

**CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL**

**Baile Mhic Ealagoid**

**Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana**

**Coiste na nÓg**

**De Ceadoin 8<sup>th</sup> Deireadh Fomhair 2021 8.30pm.**

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## **Coiste Na nÓg Officers 2021.**

Chairman : Declan O Connell

Vice Chairman: Kieran Savage

Secretary: Gerard Collins

Assistant Secretary: Barry Lyons

PRO: Maureen O Shea

Children's Officer: Joanne Long

Coaching Officer: Stephen O Brien

## **Tuarascáil An Runaí 2021**

Ta fáilte roimh go leir anseo anocht. Is é seo thíos mo chur síos ar príomh imeachtaí Coiste na nÓg Cumann Luthcleas Gael I mBaile Mhic Ealagoid i rith na bliana 2021.

2021 thankfully proved to be a more eventful year and while it was into the month of June before any matches could take place all under age sides played many more games than they did in 2020, with County League, Central Region, Tralee/St Brendan's and Castleisland District Competitions run off.

Unfortunately, some events such as St. Patrick's Day Parade, Rose Cup and Scor did not return, while it was also most disappointing that the Eric Mason Blitz could not take place, hopefully all of the above will return in 2022.

Below is a summary of the various age groups. Many thanks to the co-ordinators of each team who compiled the reports and also for the time and commitment they gave as co-ordinators of their age group. .

### **U5 BOYS & GIRLS**

Introducing this age group for the first time to our Academy proved a huge success. The enthusiasm of players every Sunday morning was infectious. To see the improvements in every player during the season was proof of what the coaches were doing was relevant to this age group. Huge thanks to all Coaches for their commitment during the year. Thanks also the parents of this age group.

### **U7 GIRLS & BOYS**

2021 was again an extremely good for all our U7s. It was very rewarding to see the improvement in the all the player's from when we started to when we finished up. This improvement was due to the hard work of our coaches. The U7s really enjoyed and were very competitive in all the games they played. A big thanks to all the coaches who's commitment was second to none. Also thanks to all the parents who encouraged their children throughout the year.

### **U9 BOYS**

Our U9 academy started on a different note this year. There were different skills sent out every week through social media. We had the boys practising their hand passing, pick up and kick passing at home. All in order to get them ready for the 2021 academy to start.

When we finally did get onto the field to train as a group, the boys were bursting for action. The new structure meant we had the same group of lads from the previous year, with a few new heads in the mix.

Back on the field every Sunday the boys were put into small groups and practised a different skill for a set amount of time before moving onto another skill. At the end of every session we finished with a friendly game amongst ourselves.

The County Board set up Go Games which started on the 22nd June playing Spa, Killarney. Then on the week of the 6th July we played Na Gaeil away. We played John Mitchel's on the 20th of July and on 17th August we played Listry below in Ballymac. We played the majority of our games on the training field and on a Sunday morning.

The County Board organised a second round of Go Games and John Mitchel's came out to play us on the 14th September. For our last Go Game of the season we went into Stacks in Connolly Park.

In the midst of those Go Games we had the Community Games. Our team was made up of all U9's and only one U10 player. We played against an U10 Firies team who were a lot bigger and stronger. That was our first taste of a competitive game. Although we were beaten, we only lost by a point.

The medal presentation at the end of the season was a great day and our players were presented with medals from our Club captains Daniel O'Shea and Una Kerrins.

Míle buíochas to all the parents for bringing their kids to training and games throughout the year.

A special thanks also to the Ballymac U17 lads who volunteered to referee a lot of our home games: Gary Lynch, Mossie Brennan, Eoin Creedon and our own coach/mentor Maurice O'Connell. (Apologies if we have left anyone out.)

Thanks to the U9 coaches this year for their time and efforts: John Leen, Donal Rahilly, Eddie O'Connell, Leo O'Connor and Maurice O'Connell.

The panel of players consisted of Daithí O'Connor, Tom O'Neill, Conor Mc Carthy, Sean Kelly, Michéal Scanlon, Conor Browne, Gearóid Jones, Tadhg Brick, Dara Leen, Sean Ireland, Taylor Brosnan, Jack O'Connell, Jayden Roche, Shane Connell, Mike Brosnan, Scott Fitzmaurice, Daniel Maher, Callum Walsh, Sam Leen, Conor Mangan, Louis Barry, Jake Sugrue and Rian O'Connor

## **U11 Boys**

For the second year running our boys of the under 11 team started training this year again with the loom of lock downs and COVID all around them, but to be fair to them they turned up in great numbers when asked and we had even new additions to our tight group which was brilliant for us to see and definitely made our group stronger for the long year ahead.

There was great excitement by both players and coaches when it was announced that the league was to go ahead and that we were to play 6 games in six weeks phase 1 and the same in phase 2 both in Division One of the County League Go Games...When fixtures were made,we said as a group that we would take one game at a time as our lads had little or no experience playing so many games in a row so we set about our business.

We need not have worried about our lads in the least as soon as the first ball was thrown in by the referee in the first game

The lads took off and never looked back. There was some brilliant games in which most notably was the last game against Kenmare there was passages of that game Jack O Connor would be proud of because of the teamwork and heart shown by our lads which was often mentioned by opposition management all through the year at different stages which is the best compliment any team could get.

As the year moved on the lads kept the heads down and worked away and there was a noticeable change in the skill level of our squad as lads were getting more games the confidence grew and by the time the Castleisland and Tralee district leagues came around our lads were ready to take on their first local competitions in which we did very well

All in all a very successful year for our squad Darragh Leen, Blake Leen, Gerard McElligott , Rory O Connor, Jack Harper, Flynn Boyle, Finn Hannah, Darragh Lyons, Killeen Burke, Aidan O Connor, Jack Hobbart, Jack Stack, Regan Zhang, Dylan Scanlon, David Fealy, Gearoid joy, Adrian O'Connor, Gearoid O Connor, Tagdh O Connor, Jamie Harrington, Ciaran Brosnan, Patrick Leen, Eric Quirke, Daniel Moriarty, Diamuid Scanlon Evan Horgan Harvey Leen and Jack Lynch.

A special thanks must go to the young referees organised by club for our home games this year who did great jobs on their game nights. A massive thanks must go to coaches for the 2021 season Neilus O Connor co-ordinator, Francie Hobbart, Kieran O Connor, Ciaran Burke, John Moriarty, Mossy Brosnan, Kieran Boyle and Thomas Lyons. The last thanks of the year must go to the parents of the hardest working bunch who travelled around the county giving us the best support through thick and thin. Ballymac abu

## U13 BOYS

Our early sessions were held via zoom with a good online attendance. However, nothing beats being able to run on the pitch and kick ball with your team mates, which started in late May when training began in preparation for the Co. League which started mid June where we were placed in Division 2. The standard in this section was particularly high with Beaufort, Churchill, Fossa, Rathmore and Emmetts in with us. In all games we were most competitive and while only winning one game (v Fossa) with a bit of luck we could have won a few more.

In Phase 2 of the Co. League we competed in Division 3 where losses to Glenflesk, Ballyduff and Miltown Castlemaine and victories over Na Gaeil and Emmetts saw us complete our Co. League campaign.

That left us with three competitions to play. First up was Castleisland District where a good victory away to Cordal saw us qualify for the final against Scartaglen. We dominated this game from the start and had the comfortable lead going into the final quarter but the Scart lads mounted a spirited comeback but we held on for a 1-10 to 1-6 victory to be crowned Castleisland District A Champions for 2021.

This win gave the boys great confidence going into Division 2 of the Central Region where victories over Annascaul/Lispole and Ardfert set up a winners take all game against Na Gaeil in the final round. This proved to be a cracking game with play swinging from end to end, Na Gaeil seemed to have done enough to win as the final whistle approached but our lads dug deep to work the ball up the field to score a winning goal amidst scenes of great celebration.

Our final competition was the Coiste Tra Li/ St Brendan Board League where we competed in Division 2. Victories over Ardfert, St. Pat's and Austin Stacks B saw us qualify for a final against Ardfert. This game was played on the 17<sup>th</sup> October and was probably the most exciting game of the year with both sides playing some fantastic football which saw the lead change hands many times. At the end of normal time the score was Ballymac 3 – 7 Ardfert 1 – 13. Both sides added 4 points each in extra time which meant a replay was necessary. This replay did not take place until the 28<sup>th</sup> November which meant heavy under foot conditions were the order of the day. However, full credit to both sides who again served up great entertainment for the spectators. Again this game with to extra time with Ballymac eventually prevailing on a 2 – 7 to 1 – 7 score line.

This completed a fantastic treble for our Blue Team well done to the boys.

Our Under 13 Gold side took part in Co. League, Central Region and Castleisland District Competitions. In the Co. League we were in a group with Ardfert, An Gaeltacht, Na Gaeil, Kerins O Rahillys and Emmetts for Phase 1 while in Phase 2 Na Gaeil, Emmetts, Miltown Castlemaine, An Gaeltacht and Ardfert provided the opposition.

In the Castleisland District Competition we were grouped with Desmonds A and Scartaglen A, we played out a very close game with Desmonds before losing out narrowly while Scartaglen proved too strong for us in our second game. Our final competition was the Central Region where we had two good games against Ardfert and Na Gaeil. Many thanks to our U11 boys who came up to play with the Gold team and never let the side down when called upon.

Many thanks to mentors Patrick Reidy, Ted McCarthy, Shane Brosnan, Denis McMahon, Ruairi Rahilly and Gerard Collins who oversaw the training and games for this age group throughout the year.

Panel : John Leen, Ray Horgan, Darragh McMahon, Tommy Walsh, Cian Gilroy, Jackson Brosnan, Michael Quirke, Jamie Tarrant, Pdraig Reidy, Eoghan Joy, Jack Collins, Ryan Burke, Liam Rahilly, Sean Martin, Paddy Lucid, Conor Lynch, Conor McCarthy, Graham West, Fionn Enright, Shane Cassidy, Seadhna O'Brien, Cathal Carr, Kyran Boyle, Liam Brennan, Jack Lynch,

## **U15 BOYS**

### **Blue Team**

The panel consisted of 28 players for the year, which began on April 26th with their first training session. Overall attendance was excellent throughout the year thanks in no small part to the parents and boys themselves of course.

With two teams competing in the County League Division 3A and 9A, and later in the year the Central Region, plenty action was ahead of the boys to get stuck into for the season ahead.

They went straight from the training field to competitive action firstly the Blue Team competing in a very competitive county league Division 3A.

Teams and games in the Division were as follows;

Away to Dr Crokes winning 1-13 to 2-06.

At home to Kenmare losing 6-10 to 3-04.

At home to Churchill winning by the minimum 4-04 to 0-15.

Away to Na Gaeil losing 3-21 to 5-13.

Away to Firies winning 7-13 to 2-07.

This left us finishing joint second on our side of the division, meaning we qualified for the county league semi-final away to Glenflesk. After a great game the boys came out victorious on a score line of 5-11 to 4-08.

The boys final opponents were Tarbert and this game took place in Finuge on Wednesday evening 21st July at 7.30pm.

On a glorious evening for football the Tarbert boys really put it up to us winning comfortably 4-15 to 2-08. It was just a case of the better team winning, but saying that our boys tried their hearts out, and left everything on the field of play.

### **Next up was the Central Region Division 3 competition.**

We played four group games.

First round was away to Na Gaeil for the second time but we turned the tide around this time and ended up winning on a score line of 1-18 to 7-08....goals win matches!!

Next up was John Mitchels away, and again the boys proved too strong winning 0-09 to 3-08.

We received a walkover from Castlegregory with our final game at home to Kerins O Rahillys winning comfortably 3-21 to 1-08.

Topping the table we were into a final against our neighbours Na Gaeil meeting for the third time this year.

The game was played in St Pats, Blennerville on Wednesday 15th September. With both teams being very familiar with each other and never much separating them in previous games, the boys knew they had to perform to their best to get a result. On this they delivered and won by 3-10 to 0-15 points. Joint captains Micheal Savage and Cathal White accepted the Division 3 Shield to the delight of all present.

A very enjoyable trip back home that evening, stopping off for a few refreshments in Pat Mc Carthys Halfway Shop made the victory even more enjoyable. Thanks to Pat and his staff for opening late to facilitate everyone present.

## **Castleisland District League.**

Having a bye to the semi-final meant we were playing Currow at home to qualify for the district final. Our near neighbours never put out a poor football team, and this was the case for sure because at the end of an epic game we won by the slimmest of margins with eleven goals scored between both teams. Final score 6-10 to 5-12.

Cordal/ Scart awaited in the Final which was played in Knocknagoshel on Friday evening October 1st. In slippery conditions, the more physical Cordal/Scart team dominated proceedings to win out 2-12 to 1-05.

All in all it was a great year for all the boys competing in 4 finals winning two and losing two.

At county level we had four boys selected on the Under 14 North Kerry Development Squad, a great honour for the boys, their families and the club. Well done!!

Mairtin Mc Kivergan  
Eoin Moriarty  
Cian Harris  
Jack Joy.

At Castleisland District level we had 8 players on the panel which reached the County Under 15 Shield Final which was held in Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November against St Brendan's District.

### **Result**

Castleisland 2-16

St Brendan's 2-08

Well done boys on a great win and the future is bright for the District.

Cian Harris  
Shane Gilroy  
Eoin Moriarty  
Jack Joy  
Micheal Savage  
Tom Long  
Conal Savage  
Micheal O Connor.

Overall it was a great year for all involved, with the standard throughout the county being at a very high level.

We wish all the boys graduating to minor level next year the very best of luck and hope they continue to line out for the club in the years ahead.

Panel; Cathal White, Conor Martin, Mark O Connor, Shane Gilroy, Jack Slattery, Micheal Savage, Thomas Leen, Jamie Burke, William O Donoghue, Tom Long, Evan O'Brien, Alex O Riordan, Maurice Harrington, Cian Harris, Conal Savage, Stephen Turner, Micheal O Connor, Eoin Moriarty, Jack Joy, Mairtin Mc Kivergan, Luke Silles, Ciarán O Connell, Gearoid Healy, Matthew Rodgers, Luke Griffin, Sam Slattery, Donnacha Enright, Shane Brosnan.

Also the management would like to thank the club administrators for all their support and the under 13 and 17 mentors for their cooperation.

Finally thanks to the management of Aidan Savage, Patrick White, Declan O Connell and Kieran Savage for their time and effort all year. It is much appreciated.

### **Gold Team**

As stated at the start of the report we had 28 player's who started training in late April which is great to see for our Club keeping the numbers playing very high.

The Gold team had a total of 11 games between the County League and the Central Region, where we competed in every game coming up against some clubs A teams.

The county league kicked off on the 18<sup>th</sup> June against Laune Rangers B and we finished up in the Div. 10 A final on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Results and Teams below.

Away to Laune Rangers B losing 4-08 to 3-02

Home to Kenmare B losing 6-10 to 3-06

Away to Kilcummin B drawing 3-07 to 3-07

Home to Crokes B winning 4-07 to 1-05

This left us in 4<sup>th</sup> place and gave us a County League semi-final away to Milltown/Castlemaine. This turned out to be the boy's best performance of the county league so far and they ran out convincing winners on a score line of Ballymac 5-12 Milltown/Castlemaine 1-08.

We were now in our 2<sup>nd</sup> County League final after the Blue team reached their final which was an outstanding achievement to get both teams to their division's county league finals.

The Gold team were playing Keel/Listry in what turned out to be a very competitive game where there was never much between the teams. In the end Keel/Listry just pipped us by the slimmest of margins on a score line of Ballymac 3-08 Keel/Listry 2-12.

The boys were down after the game but their spirits were up a few days later after we heard good news from the county board that we were awarded the trophy due to an error on Keel/Listry's part and our team were presented with the trophy by club president Tom Leen and club county board representative Jer Lynch.

### **Next up was the Central Region where we competed in Division 4.**

In this division we came up against 3 A teams and the boys did extremely well here reaching the semi-final.

Results and teams below.

Home to Dingle winning by 2-13 to 1-09

Home to Annascaul/Lispole losing by 3-16 to 4-08

Away to Stacks B losing by 4-14 to 4-01

Away to St Pats winning by 4-13 to 1-09

This put us away in the semi-final to Annascaul/Lispole after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the group.

We put up a good fight against a strong team from back west just losing out on the night by 1-18 to 2-10, the boys were disappointed but they all did their best and can be very proud of themselves for reaching 1 final and a semi-final in the 2 competitions we played in and winning 1.

Again, best of luck to all the players making the step up to the minor ranks and hopefully you all will enjoy 2022 playing with Ballymac.

Panel; Cathal White, Conor Martin, Jack Slattery, Micheal Savage, Thomas Leen, Jamie Burke, William O Donoghue, Tom Long, Evan O'Brien, Alex O Riordan, Maurice Harrington, Conal Savage, Stephen Turner, Micheal O Connor, Mairtin Mc Kivergan, Luke Silles, Ciarán O Connell, Gearoid Healy, Matthew Rodgers, Luke Griffin, Sam Slattery, Donnacha Enright, Shane Brosnan, Pdraig Reidy, Cian Gilroy, Mike Quirke, Eoghan Joy.

## **U17 BOYS**

Our u 17 s Began Training in April under the management team of Chris Flannery John Rice & Eddie O Connell with a panel of 17 players. Training commenced with 2 sessions a week, football skills on a Saturday morning and outdoor strength and conditioning mid week.

Following 8 weeks of intensive training, we began our Division 2 County League fixtures in late June .

We were in a Group of 4 , including Beale/Finuge Moyvane and Firies. We were victorious over Beale/ Finuge and Firies but our trip to Moyvane proved a difficult one as the home side ran out victors on the night . Our 2 results meant we had a semi final to play , Kenmare were our opponents away from home . Our boys played to their potential but for some early wasteful opportunities, the result may have been different. Congrats to Kenmare who were Division 2 County Champions 2021 .

We competed in the Division 2 Central Region competition, Annascaul/ Lispole/Dingle , Milltown/Castlemaine and St Mary's / Renard were our opponents. We were victorious over Annascaul/Lispole/Dingle and St Mary's / Renard but suffered a big defeat to Milltown/Castlemaine we were missing a few regulars .

However we qualified for a semi final, and in a tough game against St Mary's / Renard our boys dug deep in the last quarter to reach the final against Milltown/ Castlemaine. In the final in Na Gaeil , our boys had a blistering first half to lead 4 06-0-03 points at the interval. Milltown/ Castlemaine came back strongly in the second half , but our boys were not to be denied and ran out winners in a final scoreline of 4- 09 to 0 17 . Sean Rice and Eoin Creedon accepted the trophy on behalf of the team .

Our u 17 player Donal Daly was part of the Kerry minor panel for 2021 . Donal has been playing with the Club for 13 years and is a regular at all games and training sessions. Kerry were unfortunate losing out against Cork in the first Round of the Munster Minor Championship, having had a late chance to equalise .

We had 11 players on the St Kierans panel who competed in the County Minor Championship. We were victorious against Austin Stacks West Kerry and Dr Crokes . This meant we topped the group, and as a result we obtained a bye to the Semi final . Our Semi final opponents were Mid Kerry who topped their Group. In a titanic Battle in the first half , both sides were level at the interval, St Kierans were unlucky to concede a fortuitous goal just before the break . St Kierans started poorly in the third quarter and were down 3 points at the 2 nd water break . St Kierans emptied the bench to salvage a result but Mid Kerry held out to progress to the Final .

We competed in the u 17 Tralee / St Brendan's league . We defeated Austin Stacks in the semi final in a tight game , which set us up for a final against Ardfert . In the final our boys produced a heroic display to bring the game to extra time . Ardfert pushed on in extra time and won with a few points to spare .

These were 2 superb performances against Division 1 teams , and the players can be proud of their achievements and display.

U 17 Coaches would like to thank chairman Mike Sweeney for all his support during the year , Secretary/pitch coordinator Fionnan Fitzgerald, PRO Maureen O Shea for reporting our games on Social media and for up to minute reports on Twitter.

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication shown by Coaching officer Stephen O Brien , our Chairman of Coiste na Nog Declan O Connell and secretary Ger Collins . Thanks also to Coaches of our U 15 Group who assisted us with releasing some players when our numbers were low .

We would like to especially thank Chris Flannery John Rice & Eddie O Connell who worked hard all year with the team , and especially Chris Flannery who brought the team to a new level. Our panel for 2021 were Kieran Slattery, Mossie Brennan , Andy Rogers Luke O Connell , Luke Horgan , Aidan Horgan , Diarmuid Galvin, Eoin Creedon , Skye Lynch Donal Daly, James Kenny, Sean Rice, Niall Collins, Maurice O Connell, Gary Lynch, Sam Mansfield, Raymond Lowe, Shane Gilroy, Conor Martin, Jack Slattery, Cathal White, Tom Long, Michael Savage.

## **COACHING REPORT**

2021 was again a difficult year due to the on going pandemic but by everyone in our coaching setup working together it was a very successful one.

The new age grades were implemented this year namely U11,13,15 and 17s. There was a good number of games provided for each age group by all the different boards.

The only problem I see with the new system is that when you finish with U17 there is a huge gap to senior. I know that a number of club's have concerns about this gap and are very worried that there will be a lot of drop out when the players finish with U17s.

I think we urgently need to have a debate about this so we can minimise dropout.

Ballymacelligott GAA Club have had a very successful year at all age grades, each team have won trophies this year and our senior team has been promoted to decision 1. This proves that our coaches are doing an excellent job.

This year's Academy was a huge success with over 120 children attending every week, we may have started a little later than usual but we more than made up for it by not cancelling any Sunday all year.

We introduced an new age group, our U5s which has exceeded all expectations, with over twenty five children attending every week.

I would like to thank Oonagh O Rahilly and her Health and Well-being Committee for introducing us all to our new Academy mascot Buddy. I believe that Buddy had a big influence in so many new children joining this year.

I want to thank our players for showing excellent discipline on and off the pitch. Your hard work was rewarded by the number of competition you won during the year.

Thanks our parents who have been hugely supportive as usual.

To our coaches thanks a million for your hard work and commitment during the year, you are the heart beat of the club and without you there would be no club.

I want to thank the club executive especially Declan and Ger for your help and support.

On a personal note I want to thank Terance Houlihan for all his help and support over the last few years, I would also like to wish him all the best in his new position of Development Officer.

Finally thanks to our excellent GDA Tom Joy your support and knowledge has been very helpful during the year.

Stephen O'Brien Coaching Officer, BAILE MHIC EALAGOID ABU

## **REFEREES**

Our Club is most fortunate to have a number of our members willing to volunteer their time to referee games on behalf of the Club. Barry Lyons, Roland Rogers and Jer Lynch carry out this most important role and deserve huge gratitude for doing so.

We got a great response from our U17 players who took part in a course which enabled them to referee U11 Go Games during 2021. Mossie Brennan, Niall Collins, Eoin Creedon, Diarmuid Galvin, Kerry Hennessey, Garry Lynch and Kieran Slattery all took up the whistle for the first time in the past year. All acquitting themselves very well. Hopefully they will continue their refereeing career into the future.

## **CAMPS**

During the Summer Ballymac GAA Club hosted two camps. The first was the Co. Board organised Cul Camp which once again had one of the highest attendances in the County. In August we held the inaugural Ballymac Camp, which was a huge success. This was due to the great work put in by Club members in the organising and running of it. A special mention must go to Emma Sweeney who was the co-ordinator of the Camp and Maureen O Shea who organised and set up the online registration system. Many thanks also to Mike Quirke of Office and Ink for his sponsorship of same.

I would like to thank the Senior Executive for their continuing support of the Coiste na nOg section of the Club and wish all those who are stepping down from their positions well in the future.

As this Coiste na nOg Executive have also served their three year term huge thanks must be expressed to Declan, Stephen and Maureen for the dedication and hard work that they have put in on behalf of the Club in the last three years. When they took up their respective positions in 2019 little did they know what lay ahead! We are most fortunate as a Club that we have people of such high calibre to guide us through some testing times.

I want to express my thanks to all who helped me in any way in my role as Secretary for the past three years. Any time help or advise was sought it was always willingly given.

Best wishes to all the new incoming Officers for 2022.

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Gearoid O Coileain

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