekend.

Congratulations to Gavin o Sullivan, Simon ó Leary & Oileán Walsh who were selected as part of the Kerry County U15 Hurling squad who played in Clare last weekend.

**FIXTURES:** U11 County Hurling League Saturday Home Vs Causeway at 17.00

U7 & U9 Hurling Sunday home Vs Kilgarvan at 11am. Note that all HSE Guidelines are to be followed at all times at games.

RESULTS: U12 Girls Div 2 Firies 3-10 Fossa 5-08 WIN A HOUSE IN KILLARNEY WITH KERRY GAA: For €100 you could win a stunning new

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Firies U12 Ladies ahead of their County League Match against Fossa this week

Firies U9 Boys ahead of their Go Game with Kilcummin this week

FIRIES GAA CLUB SHOP: FIries Football, Hurling and Ladies Football club is thrilled to announce that our brand new club shop is live and operational in conjunction with the renowned brand Masita Ireland. The Masita products are lightweight, durable, breathable and excellent quality, offering a large range of sizing options and competitively priced. https://www.masita.ie/ collections/firies-gaa

Members who prefer to shop onsite can also avail of the new gear at Vincent Murphy Sports Shop Killarney Road Castleisland shortly.

#### FIRIES GAA WEBSITE:

The Club is in the process of getting the website updated and this is a call out to all club members who may have any old photos, match reports, Club History pieces or any other information relevant to the club. If you would like to see this information on the club website, could you please email it to pro.firies.kerry@gaa.ie.

**DR. CROKES** 

**U20 CO. LEAGUE Dr. Crokes 3-16 Legion 2-09** We recorded a win on Monday August 9th v Legion. following a poor start and the concession of an early goal we worked our way back from 4 points down to be level at half-time 1-06 apiece. with our goal coming from Cian McMahon. Second half goal from Gary O'Connor and Tom Doyle along with minors from Cian McMahon and Sean McGann saw us move into a commanding

lead. Well done to all the players in tough conditions. COISTE NA OG ACADEMY: We are on a break

until Saturday August 28th. more details of our return on social media shortly.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Adam Byrne, Fionn Dineen and Kieran Moloney who played with Kerry U14 hurlers at the weekend, also to Kieran Clancy who was on Kerry U 15 hurlers.

**U15 EAST KERRY DR CROKES U15 A TEAM** played a very entertaining East Kerry league game on Sunday last v Currow. Although beaten by 6 points in the end against a well drilled Currow team the Crokes boys played some of their best football all year in this very sporting contest well refereed by John Purcell.

The team can now look forward to a league final v Beaufort next Wednesday evening venue Fitzgerald Stadium or Dr Crokes Pitch.

Scorers Liam Hennigan 2-02 Adam Byrne 1-02 Muiris O Donoghue 1-0 Cathal Sugrue 1-0 Brian Titus 0-1.

Team Kasper Roebak Sean Kiely Kieran Moloney Kieran Clancy Brian Titus Dara Griffin Oisin O Sullivan Jack O Donoghue Cathal Sugrue Adam Byrne Dara O Sullivan Muiris O Donoghue Killian White Liam Hennigan

**MEMBERSHIP ONLINE:** MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE. All memberships are now due, all players & coaches will have to have paid before return to play from today as only registered members can enter the playing pitches all registration is online only.

LOTTO DRAW took place on Monday August 16th Numbers drawn 2 10 26 28 3 patrons matched 3 numbers . Nicola Dickson, John Paul O'Callaghan, Pat O'Donoghue Each receive €135 Jackpot for draw on August 23rd will be €8,000

We are calling on all members to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main sources of revenue for the club. With activity likely to recommence on the fields over the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below And follow instructions attached

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**GOLF SOCIETY** had an outing to Kenmare on Saturday last sponsored by Scotts Hotel.

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#### LEGION GAA

FIXTURES: Friday 20th August @7pm U12 girls Co League, Legion 'white' v Southern Gaels Venue: Legion

**U-13 BOYS COUNTY LEAGUE:** Our u13 Green Team hosted Austin Stacks in a D2 County League encounter. It was the second meeting of these sides this year and once again the game was very tight with both teams having to work hard to create scoring chances. Legion playing with the strong breeze got a great early goal and netted a second time before the half time break to lead 2-4 to 0-3. With the wind at their backs the Rockies worked their way back into the game to trail by 2 pts with a few minutes left. They created what looked like a certain goal but James Murphy was brave and spread himself to stop the net bulging. Legion got two great scores to finish the game. Well done to our lads on a battling performance.

**U-15B BOYS:** The legion under 15 B team had a well deserved draw against listry/keel B's away from home on Friday night on a scoreline of 5-11 to 5- 11. The legion boys were 4 points down going into the last quarter, they played great football to go a point ahead with a minute to go, however listry/keel kicked an equalising free deep into injury time. Well done to the managment and lads on a great team performance.

MINOR LADIES: On Friday night the Legion Minor Ladies played MKL Gaels in their final match of the Div 3 Co.League. The torrential rain resulted in difficult playing conditions in Direen. MKL Gaels started the game strong and at one point held a 15 point lead against the Legion Ladies. However, the Legion Ladies never gave up and with great teamwork and determination, Legion started to put scores on the board. This was a great team performance and by far the best performance the girls had in the league. The whistle blew at a score line of 7-05 to 7-08 to MKL Gaels. Congratulations to MKL Gaels but also to the Legion girls who brought the game down to 3 a point difference. The minors Ladies are a busy bunch, with many of them playing with u16 and senior teams. This has led to many players playing at least two games per week. This commitment to the club will ensure the future of the Legion Ladies is in safe hands. Thanks to the management for their continuous dedication to the team and the girls themselves for representing the club so well. **CONGRATS:** Congratulations to our very own Keri-Ann Hanrihan who has been selected as Kerry Minor Captain. A huge achievement for a terrific player and great representation for Killarney Legion. Best of luck to the team in the upcoming matches.

Congratulations to Senior player Jonathan Lyne and Adrienne Brosnan who got engaged in the past week. Congrats lads.

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#### SPORTING FOCUS

#### **KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB**

The final weekend of the National Juvenile Championships in Tullamore was last weekend. Both Sam Griffin and Dara Looney competed in the U18 Long Jump. Sam claimed a bronze medal with a jump of 6.16 meters while Dara was 4th with a PB jump of 6.11 meters. Congrats to these guys from all at the club.

Jordan Lee has left for the Tokyo Paralympic Games which will begin on 24th August and we at Killarney Valley AC would like to wish him the very best.

We will be taking a break from all training for the month of August to give our hard working and committed coaches a rest. We will notify everyone at the end of August by email as to when we will be resuming in September.

Email killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com for any queries.

Please keep an eye on your emails and also check our facebook/instagram page for any updated information on training.

#### **MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB**

**IRISH ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**: Best of luck to our seven Junior 18 crews taking part in the Irish Rowing Championships this weekend. These Championships are the highlight of the domestic rowing calendar for flatwater or Olympic style rowing and will see the best of Irish rowing compete for top honours at the National Rowing Centre in Cork between Friday and Sunday. Due to COVID-19, the event has been curtailed with no events for J14-J16 or Masters rowers and no spectators permitted.

**HOMECOMING:** On Friday last, the club held a small homecoming outside the club's New Boathouse to officially welcome home Caoimhe O'Sullivan from Austria following her silver medal success at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta. Public health restrictions limited the outdoor event to club members and family however it was a memorable gathering for the club. Our thanks to all involved in organising and to those who brought home baking.

**IRISH COASTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Championship season is well and truly upon us and the coastal branch of rowing held its national champs at the NRC last weekend. Well done to Paul Kennedy and Jim Breen who won bronze with Callinafercy RC in the Pre Vet Mens Coastal Four.

#### **CALLINAFERCY ROWING CLUB**

We had a very enjoyable weekend of rowing at Irish Coastal Rowing Championships held at the National Rowing Centre Cork, which brought great success to the club from U12's to Masters. Results U21 Ladies and U16 boys and intermediate ladies all placed 1st. U19 ladies, U18 ladies, U14 girls, U18 boys and junior men all placed 2nd. Vet men U16 girls, U18 ladies, U12 boys, Master mixed and junior ladies all placed 3rd. All other crews had absolutely great races. We want to thank, coxes, John Joe O'Sullivan, Mike Scannell, Ciaran O'Sullivan and Padraic O'Sullivan also to thank James O'Sullivan and Mike Scannell for transporting the boats and everyone who helped out in anyway to make the weekend a great success. We wish to thank Portmagee Rowing Club for such a well organized event. A very successful weekend had by all. Last week we named our new boat "Ciara" in memory of our late club member Ciara Orme whose daughter Charlotte rows with the club. Hopefully the new boat will have great success in the water.

#### **GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETIC CLUB**

**LOTTO:** No winner of our lotto draw 13/08/2021, numbers drawn were 5, 7, 17 & 30. Sellers prize winner Tom Joe O' Donoghue.  $\in$ 50 Y/T prize winner Eileen O' Leary Mountcain,  $\in$ 50 to Johnny Cronin Lisheen,  $\in$ 40 each to Nora Corbett Shinnagh, Michael O' Sullivan Bounard & C.C Falvey Knocknaloman. Bonus not won numbers drawn were 10, 16, 19 & 20. Margaret McCarthy was the winner of our  $\in$ 200 surplus prize. Next weeks's jackpot  $\in$ 20,000 plus  $\in$ 1,000 bonus.

## **KILLARNEY RFC NEWS**

**MINIS BACK SATURDAY WEEK:** Our Minis return to training on Saturday week, the 28th of August at Aghadoe. PLease note the new training times - U8 and U10 10am-11:30am, U12 10:15am - 11:45am. Simply pop along with the waterbottle and gumshield. Mini training is open to boys and girls up to the age of 12 years

old and is fantastic fun for kids as well as a great way to make friends. For details contact Liam Murphy on 087-4145662.

**YOUTHS RUGBY BACK:** Youths rugby for boys and girls returns for the new season also. Below are the training details and contacts for all Youths teams.

**BOYS TRAINING:** U14 returns Wednesday 25th, @7 contact Ger 087-9928740. U16 training Thursdays @ 7pm Contact Stephen 086-3484337. U18 training Fridays @7pm contact John 086-8525116

**GIRLS TRAINING:** U14 return Thursday 26th @7pm Contact Fiona 087-2304689. U16 return Wednesday 25th @7pm contact Anne 086-3125722. U18 return Wednesday 25th @7pm contact Anne 086-3125722

**GIVE IT A TRY:** Our Girls only Give it a try programme continues at Aghadoe. Aimed at getting girls playing rugby for the first time, this is a great introduction to rugby for girls aged between 8 and 14 years of age. Contact Fiona on 087-2304689 for more.

#### **FLESK VALLEY ROWING CLUB**

Last weekend the club took over 60 members to the Coastal rowing championships at Iniscarra. This was our first coastal regatta in almost two years and it was great to have a semblance of normality after such a long period without competitive rowing.

The Valley had boys and girls crews competing at u14, u16, u18 and u19 level and two adult crews in the mixed senior and pre-veteran men. We had many rowers experiencing the thrill of a regatta for the first time and we even had a new cox make her debut at a coastal regatta for the first time.

We're incredibly proud of all the fantastic young people who rowed with skill and heart for the Valley over the weekend. There were some medals, some disappointments but always lots of fun and laughter along the way.

Pride of place over the weekend goes to our Under 18 girls crew who won gold in some style on Sunday. Coxed by Paul Burke, the crew of Elisha Leane (stroke), Eilis Mullane, Margaret Casey and Melissa Carroll put in a brilliant performance to clinch gold for the Valley. On Saturday we also had bronze medals in the





Under 16 Girls L-R: Paul Burke (cox), Cliodhna Sweeney, Eilis Mullane, Lucy Brosnan and Danielle O'Shea.

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under 19 and under 16 girls finals and to round off a super weekend, the under 19 boys crew won bronze in their final too.

Thanks to the club coaches Paul Burke, Chloe McCarthy, Neil Horgan, Roisin Rea and Donal Kelly for all their time preparing crews over the last few months, and thanks to all the other members who have given their time to help out with training.

Thanks also to all the club members and parents who helped out in any way over the last few days in Iniscarra.

A special word of thanks to John O'Sullivan for all his help this weekend ... loading and unloading gear, towing the trailer, supplying the tent, catching boats, fixing steers etc etc etc. In fact just about the only thing he didn't do was row! Thanks a million John.

Finally, thanks to Muckross RC for the use of their boat this weekend and to Callinafercy RC for lending us a third boat for two races on Sunday.



Pre veteran men L-R: Peter O'Sullivan, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Fleming, Tom MacGillycuddy and Donal Kelly (cox).



Under 19 Boys L-R: Eoghan Kelly, Declan Murphy, Michael O'Leary, Donal Kelly (cox) and John Kelleher.



Under 18 girls L-R: Melissa Carroll, Elisha Leane, Paul Burke (cox), Margaret Casey and Eilis Senior mixed: Roisin Rea, Conor O'Callaghan, Alan O'Sullivan and Grainne O'Sullivan. Mullane





Caoimhe O'Sullivan Silver medal winner at the European Junior Rowing Championships 2021 celebrating with her parents Liz and Michéal at a special reception in her home club at Muckross Rowing Club Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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# JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...





#### Kerry Vs Tyrone

Saturday August 28th, Croke Park

Well, after all the 'ifs' and 'buts' and 'maybes', we have a game. It was on, it was definitely on. Then it was off. Nope. Tyrone were quite clear. That there was covid within the Tyrone camp was no secret – joint manager Fearghal Lohan and four players, Tiernan McCann, Rory Brennan, Richie Donnelly, and Frank Burns missed the Ulster Final while self-isolating. We don't know whether any of these players actually had covid or were self-isolating as a precaution (nor should we, that's their own private business. But we do know that it spread rapidly in the Tyrone camp. So much so that they looked for a two week extension.

One, said Croke Park, with the firm decisiveness that they like to pretend to have. Ah no, came the swift reply. Ah no, said Tyrone. No, sure, we'll leave it.

I'm just going to address the elephant in the room at this stage. Were the Tyrone players vaccinated? If not, why not? If the guidelines were followed, then how did it spread so rapidly? Look, I'm not trying to have any dig at Tyrone players, I do have enormous sympathy for them (at least one of a minimum confirmed number of seventeen cases is believed to be seriously ill). But there are questions to be asked and answered here, not least because if Tyrone did do things right, then either vaccines are a lot less effective than we thought, or covid, particularly the delta variant, is far more potent than we thought. Either way, it's information that we need to know. Croke Park have said, in a very unconvincing manner even by their standards, that they may investigate the matter at a subsequent time. Yes. And geneticists are close to a breakthrough in attaching wings to pigs.

This is a dangerous situation, especially for players who, obviously in a contact sport, will be coming in close contact with their opponents. Will it be safe? Are enough people in authority asking that obvious question?

#### Tyrone Statement, August 14th

"This morning, the Tyrone GAA Management Committee has decided that it is not in a position to field its senior football team in the rescheduled All-Ireland football championship semi-final in Croke Park, on next Saturday."

"Having received expert medical opinion on the existing, and future health and welfare of the players who contracted the Covid19 virus during

the period of this last two weeks, and following consultation with the team's management, this decision has been made with the greatest reluctance, and with deep regret."

"It is acknowledged that the decision taken will cause major disappointment and significant inconvenience for the Association, in general, the GAA fraternity of Kerry, and especially for Tyrone's patrons and supporters, but the welfare and safety of players has been the over-riding factor in all considerations of this difficult situation."

Fair enough. It's tough on Tyrone, just as it was tough on the Dublin hurlers or on Sligo last year, but health and safety is paramount. To be honest, if the situation in the Tyrone camp is as bad as they have said, and if the spread of infection is that quick and dangerous, then this plain and simple shouldn't be going ahead. That's the bottom line, and we all know it.

Please note that I said 'if'. I most certainly would not – will not – be surprised to see Tyrone coming out with all their formidable guns blazing. Given the obfuscation about hard detail in the information we are getting, I suspect that there's a fair amount of 'beal bocht' ar siúl.

#### Kerry Statement, August 15th

I'm not printing the whole thing. It's widely available online. But I liked it. Composed, carefully worded, but yeah, there was a little bit of bite in it.

"Kerry is a proud GAA County, rich in the tradition of Gaelic Games which is deeply engrained in all our Clubs and Communities. Every All-Ireland title that Kerry has won, has been hard earned after a tough competitive campaign and we expect this year to be no different."

That bit could have been worded a bit better – there's a long way to go yet before Kerry win any such title. But hey, if people want to read it as arrogant? I'm fine with that. We know what we have been missing for quite a while now? That little touch of certainty about ourselves. Even that 2014 All Ireland was devalued a bit by the quality of the final (those two great clashes with Mayo still resonate in my memory). I wouldn't want swagger in Kerry footballers – it's not in our nature anyway, for every All Ireland a player has won, there's a lad up the road who has two. But a sense of "we are Kerry and heirs to a great tradition." Yup. Most definitely. More of that, please.

"We find ourselves in a very difficult situation not of our making. We have explicitly followed all Covid protocols and we have taken every precaution to protect our Players and Management." The implied criticism is mild – but it's there alright. Again, no harm.

"Notwithstanding this and having considered every possible aspect of the situation, our overarching wish is to ensure that the All Ireland Semi Final against Tyrone is played at the earliest possible opportunity. On that basis we have conveyed our position to National GAA earlier today and now await their deliberations and decision." In other words, the ball is in yere court. We are Kerry, we'll play anybody, anywhere, anywhen. We want a semi-final (it would leave us untested going into an All Ireland Final).

Kerry have, quite rightly, received a lot of praise, with a number of national outlets reporting that without their intervention, Croke Park would have stuck to their guns and Tyrone would have been forced to concede a walkover. That would have been a disaster for Tyrone, detrimental to Kerry's chances of achieving their best, and very harmful to Croke Park's depleted coffers. Being fair, I do believe that Croke park have not stinted financially during covid and would, to their credit, have been quite willing to take the hit on this one as well.

#### **Match Preview**

Let's be certain of one thing. Tyrone really do have formidable guns. They have beaten Cavan by 1-18 to 0-13, Donegal by 0-23 to 1-14, and Monaghan by 0-16 to 0-15. They have been missing players for all of those games, most especially Monaghan, but the likes of



The Tyrone team pictured at Fitzgrald Stadium when they played Kerry in the League. Photo: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

Cathal McShane and Darragh Canavan were back in the fold by the finish of the provincial campaign. That Ulster Final, by the way, gave them an early taste of Croke Park, something we haven't had in a while. I'm not worried about that; it's a natural hunting ground for Kerry footballers. The likes of man-marker Pádraig Hampsey, Mattie Donnelly, Kieran McGeary, and especially Darren McCurry are in the form of their lives for Tyrone.

I'm worried about this one – note: I'm a natural worrier anyway, I'm afraid Kerry's glass is always half-empty for me in previews. But we haven't met any team of the calibre of Tyrone's opponents so far – let's remember that Cork had to survive a relegation play-off to stay in Division Two. Yes, we blew Clare out the water (3-22 to 1-11), followed up by shutting down Tipperary (1-18 to 1-9), and gave Cork their worst Munster beating ever, 4-22 to 1-9.

We hammered Tyrone in the National League, put six goals past them. But I don't care how much people assure me that Tyrone were going handle after hatchet for that one. I was at it and no, they most certainly were not. They hardly played a full back line even before the injury to Darragh Canavan. Those floodgates were always going to open; Dooher and Lohan were keeping their eyes firmly fixed on the forthcoming Ulster Championship. Quite rightly, I might add; I would have done the same thing in their place.

The big scoring returns against Galway (who barely turned up - Kerry were good, but they beat next to nothing that day) and Roscommon and the fightback to get a draw (I really did think that Dublin stepped off the pedal a bit after their goals in the first half, but the fact that Kerry had the legs to outrun them late on is a change and a very welcome one) didn't presage anything to me. I'm one of those who feels that the League is a tuning process and a base foundation, rather than a cornerstone, of championship. The easy concession of goals in that game is a concern to me. We haven't played any other teams as capable of going that route as Dublin; Tyrone (and, indeed, Mayo) are well capable of it. Physicality was a problem for me. one which the introduction of Mike Breen has helped. Paudie Clifford has been even more of a revelation. Gavin White is in the form of his life. Peter Keane has a job on his hands making sure that the infectious optimism of being the bookies' favourites (that and a euro will let you rent a shopping trolley), the fact of our nemesis Dublin being gone (we have a fabulous record against Mayo but again, that ain't hard currency for me, especially with a new-look Tyrone with bolstered ranks in the way), and our scoring record this year doesn't get into players' heads. He also has some tough decisions for me. Personally I prefer Morley to Foley at full back, Tadhg is that little bit stickier for me. Murphy or Crowley in the half back line? Paul gets my nod, but it's a close-run thing. Who partners David at midfield? I'd prefer Barry's muscle to O'Connor's mobility (if, as we are assured, Diarmuid is fit). I expect Adrian to be held in reserve, but this will be a battle before the finish and there's no better man than Adrian Spillane for that kind of battle, not least because he maintains his discipline without backing down an inch. Up front the only change I can see is the inclusion of Dara Moynihan (if fit). Workrate will be crucial in this game (actually, in modern football, it's an absolute prerequisite for winning any game) and there are few workers like Dara – but whose place is up for grabs?

Look, Tyrone didn't fake the rate of covid in their camp – I do suspect that it has been exaggerated for effect – and it does put us in as strong favourites for this game. I do see warning lights, though, and I don't think enough pundits or supporters are paying attention. This one will be a real battle, something we haven't faced in a while. But we stand armed and ready, and I think all the components are starting to slot into the right place. I'll go for a narrow Kerry win.

#### Fall of the Titans All Ireland Semi-Final



#### Mayo 0-17 Dublin 0-14

This one surprised a lot of people. It absolutely shocked me, especially after a first half that was all too familiar. I have made no secret of the fact that, while the absence of the likes of McCaffrey, McMenamon, and of course the talismanic Cluxton was always going to hurt Dublin, they had ample supply lines in the likes of Howard, Scully, Byrne, the Small and Basquel brothers. Meanwhile, Con O'Callaghan was easily fulfilling the promise that wasn't as evident at minor as people now claim (Dublin don't invest anything like as much as we do in the preparation of minor teams; they concentrate more on the U20 grade). Brian Fenton hadn't yet reached top gear but was still lording the skies and stinging with his accuracy, while Ciarán Kilkenny was unabashedly my redhot favourite for Footballer of the Year. James McCarthy was (and still is) my Footballer of the Decade. True, they hadn't galloped through Leinster with their usual abandon, it was more of a leisurely stroll, but I saw no game that they ever looked in danger of losing. I always felt that they were saving their engines for later on. Mayo? Ah, God love 'em. Brave as ever, dogged as ever, as fit and strong as ever, as limited up front as ever. No Oisin Mullen meant that they had no man-marker to really stymie Dublin's deadly inside line – despite his displays against the mercurial Diarmuid Connolly, I've never considered Lee Keegan to be a pure manmarker. I could only see one ending to this dame.

The first half was mind-numbing football, to be honest. We've seen this narrative played out many times between them over the past decade. Mayo's big men, lumbering like bulls, glaring as steam issued from their nostrils, chased shadows. Lithe and agile Dublin, like blue-clad matadors, danced around them, whirling metaphorical capes before delicately extending the rapier to inflict another small cut, slowing bleeding Mayo's hopes to death without ever going for the jugular.

Kilkenny was in great early form. As I had suspected, Keegan wasn't anticipating his movement. He was fouled for Dean Rock's opening score. Diarmuid O'Connor had a free to reply, but it was a poor attempt, and Ryan O'Donoghue sent another one wide. Kilkenny doubled the lead and Dean Rock made them three points to the good. This was already ominous. A Paddy Durcan effort fell short; Mayo couldn't buy a score. Con O'Callaghan opened his account. Aidan O'Shea had a good chance sail wide.

Mattie Ruane (a lock for an All Star) drove forward and finally scored for Mayo, a long distance beauty. Water in a parched desert for his team. Kilkenny picked off his second point. Ryan O'Donoghue responded with a mark but a foul on Paddy Small (probably Dublin's best player on the day, great energy) saw Dean Rock make it 0-6 to 0-2 at the water break.

Diarmuid O'Connor with a long ball into Aidan O'Shea. He made a fantastic mark,

super catch. Surely he can't miss....oh dear. Paddy Small won another two frees for Rock to slot over. Dublin were refusing any halfchances, quite happy to recycle the ball and comfortably able to retain possession until a sure thing chance opened up. Mayo hadn't landed a glove on them.Small pointed himself. Rob Hennelly showed his forwards how it's done by coming up to stroke over a long range free. Ciarán Kilkenny took and converted a mark for his third score to put Dublin into double figures, but Conor Loftus had the last say of the first half.

#### Half-time: Dublin 0-10 Mayo 0-4

Nope, sod this for a game of soldiers, says I to myself. Senator Palpatine's Empire will not be crumbling today to these Mayo jedi. I am off for a walk.

I'm not joking, by the way. I missed the third quarter out of lack of interest in what I was certain was a foregone conclusion. I only returned, in somewhat of a hurry (a very slow jog, in my personal case) after my brother rang me to tell me that Mayo were making a game of it. I didn't even believe him at first. I have seen it since.

Enda Hession burst through and looked bound for goal but Dublin assuredly closed it out. Aidan O'Shea wins possession but can't get away for a shot. Ryan O'Donoghue, though, picks off a beauty. Mayo are defiant against fate here; it's always been the most admirable of their traits. Kevin McLaughlin lofts a big effort from the wing but it tails away. Dublin are weathering this brief storm. Con O'Callaghan is one on one with Pádraig O'Hora and gets a shot off but it crashes back off the upright. Dean Rock hits a wide. Dublin are maybe a little too comfortable here - not that I ever expected it to cost them. After all, Mayo had only one point scored and it was still 0-10 to 0-5. With Mayo's conversion rate so far, Dublin had nothing to fear. Eoin McLaughlin with a bad wide. Rob Hennelly kicks his second free - the goalkeeper

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is their joint top scorer after 45 minutes of an All Ireland semi-final. This is football of the '20s, alright. The 1920s.

James Carr goes for a shot when it wasn't a good option. Dublin are still ghosting with the ball, recycling and switching the play, but they are also ghosts as far as impact on the scoreboard goes. Honestly, it looks like they are so pleased with their ability to retain possession that they don't want to waste it by anything as blasé as taking a score. I know managers want their teams to slow it down when in front but this is just snuffing the life out of their team. Mayo, meanwhile, clearly unaware that they are already a comprehensively beaten docket, are rising to every challenge as though they still have a real chance to win this thing. I, of course, know in my bones that Dublin will tease and toy with them before applying the hammer late on, as is their wont.

Hold on, Aidan O'Shea going off? Yes, he's slowing down the play too much and simply not converting those chances he's winning – Mayo are obviously going to start relying on pace more than the long ball – but that's a big call by James Horan. Lose this game, and Aidan's name is going to feature prominently in the post-mortem.

Lee Keegan with a point just before the water break. Will it upset Mayo's rhythm or inspire Dublin to resume the controls?

John Small with a big hit on Eoin McLaughlin before Basquel blazes wide, should have done better. Small's shoulder charge looked okay to me in real time, I don't blame Conor Lane at all (people expect the impossible of referees, it's easy to criticise after watching replays). It was a foul, and deserved a red, but it was reckless, not malicious. Could all the aul' peasants put down them pitchforks, please?

Ah, there we are. Paddy Small with Dublin's first point of the half after a good catch by Brian Howard.

Dean Rock with a beauty - not a phrase I often say, I consider him more clinically consistent than brilliant, but that was superb. 0-12 to 0-7. When Evan Comerford fetches a big Ruane effort out of the sky, it looks as if Mayo's bolt is shot.

Rob Hennelly takes a free but it's going right and wide....wow! Somehow Diarmuid O'Connor stuck out telescopic right leg to keep it in play and Kevin Mclaughlin takes the point. Jordan Flynn addas another. Mayo are well on top and too physically strong for Dublin to shove the genie back in the bottle. There are little signs of composure breaking down in Dublin; this wasn't a scenario they were ready for. They need leaders to step up here – Mayo clearly have plenty of that ilk.

Dublin decide, very bizarrely, to play around at the back and kill the clock some more. It's a mistake and rapidly punished by Mayo's press, as Comerford is fouled while breaking forward. This tendency by keepers to play like outfield players, not only prevalent with Dublin this year, is something that I find ridiculous. You aren't a spare defender, you are a goalkeeper. Ryan O'Donoghue coolly slots it over. 0-12 to 0-10.

Brian Fenton with a huge catch, cometh the hour etc. But Tommy Conroy wins an even better turnover and it's Mayo advancing again. Both teams are coughing up handpasses and turnovers now -l'm not surprised given the intensity of the play – but Conroy takes a great point. Can Dublin hold out? They are in full retreat now again, I always consider it a mistake. The best defence is actually a score at the other end

John Small wins a free and Dean Rock sends it over. Still injury time though, and plenty of it left. Carr with a wide for Mayo, could be costly. They win the kick-out, though, and it eventually results in a free – David Byrne was lucky to escape with a yellow. Ryan O'Donoghue with the free – in the enforced absence of Cillian O'Connor, the apprentice has become the master.

Comerford spills the ball, recovers....'45 for Mayo! Rob Hennelly. This could be his moment.... going clearly wide. Shoulders slumping....no! Interference by Philly McMahon, re-take the kick! Big, big call. Go away with yere criticisms of Conor Lane, a lot of referees would have ducked that one, but he called it and he called it right. Dublin have been messy, truth be told, as they started to feel the heat. Hennelly nails his second attempt and Lane blows the whistle as players did and drag at each other. It couldn't be called a brawl, I suppose, with more shapes than punches thrown, but it wouldn't qualify anyone for mensa either.

Brian Fenton wins the throw-in and Bugler nudges Dublin in front. But Keegan – once O'Hora went on Kilkenny, Keegan was able to bring his influence on the general play – wins it and it ends up with another great Tommy Conroy score. Walsh is bodychecked by Basquel, black card and Dublin are down a man. Conroy again – Mayo in front for the first time. Darren Coen splits the posts. Dublin are the ones chasing shadows now, and worse, Mayo are brushing off their tackles with consummate ease. Mayo are accelerating into the game, it's Dublin who are desperate to slow it down, and they aren't getting their wish. Ryan O'Donoghue with another Mayo point.

Dublin, the great survivors. The greatest gaelic football team of all time. The Brogans, Paul Flynn, James McCarthy, Philly McMahon, Jack McCaffrey, Ross O'Connell, Cian O'Sullivan, Brian Fenton, Michael Darragh McAuley (he wasn't pretty with football but he was effective), Diarmuid Connolly, Ciarán Kilkenny, Cian O'Sullivan, Paul Mannion, Dean Rock (top



Paudie Clifford in action against Tyrone on June 13 in Fitzgerald Stadium.

scorer, albeit with a lot of frees) and of course the greatest of them all, Stephen Cluxton.

They were incredible to watch playing the game, even if it hurt me. I had to admire them and I still do.

Were they holed below the waterline by Jim Gavin's departure? This loss and the covid infraction won't be good memories for Dessie farrell or the Dublin fans. Nor will the snappish, ill-tempered shenanigans at the close of their incredible winning streak. Did Cluxton's drawnout departure leave too many questions behind? Was it too easy against Mayo until it was suddenly too hard and they couldn't find the gears?

Arrah, all such questions are moot. They were great, and might still be again, but today the throne is empty and three teams are jostling for it. There will be time enough for recriminations and reflections and applause during the long winter.

Right now gaelic football is looking for a new kingmaker.

#### Ladies GAA Senior Relegation Play-Off: Kerry 2-16 Tipperary 0-7

Nerves were understandably a bit jangly for this one, especially with Sofra O'Shea still out - imagine a full forward line of Hannah O'Donoghue, Siofra O'Shea, and Louise Ní Muircheartaigh? Mind you, Emma Dineen stood in up front and was awesome (I still think we need her effectiveness out the field when possible). Tipperary, missing three of their best players including Aisling Moloney, scored first and piled on the pressure at the start, including drawing a great save from Ciara Butler. Kerry soon took control. 1-1 from Emma and 0-5, 2f from Louise had Kerry 1-6 to 0-1 in front at the first water break. The Premier scored three on the trot but Emma replied and then Kerry pounced on a short kick-out (a problem for Tippearry all through) and combined rapidly for Hannah O'Donoghue to goal. Kerry led by 2-7 to 0-4 at the break. Tipperary never gave up,

but Kerry were always in control after that and ended up comfortable winners. Tipperary must face the losers of Cavan v Tyrone, and will be up against it to avoid the drop this weekend.

I have to congratulate Meath, who were only promoted to senior this year after winning last year's Intermediate but defeated Cork in extra-time to qualify for the All Ireland Final against Dublin. Maybe....just maybe....another great Dublin team might see its winning streak ended?

U14 Munster Final: Cork 1-15 Kerry 2-6

Commiserations to the Kerry U14 girls, who bowed out to Cork after putting up a great battle. Mary Kate Smith and Lucy O'Connor got our goals. Well done to all the local girls on the panel, Aoise O'Donoghue (Glenflesk), Seodladh Colleran (Fossa), Emma O'Brien (Firies), Brid Curtin (Currow), Lori O'Connor (Beaufort), Lauren Carey (Killarney Legion), Grace Murphy (Rathmore), Siun Horgan (Firies), Sarah Cooper (Dr. Crokes), Maggie Mae O'Donoghue (Spa), Sarah Palmer (Firies), and Sarah Randles (Dr. Crokes) and to manager Charlie McCarthy (Rathmore) and selectors Mike Curtin (Currow) and Allan Foley (Beaufort).

#### Camogie

Best of luck to Kerry in the Intermediate Quarter-final this Saturday at 3.00pm in Banagher against Antrim. Kerry will be well up against here against last year's Intermediate finalists (they lost to Down) and this year's National League Division Two and Ulster Senior finalists, but Kerry have been in scintillating form this year and are coming off the back of a big win over a Laois team who ended their campaign last year. Here's hoping!

#### **Basketball**

Commiserations to Leah McMahon of St. Pauls, who had to miss out on Ireland's participation in the U16 European Challenge. Ireland unfortunately lost out to Romania, Luxembourg, and Switzerland at the tournament. Her club seniors are finally allowed to get back training indoors, so hopefully we will see them and the juveniles getting back into action before too long. The National League will be commencing on the 8th/9th of October. Congratulations to Mark Keenan and the Irish team who beat Malta by 97-66 to win the FIBA European Championship for Small Nations. Ireland: CJ Fulton (5), Ciaran Roe (5), Kyle Hosford (2), Sean Flood (16), Lorcan Murphy (10) Neil Bandolph (3) Adrian O'Sullivan (7)

Hosford (2), Sean Flood (16), Lorcan Murphy (10), Neil Randolph (3), Adrian O'Sullivan (7), Jordan Blount (17), Eoin Quigley (1), Will Hanley (7), John Carroll (20), Jason Killeen (4).

#### **Athletics**

Munster Schools Tailteann Trials will take place on Saturday 4th September 2021 at Templemore AC.

Participation at these Trials is the only way for selection on the Munster Schools team for the Tailteann Games on Saturday 11th September 2021.

# Munster U14 A Championship Final Great game see Cork crowned Munster Champions

Cork 1-15 Kerry 2-06

t was an intriguing game from start to finish with both sides lining out as selected at Mallow GAA Complex. Both sides exchanged the opening scores with points coming from Cork captain Katie Carey & Kerry's Mary Kate Smith. Cork settled the better and registered 1-02 without reply. Cork's goal coming from Eabha O'Donovan. Captain Lisa Slattery opened her account for Kerry to reduce the deficit to four before cork's Eabha O'Donovan scored from a free to see the sides go in at the first water break Cork 1-04 Kerry 0-02. The second quarter was the least entertaining from a scoring point of view. Kerry struggled to get the ball into their forwards as the Cork defence had them well marshalled. The Kerry defensive was equally impressive with Kerry keeper Kelly Fitzgerald having an impressive game. Cork outscoring the Kingdom 0-02 to 0-01. Cork's points coming from Shauna Sheehan & Eabha O'Donovan. Kerry's only score in the quarter coming from Lisa Slattery as Kerry trailed at the break by six points. Cork upped the intensity at the beginning of the second half scoring two unanswered points courtesy of Eabha O'Donovan. Lisa Slattery responded for the Kingdom as Cork began to pile on the pressure. Kerry keeper Kelly Fitzgerald was repeatedly called into action pulling off save after save as Cork looked to put the game beyond reach. The final quarter would turn out to be the most frantic and entertaining. Cork extended the lead to ten points with captain Katie Carey scoring a further two points. It looked like Cork were beginning to pull away at this stage but Kerry were not finished yet. A well worth move saw captain Lisa Slattery find Mary Kate Smith who struck the ball to the back of the net to reduce the deficit to seven



MUNSTER LGFA U14 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL Kerry Captain Lisa Slattery referee Paddy Smith Waterford and Cork Captain Katie Carey

with the game approaching the final stages. Both management teams and spectators were urging the players on knowing the result was in the melting pot as the sides exchanged points. The games excitement level went up another notch as corner forward Lucy O'Connor goaled for Kerry to set up a frantic finish. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be as both sides exchanged points to see Cork crowned champions on a score line 1-15 to 2-06.

Kerry: K Fitzgerald, R Cahill, A Collins, K O'Sullivan, A O'Donoghue, S Colleran, E O'Brien, M Mulvihill, M Kate Smith (1-01), S Fitzgerald, L Slattery (C) (0-04 2f), B Curtin, L O'Connor (1-01), L O'Sullivan, L O'Connor, Subs: E Costello for A O'Donoghue, N O'Donoghue for S Fitzgerald, S Horgan for M Mulvihill, S Palmer for L O'Connor

Cork: J O'Neill, A Tobin, S Barry, A O'Sullivan, S O'Driscoll, M McRae, K Ferns, A O'Driscoll, J Fockin, E O'Donovan (1-07 2f), S Sheehan (0-04), E Nagle, C Murphy, S O'Reilly, K Carey (C) (0-04). Subs: C O'Flaherty for S O'Reilly, E Burns for E Nagle

Munster LGFA U16 A Championship Final Kerry -v- Cork 22nd August 2021. Venue: Fitzgerald Stadium – Throw in: 12:30pm

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#### SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

# SHEEHAN'S PIN POINT DOUBLE SEES WATERFORD 14'S TAKE ALL THREE POINTS:

#### EA Sports 14's League of Ireland Kerry 1-2 Waterford FC

Two pin point finished that were mirror images of each other from Alex Sheehan saw Waterford FC take all three points from the EA Sports 14's League of Ireland clash at Celtic Park.

In the 9th and 35th minutes Sheehan was on the left of the Kerry box and with quick feet bought himself a half yard of space and curled an unstoppable shot into the top corner of Caolan Mitchell's net.

In between Kerry had equalised on the 25th minute when Brandon Long's long range free kick skimmed off the wet surface and past Waterford keeper Ben Allen who will be regretting having hesitated in coming to catch the ball.

Both sides will be in the League Phase and could meet each other again in what will be another close encounter.

**GAYNOR CUP UPDATE**: With the delayed 2021 Gaynor Cup set to begin in September the Kerry 13's and 15's girls sides are continuing their preparations as they await confirmation of their Groups.

The 13's and 15's were due to travel to take on Limerick County at the weekend but the older age groups game was cancelled.

But the 13's game did go ahead and the Kerry girls put in an excellent performance defeating their hosts 5-0. The goals came from Laura Falvey and Phoebe O'Shea who both hit two each and the fifth came from the penalty spot thanks to Ciara Casey.

**BOTH KERRY 12'S GIRLS SIDES IN TOURNAMENT FINALS:** The Kerry 12's Girls are enjoying a busy summer with the 32 girls wearing the county soccer jersey on 3 occasions over the past few weeks. This Sunday both sides took part in the Blitz in Templeglantine with teams from Clare and Tipperary joining the hosts.

Both Kerry sides did very well in the tournament where there only one game won by 2 goals and that was Kerry Gold who defeated Glantine 2-0. In the Plate Final Kerry Green team won 1-0 while in their final the Kerry Gold side drew 0-0 after extra time but went down on penalties. It was a great day for all the girls and the Kerry coaches.

**KENNEDY CUP PREPARATION BEGINS WITH A WIN:** Kerry have begun their preparation for the delayed 2021 Kennedy Cup, due to begin in September, with a win away to Limerick District in UL. The game was played over 3 30 minute quarters as part of the development of both squads.

The first third finished 0-0 while in the second period Limerick scored twice to go 2-0 up before Ronan Carroll pulled one back. And in the final period Kerry took over and goals from James Jones and Fionn Daly gave them a confidence boosting win as they await news of their Group for a different but none the less important and competitive Kennedy Cup.

**KERRY KENNEDY CUP 2021 GROUP:** The 2021 Kennedy Cup will be much different than previous years where all 32 Leagues would at this stage be looking back on their week in UL. This years Tournament Group fixtures will be played over 3 weekends with the exact home and away fixtures to be decided this week.



Killarney Celtic girls who lined out for Kerry U13s against Limerick County recently.

The 2021 Kennedy Cup will begin on the weekend of September 11th/12th and will continue on October 2nd/3rd with the final group game on October 23rd /24th. The quarter finals will take place on November 13/14th, the semi finals on December 4th/5th with the 2021 Kennedy Cup finals on December 11th and 12th.

Group F is made up of Limerick District (seeded 4th), Kerry (seeded 13th), Limerick County (seeded 24th) and North Tipp (seeded 27th).

Looking at our neighbouring Leagues Limerick Desmond are second seeds in Group D with Waterford, South Tipperary and Wicklow whole Group E is Cork, Clare, West Cork and WWEC.

Kerry will start at home to Limerick County before travelling away to Limerick District and finish with an away trip to North Tipperary.

#### **KILLARNEY CELTIC NOTES**

**CELTIC LOTTO:** Numbers drawn 5,6,9,15. There was no jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. The next jackpot on Monday August 23th is €10,200. Tickets are available from club members, the Dungeon shop, at the stand in Hegarty's Park Rd and also online at clubforce.com

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP** for the coming 2021/22 season is now open, Membership is now payable through Clubforce. The registration link can be found on our Facebook page.

KILLARNEY CELTIC GOLF CLASSIC will take place in Beaufort Golf Club on Saturday 4th September with Tee Times from 7am to 4pm. A Team of 4 costs €200 and tee box sponsorship €50. To book a tee time or a tee box contact Tim Jones 087 977 1302 or Tomas Kelliher 087 258 9194.

**TRAINING** will be resuming shortly for the 2021/22 season. Please check our Facebook page for updated information on training.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club U16 Captain Robbie Harnett pictured presenting the winning prize from his Captains Prize event on Tuesday August 10th last to Brian McCarthy. Also included in photo from L to R: Noah Sexton (Guest Prize), TJ O'Sullivan (Gross), Brian O'Leary (Runner-Up) and Mark O'Carroll (Third).



Darragh O'Donoghue in action with Killarney Athletic at the Belfast Youth Cup. Picture: Adam Kowalczyk.

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#### FOCUS ON GOLF

#### **Killarney Golf & Fishing Club**

President Marguerite Mulcahy's Prize to Ladies - Competition Results

1st Place & Winner of President's Cup & Loughitane Cup: Mary MacMonagle (40) 67 2nd Place: Bridie Doyle (34) 68. Best Gross: Mairead Martin (+2) 70. 3rd Place: Kay O'Connor (14) 69. 4th Place: Eileen Whelan (29) 69. 5th Place: Eileen Galbraith (30) 70. 6th Place: Ursula Daly (20) 41 BK 6. 7th Place: Alicia Burke (4) 70. 8th Place: Helen Howard (21) 71. 9th Place: Sinead Lynch (21) 71. Guest: Ogie O'Sullivan. Front 9: Mege Dalton (17) 34.5. Back 9: Muireann O'Farrell (18) 32. Past President: Mary Geaney (10) 73. Seniors: Nuala Meade (24) 73. Putting: Marie Geaney 26 putts. Overseas: Ann Katrin Meyer Schwickerrath (35) 76

#### President's Prize to Men Competition Results

1st Place & Winner: Jack Buckley (29) 9 up. 2nd Place: Mike Hayes (13) 8 up. Best Gross: Stephen O'Neill (+3) 68. 3rd Place: Christian Casey(13) 5 up. 4th Place: Martin Byrnes (10) 4 up. 5th Place: Maurice Lyons (10) 4 up. 6th Place: John Moynihan (21) 4 up. 7th Place: Simon Clifford (15) 4 up. 8th Place: John Kelliher (21) 4 up. 9th Place: Kevin Carroll (11) 4 up. 10th Place: Daithi Casey (10) 4 up. 11th Place: Alan Brady (18) 4 up. 12th Place: Michael Neeson (29) 4 up

#### LADIES ROSS GOLF CLUB NOTES

LADY CAPTAIN MARY GORMAN'S RESULTS FROM LADY CAPTAIN'S DAY.

A great day of golf was had and glorious weather also.

#### 18 hole Single Stapleford competition

1st: Breda O'Farrell 38 pts. 2nd: Betty O'Farrell 36 pts. 3rd: Eileen Fleming 33 pts. Front Nine: Mary Moynihan 19 pts. Back Nine: Margaret O'Donoghue 14 pts. Past Captain's prize: Ann O'Leary 28 pts. Visitor Prize: Liz Kelliher 23 pts

#### 9 hole Single Stapleford competition

1st: Mary O'Connor 22 pts. 2nd: Eileen O'Riordan 22 pts. Visitor prize: Myra Gorman 17 pts. New Comers prize;1st: Doreen Brosnan. Tie for 2nd: Susan Good and Helen O'Carroll. Lady Captain's prize to the men was won by Larry Daly 42 pts. Well done to all winners

Congratulations to Ross Ladies who were successful in the quarter final in the Joe Quinlan Trophy against Killarney Golf Club. Best of luck in the net round.

Meet and Play Each Wednesday morning meet at 10.15am for 10.30am. All members welcome. Best of luck to Killarney Race Company on the upcoming races on next Thursday, Friday &



Winners of Lady Captain Mary Gorman's Captains Day.

Saturday.

#### **ROSS GC, KILLARNEY - GENTS**

#### CLUB

**RESULTS:** On August 14th / 15th we held a single stableford competition sponsored by Donie Broderick Plumbing & Heating. **THE WINNERS WERE:**-

1.	Michael J O'Sullivan	(21) 43
2	Aaron McCann	(19) 43
3	lvo O'Sullivan	(15) 40
4	Ryan McCarthy	(12) 40
5	Dan Cronin	(14) 38

We wish to acknowledge the generous sponsorship of Donie and Stephen Broderick in this competition.

**FIXTURES:**-Best of Luck to the Killarney Race Company on their upcoming Racing Festival on August 19th,20th and 21st.

Congratulations to Lady Captain Mary Gorman on her very successful Lady Captain's day on August 13th.

10 Hole Mixed Scramble: There will be no scramble on Friday 20th due to the Races .

Club Matchplay Championship: The quarter finals of the Killarney Medal & Trophy Centre Club Matchplay Championship must all be played by August 31st.

#### **KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB NEWS**

Following a short break after Deerpark's Damien Fleming won another National Mens Matchplay title on the August Bank Holiday Monday, competitive Pitch & Putt returns this weekend with the boys and girls from the Deerpark, Listowel and Tralee clubs heading to Lakeside in Templemore, Co Tipperary for this Saturday's 2021 National U16 Strokeplay



Winners of Lady Captain Mary Gorman's Captains Day - Breda O'Farrell and Larry Daly.

Championships.

Just over half the entire entry field for the Boys, 38 from 72, is from the county as following semi-final appearances for Deerpark duo Robbie Harnett and Brian McCarthy in the recent National U16 Matchplay Championships alongside a semi-final appearance for Tralee's Mark O'Regan in the Plate event, hopes are high for another strong Kerry showing this weekend.

Indeed following her recent win in the National Girls Matchplay final, Tralee's Ella Moynihan will head the field for the Strokeplay event as her sister Sophie is also amongst the field for Girls event. The County Board wishes all 40 from Kerry the very best of luck in Templemore on Saturday.

Meanwhile following the recent announcement that the All-Ireland Football semi-final between Kerry and Tyrone will now take place on Saturday August 28th we wish to confirm that all the Mens grades for the National Strokeplay (Adult) Qualifiers will now take place on Sunday August 29th in Tralee.

The U16 Matchplay due for August 28th will be reviewed by the Board following consultation with the clubs about a number of alternative dates.



Killarney Golf and Fishing Club President Marguerite Mulcahy pictured with winner Jack Buckley



Killarney Golf and Fishing Club President Marguerite Mulcahy pictured with winner Mary MacMonagle



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Prizewinnersa at Ladies Day at Beaufort Golf Club were Left to Right Mary Garvey, Maire Ni Lionsigh, Stepahine Lane, Mary O' Sullivan, Susan Darby, Hannah Moynihan, Joan O' Sullivan, Maura Kennedy, Padraig O' Sullivan, Grainne McShortall, Noeleen MacKessy, Lady Captain Laura Furlong and Ciara Lowe.

# Sun Shines on LADY CAPTAIN LAURA'S DAY

he sun was shining on the ladies on Lady Captain's Laura Furlong's Day at Beaufort Golf Club on Sunday last.

The day started with a presentation by the Lady Captain Laura Furlong to the Managing Director Helen Clifford as a mark of appreciation for her support to the ladies club. This was followed by a ceremonial 'tee off' and presentation to the Lady Captain by the members of the club who had assembled early in the morning to ensure a good start to the day. There was a fabulous atmosphere from the start and this continued over the course of the day.

A fantastic turnout of ladies participated in the competition with the overall prize (a beautiful Galway Crystal Vase) being scooped by Ciara Lowe. Other prize winners on the day included Mary O'Sullivan (second prize), Noeleen Mackessy (third prize), Marie Ni Loinsigh (fourth prize) and Susan Darby (fifth prize) Best finish in the high handicap category went to Vice Captain Maura Kennedy. Nearest the pin went to Mary Garvey, Longest drive went to Grainne McShortall. Former Captains prize went to Joan O'Sullivan. Guest prize winner was Padraig O'Sullivan. Best back nine was won by Stephaine Lane And best front nine by Hannah Moynihan. Best gross score was won by Clare Keating.

The day ended with a prize giving ceremony at the club house where, in front of a lively audience, Lady Captain Laura thanked all those who had supported her through the year. She made a special presentation of flowers to her mother Julie and to club stalwart/Competitions Officer Irene McCarthy. wonderful evening was had by all with tasty refreshments from the club restaurant ending a fantastic day for the Beaufort Ladies.





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winner Ciara Lowe.



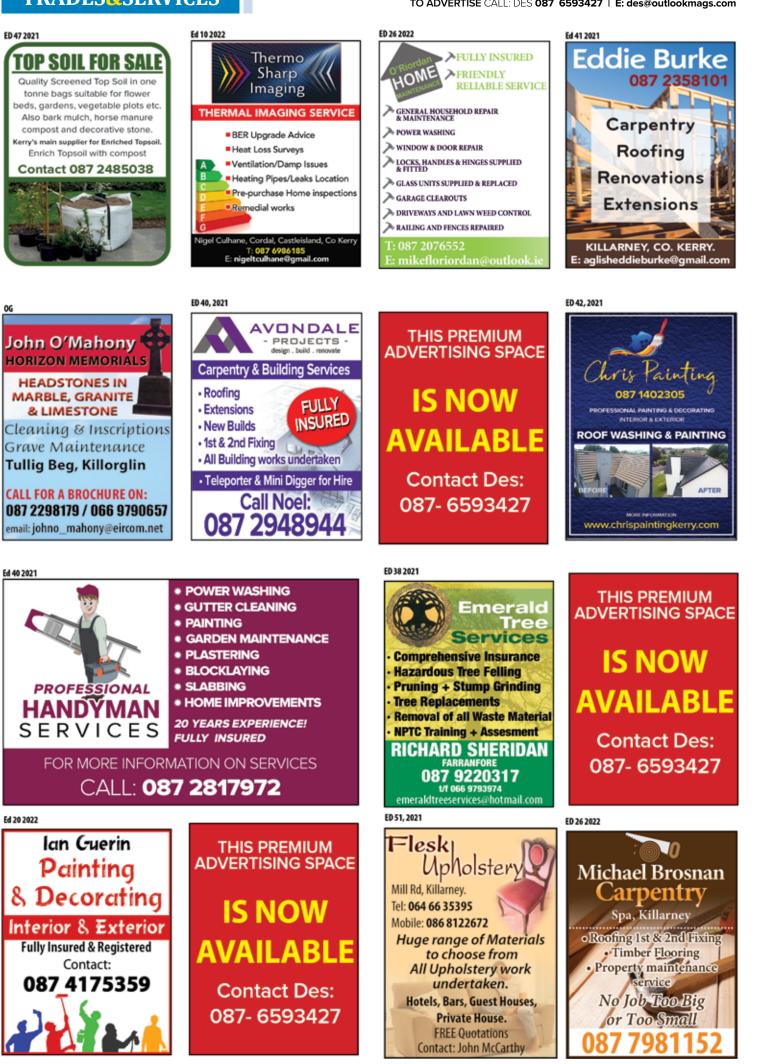
Lady Captain Laura Furlong pre- Family photo of Lady Captain Laura Furlong with senting her first prize to worthy dad Michael, mum Julie & son Luke.



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- Drink plenty of water (6 to 8) glasses per day.
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- Watch portion size.
- Reduce Caffeine
- Be mindful of alcohol consumption.

Some key foods to include are minerals such as magnesium, found in nuts, whole grains and green leafy vegetables, zinc, found in meat, milk, legumes and whole grains and iron, found in red meat, green leafy vegetables, eggs and some fruit. Omega 3 polyunsaturated fatty acids found in oily fish and some plants are also very important and of course vitamins such as vitamin B, C and E. Again whole grains, fruit and vegetables important here. Changes in our diet can enhance our cognitive abilities and indeed protect the brain from any damage, boosting our mood and general sense of wellbeing. So consider the benefits of certain foods in the wider context and you are not only trying to counteract heart disease and cancer through these choices but you are also protecting the brain and looking after your mental health.

Go further and make exercise part of the equation and you are well on your way to a healthier you; another layer of self- care is sleep. Strive for 8 hours and when awake strive for healthy eating and moderate exercise. Our physical and mental state is often vulnerable and under duress so it is important to acknowledge this and fuel our being with the right nutrients and minerals when, and if, necessary. Needless to say have the occasional treat and indulge a little every now and then because something sweet and tasty is deserved and worthwhile after all your hard work to be good! Bon Appetite!

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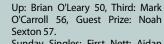
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# DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

CHAIRMANS PRIZE: A great night last Friday night as welcomed Damien Fleming back to the club for the first time since his win at the National Matchplay Final in Ryston on the August Bank Holiday Monday. He put on a fine selection of prizes for his prize last week as Erin Moloney completed a fine double in winning the Captains and Chairmans Prizes in the space of three weeks. Results-Mens- Overall Nett: Erin Moloney 84, Overall Gross: Sean Kelly 95, Second Nett: Brian Moloney 86, +3-5 Nett: Kieran Fitzpatrick 95, 6-15 Nett: Aidan O'Keeffe 90, 18 Gross: John McGrath 48 (B9), 18 Nett: Mark O'Shea 44, Guest: Adrian O'Donoghue 46 Ladies- Winner: Margaret B Looney 42pts, Runner-Up: Mary Murphy 39pts. Hole-In-One: Sean Ashe (14th Hole).

Captains U16 Prize: Robbie Harnett hosted his prize last Tuesday week. August 10th. and we thank both him and his parents Brendan and Kathleen for the fine spread of food they put on for the players afterwards. Results: Winner: Brian McCarthy 58,



Sunday Singles: First Nett: Aidan O'Keeffe 45, Gross: Noel Moynihan 55 and Second Nett: John Murphy 49.

WEDNESDAY SCRAMBLE: August 11th- Two Ball Scramble- Nett: Erin Moloney & Mike 'Seve' O'Leary 36½ Gross: Lorcan Martin & Robbie O'Brien Snr 46. Same again next Wednesday evening at 6.45pm.

**NATIONAL U16 STROKEPLAY:** Our best wishes to all from the club who are heading to Lakeside in Templemore, Co Tipperary tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon for this year's event.

**CLUB MATCHPLAY (ADULT):** In association with Murphys Bar Killarney it will take place this Sunday morning with the draw for all rounds at 9am sharp. Please have your name entered with Sean or Noel in advance.



46, Gross: TJ Erin Moloney pictured with both Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club
O'Sullivan Chairman Damien Fleming and Club Captain John McGrath
58, Runner- last Friday night accepting his prizes after winning both the Chairman and Captains Prize events three weeks apart.

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Jesus did not come into the world to condemn, but to seek and save the lost (John 3:17). God desires that all people be saved. He is the most compassionate and loving Father who knows the worst, but believes the best, in every one of us. He has given every man, woman and child a free will to choose our own destiny. How He longs for us to choose Him! (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

But the day will come when it will be too late. When a person closes their eyes upon this earth, there is no 'change of mind' option. It is so easy to mock God and to revile His commands while life is good. It is also so easy to blame God for all the bad things when we don't know that our enemy the devil's desire is mankind's total destruction, one human being at a time (1st Peter 5:8).

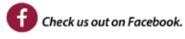
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3) Seek God and obey Him. God says you will find Him when you seek Him with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:13). When you study the Bible don't just read it like a fairy tale, but believe God's Word - and obey it.

For instance if you read in the Word that you are to love your neighbour as you love yourself, you need to repent of the times you have not loved others, and repent for not loving yourself. We need to change how we look at ourselves, and how we view others. So instead of self hatred I must learn what God says about me, believe it, and proclaim it. God loves those whom we have hated in the same way that He loves you and me, so we need to get with the program, quit condemning them and forgive them, and ask God to change our attitude towards them. It's not rocket science. God will give us the grace to do it. It is by His Holy Spirit that He transforms us into His sons and daughters and He desires to fellowship with us. We please God as we love like He loves (Ephesians 5; Romans 13:8-14). He will avenge the wrongs, so trust Him (Psalm 46).

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#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

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Dermot and Siobhán would like to thank Kathleen's excellent medical team, Dr. Fidelma Cronin and all the staff at the Park Medical Centre and Dr. Liston and his team at University Hospital Kerry. Thank you to all the staff and medical teams from Killarney Nursing Home and St. Columbanus Nursing Home.

Thank you to all the wonderful care from Community Health Teams, Public Health Nurses, Physiotherapist, Home Helps, her Carers and to Liam and all the staff at Sheahan's Pharmacy, Killarney.

Thank you to those who sent us mass cards, condolences online and who wrote us beautiful letters about their wonderful memories of Kathleen. We would like to thank those especially who helped out at her daughters home, who brought food and to those who stood out to bid Kathleen farewell on her final journey.

Thank you to O'Shea's Funeral Directors for their professionalism, kindness and guidance in organising Kathleen's funeral and burial. Fr. O'Brien for your kindness in preparing Kathleen's funeral mass and the lovely personal service you gave, the priests of the parish, to Tadhg Fleming, Sacristan and to the musicians for the lovely music. To all her former work colleagues and friends from Kerry General Hospital who provided a guard of honour.

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