



*Cumann Lúthchleas Gael*

# **Coiste Thír Eoghain**

*An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2007*



**Dé Mairt, 11 Nollaig 2007**

## • ORDUITHE SEASAIMH DON CHOMHDHÁIL •

### *(Standing Orders For Convention)*

In order that the proceedings of the Convention be carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed:

1. The Proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment thereto may speak for five minutes, but not more than five minutes.
2. A Delegate speaking to a Resolution or an Amendment must not exceed three minutes.
3. The Proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other Delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the Proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A Delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move 'that the question be now put', after which, when the Proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Clár, except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and voting.





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**A Chara**

Tionólfár an Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain san Baile Nua (Cumann Naomh Eoghain) ar an Máirt 11ú Nollaig 2007 ag tosnu ar 7.30 i.n.

Mise, le fíor-mheas

*Damhnaic Mac Eochaidh*

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• **CLÁR** •

1. Amhrán na bhFiann.
2. Miontuairiscí na Chomhdhála deireadh (2006).
3. Ag éirí as na miontuairiscí.
4. Glacadh de hOrduithe Seasaimh.
5. Tuarascála na bPáirceanna - An Omaigh  
Oileán a'Ghuail  
Dún Geanainn
6. Tuarascáil an Rúnaí.
7. Tuarascála na Fo-Choisti.
8. An Cuntas Airgeadais.
9. Oráid an Chathaoirligh.
10. Na Rúin.
11. Toghchán an Choiste don bhliain 2008.
12. Dúnadh na Chomhdhála.

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## • Miontuairiscí na Chomhdhála 2006 •

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1.0 An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain took place in the new Clubrooms of the Beragh Red Knights on Tuesday 12th December 2006.

Pádraig Ó Dorchai (Cathaoirleach) presided with the following attendance:

Proinsias Mac Cathmhaoil, Cuthbert Ó Donnaile, Séamas Mac Domhnaill, Micheál Ó hAirmhí, Micheál Mac Gualraic, Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh, Micheál Mac Eochaidh, Toirealach Mac Cana, Breandán Ó hEarcáin, Ciarán Mac Lochlainn, and Damhnaic Mac Eochaidh.

Apologies were noted from: Liam Mac Niallais, Aiden Rushe and Patsy Gallagher.

Club	Co. Committee Member	Delegate(s)
Achadh Lú	Mickey Muldoon	Shane McGee Martin O'Neill
Achadh Uí Arain	Sam McGirr	Pady McSorley Paddy McSorley
Ard Bó		Hugh Joe Quinn Kevin Teague
Eochar	Dermot Monaghan	Aloysius Hackett Bernie McGirr
Bearach	Pat McCartan	Barry Conroy Micheál Mac Cana
Bruach Áille	Sean Quinn	Pearse Kelly Colm Ferguson
Brocach	Gary McKiver	Ciaran McCloskey
An Charraig Mhór	Sean McGuigan	Art McCallan Pat Nugent
Caisleán na Deirge	Aidan Rushe	John Harper Declan Devine
Clann na nGael	James O'Neill	Marie Gormley Anne Dooher
Clochar	Sean McElroy	Seán Mac Eochaidh Eoghan Mac Dhonaill
Cluain Eo	Joe McCabe	Michael Duffin Seamus Ó Treasaigh
Oileán a'Ghuail	Benny Corr	Gerard McStravick Brendan Early
An Corra Chríochach	Adrian Scullin	Adrian Gilmore
Doire Lochain	Joey McLernon	Aidan O'Hagan Brendan Quinn
Doire Treasc	Packie O'Neill	Brian Hughes
Domhnach Mór	Patsy Gallagher	Patsy Hetherington Pauric Gallagher
Deargais		
An Droim Mór	Liam O'Neill	Seamus McNabb Paul McCaffrey
Droim Caoin	Seamus McGale	Cathal McSwiggan
Droim Ratha	Patrick Mullin	Eamonn McCann Charlie Quinn
Dún Geanainn	John Gill	Owen Treanor Cathal Skeffington
Eadán na dTorc	Aidan Currie	Sean Quinn Martin McGuigan
Eaglais	Cathal Daly	Donal McAnallen Sean Donaghy
E. R. Uí Néill	Joe Hegarty	Sarah-Jane Kelly



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Aireagal Chiaráin	Sean McKenna	Gerard McCann E Lynch
Eiscreach	Joe Marlow	Seamus Marlow K McCarney
Fionntamhnach		Alan Richardson Eamon McCann
Gallbhaile	Noel McGearry	Martin Rafferty
Gleann Eallaigh	Eunan Lindsay	Damian Bradley Peter Lindsay
Goirtín	Gabriel Treanor	Barbara Ward Ciaran Kelly
An Caisleán Glas		Peter Treacy
Cill Dreasa	Eamon Rafferty	Mark Conway Eimear Lennon
Cill Íseal	Milo Skeffington	Gerard Donaghy Damian Hamill
Coill an Chlochair	Donal Magee	Ciaran McElroy Kenny Lang
Cill na mBán		
Loch Mhic Ruairí	Paddy O'Brien	Seamus Mullan Sean Donaghy
Baile na Móna	Tom McQuillan	Paul Quinn Conan Lavery
An Mhaigh	Peter Duffy	Mary Daly
An Baile Nua	Chris Jones	Roisin Falconer Patrick Maguire
An Omaigh	Gerry McNamee	Seamus Hannigan Oliver O'Neill
Cabhán a'Chaortainn	Feidhlim Ó hAgáin	John McNamee Jim Quinn
An Charraig	Sean Ruddy	Dominic Murphy
An Chraobh	Declan Laverty	Sean Gallagher
An Srath Ban	Aodhán Ó hEarcáin	
An Taite Riabhach		Sean Darcy Mairtín Mac Artáin
Trí Leac	Martin McGrade	Patsy McCaughey
Urnaí	Pat Holland	Ryan O'Neill Gerard McGill
An Charraig Mhór (H)	Sean Kerr	Ruairí Mac Ailín Peter Kerr
Dún Geanainn (H)		Dan Morgan Shay O'Neill
Naomh Colmcille (H)		Conor McKiver Seoirse Ó Bróin
Na Seamroga (H)	Tony Fawl	
Gaeil Chameoghain (H)	Owen Roe O'Neill	
Coiste na Liathróid Laimhe	Martin Mullan	

## • Amhrán na bhFiann •

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The National Anthem was sung by Brian McNamee (An Bearach).

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Words of welcome were extended to the Convention by Beragh Club Chairman, Mickey McCann and Parish Priest, Fr McInerney.



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• **Miontuairiscí - 2005** •

The Minutes of the 2005 Convention were adopted on the proposal of S McGale and seconded by A Scullin.

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• **Standing Orders** •

On the proposal of P Holland, Standing Orders were adopted, and were seconded by N McGeary.

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• **County Grounds' Accounts and Balance Sheets** •

6.1 The Treasurer indicated that the Accounts for Healy Park Omagh had been incorporated in the Accounts of the County Committee, for consideration as an item on the Clár.

No Accounts were presented for O'Neill Park Dungannon or for Fr Campbell Park Coalisland.

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• **Secretary's Report** •

- 7.1 J Treacy offered congratulations to the IT Committee on the development of an excellent website for Tyrone GAA which had been most up-to-date and covered all aspects of the Association. In reply to his query, the Rúnaí informed him that the website which was launched in October had been developed by a commercial company but was maintained on a voluntary basis. Thanks was extended to Jim Dunne who had supplied all photographic imagery on the website.
- 7.2 Speaking on the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programme (ASAP), C Donnelly invited each Club in Tyrone to identify a person to deal with the subject; he gave an assurance that training would be provided by Ulster Council.
- 7.3 The Cathaoirleach congratulated the minor hurling team on reaching the Grade C All-Ireland final and paid tribute to the manager Ciaran Keyes and liaison officer T Fawl.
- 7.4 An appeal was made by J Dooher on behalf of the Referees' Administration Committee for more referees and for more support for them from Clubs; he pointed out that there was an acute shortage of hurling referees, which the hurling Clubs should respond to.
- 7.5 D Morgan expressed his delight that there were three extra Clubs in hurling and he hoped that there would be even more. If they were given good support he thought there should be a good county team.
- 7.6 The Secretary's Report was adopted on the proposal of C Daly seconded by J Marlow.
- 7.7 Referring to the Referees' Administration Committee Report, P McCartan expressed disappointment that all referees would threaten to withdraw from officiating at any
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particular Club’s fixtures. This would not be a decision that should be taken by the Committee since it was a matter for the whole Association at county level to decide upon. If a Club has indiscipline matters, they should be dealt with by the GAC.

- 7.8 S McNabb also indicated his disappointment at the contents of Michael Hughes report regarding the withdrawal of referees.
- 7.9 E McConnell pointed out that he was not consulted as a referee on withdrawing services from a particular Club, and he knew that most referees were not consulted; the decision taken was that of an individual in the name of all referees.
- 7.10 J Dooher reported that he, as Chairman of the Referees’ Administration Committee had met with an Coiste Bainistí to resolve issues associated with this action and he felt that they all had learned from it.
- 7.11 Arising from the Report of the Hurling Development Committee, B Harkin said there was a revolution in hurling in Tyrone, with 11 Summer Camps organised for 1000 participants, and coaching taking place in excess of 60 Primary Schools. Now there was a need to streamline fixtures so that young hurlers get a fair chance and they are not diverted to football. He also asked Clubs to provide support to the coaches going into the schools.
- 7.12 C McLaughlin found a major difficulty getting anyone from the hurling clubs to promote and develop the fixtures for hurling and to assist with the work of the GAC.

• **Treasurer’s Report** •

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- 8.1 At the outset P McCartan wanted to know why there was non-compliance with Rule 54, which required that the Financial Accounts be issued with the Secretary’s Report at least one week before Convention, and was informed that the necessary information was not ready.
- 8.2 S McDonald explained the financial details as portrayed in the accounts. Total income for the year amounted to £1,272,179 and the total expenditure was £804,772. The retained surplus for the year was £466,264 with net assets increasing to £1,895,465.
- 8.3 The Treasurer’s Report was adopted on the proposal of A. O’Neill seconded by G McKiver.
- 8.4 In conclusion the Cisteoir expressed his gratitude to an extensive range of individuals and sub-committees for their assistance and support during the current year and throughout his six-year term in office.

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• **Oraid an Chathaoirligh** •

Work has commenced on the fourth stage of the refurbishment of Healy Park. Completion will see new health and safety facilities for spectators, players and officials which will make Healy Park one of the finest county grounds in the country. This will conclude an investment totalling £5 million.

I thank our funders namely Central Council, Ulster Council, Sports Council for Northern Ireland, Club Tyrone and our sponsors. I pay tribute to our clubs for supporting the Millennium Initiative 2000 which kick started the project. Without this broad funding base the Healy Park development would not have happened. This investment is good for the future hosting of our major games. It is good for Healy Park; it is good for the GAA in Tyrone and it is vested in the GAA.

There are issues in all our provinces regarding the quality and quantity of county grounds and questions whether to sell and relocate or refurbish. Current ad hoc arrangements may not be in the overall interest of the GAA. The Association needs to take the lead role by reviewing all stadia against broad criteria to include location, size, spectator comfort, access, car parking, traffic control, impact on local residents, media facilities, safety, cost effectiveness and overall fitness for purpose in the 21st century. The outcome should be a National Plan which takes account of national, provincial and county needs.

Forward planning the County Committee will develop a training complex to meet the growing demands of county teams and development squads including ladies football and camogie. The County Committee must accept more responsibility for training provision and take some of that pressure from our clubs. We are in the final stage of negotiation with Omagh District Council to purchase lands in Strathroy. The lands will be developed to include playing pitches, changing facilities, an astro-turf floodlight facility, indoor hurling alley, gymnasium and other modern training facilities. We also plan to build an administrative headquarters to ensure our staff and committees work in environments which meet our obligations under Health and Safety legislation. This investment will be good for the GAA in Tyrone and the Strathroy community in particular. We also plan to provide more covered accommodation for spectators in Healy Park. The one stand syndrome is outdated. All 140,000 spectators who visited Healy Park in 2006 should have the comfort of seated covered accommodation.

The County Committee development plans require significant capital investment which will burden our amateur Association. Nevertheless we must plan for the present and future. In taking our plans forward I will be urging government for affirmative funding on two grounds. First, it is self evident government is more interested in the GAA and what it does. Financial support from Lottery and other grants is testament to that. However, when it comes to county projects we are playing ‘catch up’ from the historical underfunding of the GAA by government, both North and South. Secondly, government fails to give due regard to the full impact of the GAA’s contribution to communities in providing value added to policies on health and social cohesion, culture and tourism. The GAA is the largest amateur participant and spectator organisation in Ireland. The provision of facilities and services in communities has developed over generations of voluntary effort and fundraising. Government must give due recognition to the impact and quality of this effort.





We need to raise the profile of hurling in Tyrone. To do so however will require an attitude change. There is a tendency, when it comes to Tyrone hurling, to dwell on the negative. I will focus on the positives and there are many. New clubs are affiliating at youth level. These clubs will be encouraged by the success of Naomh Colmcille, formed as a youth unit 20 years ago, but now an established senior club. This year they celebrated the opening of their new grounds — the first hurling pitch in Tyrone.

I point to the success of our 2006 hurling camps with over one thousand children participating. Our senior and minor county hurlers can be proud in winning the National League Shield and reaching an All Ireland Final in their respective grades. We are currently putting in place management teams for 2007. I ask all our best hurlers to answer the county call and be proud to wear the Tyrone jersey. The County Committee is investing £100,000 in employing a County Hurling Development Manager and 4 hurling coaches. This will ensure all primary schools and club youth teams will benefit from coaching in hurling. Hurling in Tyrone will also be supported by provincial coaches as part of the Ulster Council's Three Year Games Development and Governance Initiative.

2007 will see us taking forward the integration of CLCG, Cuman Camogiochta na nGael and Cuman Peile Gael na mBan. A county integration committee is in place and each club will be required to appoint a Club Integration Officer. I ask all of you to actively promote the mutual benefits of working in partnership to develop Gaelic games. All codes will benefit in areas of fixtures, referees, ground sharing, fund raising, administration, club development, strategic planning and PR and marketing. The greatest impact will be at club level. A General Management Committee representing all codes will manage your club. This has been the strength of the GAA at grassroots level — one family, one club integrated and united working together to promote our games and culture.

In some circumstances it may not be feasible for a single club to offer all our games. In those situations clubs should co-operate and share resources to support a hurling, camogie or handball unit.

2007 will see the introduction of new structures and procedures for fixtures and discipline. These are on your clar. I believe the new arrangements will bring greater clarity and independence to our proceedings and I urge all members to support their findings and decisions.

On disciplinary matters it would be negligent on my part not to express my concern at some of the incidents on our playing fields during 2006. Notwithstanding the ugly scenes in the International Rules series, we had our own problems within our county and the Ulster Club Championships. Melees and brawls have no place in our games. If the usual disciplinary actions prove ineffective then we must think the unthinkable and suspend teams from the whole or part of a competition. No one enjoys handing down lengthy suspensions to amateur players. It need not happen if everyone reasserts the core values of Gaelic games which include self discipline, sportsmanship, respect for opponents and respect for officials.

Concluding I thank everyone involved in the conduct and work of CLG at club and county level during 2006. I thank all our supporters and sponsors; congratulate all our winners and wish everyone a successful 2007.

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# • Motions •

- 10.1.1 In proposing **Motion 1**, Dominic McCaughey explained that the changes outlined were required, in the main, to bring the county's byelaw No. 3 into agreement with amendments made in Rule at Special Congress, where it had been decided to establish a Competitions Control Committee and a County Hearings Committee as part of the new Disciplinary Procedures.
- 10.1.2 The motion was seconded by J Gill
- 10.1.3 **Decision: Motion was passed unanimously.**
- 10.2.1 **Motion 2** was proposed by Dominic McCaughey and was also required to avoid conflict between Bye-law 4 and the 2006 version of an Treoraí Oifigiúil.
- 10.2.2 The motion was seconded by S Ruddy.
- 10.2.3 **Decision: Motion was passed unanimously.**
- 10.3.1 On behalf of Coiste an Chontae, Dominic McCaughey proposed **Motion 3** which established the unit responsible for processing transfers within the county, and the appeal mechanism available to a dissatisfied applicant.
- 10.3.2 The motion was seconded by M McGoldrick.
- 10.3.3 **Decision: Motion was passed unanimously.**
- 10.4.1 In proposing **Motion 4**, Dominic McCaughey indicated that its purpose was to overcome a gap in the existing Bye-law 12 which did not define permanent residency as it related to transfer applications and as required by Rule 38 (b)
- 10.4.2 The motion was seconded by S McDonald.
- 10.4.3 J McLernon queried whether a period of 8 weeks residence at an address, prior to the date of the application, would be considered sufficient.
- 10.4.4 D McCaughey indicated that this was an arbitrary term for residency and if did not seem appropriate then it could be amended in future, based on transfer applications experiences.
- 10.4.5 **Decision: Motion was passed unanimously.**
- 10.5.1 **Motion 5** as proposed by Donal McAnallen, on behalf of Eglis, was seeking to allow the use of video-conferencing in dealing with Hearings Committee cases. While such a change may not have any significant impact at county level it should be available at all levels; there should be no impediments to its use as it was now acceptable in legal proceedings. In the second part of his motion an amendment was being introduced to allow a wider scope to the Hearings Committee since the phrase 'enforcement of rules' in existing Rule was not defined.
- 10.5.2 The motion was seconded by C Daly.
- 10.5.3 **Decision: Motion was passed.**
- 10.6.1 On behalf of Eglis, Donal McAnallen proposed **Motion 6**. Its purpose was to not allow a person who was a member of a committee to represent a claimant or appellant before that Committee; this presently operates at Club level within the county and should be extended to all levels of the Association.
- 10.6.2 The motion was seconded by C Daly.
- 10.6.3 A number of queries were raised by J McCabe, F Campbel, S McDonald and P McCartan pointing out that such a person could be disadvantaged if he took no part in a Committee's decision and then could not appear before the Committee.



- 10.6.4 **Decision: Motion was passed.**
- 10.7.1 **Motion 7** was proposed by Pat McCartan on behalf of Beragh, who considered that 5 meetings during the course of the year was insufficient for a County Committee member and with the long gap from November to February he could not talk about any GAA issue.
- 10.7.2 The motion was seconded by P Holland.
- 10.7.3 J Treacy queried if all sub-committees which made up the structure of the GAA in Tyrone were functioning and meeting, and that they should be fully accountable to the County Committee.
- 10.7.4 Summarising, P McCartan said that he had made very little contribution to the County Committee last year – but he had made some – and that the present County Committee is a complete waste of time. If sub-committees are so important, then they will have proper reports for presentation at all monthly meetings.
- 10.7.5 **Decision: Motion was passed.**
- 10.8.1 In proposing **Motion 8**, Aidan Currie stated that it was being introduced because the County Board had imposed hefty fines during the year for indiscipline by Clubs on the field of play.
- 10.8.2 The motion was seconded by P Holland.
- 10.8.3 Speaking in favour of the motion A Harkin thought that a fine of £4,000 being imposed on any unit was atrocious.
- 10.8.4 P McCartan expressed the opinion that a fine of £4,000 was not a penalty since none of the disciplined players would have to pay a penny of it; instead, teams should be deducted league points.
- 10.8.5 A Currie accepted an amendment that would allow the upper limit of a fine to be established at the first meeting of the County Committee each year.
- 10.8.6 **Decision: Motion was passed.**
- 10.9.1 **Motion 9** was proposed by Eugene McConnell on behalf of Clogher. He suggested that there were not enough current referees on the Referees' Administration Committee; all those on the committee were former referees with some being in position for the past 20 years. New blood and fresh faces were needed to give greater confidence to referees.
- 10.9.2 In seconding the motion S Quinn thought that an input from current referees would be useful to young referees coming through.
- 10.9.3 Reservations were expressed by P McCartan in having too many referees on the committee; he was of the opinion that input from a whole lot of other sources would be more beneficial to the committee.
- 10.9.4 In summary E McConnell said that this motion was not a reflection on the current committee but he was expressing the views emanating from a large cross-section of referees.
- 10.9.5 **Decision: Motion was passed.**

## • Recommendations •

- 11.1 Recommendations 1 and 5 were withdrawn.
- 11.2 Remainder of Recommendations were referred to the first meeting of the County Committee in 2007.

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## • Election of Officers •

- 12.1 The Cathaoirleach declared all positions vacant.
- 12.2 Ciaran McLaughlin and Dominic McCaughey were proposed and seconded as Chairman and Secretary for the election of the new Committee.
- 12.3 Voting Strength was established as 142.

<b>Cathaoirleach:</b>	Pádraig Ó Dorchai	(Unopposed)
<b>Leas-Cathaoirleach:</b>	Micheál Mac Gualraic	(Unopposed)
<b>Rúnaí Cúnta:</b>	Micheál Mac Eochaidh	(Elected – 92 votes)
	Séamas Mac Domhnaill	(Eliminated - 44 votes)
<b>Cisteoir:</b>	Micheál Ó hAirmhí	(Elected – 76 votes)
	Hugh McAleer	(Eliminated – 63 votes)
<b>Cisteoir Cúnta:</b>	Séamas Mac Domhnaill	(Unopposed)
<b>Ball Árd Chomhairle:</b>	Breandán Ó hEarcáin	(Unopposed)
<b>Baill Chomhairle Uladh:</b>	Cuthbert Ó Donnaile	(Unopposed)
	Liam Mac Niallais	(Unopposed)
<b>Oifigeach Forbartha:</b>	Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh	(Unopposed)
<b>Oifigeach na nÓg:</b>	Ciarán Mac Lochlainn	(Unopposed)
<b>Oifigeach Cultur &amp; Teanga:</b>		(All nominees withdrew)
<b>Oifigeach Oilíúna:</b>	Toirealach Mac Cana	(Unopposed)
<b>Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:</b>	Breandán Ó hEarcáin	(Unopposed)

- 12.4 Club Representatives on County Committee  
 Michael Muldoon (Achadh Lú), Dermot Monaghan (Eochar), Pat McCartan (An Bearach), Sean McElroy (An Clochar), Benny Corr (Oileán a’Ghuail), Paddy Mullan (An Droim Ratha), Aidan Currie (Éadán na dTorc), Cathal Daly (Eaglais), Kevin Hagan (An Fionntamhnach), Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Eallaigh), Gabriel Treanor (An Goirtín), Eamon Rafferty (Cill Dhreasa), Milo Skeffington (Cill Íseal), Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair), John O’Hagan (Cill na mBan), Paddy O’Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí), Chris Jones (An Baile Nua), Gerry McNamee (An Omaigh), Declan Lavery (An Chraobh), Aodhán Harkin (An Srath Ban), Martin McGrade (Trí Leac).



Tyrone Minor Team - Ulster Champions 2007



## • Tuarascáil an Rúnaí •

Is léir ó athbhreithniú cúrsaí Chumann Lúthchleas Gael don bhliain 2007 go raibh cuid mhór buaiceanna nach beag, imeachtaí tábhachtacha agus roinnt éachtaí suntasacha ann. Rinneadh eachtraí stauriúla ar an pháirc imeartha i mbliana, mar bhain an contae dhá chraobh nua uile-Éireann, mar atáid, (a) Craobh uile-Éireann na gClub, arna bhaint ag leibhéal na Sóisearach ag Cumann Naomh Pádraig, An Caisleán Glas, (b) Corn Uí Ógáin, arna bhaint ag peileadóirí óga Scoil na mBráithre, An Ómaigh.

Cuir san áireamh Craobh uile-Éireann eile don chontae i gcomórtas na nGairmscoileanna, céadait i Scór na nÓg do bhailéadgrúpa Choilligh Chlochair, dhá chorn Chraobh Uladh mar aon le Corn An Dochtúir Mac Cionaoith (don cheathrú huair), duais Mhic Con Mhí eile – agus níorbh fhéidir a shéanadh gur bhliain rathúil í 2007.

The Ulster Championship football titles came at Senior and Minor level and the prestigious McNamee Award was received for the exceptionally high quality match programmes that were published by the PR/Marketing Committee for the National Football Leagues.

In addition to the historic achievement of Omagh CBS in winning the Hogan Cup, the two Tyrone Colleges were successful in almost all the other Ulster football competitions, sharing the McRory Cup, Corn na nÓg, the Dalton Cup, the Brock Cup and the Nannery Cup – a remarkable achievement, for which the teachers and pupils of St Patrick's Academy and the CBS can be very proud.

The completion of Phase 3 of the physical development at the primary county ground – Healy Park – took place in October, with the official opening of the undercroft of the Stand and the new Control Tower. Other major physical refurbishment and development was completed in the Tattyreagh and Carrickmore Clubs.

A number of Clubs celebrated significant anniversaries of their founding by completing Club Histories and organising Gala Banquets, including St Macartan's Augher, St Enda's Omagh, St Eugene's Newtownstewart and the Pearse's Fintona.

2007 was an historic year for the St Dymna's Club in Dromore when its senior football team became county champions for the first time since its foundation. There was success for Killyman at Intermediate level and Rock at Junior level while Carrickmore retained the senior hurling championship crown with the Junior title being claimed by Naomh Colmcille.

Details of all the successes and achievements at Club and County level are included in appropriate detail in the sub-committee reports within the later sections of this booklet.

## • Club Competitions •

### Football

#### Provincial Championships

At the time of drafting of last year's Secretary's Report the Ulster Club Championship had not concluded, and all three of Tyrone's representatives were still competing for honours. Having defeated Enniskillen in the first round, Errigal Ciaran drew with Ballinderry in the senior championship semifinal but lost out in the replay at Omagh. Tyrone's Intermediate champions also drew with the Armagh winners, Ballymacnab, but in the replay - much-delayed due to disciplinary investigations – there was no further joy for Stewartstown. So, all the hopes of Tyrone rested with the Junior champions, Greencastle – and they did themselves and the county proud. They eliminated Ardoyne, Drumhowan and then Naomh Bríd (Donegal) to win the Ulster Championship on 3rd December.

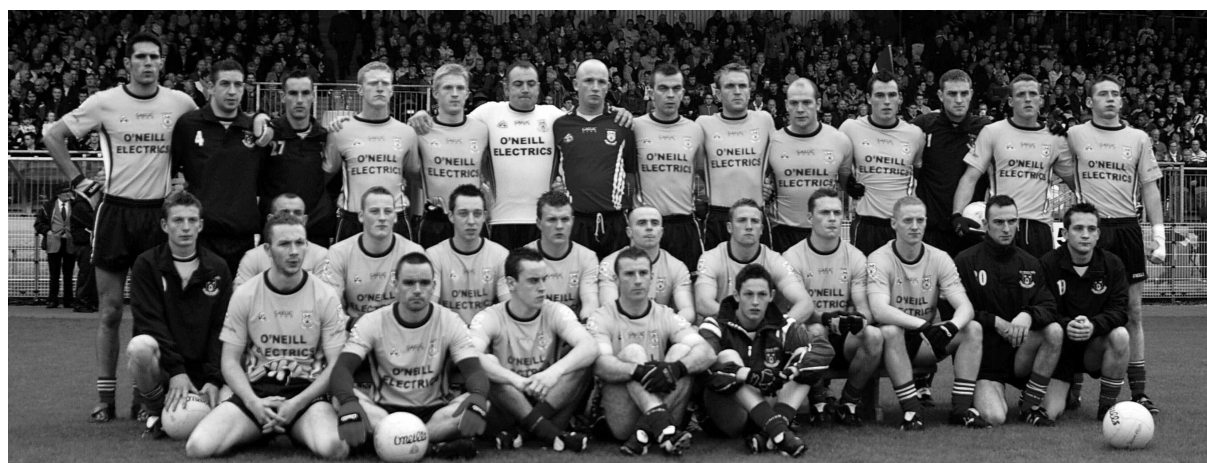
Having accounted for Killala (Mayo) by 0-12 to 1-5 in Markievicz Park the Club was overjoyed to reach the All-Ireland final. Played under floodlights in Croke Park, Greencastle put on a determined and skilful display in an exciting match against the Kingdom's representatives, Duagh. When the final whistle sounded, the Tyrone and Ulster champions were also All-Ireland champions, on a scoreline of 0-13 to 0-12.

Congratulations is extended to the Greencastle Club, its players, and its manager – former Tyrone captain, Sean Teague – on its historic championship success and in becoming the first Tyrone Club to win an All-Ireland football title.

#### County Championships

Tyrone's Championships sponsored by W J Dolan Construction ran very smoothly, from Friday 4th May until Sunday 14th October, and were financially successful due to excellent support from the membership of the Association.

In the Junior Championship there were 16 games including 4 replays. Both Beragh and Rock played in the preliminary round accounting for Castleterg and Drumragh, respectively. Beragh reached the county final with further victories against Owen Roes and Brackaville, while Rock defeated Dregish and then Clogher after a replay. It took two matches to sort out eventual



Dromore St. Dymphna's - Tyrone Senior Champions 2007



winners in this grade, and it was Rock who emerged as champions.

At Intermediate level, Killyman enjoyed success against Strabane and Augher to reach the final, while their opponents, Moortown had three straight wins over Fintona, Brockagh and Greencastle. Although Moortown entered the final as clear favourites, it did not count in the eyes of the men from Killyman who became Intermediate champions on a scoreline of 1-10 to 0-11. The Senior championship, consisting of 24 matches, was opened by Coalisland, playing against Omagh in Augher, and concluded with Coalisland against Dromore in the county final in Omagh. On their march to the final Coalisland had very comfortable victories over Omagh, Loughmacrory, Killyclogher and Donaghmore with a scoring average of 18.5 points per game. Dromore were not significantly tested in their four-match campaign against Trillick, Galbally, Kildress and Cookstown, having conceded an average of only 7.25 points per game. Most observers anticipated a free-flowing game of football in the final, with the outcome expected to be too close to predict winners.

Well, on the day, Dromore stamped their authority on the game from the opening whistle, and playing with a fast, aggressive and direct style, did not allow Na Fianna to establish any pattern of play throughout the whole match. So dominant were the St Dymphna's side that it took eight minutes for Coalisland to score their first and only point of the opening half, while Dromore scored nine times. The expected second-half comeback never materialised and Dromore added a further five points while Coalisland managed a total of three, to leave the final scoreline reading, Dromore 0-14 Coalisland 0-04.

Amid wild scenes of jubilation and raw emotion for players, officials and supporters, the O'Neill Cup was presented by County Chairman, Pat Darcy to a Dromore captain for the first time in the Club's 74-year history, and that captain was Fabian O'Neill. Congratulations is due to the Dromore Club, to its officers and committee and most importantly to its panel of players on its historic and richly-deserved first senior county championship. Having brushed aside the age-old 'curse' they become the 21st club to join Tyrone's senior Roll of Honour, and who would now bet against them moving rapidly up the Roll.

The curtain-raiser in Healy Park was the County Minor final, sponsored by the Tyrone Herald, featuring the attractive pairing of Pomeroy and Errigal Ciaran. Pomeroy, seeking a first-ever title, were considered to be the 'surprise' team of the year, but they fully deserved their place in the final having eliminated Carrickmore, Ardboe and Greencastle in the earlier rounds. Errigal Ciarán found their route to the final to be much tougher; having accounted for Kildress in the opening match, they required extra time to see off the challenges of Augher and then Dromore. As a spectacle this game was very disappointing with Errigal Ciarán proving to be much too strong for a Pomeroy side that did not do themselves justice on the day.

The 1982 senior championship-winning Augher St Macartans' were also present on County Finals' day, with team members being introduced and presented with a special commemorative medal by the County Chairman.

Under the direction of Football Development Officer Anne Dooher, the top Primary Schools' young footballers, selected from the 4,000 boys and girls that attended Tyrone's Summer Camps displayed their talent and skills in three mini-games, between the finals.

Musical entertainment was provided during the afternoon by Scór representatives from Carrickmore, Derrytresk and Coalisland, together with St Malachy's Pipe Band from Edendork,



which had recently won the All-Ireland Fleadh Championship. And Amhrán na bhFiann was sung by Caoileann McEnhill of the Omagh St Enda's Club.

Our thanks is due to all of these participants who put so much effort into making the County Finals a special occasion; it is important also to acknowledge the significant contribution made by the match officials, the stiles and gate officials, the crowd control stewards and a range of officials from the St Enda's Club and the County Committee who worked continuously in the background to make the day an outstanding success.

In the Ulster Championship Tyrone's representatives had mixed success; Killyman lost out to Fanad Gaels (Donegal) after a replay; Dromore defeated Down champions Mayobridge, also after a replay, and then lost to Crossmaglen (Armagh) by the narrowest of margins; Rock progressed to the Ulster final against Aghnamullan from Monaghan, having secured victories over Lissan (Derry) and then Killeshandra the Cavan champions.

### **League Competitions**

As is now customary in Tyrone, adult football competitions commenced with the O'Neills International Sportswear All-County Leagues on Sunday 1st April and these concluded for almost all teams on Sunday 4th November. Some promotion and relegation issues remained to be resolved at time of writing. As in recent years a small number of Clubs participated in the South Ulster League which has been organised by Comhairle Uladh in the early Spring. As stated in last year's Report it is difficult to see the merits in such a competition, other than to prevent the need for challenge games when managers are trying to identify their strongest fifteen players.

It would be much more beneficial to Tyrone's Clubs if they were to participate in the newly-structured All-County Leagues which should be organised by the Competitions Control Committee to commence in mid-February. The first benefit would be that all teams would have a significantly greater number of games played before setting out on their championship campaign in May. Secondly, there would be an earlier conclusion to games activity, ensuring that all promotion and relegation matters would be resolved before the month of December, or even November.

One disadvantage to be considered would be possible clashes with NFL games; however, with the majority of these being played on Saturdays and with a two-week gap between most of the games, it should be possible to work the two systems for the benefit of all Clubs.

Full details of the adult and youth games' programmes for 2007 which were organised by the Competitions Control Committee are included in a later section of this booklet. From this it is evident that a massive amount of work was undertaken by the Committee in providing, promoting and administering an extensive range of games' activities throughout the year; for all of this work, we extend our gratitude to the members of the Committee. Our thanks is also due to the linesmen, umpires and referees who officiated at this programme of games, and without whose services it could not have happened.

It was disappointing to note that organised competition for U21 Club players did not materialise as planned during 2007, only being slotted into the fixtures schedule at the end of November; this is a matter that must be given more serious consideration and proper organisation in the new season. While many players in this age group are catered for to some extent with Reserve football, there are also many that would benefit from this age-specific competition in which they would be competing against players of the same maturity. An U21 competition also maintains an important and natural link from youth football into adult games, thereby ensuring continued



participation.

One of the more positive initiatives undertaken by the CCC in 2007 was the facilitating of a third team from the Errigal Ciaran Club in the Division 3 League. While many Clubs initially perceived their admission to the League as a threat to their well-being, it was generally accepted by the end of the year that the inclusion of such a team did not create any problems, but did provide an outlet for footballers who, previously, were being excluded from games' activities. Although it is acknowledged that the majority of Clubs are not in a position to enter a third team in competition, those others that have been contemplating such a move should see that it is a very viable proposition, and should now be actively encouraged.

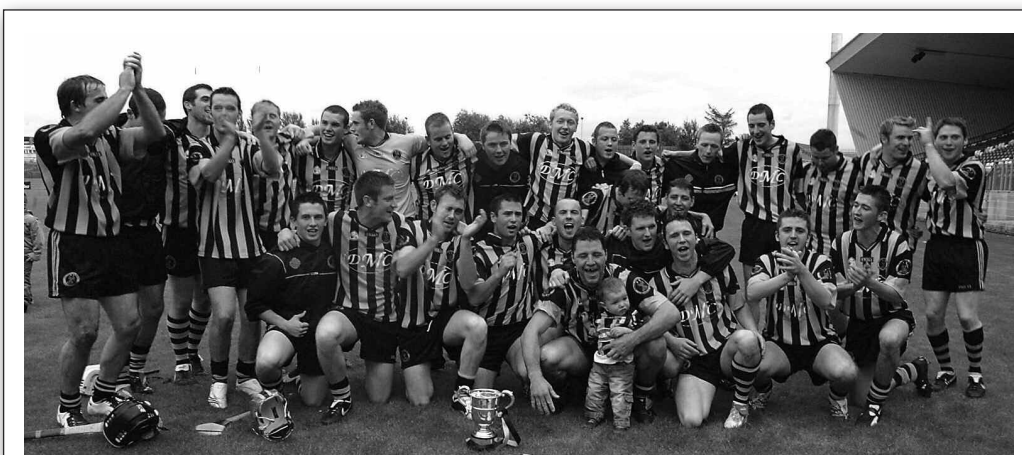
## Hurling

The hurling championship for 2007 followed the same format as in previous years involving Camowen Gaels, Naomh Colmcille, Carrickmore Éire Óg, Strabane Shamrocks and Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh. In the county finals, played in Healy Park, Naomh Colmcille easily defeated Camowen Gaels in the Junior decider, and Carrickmore retained the Benburb Cup at the expense of Dungannon for the second successive year, in a very competitive and sporting senior final.

Both of Tyrone's winners made first-round progress in the Ulster championship; Naomh Colmcille had a very comfortable victory against Carrickmacross in Castleblayney winning by 4-16 to 1-06. Dungannon defeated Monaghan champions Castleblayney by 4-05 to 1-08 in Omagh. However, in the semifinals, both teams came up against stiffer opposition and were eliminated from the championship in Maghera: Naomh Colmcille 1-05 Armoy 1-16 and Carrickmore 0-09 Keady 0-12.

League hurling within the county in 2007 could only be described as disjointed and was certainly less than satisfactory in most aspects. It cannot be considered a satisfactory situation that club hurling fixtures within Tír Eoghain are ignored, cancelled or postponed to accommodate club hurling fixtures in an 'Armagh' league or in an Ulster league.

It would be hoped that an appropriate detailed programme of hurling fixtures, within the county, could be drafted in 2008 and when published it must be adhered to by all of the hurling Clubs. With the firm establishment of the Ulster League, under the control of Comhairle Uladh, it would now seem to be appropriate to allow the 'Armagh' league to lapse, as participation by Clubs in both competitions is having a detrimental effect on players' welfare.



An Charraig Mhór Éire Óg - Tyrone Senior Hurling Champions 2007

## County Championships 2007

### Football

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
Senior	An Droim Mór	Oileán a'Ghuail
Intermediate	Cill na mBan	Baile na Móna
Junior	An Charraig	An Bearach
U-21 (1)		
U-21 (2)		
Minor (1)	Aireagal Chiaráin	Cabhán a'Chaortainn
Minor (2)	Eaglais	Naomh Mhuire
Minor (3)	Cill Dhreasa	Achadh Uí Arain
Juvenile (1)	An Omaigh	Aireagal Chiaráin
Juvenile (2)	An Bruach Aille	Naomh Mhuire
Juvenile (3)	An Mhaigh	Gleann Eallaigh
Juvenile (4)	Baile Nua	Clann na nGael
U-14 (1)	An Droim Mór	An Omaigh
U-14 (2)	Loch Mhic Ruairí	Domhnach Mór
U-14 (3)	An Chraobh	Eaglais
U-14 (4)	Achadh Lú	An Goirtín
Óg Spórt	An Omaigh	Naomh Mhuire
Feile na nÓg	Naomh Mhuire	An Omaigh

### Hurling

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
Senior	An Charraig Mhór	Dún Geanainn
Intermediate	Naomh Colmcille	Gaeil Chameoghain
Minor	An Charraig Mhór	Dún Geanainn
Juvenile	An Charraig Mhór	Dún Geanainn

## Ulster Championships 2007

### Football

Senior	Dromore	1-10	Mayobridge	0-13	at Omagh
	Mayobridge	1-07	Dromore	1-09	at Newry
	Dromore	0-11	Crossmaglen	2-06	at Clones
Intermediate	Fanad Gaels	0-12	Killyman	1-09	at Ballybofey
	Killyman	0-07	Fanad Gaels	1-12	at Omagh
Junior	Rock	0-16	Lissan	2-04	at Omagh
	Rock	2-07	Killeshandra	0-09	at Clones
	Rock	2-08	Aughnamullan	2-06	at Clones

### Hurling

Intermediate	Carrickmore	4-05	Castleblayney	1-08	at Omagh
	Keady	0-12	Carrickmore	0-09	at Maghera
Junior	Carrickmacross	1-06	Naomh Colmcille	4-16	at Castleblayney
	Naomh Colmcille	1-06	Armoyn	1-18	at Maghera

## • COUNTY TEAMS •

### HURLING

#### SENIOR TEAM

The senior hurling team commenced 2007 in optimistic mood with the newly-appointed Kevin McNaughton taking on the manager's role, and large attendances being evident at training sessions and team meetings. In the Allianz NHL Tír Eoghain enjoyed opening victories against Fear Manach and An Cabhán but were very unfortunate to lose by a single point to Ros Comáin – the county that, later in the year would win the Nicky Rackard Cup. A second defeat away to An Longfort would not prevent a quarter-final placing against An Lú, which was followed by a defeat in the semifinal against Ros Comáin, again.

Comparing this year's league performances with those of 2006, would indicate the same number of victories – three in total – while participating against marginally better quality opposition.

With the completion of the NHL fixtures there followed an eleven-week gap until the commencement of the Nicky Rackard competition. Unfortunately, Tír Eoghain did not make good use of this period of time on the training field; the team failed to prepare, with training sessions reduced to one per week, and the non-attendance by many players making such sessions worthless. Nevertheless, sufficient players did make themselves available to field against Ard Mhacha in the opening game, where a heavy defeat was the inevitable outcome. A comfortable victory followed in round two at home to Sligeach and this was sufficient to earn a quarterfinal draw against Ard Mhacha in Keady. This time an even heavier defeat was inflicted, bringing to an end the senior hurling season.

While the end result at this quarterfinal stage might not have been any different had the opposition drawn been other than Ard Mhacha, it was disappointing that all of the quarterfinals resulted in teams that had played each other, two weeks earlier, being drawn to meet again. It would be fair to request that the CCCC should structure the draw so as to not allow this situation in future.



Tyrone Senior Hurling Team 2007

However, if Tír Eoghain as a county intends to progress from its lowly position in hurling, there is an urgent need for those players that consider themselves as ‘county players’ to look at themselves and ask are they really serious about the game at county level. Perhaps they do not have any ambition; perhaps many are happy to treat league and championship fixtures as social games, where it is considered sufficient to turn up on the day, without having undertaken any preparation, practice or training. If this is all that players want for Tír Eoghain hurling, they should be honest enough to say so at the start of the new season.

## **YOUTH TEAMS**

The apathy that surrounded the senior county team was also evident among the underage county-standard players. When the provincial Minor League commenced in March, Tír Eoghain fulfilled the initial fixture against Aontroim in Tattyreagh but suffered a humiliating defeat. The next two away fixtures against Ard Mhacha and An Dún did not take place and the team was withdrawn from the competition when the Clubs could not give an undertaking that their players would attend training sessions or make themselves available for the remaining fixtures.

There was some glimmer of hope on the county scene at U-21 level. While Tír Eoghain lost by a single point in the championship, at home against Dun na nGall, the players did put up a very skilful and spirited display.

In conclusion it is appropriate to express gratitude to all of the management teams that made such a significant effort, and gave so much of their time voluntarily to the cause of hurling in this county in 2007. Thanks is due to Oliver Kerr and Philip McGovern at U-18 level, Mickey McCullough at U-21 level and to Kevin McNaughton and Kieran Maloney at senior level. Finally, it is important to recognize the work undertaken by Tony Fawl with the management of all of these teams, and that done by Michael McCaughey who fulfilled the liaison role with the senior hurling team.

Players that represented Tír Eoghain in 2007 were:

### **U21 Hurling**

Declan McCabe (Carrickmore), Niall McCallan (Carrickmore), Steven Donnelly (Dungannon), Mark McElroy (Dungannon), Cathal Fox (Carrickmore), Sean Og Grogan (Carrickmore), Leigh Moore (Carrickmore), Mark Winters (Dungannon), Tony Hughes (Carrickmore), Pdraig McHugh (Dungannon), Sean Coyle (Carrickmore), Daniel McCrudden (Dungannon), Peadar McMahan (Carrickmore), Cathal Donaghy (Carrickmore), David Lavery (Dungannon), Kieran Slane (Carrickmore), Brian McGilloway (Dungannon), Neil McKiver (Naomh Colmcille)

### **Senior Hurling**

John Devlin (Dungannon), Cathal McErlean (Dungannon), Stephen Donnelly (Dungannon), Mark Winters (Dungannon), Leigh Moore (Carrickmore), Terry McIntosh (Dungannon) (Capt.), Brian Daly (Carrickmore), Paul Hughes (Carrickmore), Ryan O’Neill (Naomh Colmcille), Noel Hurson (Carrickmore), Paddy Lavery (Dungannon), Cormac McHugh (Dungannon), Sean Pol Begley (Carrickmore), Peter O’Connor (Shamrock’s), Peadar McMahan (Carrickmore), Justin Kelly (Carrickmore), Kieran Slane (Carrickmore), Paddy Devine (Sean Treacy’s), Sean O’Hagan (Dungannon), Mickey McCullough (Dungannon), Declan McCabe (Carrickmore), Mickey Kelly, Niall Gallagher, Joe O’Neill (Naomh Colmcille) Sean Pol Begley (Carrickmore), Paul Lavery (Dungannon), John Kerr (Carrickmore), Martin Grogan (Carrickmore), Niall Donaghy (Carrickmore), Barry Winters (Dungannon), Pdraig McHugh (Dungannon), Jimmy Treacy (Carrickmore), Niall McDermott (Carrickmore),



Congratulations is extended to senior team captain, Terry McIntosh, who was selected in the corner forward position on the Ulster team which played Connacht in the inter-provincial series last October.

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### Iomána

#### An Sraith Náisiúnta Roinn 3B

Feabhra 18	Tír Eoghain	2-18	Fear Manach	2-07	at Omagh
Márta 04	Tír Eoghain	2-23	An Cabhán	1-09	at Cavan
Márta 18	Tír Eoghain	1-10	Ros Comain	2-08	at Omagh
Aibreán 01	Tír Eoghain	1-10	Longfort	2-10	at Longford
Aibreán 08	Tír Eoghain	1-21	An Lú	2-15	at Clones (Qtr-final)
Aibreán 15	Tír Eoghain	1-08	Ros Comain	1-22	at Cavan (Semifinal)

#### Corn N Raicaird

Meitheamh 30	Tír Eoghain	1-09	Ard Mhacha	3-13	at Keady
Iúil 07	Tír Eoghain	3-14	Sligeach	0-15	at Omagh
Iúil 14	Tír Eoghain	1-09	Ard Mhacha	2-18	at Keady (Qtr-final)

#### Faoi-21

Bealtaine 19	Tír Eoghain	2-11	Dún na nGall	2-12	at Omagh
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#### Faoi-18 Lég

Márta 03	Tír Eoghain	1-05	Aontroim	11-07	at Tattyreagh
Márta 10	Tír Eoghain	v	Ard Mhacha		not played
Márta 24	Tír Eoghain	v	An Dún		not played
Aibreán 07	Tír Eoghain	v	Doire		not played

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost
Minor	1	0	0	1
U-21	1	0	0	1
Senior	9	4	0	5
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

## FOOTBALL

### SENIOR TEAM

The 2007 season commenced with the Dr McKenna Cup competition on the first Sunday of January, with Tír Eoghain targeting a record 4 titles in a row. There were comfortable successes against Queen's University Belfast, Derry and then Cavan in the opening stages. In the semifinal there was a facile victory over Monaghan on a scoreline of 2-16 to 0-08 and a similar result against Donegal in the final, played at Healy Park.

While events on the field of play ran very smoothly during the course of the competition, there was some difference of opinion with the organizing committee of Comhairle Uladh in relation to the eligibility of Colleges' players. This resulted in Tír Eoghain being deducted two league points

in the opening stages and, having won the final, the organizers decided that the game should be forfeited. However, when this decision was appealed to the national Hearings Committee it was found to be incorrect, with the outcome being that the match result stood and Tír Eoghain were awarded the Dr McKenna Cup for the fourth consecutive year.

On Saturday 3rd February 2007 the new floodlighting system in Páirc an Chrócaigh was commissioned and officially switched on. Tír Eoghain was honoured to be the first team to play under the new floodlights against the home county – Áth Cliath – in the first round of the Allianz NFL. This historic game was played before a capacity attendance of 81,678 which was in fact the biggest attendance at a sporting event in the northern hemisphere on that particular weekend. And Tír Eoghain emerged victorious by a margin of a single point!

A victory in Round 2 against Fear Manach was followed by one of the biggest defeats in recent history, away to Corcaigh; two further home defeats followed at the hands of Dún na nGall and Maigh Eo, while in between there was a victory in Limerick and a draw in Tralee, against Ciarraí. So, what had started out in a blaze of floodlit glory, had ended in complete mediocrity and Tír Eoghain were most fortunate to cling on to fourth position, thereby ensuring Division 1 status for the restructured leagues of 2008.

A six-week gap until the start of the provincial championship allowed a useful period of time, potentially to have all injuries cleared up and full fitness restored throughout the panel. While all of this did not happen, Tír Eoghain entered the championship in a most optimistic frame of mind and emerged from the opening encounter with Fear Manach as worthy winners. Dún na nGall were the semifinal opponents; on this occasion Tír Eoghain turned on their style to win by eleven points. In the Ulster final the Red Hands proved to be too powerful and skilful for neighbouring opponents, Muineachán, but did allow them to come back into the game in the closing stages. Tír Eoghain won the final by two points and rightfully claimed their eleventh Ulster Championship.

In the All-Ireland quarterfinal Tír Eoghain failed to perform and lost out to a mediocre An Mhí by two points, thereby bringing the season to another early termination.

Players who represented their county in winning the Ulster senior championship during 2007 were:

**John Devine (Errigal Ciaran), Ryan McMenamin (Dromore), Cormac McGinley (Errigal Ciaran), Dermot Carlin (Killyclogher), Davy Harte (Errigal Ciaran), Conor Gormley (Carrickmore), Philip Jordan (Moy), Kevin Hughes (Killeeshil), Sean Cavanagh (Moy), Brian Dooher (C) (Clann na nGael), Tommy McGuigan (Ardboe), Ryan Mellon (Moy), Niall Gormley (Trillick), Colm Cavanagh (Moy), Colm McCullagh (Dromore), Pascal McConnell (Newtownstewart), Brendan Boggs (Owen Roes), Gerald Cavlan (Dungannon), Colm Donnelly (Clonoe), Peter Donnelly (Coalisland), Ciarán Gourley (Rock), Colin Holmes (Armagh Harps), Aiden McCarron (Fintona), Cathal McCarron (Omagh), Damian McCaul (Donaghmore), Enda McGinley (Errigal Ciaran), Justin McMahan (Omagh), Owen Mulligan (Cookstown), Paul Quinn (Errigal Ciaran), Paul Rouse (Brackville), Raymond Mulgrew (Cookstown), Joe McMahan (Omagh), Stephen O'Neill (Clann na nGael), Kelvin Hughes (Donaghmore), PJ Quinn (Moortown), Martin Penrose (Aghyaran)**

Two players from the squad selected to represent Ulster in the successful inter-provincial series were Sean Cavanagh and Conor Gormley. Conor had the notable honour of being appointed team captain and led his province to successes over Connacht, in Ballybofey, and Munster in the floodlights of Croke Park. Congratulations to both men.

## U21 TEAM

The U21 team began their championship in blistering style with a ten-point victory against Dún na nGall in Healy Park, but failed to maintain the momentum when facing Ard Mhacha in the Ulster semifinal in Lurgan. Perhaps in hindsight the easy first-round victory created a false impression among players that they wouldn't have to work hard in all matches to earn success at this level; maybe, there was a feeling that their major success from three years earlier when winning the minor All-Ireland title, would be enough to frighten off the opposition.

The U-21 players who represented Tír Eoghain in the championship of 2007 were: Jonathan Curran (Coalisland), Damian McCaul (Donaghmore), Cathal McCarron (Dromore), P J Quinn (Moortown), Brendan Boggs (Owen Roes), Ciaran McGinley (Errigal Ciaran), Martin Murray (Cookstown), Raymond Mulgrew (Capt.) (Cookstown), Colm Cavanagh (Moy), John Kelly (Errigal Ciaran), Marc Cunningham (Killeeshil), Ronan McRory (Errigal Ciaran), Conor O'Donnell (Omagh), Aidan Cassidy (Augher), Cathal McCarron (Omagh), Greg Kelly (Stewartstown), John Gilmore (Cookstown), Niall Kerr (Coalisland), Jason McAnulla (Omagh), Gerard McCaughey (Aghaloo), Niall P McGinn (Donaghmore), Shane O'Hagan (Clonoe), Dean O'Neill (Omagh), Shaun O'Neill (Dromore), Paul Marlow (Eskra)



Tyrone Under 21 Football Team 2007

## MINOR TEAM

Following the All-Ireland successes of the Tyrone Vocational Schools' team and the Omagh CBS team, much was anticipated from the county's minor players in 2007. And they did indeed deliver the 20th Ulster title to Tyrone. Their championship followed a similar fashion to that of their senior counterparts. In the opening encounters there were victories over Fear Manach and Ard Mhacha by margins of nine points and ten points, respectively.

On Ulster final day the team came up against a resolute Doire side that had a fairly mean defensive record in its earlier games. On this occasion, Tír Eoghain were able to penetrate their defence for ten scores while only seven were conceded at the opposite end. Although the O'Neill county had not performed exceptionally well as a team, they had many very good individual displays throughout the hour, and just about did sufficient to emerge as one point winners.

In the All-Ireland quarter-finals Tír Eoghain were drawn against the beaten Munster finalists, Ciarraí. On this occasion Tír Eoghain produced their poorest performance of the campaign, in the main, failing to convert their many scoring opportunities. The end result, in Tullamore, was a four-point defeat and a disappointing end to the championship.

Earlier in the season a useful league programme was completed with successes against An Lú, Dún na nGall, Fear Manach and Aontroim, after an opening failure against Doire.

The Ulster championship winning panel for 2007 was:

**Michael O'Neill (Clonoe), Paul Martin (Fintona), Aidan Girvan (Capt) (Rock), Christopher Foley (Dungannon), Cathal McRory (Errigal Ciaran), Ronan McNabb (Dromore), Kevin Mossey (Gortin), Mark McKenna (Pomeroy), Colin Harkin (Tattyreagh), Paddy McNeice (Coalisland), Kyle Coney (Ardboe), Peter Hughes, (Eskra), Paul McAleer (Carrickmore), Tiernan O'Hagan (Coalisland), Conor O'Neill (Dromore), Tim Harney (Glenelly), Peter Harte (Errigal Ciaran), Cormac Arkinson (Eskra), James Carlin (Cappagh), Simon O'Neill (Cappagh), Ryan Pickering (Cookstown), Martin Rodgers (Beragh), Stephen Curran (Coalisland), Michael Gallagher (Omagh), Diarmaid McNulty (Gortin), Shane O'Neill (Omagh), Conal McGarrity (Carrickmore), Daniel McDermott (Greencastle).**

At the end of this section we pay tribute to all of the managers, their assistants, the doctors, physios and kit managers, who were responsible for all the success enjoyed by this county in the course of 2007. In particular we thank Mickey Harte, Tony Donnelly and Fergal McCann at senior level, Raymond Monroe and Cathal McAnenly at Minor level, and Liam Donnelly and Martin Coyle who took charge of the U-21 side. To the liaison officers – Michael McGoldrick, Ciaran McLaughlin and Michael Harvey – we express sincere gratitude for all of the unseen duties that they have undertaken on behalf of Tyrone's players and managers.

## SCÓR CLÁR - 2007

### Peil

#### Corn Mhic Chionaoith

Eanáir 07	Tír Eoghain	2-14	QUB	0-09	at Omagh
Eanáir 14	Tír Eoghain	1-15	Doire	0-09	at Omagh
Eanáir 20	Tír Eoghain	0-14	An Cabhán	0-10	at Cavan
Feabhra 13	Tír Eoghain	2-16	Muineachán	0-08	at Cavan (semifinal)
Feabhra 17	Tír Eoghain	2-09	Dún na nGall	0-05	at Omagh (final)

#### An Sraith Náisiúnta Roinn 1A

Feabhra 03	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Áth Claith	0-10	at Croke Park
Feabhra 10	Tír Eoghain	0-14	Fear Manach	0-08	at Omagh
Feabhra 24	Tír Eoghain	0-07	Corcaigh	0-15	at Cork
Márta 10	Tír Eoghain	1-08	Dún na nGall	2-11	at Omagh
Márta 25	Tír Eoghain	1-08	Luimneach	0-09	at Limerick
Márta 31	Tír Eoghain	0-09	Ciarraí	0-09	at Tralee
Aibreán 08	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Maigh Eo	4-07	at Omagh

#### An Chraobh

Bealtaine 20	Tír Eoghain	0-13	Fear Manach	1-09	at Clones
Meitheamh 17	Tír Eoghain	2-15	Dún na nGall	1-07	at Clones



Iúil 15	Tír Eoghain	1-15	Muineachán	1-13	at Clones
Lúnasa 04	Tír Eoghain	2-08	An Mhí	1-13	at Croke Park

**Faoi-21**

Márta 10	Tír Eoghain	0-19	Dún na nGall	0-09	at Omagh
Márta 24	Tír Eoghain	0-09	Ard Mhacha	1-08	at Lurgan

**Faoi-18 Lég**

Márta 10	Tír Eoghain	0-10	Doire	3-07	at Celtic Park
Márta 24	Tír Eoghain	2-11	An Lú	0-11	at Coalisland
Aibreán 02	Tír Eoghain	1-12	Dún na nGall	2-08	at Strabane
Aibreán 07	Tír Eoghain	1-12	Fear Manach	2-08	at Tempo
Aibreán 14	Tír Eoghain	2-10	Aontroim	0-09	at Dungannon

**An Chraobh**

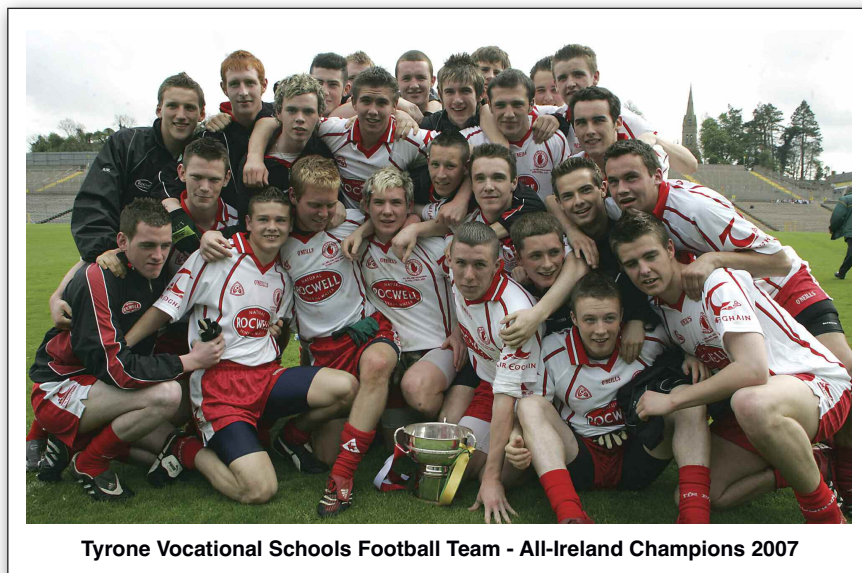
Bealtaine 20	Tír Eoghain	2-12	Fear Manach	1-06	at Clones
Meitheamh 17	Tír Eoghain	2-12	Ard Mhacha	0-08	at Clones
Iúil 15	Tír Eoghain	0-10	Doire	1-06	at Clones
Lúnasa 05	Tír Eoghain	1-08	Ciarraí	2-09	at Tullamore

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost
Minor	9	7	0	2
U-21	2	1	0	1
Senior	16	11	1	4
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

**Schools' Teams**

The Tyrone Vocational Schools' team enjoyed another highly successful year under new managers Brian McGuckin and Declan O'Neill. In the Ulster championship they defeated Donegal in the quarter-final, Armagh in the semi-final and Cavan in the final to win their 4th title in a row.

Success continued at All-Ireland level with a four-point victory against Cork in the semifinal, followed by a very comfortable victory against Meath in the final – a third crown in four years. Well done to all players and the managers.



Tyrone Vocational Schools Football Team - All-Ireland Champions 2007

09-02-07	Tír Eoghain	4-06	Dún na nGall	1-12	at Irvinestown
26-02-07	Tír Eoghain	6-19	Ard Mhacha	1-04	at Armagh
20-03-07	Tír Eoghain	2-15	An Cabhán	1-11	at Clontibret
31-03-07	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Corcaigh	0-10	at Newbridge
22-04-07	Tír Eoghain	1-12	An Mhí	0-07	at Clones

### Omagh CBS

Sunday 22nd April 2007 was an historic date for the senior footballers of the Christian Brothers Grammar school in Omagh when they won the first-ever Hogan Cup, with a very easy final victory against CBS Tralee, in Croke Park.

While the final turned out to be comfortable, the same could not have been said for the earlier games that led up to the day of glory. In the MacRory Cup semifinal, Omagh required extra time in the semifinal to eventually dispose of a stubborn St Pat's Armagh and in the Casement Park final on St Patrick's weekend a glorious injury-time point created the winning margin against St Macartan's College from Monaghan. In the Hogan semifinal there was a nightmare opening half against Connacht kingpins, St Jarlath's Tuam when it looked as if Omagh CBS were on their way out of the competition; however they came storming back in the second period to win by a margin of four points, and the rest is history!

Congratulations to all the young players from Omagh CBS on their historic success and also to their managers and teachers Noel Donnelly and Ciaran McBride.

MacRory Cup Quarter-final	Omagh	3-07	St Michael's Enniskillen	0-05	
MacRory Cup Semifinal	Omagh	0-09	St Pat's Armagh	1-06	(AET)
Replay	Omagh	0-15	St Pat's Armagh	0-10	(AET)
MacRory Cup Final	Omagh	0-10	St Macartan's Monaghan	1-06	
Hogan Cup Semifinal	Omagh	2-16	St Jarlath's Tuam	3-09	
Hogan Cup Final	Omagh	0-16	Tralee CBS	0-07	

Not only did Omagh CBS win the MacRory and Hogan Cups, but they also won the Brock Cup (for the third time in five years) and the Nannery Cup, by defeating St Patrick's Dungannon in the final. However, in two other Colleges' finals – both against St Colman's Newry - Dungannon were successful, and they collected the Corn na nÓg and the Dalton Cup. So, there was almost a clean sweep for Tyrone in the Colleges' competitions in 2007.



Omagh CBS - MacRory Cup and Hogan Cup Champions 2007



## • County Matters •

### Physical Development

Significant physical development continued in many areas of the county during the season just ended; some of it is at an early stage of development such as Errigal Ciaran's and Loughmacrory's, some is much more advanced, like that of Ardboe and Drumragh, and several have been completed after many years' work and much fund-raising.

Tattyreagh St Patrick's extensively-refurbished facilities were officially opened in October by Uachtarán CLG, Nickey Brennan; the Nally Stand which had been decommissioned from Croke Park was restored and reconstructed by Carrickmore St Colmcille's at their grounds in September 2007. Earlier in the year there was a Presidential visit by Mary McAleese to the Killyclogher St Mary's Club where its latest facilities were viewed.

As in the previous two years, the County Committee has been able to make a financial award to a number of Clubs that have completed physical developments at their grounds; this year, these have included, Ardboe, Augher, Carrickmore, Clogher, Gortin, Naomh Colmcille and Tattyreagh.

### Healy Park Development

The third phase of major development at Healy Park, which was officially opened on County Finals' day by Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh, Tom Daly, has transformed the premier ground in Tyrone into the most sophisticated stadium in Ireland, with probably the exception of Croke Park.

Phase 1 saw the construction of the new covered cantilever Stand which accommodates a capacity of 4,600 and which was officially opened in April 2004.

This was followed, two years later, by the commissioning of a powerful floodlighting system funded by Comhairle Uladh under its provincial Modernisation Programme supported by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland.

The major objective in undertaking the current third phase has also been to improve the safety and comfort of supporters, patrons and of course the players. There were three significant components included in the work programme which has been ongoing for the past twelve months:

- the construction of the ultra-modern and high-specification Control Tower
- the development of the undercroft of the new Stand
- the incorporation of a Lift into the Stand

The Control Tower is probably a misnomer, since it is much more complex than its name implies. It consists of a three-storey building located behind the terracing and directly opposite the Stand, with a retail unit and associated facilities at ground level; above this, on level two, is located the media facilities where press and broadcast personnel will be accommodated; level three is the actual Control Room where the Event Controller, Safety Officer, Chief Steward and key personnel from the Emergency services are stationed. In this Control Room there is direct total visibility of the playing area and all of the terraces and the stand, via a fully-glazed frontage which covers all of levels two and three. Additionally, a bank of fifteen monitors, linked to a



**The Official Opening of Healy Park's new facilities on County Final Day 2007**

newly-installed CCTV system, provides full coverage of all areas of the stadium, including spectator entrances and exits. An electronically controlled linkage to all turnstiles allows a continuous flow of information to the Control Room regarding the number of patrons that have been admitted to the ground. Finally, on the roof of the Control Tower specially-designed locations have been included for facilitating television camera operators, wishing to record and broadcast our games.

The undercroft of the Stand has been developed to include two modern players' changing rooms, two adjacent players' warm-up rooms, with associated physio treatment rooms, showers and toilets. The same standard of facilities have been included for the referee and the other match officials. Two retail units have been incorporated within the development together with a First-Aid / Medical room and a new accommodation for Safety Stewards. New male and female toilet blocks have also been included along with child-changing facilities, which means that all patrons can be catered for, appropriately.

The Lift has been incorporated into the Stand, in the main, to provide access to it for those supporters with mobility needs. Using the lift, wheelchair users can now be accommodated at the rear of the Stand where a new 24-space viewing area has been included, or they may continue to locate at the front of the Stand at ground level, depending on their preference for viewing the games.

It is appropriate at this stage to pay tribute to those who have been responsible for putting in place the fine facilities that are now available in Healy Park, today.

The Architects who created our designs were Teague and Sally and the Main Contractor who transformed the design into the physical reality was McAleer and Teague, based in Dromore. Special thanks is due to McAleer and Teague for their consideration and co-operation in always ensuring that the extensive work undertaken was programmed so as not to cause disruption to



games or events being organised by Omagh St Enda's and by the County Committee during the twelve-month contract.

Overseeing the complete project has been a small Management Committee consisting of the respective Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers of the St. Enda's Club and the Tyrone County Committee.

Finally, an expression of gratitude is extended to all those bodies that provided significant funding towards this £1.5M Phase 3 development during the past year, and without whose financial assistance this work could not have been undertaken, or completed to such high standards. Thanks is due to Sport Northern Ireland, Comhairle Uladh CLG, Ard Chomhairle CLG, the membership of Club Tyrone, and the Clubs in Tyrone.

## Administration

It is pleasing to report on yet another quite successful year from an administrative perspective for the Association within the county through its sub-committee structure, its voluntary workers and its fulltime staff.

There is no doubt that workloads, in almost all aspects of the Association, continue to increase; with greater use of electronic communications systems and methods, by all units and individuals, work is certainly performed more quickly and outcomes are conveyed more effectively. However there is now an expectation that responses and decisions must be made instantaneously, with a tendency to ignore the fact that many matters may have to be presented to a Committee for approval or rejection. Patience and understanding are then required, but are not always evident. Almost all of the County's sub-committees and work-groups were effective in fulfilling their responsibilities and achieving their objectives in 2007, with proper meetings being held either on a regular basis or when workload required that they take place. Where some subcommittees and workgroups were less than adequate were in the areas of recording minutes of their meetings and provision of reports to the County Committee and the Management Committee; both matters should be properly addressed in 2008.

There was some dissatisfaction felt during the year on a number of issues including, the method of appointment of referees for Club games, the lack of a County Handbook, and the lateness of the organisation of an U21 football competition; these will need immediate attention also. Additionally, greater attention must be given to activities associated with hurling and the hurling Clubs, by both the Coaching and Games Development Committee and the Youth Committee.

The new structures established at the start of the year to deal with matters of indiscipline worked exceptionally well; there had been some trepidation that untested procedures and units – the Competitions' Control Committee (CCC) and the County Hearings Committee (CHC) – might create greater problems than they would solve. That they worked so well, is probably a reflection on the key personnel who filled responsible roles within both subcommittees in a most effective manner. In thanking all the members of both these new committees for their work in dealing with matters of indiscipline, I would especially mention with gratitude Michael McGoldrick and Liam Nelis of the CCC and Michael Kerr and Margaret Keenan of the CHC. It was a credit to the many members of the CHC that they could convene at unbelievably short notice to provide an individual or Club with an opportunity to have a hearing in relation to a proposed suspension arising from an infraction, rather than allow an injustice to happen. While the outcome would not always have been what was desired by the individual or Club, there was general satisfaction that a proper and fair hearing had been granted.

## Coaching Staffing

For the 2006/7 academic year Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain employed five football coaches and four hurling coaches to deliver a comprehensive work programme in the Primary schools, the Second level schools and in the Special Care schools across the county. This work was supported by the Football and Hurling Development Managers, Anne Dooher and Michael McCullough under the direction of the Coaching and Games Development Committee led by Terry McCann. Feedback received from all types of schools showed that the coaching of games to the children was of an exceptionally high standard, in general, and was deeply appreciated by all the schools, the children and by their parents.

At the end of the academic year the Assembly's Minister of Education approved a new scheme, targeting physical literacy in Keystage 1 of the Primary schools, in urban areas right across the Six Counties, which required the appointment of 20 coaches to be provided by the GAA. Although application was made for the four major urban catchment areas – Cookstown, Dungannon, Omagh and Strabane – only three within Tyrone were accepted, by Ulster Council, to avail of this welcome scheme which would complement the work being done on coaching by this County. As yet it is too early to evaluate this initiative which is under the control of Comhairle Uladh, since the appointees have only assumed duties since the beginning of November.

The launch of this scheme did however create significant difficulties for Tir Eoghain in that the county lost four of its coaches, after they had been re-appointed for the 2007/8 academic year. This meant that it was not possible to deliver the coaching programme, as prepared, to the Primary schools from the start of September; while new appointments have been made within the county, and our programme has been back on track since October, we would have to express our dissatisfaction with the manner and timing of the recruitment process undertaken by Comhairle Uladh.

We congratulate all of the Coaches that have been offered employment under this new scheme, we thank them for all their work undertaken on behalf of Coiste Thir Eoghain, and we wish them every success in their new careers.

## County Strategy

During 2007 the Tyrone GAA initiated and drafted a Strategy to map the way forward for the next five years. This was overseen by a small workgroup of elected officers including Pat Darcy, Michael McGoldrick, Cuthbert Donnelly, Dermot McCaughey, Terry McCann, Michael Harvey and Brendan Harkin, and its work was facilitated by Ryan Feeney and Mark Conway from Ulster Council.

Following the initial couple of meetings, and the issue of a brief questionnaire to Clubs, sub-committees and other associated units, a half-day seminar / workshop was hosted for all Clubs and other interested parties. Attended by 70 delegates - including representatives of 75% of the Clubs within the County - the workshop, discussed and developed ten themes that had already emerged from the returned questionnaires, and then proposed actions to address the priorities that had been identified within each theme.

The resultant plan, based on the outcomes of this seminar/workshop, was brought before a meeting of the County Committee and all Clubs' Officers for consideration and approval. The

final draft entitled “Ag Ardú na Láimhe Deirge” has now been submitted for printing and will be implemented during the course of the next five years.

## Media Coverage

Across the nation, media coverage of Gaelic games continues to show improvement and there can be no doubt that this has favourably assisted the promotion of, and participation in, football and hurling. The coverage of Gaelic games has also helped the developing broadcasting companies build their audience. TG4 in particular are deserving of praise for their coverage of the National Leagues and the Club Championships; however the division of the League rights to Setanta, where coverage of the floodlit games is the main component, is now considered to have been a less satisfactory decision on the part of the Association.

The main issue causing concern is that of restricted availability in many parts of the country, with Setanta being only accessible as a subscription channel or as a component of a larger pay-per-view package. It is regrettable that many members and supporters who, for a wide range of reasons, may be unable to travel to a specific game, are not able to view it when televised, in the comfort of their own home because of this restricted availability; it is not right that such supporters must be forced to go to a local pub or club to watch that which should be available to everyone. Perhaps this is good twenty-first marketing but is this what the Association should all be about?



Enda McGinley challenges for possession in the first ever game under lights in Croke Park - Tyrone v Dublin, NFL Round 1

The televised coverage of Ulster Championship football games as provided during the summer months by the BBC has been considered to be good and has been well-received throughout the province, but it can also be described as very limited for a complete season of activity. One wonders whether the BBC is aware that the playing season for inter-club, inter-county and inter-provincial competition extends from the beginning of January until the end of November. BBC radio coverage of Gaelic games at all levels within the province can only be described as woefully inadequate.

It is regrettable that the coverage provided by UTV also falls far below the level that is expected for Gaelic games, taking into account the participation level and the support level, in this county and also across the province. We would expect, at least, the same ‘air time’ as the other two major sports in the province and in the country.

A concerted approach from all counties, in association with the Ulster Council, should be employed to have the obvious inadequacies in the coverage of Gaelic games rectified.

## Players’ Injury Scheme

Analysis of the Players’ Injury Scheme within Tyrone indicates that the number of teams registered was practically the same as in 2006; this year there were 139 adult teams –including Reserves and U-21s – and with subscriptions maintained at the same levels as in the past two years, the total input to the scheme from this county amounted to € 143,350.

The figures for claims from players, and payments made on claims, were almost identical to those received in 2006, i.e. a total of 182 claims, with payments totalling 158. However, the amount of benefit paid out from the Players’ Injury Scheme to claimants increased by a further 6% to €503,128.

A comparison of income to the scheme with out put from it, within Tyrone, shows a deficit of €359,778 for the twelve month period under consideration. Regrettably, this has been the common trend across a majority of other counties, and over a number of years also. In 2004, total claims paid under the Players’ Injury Scheme amounted to €6M and the corresponding estimate for 2007 is €9.5M. As warned in previous Reports to Convention, it has now been decided at national level that the subscription per adult team should increase from €650 to €1,000 for next year; subscriptions for other team levels will remain as at present for 2008, at least, when a further review will be undertaken. Benefits are to remain at existing levels.

As in previous years, it is seen from the record of claims submitted that the number of those relating to medical expenses far exceeds the number of claims associated with loss of earnings. For the 12-month period ending on 31st October, 80% of all claims received related directly to medical expenses, 5% were due to dental expenses and the final 15% concerned loss of basic earnings only.

It is worth noting that some action to alleviate this issue has been initiated at national level by Player Welfare Manager, Paraic Duffy; on the basis of a pilot scheme established with a Dublin medical centre a special deal has been secured that will reduce the costs of MRI and other scans for GAA Clubs and their players. Following review at the end of the year it is anticipated that a similar arrangement will be developed at a specific medical centre in each Province, and it is hoped that additional medical procedures can then be introduced into the scheme, with substantial savings for individuals and the Association. This initiative is most welcome and is a fine example of using the combined power of the Association to create common benefits.



**PLAYERS' INJURY SCHEME - 2007 (Nov. '06 - Oct. '07)**

CLUB	Adult Teams	U-21 Teams	Youth Teams	Subscription Due (€)	No. of Claims	Claims Paid	Amount Paid (€)
County Teams	2	2	4	3000	18	10	19256.23
Achadh Lú	2	0	5	2300	1	1	200.00
Achadh Uí Arain	2	1	8	2950	4	3	3403.55
Árd Bó	2	1	8	2950	9	9	38168.00
Eochar	2	1	7	2950	10	12	22546.40
Bearach	2	0	8	2500	4	4	2568.25
Bruach Áille	2	1	7	2950	4	2	4448.37
Brocach	2	1	8	2950	1	0	0.00
An Charraig Mhór	2	1	8	2950	5	4	16016.56
Caisleán na Deirge	2	1	7	2950	1	1	600.00
Clann na nGael	2	0	7	2500	3	3	4574.37
Clochar	2	0	7	2500	2	0	81948.7
Cluain Eo	2	1	6	2950	5	6	16200.11
Oileán a'Ghuail	2	1	6	2950	5	6	26102.75
An Chorra Chríochach	2	1	8	2950	6	5	8771.64
Doire Lochain	2	1	8	2950	2	3	5313.34
Doire Treasc	2	1	7	2950	2	2	6986.40
Domhnach Mór	2	1	7	2950	2	2	1840.36
Deargais	2	0	0	1300	0	0	0.00
An Droim Mór	2	1	8	2950	6	4	16523.91
Droim Caoin	2	0	0	1300	7	3	3541.12
Droim Ratha	2	0	7	2500	1	2	9104.89
Dún Geanainn	2	1	6	2950	2	1	9056.18
Éadan na dTorc	2	1	6	2950	4	6	19143.10
Eaglais	2	1	6	2950	2	3	17813.87
Eoghain Rua Uí Néill	2	0	8	2500	1	1	200.00
Aireagal Chiarán	3	1	8	3600	3	1	1212.06
Eisceach	2	1	8	2950	6	7	2118.17
Fiontamhnach	2	1	7	2950	0	0	0.00
Gallbhaile	2	1	8	2950	5	3	12925.74
Gleann Eallaigh	2	0	7	2500	4	1	4611.95
An Goirtín	2	0	6	2500	3	4	8299.32
An Caisleán Glas	2	1	8	2950	1	1	2691.89
Cill Dreasa	2	1	8	2950	8	6	25833.22
Cill Íseal	2	1	8	2950	7	8	21616.86
Coill an Chlochair	2	1	14	2950	3	3	21951.84
Cill na mBán	2	0	0	1300	1	0	0.00
Loch Mhic Ruairí	2	1	8	2950	4	4	10318.45
Baile na Móna	2	1	8	2950	2	3	3614.44
An Mhaigh	2	1	6	2950	4	4	6597.65
An Baile Nua	2	0	8	2500	1	2	1485.02
An Omaigh	2	1	8	2950	1	0	4800.00
Cabhán a'Chaorthainn	2	1	8	2950	1	2	8773.58
An Charraig	2	1	8	2950	6	4	8116.14
An Chraobh	2	0	5	2300	0	0	0.00
An Srath Bán	2	0	12	2500	3	2	4851.8
Taite Riabhach	2	1	7	2950	1	1	2604.06
Trí Leac	2	1	8	2950	4	4	5434.71
Urnaí	2	0	7	2500	0	0	0.00
An Charraig Mhór (H)	1	0	4	1450	3	2	5168.94
Dún Geanainn (H)	1	0	6	1850	2	2	5584.05
Na Seamrógá (H)	1	0	4	1450	0	0	0.00
Naomh Colmcille (H)	1	0	3	1250	2	1	190.00
Camowen Gaels (H)	1	0	0	650	0	0	0.00
Naomh Eoin (H)	0	0	3	600	0	0	0.00
Setanta (H)	0	0	2	400	0	0	0.00
Michael Cusack's (Y)	0	0	7	1200	0	0	0.00
Ceapach (Y)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Naomh Mhuire (Y)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>143350</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>503127.99</b>

## Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Programme

Alcohol and Substance abuse is an issue that was addressed in last year's Convention Report but it is one that there is a need to return to once again.

The Prevention Programme that was initiated by the Association at national level three years ago, based on the excellent report drafted by Galway's Joe Connolly, is failing to meet its targets. It is failing because it is not being led nor driven by the Association's leadership. The Programme is not being delivered because it is not a popular and easy issue to deal with, it has many vested interests to challenge or to overcome, and because there may not be enough personnel who feel suitably equipped to deal with the matter.

However these should be considered as challenges that must be addressed, and addressed urgently, because the abuse of alcohol and other substances is an issue of the greatest importance in modern society in Ireland; it certainly will not just go away, if it is ignored, but rather it will continue to spread through all rural and urban communities, with an ever-increasing detrimental effect on our very young people.

In Tír Eoghain, at county level, the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programme (ASAP) has been treated in a most serious manner. Following the appointment of Cuthbert Donnelly as the County Co-ordinator it is pleasing to report that a number of seminars have taken place at local level, that every Club in the county has been met with, and that each has been invited to appoint its own ASAP co-ordinator. Some Clubs have taken the matter more seriously than others and have drafted their own specific Drug and Alcohol Policy, but for those that have just commenced or are in need of assistance in this area, the County Co-ordinator will be eager to provide whatever level of support that is required.

All Clubs and members owe it to the youth of the country to take appropriate action that will prevent the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Greater support is needed at provincial and national level for those that are making a very genuine effort.

### • Buíochas •

As another important and successful year draws to a close we begin this section of the report by extending sincere gratitude to all those who provided financial assistance, support and sponsorship to Tír Eoghain C.L.G.

We are grateful to the **Tyrone Herald** for its one-year sponsorship of all Youth games in the county in 2007; the promotion of all games, on a weekly basis, and the reviews of all finals in particular were exceptionally good in this publication.

Thanks is also due to **Lucozade Sport** for its financial support and its provision of sports drinks and medical bags to the county's teams.

The county championships at adult level in both codes were handsomely supported, for the third successive year, by **W J Dolan Construction**; our appreciation is due to Willie John and Margaret – Company Directors - for their continued generosity.

To Kieran Kennedy, Managing Director of the **O'Neill's International Sports Company** sincere gratitude is due for his double sponsorship of the Association in Tír Eoghain – the All-County Leagues, and the playing and leisure gear for all county teams.

Finally, we express our appreciation and gratitude to the Quinn brothers – Brian, Frank and Michael – the Directors of **Rocwell Mineral Water**, based in Pomeroy, who have provided generous sponsorship to the county teams at all levels.

At time of writing we are pleased to be in a position to confirm that the **Rocwell** logo will be carried again on the Tír Eoghain jersey for the next three years, following the negotiation of a new sponsorship deal with the company. We appreciate their continued confidence in the Association in Tyrone.

Our gratitude is due to the membership of Club Tyrone for its financial support of the work of the County Committee; particular thanks is due to Pat Darcy, Mark Conway and Hugh McAleer of the PR/Marketing Committee for their management of Club Tyrone, and the organisation of the annual Gala Banquet and other major fund-raising events.

The fifth Annual Golf Classic organised by Tyrone exiles in Dublin, Peter Loughran and Tomás McCaughey, was another outstanding success in terms of participation and fund-raising. To both men we offer our appreciation for their organisational work, as well as to the Mallaghan family, who provide their excellent facilities at Carton House in Maynooth.

I appreciate the voluntary work done by so many individuals who serve on the many sub-committees and work-groups within the county and that are necessary for the Association to function effectively. In thanking all of these people I would mention particularly the main officers, Michael McGoldrick, Cathal Daly and Aodhán Ó hEarcáin (CCC), Michael Kerr, Paul Doris and Margaret Keenan (CHC), Johnny Dooher, Michael Hughes and Sean Ruddy (Referees), Donal Magee (Culture), Damian Harvey (IT), Ciaran McLaughlin (Youth), Dermot McCaughey (Development), Brendan Harkin (Communications and Hurling Development), Terry McCann (Coaching), Liam McGrath (Healy Park & Stand), Oliver McHugh (Stewards), Michael McGoldrick, Tony Fawl, Michael Harvey, Michael McCaughey and Ciaran McLaughlin (Team Liaison).



Pictured at the Launch of Tyrone Summer Camps 2007

I thank Cuthbert Donnelly and Liam Nelis for their work and representation at Comhairle Uladh and similarly, Brendan Harkin at Ard Chomhairle.

I am grateful to the officers of Comhairle Uladh, Dónall Ó Murchú and Tomas Ó Dalaigh, as well as the office staff, for their assistance and support during 2007.

I express thanks to the Árd Stiúrthóir Liam Ó Maolmhichíl and to Uachtarán Nioclás Ó Braonáin for their advice and helpfulness, on a number of issues during the year, as well as the many officials in Páirc an Chrócaigh with whom we do business.

It is appropriate at this point to comment on the retirement of Liam Ó Maolmhichíl from the position of Árd Stiúrthóir. On behalf of the Association in Tyrone we express sincere gratitude to Liam for the leadership and stability that he has provided to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael during the last three decades. We pay tribute to him for all that he has achieved for the Association and for the excellent state and standing that he leaves it in. We appreciate, greatly, the assistance, the advice and the direction that he has always provided to the Association in Tír Eoghain. Finally, we wish him an enjoyable and lengthy retirement, with good health, in the company of his wife and all the members of his family.

To the officers of the Clubs in Tír Eoghain, particularly the Secretaries with whom I have most dealings, I offer, once again, my appreciation for their consideration and co-operation throughout the past year.

Finally I pay tribute to the fellow members of An Coiste Bainistí for their assistance and all their work during 2007; to those officers leaving their posts at this Convention, having completed a five-year term – I express a special word of thanks for all that has been done and achieved for the Association in Tír Eoghain, i.e. Toirealach Mac Cana (Coaching Officer), Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh (Development Officer) and Breandán Ó hEarcáin (PRO).

Also, I thank Cathaoirleach, Pádraig Ó Dorchai who has now completed his third year in office, for his continued support and guidance; special grateful mention is made of Micheál Ó hAirmhí who has just completed his first year in the most demanding role of Cisteoir and the evidence of all his hard work is easily recognised in the fine financial state that the county finds itself.

## • Combhrón •

Every year brings sadness and tragedy to many of our lives, and regrettably, 2007 was no different; indeed it could easily be perceived that this County suffered more than a fair share of loss than most others.

Particularly sad this year were the tragic deaths of two very young members of the Association who both died in similar circumstances on our playing fields, within days of each other, yet at opposite ends of the county. The first untimely death on 8th September, was that of young Patrick (Packie) Breen from Dregish who was a member of the newly-formed Michael Cusack's Club and was aged only ten years. Then on 8th September, the day of Packie's funeral, 13-year old Patrick Devlin died on the pitch of the O'Donovan Rossa Club in Ardboe. Both boys were given appropriate first-aid by Club officials when they collapsed, and even though a defibrillator was immediately available to each, it was not possible to save their young lives.

We also remember the late Bridie McMenamin, President of the Tyrone Camogie Board and

sister of County Chairman Pat Darcy, Con Murphy (Iar-Uachtaráin CLG and exceptional friend of the Association in Ulster), Eamon Coleman (Derry), Mickey McAnespie (Loughmacrory), Declan Mohan (Aghaloo), John Rice (Augher) and Jimmy O'Neill (Brocach). We extend our sincere sympathy to, Ignatius Taggart (Derrylaughan) on the death of his wife, John O'Reilly (Armagh) who lost his son, Anna McCaughey whose husband and brother passed away, Kevin Hagan (Fintona) on the death of his daughter, Johnny Dooher on the loss of his mother, Liam Donnelly whose sister died, and Mickey Moynagh whose mother passed away this year.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all these families and their Clubs, and with all other members of the Association that have suffered losses of relatives or friends during 2007.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

## AFFILIATED CLUBS - 2007

### Hurling (7)

Camowen Gaels, Carrickmore, Dungannon, Naomh Colmcille, Naomh Eoin, Setanta and Shamrocks

### Football

#### Senior (Division 1A) (12)

Aghyaran, Ardboe, Carrickmore, Coalisland, Cookstown, Donaghmore, Dromore, Errigal Ciaran, Galbally, Killeeshil, Killyclogher, Omagh

#### Senior (Division 1B) (12)

Clann na nGael, Clonoe, Derrylaughan, Dungannon, Edendork, Gortin, Kildress, Loughmacrory, Moy, Pomeroy, Stewartstown, Trillick

#### Intermediate (Division 2) (12)

Aghaloo, Augher, Brockagh, Drumquin, Eglis, Eskra, Fintona, Greencastle, Killyman, Moortown, Strabane, Urney

#### Junior (Division 3) (12)

Beragh, Brackaville, Castlederg, Clogher, Derrytresk, Dregish, Drumragh, E.R.Uí Néill, Glenelly, Newtownstewart, Tattyreagh, Rock.



Killyman St. Mary's - Tyrone Intermediate Football Champions 2007

## MEMBERSHIP - 2007

CLUB	Members	CLUB	Members
Achadh Lú	270	Gleann Éallaigh	400
Achadh Uí Aráin	326	An Goirtín	312
Ard Bó	204	An Caisleán Glas	319
An Eochair	315	Cill Dreasa	270
An Bearach	255	Cill Íseal	417
An Bruachaile	277	Coill an Chlochair	300
An Brocach	170	Cill na mBán	190
An Charraig Mhór	461	Loch Mhic Ruairí	119
Caisleán na Deirge	298	Baile na Móna	346
Clann na nGael	375	An Mhaigh	397
An Clochar	175	An Baile Nua	200
Cluain Eo	260	An Ómaigh	460
Oileán a'Ghuail	340	Cabhán a'Chaoirtainn	378
An Cora Criche	358	An Charraig	340
Doire Locháin	324	An Chraobh	233
Doire Treasc	220	An Srath Bán	420
Domhnach Mór	230	An Taite Riabhach	270
An Dreagais	161	Trí Leac	542
An Droim Mhór	610	Urnaí	203
Droim Caoin	190	An Charraig Mhór (H)	170
Droim Ratha	265	Dún Geanainn (H)	109
Dún Geanainn	300	Na Seamroga (H)	83
Éadan na dTorc	230	Naomh Colmcille (H)	63
An Eaglais	300	Gaeil Chameoghain (H)	43
E. R. Uí Néill	346	Naomh Eoin (H)	50
Aireagal Chiaráin	515	Setanta (H)	0
Eascair	293	Ceapach (Y)	0
Fionntamnach	201	Naomh Mhuire (Y)	0
An Gallbhaile	528	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15431</b>



Rock St. Patrick's - Tyrone and Ulster Junior Football Champions 2007



# • TUARASCÁLA NA FOCHOISTI •

(SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS)

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## • Report on Football Development •

### Bainisteoir Forbartha Peil: Áine Ní Dhuchair

#### Primary School Coaching

The primary school coaching schedule experienced major disruption at the start of the new school year due to us losing 3 of our 4 coaches to the new Ulster Council coaching posts. However, all schools within the county are now receiving football coaching on a weekly basis. I urge all clubs to strengthen the link they have with their local primary school(s). All children should be provided with the opportunity to further develop their skills in a club environment. In certain areas of the County a large percentage of children are not involved in club activities, this is an issue which needs addressing in an attempt to get more children into the club environment.

#### Summer Camps

The summer of 2007 saw 43 Club Tyrone summer camps held in Tyrone. Five new Clubs came on board hosting their first Club Tyrone camp: Tattyreagh, Coalisland, Donaghmore, Loughmacrory and Killyman. In total 3964 children attended the football camps, a 137 increase on last year's total. The target for 2008 is to surpass the 4000 mark, this may be a dream but with the continued help of your club, it can become reality!

The valuable support provided by Club Tyrone once again proved to be of the utmost importance. Club Tyrone are constantly promoting and developing Gaelic games at all levels within the County.

Preparations will be commencing shortly for the 2008 summer camps, in what promises to be even bigger and better and I would ask the few clubs who have not hosted camps to consider doing so in 2008. Next year we will also be looking at the possibility of running camps for children in the 12 to 14 age group.

#### GO Games

GO Games blitzes and leagues during 2007 were a great success. An increasing number of clubs participated in the underage competitions. We need clubs/mentors to remember that the emphasis in GO games is on participation and development. All coaches must remember they are the role model for the children and their behaviour should reflect this. We as coaches, parents, friends and club officers must continue to praise all our children who participate in our games. The more confidence that children have in their own ability, the greater the level of enjoyment they will derive from Go Games.

#### Development Squads

On the development squad front Tyrone fielded development squad teams at under 15, 16 & 17 level. The under 16 development squad were defeated in the semi final of the Buncrana Cup. At all levels each squad competed in the Ulster Council blitzes and numerous friendly matches. 2007 saw the establishment of under 14 regional development squads. Four sessions were held for each of the squads so as to give the lads a taste of what they can be working on over the winter months in preparation for next year's trials for the U15 squad.

#### Coach Education

During the year eight foundation level football coaching courses were held within the county





with there now being approximately 202 new GO games coaches within Tyrone. One level one football coaching course took place last January in which 18 coaches attended. The next level one course is scheduled to take place in January 2008. For all those coaches wishing to follow on from the Level one course, level two courses are organised through Ulster Council and are included within the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) calendar. Club coaches should be encouraged to progress up the coaching ladder to ensure the future of our games within the County

The Ulster Council CPD programme has now commenced. All clubs are urged to make an effort to send representatives along to each course. This year's coach education programme is quite extensive with each workshop sure to provide new ideas to those in attendance. All CPD courses are offered free of charge with many taking place within the County on a weekly basis. Details can be obtained from the Tyrone and Ulster Council websites.

**Including People with Disabilities in Our Clubs**

During 2007 progress was made in coaching children with special needs, a number of coaching sessions were organised for children with disabilities and special needs within Tyrone. In previous years coaching sessions had only taken place through the schools, so this was the first attempt to organise coaching on an all-county basis through the clubs.

Prior to organising our first session we were optimistic about the numbers of children whom we could attract. All clubs were invited to encourage any child who had special needs / a disability to attend these sessions. Despite the small numbers who availed of the coaching, the enjoyment that these kids brought to each session was immense. The final coaching session for 2007 took place in Healy Park during the junior and intermediate county finals.

Prior to the Ulster Senior Championship semifinal the children trained before the senior men's training in Clogher one evening. This proved to be a most memorable evening as the children mingled with the senior players and management and got autographs and photographs taken with their County heroes.

We look forward to 2008 in continuing the coaching programme, in the hope that we can get more children involved. If you know of someone out there who could attend please do your best to encourage them to come along join our sessions and experience the fun of participating in Gaelic games.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all clubs who willingly gave of their facilities throughout the year and for the support and assistance which all provided. Your support is greatly appreciated and valued!

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**• Report on Hurling Development •**

**Bainisteoir Forbartha Iomána: Micheál Mac Cú Uladh**

**Primary School Coaching**

This would be the main body of work throughout the year; our aim this year was to bring hurling to every school in Tyrone that was willing. We had great success with this though it probably left us spreading ourselves too thin. As a result some of the already established clubs missed out on

some valuable coaching time. So this year there has been a change in direction where the coaching is being put in the hurling areas so as to provide a support mechanism for the clubs; it's early days yet but it seems to be more fruitful.

### **Summer Camps**

Again we had a good number of children participating in this year's hurling camps – a total of 1,075 boys and girls. Special mention must go to Fintona where there was in excess of 150. There were problems however in that all the application forms were made centrally at Croke Park and as a result they didn't get to us until very late which meant getting them out to the schools, etc was a bit of a rush. It has been indicated however that this year we will receive a budget to produce our own application forms which means we can get on the ball much earlier.

### **Development Squads**

We started out by seeing over 120 boys at trials, which was then ultimately cut to 40 which became our development squad. We organised a session once every 3 weeks building up to once a week over the summer, and ultimately a training week, and a tournament in Waterford. This was a big success this year in that the Under 14s worked extremely well and we believe we have achieved our main objective; there is no doubting the talent in the county, but sometimes getting them to mix and play together can be awkward. This problem was dealt with in this group to the point where everyone mixed and played as if it were a club team; now as they move forward to under 15 level we hope to do the same again with the next batch this year. Time will tell if the work will pay off but we are very optimistic.

### **Regional Competitions**

Throughout the year there were various regional competitions held throughout Donegal, Derry Tyrone and Fermanagh which we attended with varying degrees of success. Tyrone hosted the Under 14 section in Edendork and it was a big success with Tyrone actually winning. This Under 14 group definitely has potential.

### **Elite Camps**

Tyrone had three under 16s that made the Ulster elite camp squad this year and two have gone on to represent Ulster in the Shinty rules.

### **Tony Forristal Tournament**

This without doubt has to be the highlight of the year. The culmination of all the work done with the under 14s was this tournament in Waterford. From the 40 member squad we had to cut to 24 to bring to Waterford. The lads gave a great account of themselves and only for a slow start could well have made the final. For any young hurler there was no other place in Ireland they should be on the last weekend in August. They mixed with the best of the best and received coaching and words of wisdom from players like Ken McGrath and John Mullanne. I would like to thank the county board for the backing put behind this project and hope it will continue as it really is worth it. In previous years, out of a squad of 40 hurling we may have lost half of these kids, but after the experience of not only the competition but of the whole year I think we will have a lot more to choose from in the coming years

### **Special Needs**

This was an Ulster Council initiative that we embraced and it was another highlight of the year. Anne Dooher and I set up coaching in some of the special needs schools in the county with the ultimate aim of having the kids play at half time in one of the Ulster championship games. The

coaching took place over a number of months and took on various guises, of either school coaching, after-school coaching, and it was even worked in conjunction with senior county training on occasions. I'd like to thank Killeeshill for use of their facilities which were top class. Anyway, it all paid off as they had a great day out on Ulster semi final day when they played at half time in the Monaghan / Derry game in Casement Park. Also special thanks must go to Ryan Mellon, Phillip Jordan & Micky Hearte for coming along on the day to wish them well.

## Coaching Courses

2 Foundation courses were run this year with another due next weekend. We are trying to put pressure on the clubs to get their volunteers trained up and also use the course, which is quite a relaxed one as a tool for creating a bit of club atmosphere and hopefully recruiting even more coaches.

One Level 1 course was held this year also in Edendork; hopefully now that a few more people have gone through Foundation there will be greater demand for level 1

The Learn to Train course was an Ulster council initiative designed at developing coaches working with younger kids. Throughout the year myself and Anne have delivered this course to clubs, coaches, schools and teachers with varying degrees of interest

Coaching Coaches Day was an idea that I had set up to develop coaches within a club. It is a great relaxed club day that, done right, can have great benefit for the club as regards its coaches coaching ability. Carrickmore and Naomh Colmcille both took it up and Strabane, Dromore & Beragh will hopefully be availing of it early in the New Year

## Coiste na nÓg

### Cathaoirleach: Ciarán Mac Lochlainn

#### Membership

In 2007 the Youth Committee registrar John Coney had many, many correspondences with clubs to get us to the position where we now have 4,933\* registered players on a Tyrone Youth Registration. In 2008 we intend the Youth registration will be completed on the Croke Park membership form and will be with the Youth Committee by 31 March 2008. Thanks to John for his work on memberships.

\*some overlap exists where players have been registered at e.g.: U16 & U18

#### Go Games

I take great pride in being part of a Committee which established regular Go Games Blitzes for our younger players in Tyrone. The Go Games model uses smaller pitches, is non-competitive in that there are no League or Championship titles to be played for, and ensures that every child gets a game. Go Games puts an end to the old way of 15 players taking part ... but with maybe another 15 or more standing on the side-lines, effectively frozen out. However, in looking forward to 2008 these important ideas now need to be expanded upon. For example, do all Clubs actually implement the Go Games ethos of Fun For All and 100% participation? Children should all play at every blitz. Also, would Clubs consider coaching at the blitzes alongside games, thus allowing coaches to learn from each other? Whilst Tyrone football is blessed with excellent schools and club coaching, I would certainly advocate a system which assists those coaching our young players, particularly at the U8, U10, and U12 levels, to learn new coaching skills and approaches off each other. For Tyrone County Football to stay at a highly competitive level, we

need effective Club structures for our young people and also to constantly review those structures. Many thanks to the Go-Games co-ordinators Matt Treacy, Mary Daly, Brendan Nelis, Paddy O'Brien, Sean McConnell, Barry Conroy Anne Dooher and Stephen Donnelly.

## **CCC**

In 2007, 1067 – yes 1067 – youth games were played. This involves immense amounts of work. I record my thanks to all clubs for their co-operation particularly for the use of club pitches. Thanks especially to Kieran McHugh (fixtures secretary) and Seamus McGirr (Youth referee's appointments). The volume of work these men get through cannot be quantified.

## **Integration**

I would hope that sooner rather than later an integrated approach to youth activity in Tyrone would be established, with boys' and girls' football co-ordinated and played to a timetable established by both CCCs. At a National level this has been talked about since I became involved in this work. Why can't we take the bold step in Tyrone of moving ahead of the pack? We should be taking Gaelic games for our boys and girls forward together. Our GAA future depends on the County's 21,500 children and young people. I believe their lives and their futures can be equally improved by being part of a strong GAA. By keeping a strong focus on youth, it's a "win-win" for everybody.

## **Diversity**

In 2007/08 we are in a fast-changing, increasingly multi-cultural society. In the GAA in Tyrone we must embrace these changes and particularly embrace the new young players from European and other countries who are starting to play our games. In Tyrone we now have very significant migrant worker populations. In years to come, some of these children will be the stars at Club and County level who bring so much delight to us all! The GAA is for the "new" as well as the "old" Irish!

## **Drugs & Alcohol**

Another area of change where we need to take a lead is in reacting to the growing abuse of drugs and alcohol. The GAA has appointed County Drug and Alcohol Officers across Ireland - in Tyrone Cuthbert Donnelly has taken on this role. Our Clubs have a big role in helping Cuthbert. If we don't try to control these things, then rest assured they'll control us! So too does every GAA member or supporter. Play your part!

## **Thanks**

I would finish by thanking all Clubs for their assistance over the year. To all members of the Tyrone Youth Committee, very many thanks. Particular thanks to Kieran McHugh for his untiring work in implementing CCC Youth structures and to Seamus McGirr for his co-operation with referee's appointments.

## **Attendance at meetings 2007**

Matt Treacy (3), Mary Daly (3), Stephen Donnelly (3), Anne Dooher (3), Kieran McHugh (3), Brendan Nelis (3), John Coney (3), Sean McConnell (3), Damian Harvey (2), Paddy O'Brien (2), Barry Conroy (2)



## • Coiste Caidrimh Phoiblí & Margaíochta •

### Cathaoirleach: Pádraig Ó Dorchaí

At the start of the year the Committee submitted a work-plan to Coiste Bainisti and more-or-less delivered on that plan over the following months.

The Committee's main business in 2007 continued to be the management and development of Club Tyrone. By the end of the year Club Tyrone had delivered £275,000 to the County Committee and has now become established as a core part of Tyrone's GAA fund-raising. An annual Gala Banquet has also become an established fixture. The 2007 Banquet focused on a celebration of the past half-century of GAA activity in Tyrone, highlighting the work that underpins Tyrone's current GAA strength and prosperity. As well as the celebration, the Banquet raised some £42,500 for Tyrone. DVDs of the Banquet highlights and a commentary on the 2005 All-Ireland Final were subsequently distributed to Club Tyrone members.

Another annual Club Tyrone event is the pre-Ulster Championship Members' Night which was this year successfully held in the Mellon Country Inn. The now-annual Club Tyrone Belfast Ceilidh and raised some £2,900 for the County Committee.

The PR and Marketing Committee increasingly focuses on the marketing of the GAA in Tyrone. Work carried out this year under this heading included:

- Production of Red Hand View match programmes for Tyrone's home NFL games: these raised some £3,000 and won a national Mc Namee GAA Award
- Support re: the promotion of Scor; the Tyrone Summer Camps (which again broke previous attendance records); the development of Tyrone's five-year strategic plan "Ag Ardú na Láimhe Deirge"; and the promotion and presentation of Tyrone's home NFL games
- Support re the renewing of Tyrone's sponsorship arrangements
- Production of a 2007 Tyrone GAA Annual
- The design of the new Tyrone GAA shirt.

Over the past year the Committee met ten times. The attendances of those members appointed by the County Committee were: Pat Darcy, Chair (10), John Mulgrew (10), Mark Conway (9), Jimmy Treacy (6), Patsy Forbes (3), and Brendan Harkin (2). Other working members of the Committee were: Hugh Mc Aleer (10), Adrian Colton (9), Patrick Harte (8), Michael Harvey (7), Brian Murray (7) and Niall Laird (6). During the year Eileen Jones and Roisin Dooher were also invited to join the Committee.

The management of Club Tyrone and the promotion and marketing of the GAA in Tyrone are made much easier than they otherwise might be by the hard work of everyone else, at all levels, in the Tyrone GAA. The Committee looks forward to that continuing.

## • Coiste Traenála & Forbartha na gCluichí •

### Cathaoirleach: Toirealach MacCana

The coaching and games committee was made up of 6 active members representing schools, referees and youth and was chaired by the Coaching Officer, Terry Mc Cann. The committee included Anne Dooher (FDO) Michael Mc Cullough (HDO), Enda Kilpatrick, Ciaran Mc Laughlin, Paddy O'Brien and Pat Mc Givern. There were three meetings and I would propose that in future both the HDO and FDO provide a written report at coaching meetings and are available to attend all meetings. Their tasks were to oversee coaching in schools, organise summer camps, implement coach education programmes, promote mini games and oversee development squads.

### Coach Education Programmes

Foundation football and hurling courses were organised in clubs, schools and colleges. Both Level One football and hurling courses were run during the year. One course took place in Killyclogher and the second course took place in Edendork. Thanks to all schools and clubs who hosted courses for the use of their premises.

Two Level 2 courses took place over a weekend in Loughrey College and applicants were selected by the Coaching Officer in the county. There is a new format for the Level 2 course which will commence in January 2007. Details can be had from the Coaching Officer then. A number of coaching information evenings were organised by the Ulster council in Loughrey College and Youth Sport Omagh.

### Development Squads

As in recent previous years we had U15 and U16 squads for football. The U15 squad met for organised coaching sessions and played in a number of challenge matches and in Blitz competitions. The Under 16 team competed in The Buncrana Cup competition and won their section but were defeated by Cavan in the semi-final. In addition an U17 squad played in triangular tournaments organised by the Ulster Council. The timing of some of those fixtures clashed with club games and this should be avoided if at all possible. We organised an U14 School of Excellence for the first time this year. All clubs were asked to send 5 boys to 4 sessions over a 3 month period. The boys who attended enjoyed the experience and it was a worthwhile initiative. I wish to record my gratitude to all coaches who have helped in any way with development squads over the last 7 years. This is the one area where the new Coaching Officer should carry out an audit and devise an action plan for the next 3/5 years.

### Games Promotion Officers (G.P.Os)

In August 2006 the county employed 5 school football coaches and 4 hurling coaches on an 11 month contract. They were Peter Donnelly, Stephen Quinn, Fergal Mc Cann, Kieran O'Kane, Stephen Beattie, Christine Doherty, Shauna McCallion, Karol McQuade and Ronan Devlin. They worked extremely well throughout the year and the vast majority of feedback from the schools was excellent. However by mid September seven coaches had left for employment elsewhere. Four received jobs with the Ulster Council who were paying considerably more money. Whilst it is good to see our coaches being recognised because of their quality I feel that those appointments should have been made during July and this would have prevented the situation whereby we had to abandon a coaching programme in the middle of the first school term because we didn't have the personnel to run it. As usual we ran mini games at half time in N.F.L. games.



All primary schools got the chance to nominate a boy and a girl to play in the mini games. Thanks to Pat Mc Givern for his assistance in organising those games.

## Summer Camps

The football camps were a huge success this year with camps being staged in 44 clubs. There was an increase in numbers participating and whilst the overall cost was around £10,000, that was acceptable for just over 4000 participants. The hurling camps attracted around 1000 children across the 14 venues in the county. An overall deficit of £30,000 to run the hurling camps is a matter that needs to be addressed. The question needs to be asked could that amount of money be better spent in the promotion of hurling?

## Buiochas

Since the 2002 Congress the Coaching Officer now can serve a maximum of 5 years in the position. It is with regret that I now relinquish my position. I have enjoyed my 7 year stint and would like to place on record my gratitude to the very many people across the county who assisted me in my role over that time. The new Coaching Officer can be assured of my support if it is required. There are many rapid changes taking place in the association, but in Tyrone we have to continue to look after the needs of our clubs and our members primarily. There is a need for an indoor facility big enough to facilitate underage games given the climate here. I have heard that there may be a number of these built throughout the province. Lobbying should begin to ensure that if that is indeed to be the case, that one is built in Tyrone.

# • Coiste Faisnéis Teicneolaíochta •

## Cathaoirleach: Damán Ó hAirmhí

**Committee Members:** Dominic McCaughey (Trí Leac), Aidan Harkin (An Srath Ban), Ciaran McLaughlin (An Srath Ban)

## Website

In November of this year TyroneGAA.ie celebrated its first birthday and as the statistics prove the website has been a most popular addition to the Tyrone GAA brand. Since November 2006 over 470 stories have been added to the site and this has exceeded our original target of one new story everyday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dominic McCaughey who has regularly supported the website throughout the year by uploading reports, documents and important dates for meetings. As you will appreciate the management of any website of this size requires the dedication of more than one person and this support has been vital to keep TyroneGAA.ie relevant and up-to-date.

At this time it is appropriate for me to also thank both Kieran McHugh and Ciaran McLaughlin for their support in forwarding and undertaking the task of updating the results of many hundreds of youth games throughout the year. At adult level Aodhan Harkin also deserves much praise for arduous task of chasing up scores and forwarding on to me via email.

The business of obtaining the results from referees and clubs after games continues to be an onerous task for those charged with processing tables and forwarding results to the press. In 2008 we will need to revisit the mobile phone texting method of forwarding these scores in order to ensure that all results are available on the website in the evening of games.

As with many other popular sites the potential for the TyroneGAA.ie website to be used as a tool for revenue generation cannot be overlooked. However it will be important that any such move be carefully handled as the look and feel of the website needs to remain one which will clearly promote our own games and activities. The recent Live Updates from the Tyrone Senior and Minor Championship Finals proved to be a popular development and we look forward to continuing with this feature in the future. In 2008 TyroneGAA.ie will bring Live Updates from all National League home games in association with a new sponsor.

## Digital Images

During 2007 we have been fortunate to have secured the services of one of the finest GAA photographers in Tyrone, Jim Dunne. Throughout the summer Jim has regularly captured many wonderful images of determination, joy and pain of many of our club and county players both young and old. These images have done much to enhance the popularity of the website and I would like to thank Jim for providing such high quality photographs week after week.

## E-Mail

The increased popularity of the GAA club email system in 2007 has brought a new dimension to our business processes. The system has afforded club and county officials alike to communicate with each other on a more regular basis. The email system has fundamentally increased the turnaround time taken to process administration tasks that used to take days with traditional letters and post. Through email the clubs have been able to receive minutes from county meetings, enter teams into competitions, receive information on coaching, confirm match fixtures and results, and respond to disciplinary issues in a much more efficient way than ever before. In 2007 An Coiste Cultúr became the latest sub committee to organise their competitions through the system and they now have their own dedicated address culture@tyrone.gaa.ie



The screenshot shows the TyroneGAA.ie website homepage. At the top left is the TyroneGAA.ie logo, and at the top right is the Rocwell logo with the text "Sponsored by". Below the header is a large banner image of a football stadium at night. On the right side of the banner, there are two news snippets: "ROCK CAPTURE JUNIOR TITLE >>" and "KILLYMAN ARE INTERMEDIATE CH... >>". Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for Home, County, Club, Youth, History, and County Board. The main content area is divided into three columns: "Main Story" featuring a "SCÓR" graphic and "Scór na nÓg County Final" results; "Latest News" featuring "Club Fixtures" and a list of news items like "Ulster Coaching Conference" and "Under 21 Championship Latest News"; and "CLUB LOCATOR" with a map and "RESOURCES" section. At the bottom, there are logos for Servasport, Club Tyrone, Rocwell, and O'Neills, along with the text "In November of this year TyroneGAA.ie celebrated its first birthday".





## Future IT Infrastructure

In 2008 the IT Working Group at national level will launch a strategy which will set out their aims and objectives as to how they believe technology can be used to improve the way we organise our games and activities. I believe that we here in Tyrone are among the forerunners when it comes to integrating the use of technology into improving our brand and administering our games. That said there are a number of key areas that we will be looking to address in the near future. These include ...

- The online registration of all club members both youth and adult
- A managed information system which will capture data from clubs on-line
- Provision of reports and press releases through a managed area of our website
- Proper and adequate training for those who will run these systems in our clubs

As the use of IT increases and we in the GAA become ever more reliant on computer technology as a tool to communicate, there will be a need for the GAA in Tyrone to set out a clear vision and strategy in order to address these key areas. Perhaps some of these areas can be addressed and incorporated into the plans for our new Central Headquarters.

Administration aside there are other technology factors that we also need to consider. Already our top coaches are exploring the use of Interactive Electronic Whiteboards and Digital Video Technology. This new hardware and software looks sure to have a more prominent role to play in how our top coaches and managers will analyse and plan for our games at the very highest level. As a county we will need to look at how we can meet this challenge and plan how we are going to provide the latest cutting edge technology for more of our coaches and managers here in Tyrone.

## • COISTE CULTÚIR & TEANGA •

### Cathaoirleach: Dónal Mac Aoidh

**Committee members:** Cliodhna Kerr (An Charraig Mhór), Oliver Corr (Oilean a'Ghuail), Cormac McAleer (An Charraig Mhór), Eamonn Campbell (N. Colmcille), Anna McCaughey (An Charraig Mhór), Seamus Kilpatrick (Cabán a'Chaorthainn)

The chief aims of an Coiste Cultúr agus Teanga are to promote and develop the language and cultural aspects of our association.

By far the most successful aspect of the fo-coiste is the promotion and development of our culture through the Scór programme. This continues to be a most productive aspect of our association. Our county chairman had said in a speech at Scór functions that our culture and traditions have been in existence long before our games. When Irish people emigrated hundreds of years ago the only thing they had to bring with them was their religion and culture manifesting itself in dance, song, music, story telling, etc. Irish people are renowned the world over for their cultural ability. We as Irish people now have the responsibility to carry on, develop and promote this very important part of our heritage.

I take this opportunity to thank all the clubs who hosted or offered to host Scór events this year. I thank them for the use of their facilities and assistance with preparations before and on the night

as well as the clean up they did after our events. There was always a ready cup of tea for workers and adjudicators on the night, which was deeply appreciated.

A colour programme for semi-finals and final of Scór Sinsear was produced and welcomed by both competitors and audiences.

The fo-choiste recognises that clubs put a terrific effort into promoting our culture and it is a well-known fact that Tyrone is one of the leading counties in Ireland in promoting Scór. It is without a shadow of doubt the leading county in Ulster. This level of participation requires the clubs to hold preliminary round, semi-finals and a final to find county champions while in some other counties it is only necessary to hold finals.

The past season saw 35 clubs participating in Scór na nÓg and culminating in an All Ireland Title for Baileád Ghrúpa Coill an Chlochair Naomh Mhuire, while 33 clubs were represented in Scór Sinsear. Omagh St Enda's secured 2 Ulster titles in Rince Foirne and Bailéad Ghrúpa and were runners up in the All Ireland final.

Along side the conventional Scór activities it was agreed that the cultural aspect of our association would reach a wider audience if it was coupled with the field sports. When the National League campaign started in 2007, the fo-coiste organised pre match entertainment by showcasing aspects of the 8 disciplines in the Scór programme. Due to the nature of the venue certain disciplines promoted themselves albeit rince foirne & seit, ceol uirlise and bailéad ghrúpa. Having a wide variety of clubs and competitors to pick from meant that the standard on those days was extremely high and enlightened some of those spectators who would be less than familiar with this dimension of Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

Over 4 home matches 10 clubs participated and it was remarkable the number of 'away' spectators who commented on the success of the initiative and promised to try and emulate it in



their home counties. We endeavour to carry this through in the coming season.

The culmination of the pre-match entertainment programme was at our domestic senior championship final on 14th October. Unfortunately due to inclement weather the Derrytresk Fír na Cnuic Ceol Uirlise was unable to play. But thanks are extended to them for their preparations as well as those who did perform ie Coalisland Fianna Bailéad Ghrúpa and An Charraig Mhór Naomh Colmcille Rince Foirne.

A Multicultural Evening was organised for the ‘Station Centre’ in Omagh in conjunction with WELB, Omagh District Council and Strabane District Council. The organisers had invited the Coiste Cultúr agus Teanga to send representatives of Scór. Drumragh Instrumental Group, Fintona Ceili Dancers and Killyclogher Scór na nÓg Ballad group represented the county. A Civic Reception was hosted by Omagh District Council to celebrate the All Ireland success of Coill an Clochair Naomh Mhuire. The All Ireland winning ballad group was also invited by Uachtarain na hÉireann to perform at a garden party at Aras an Uachtarain in Dublin on 5th July. We as a committee congratulate them and share their honour as they represented both club and county on these occasions.

The Scór programme for Tyrone for the past season ended on the 16th June at Croke Park when the All Ireland Scór Congress was held. Donal Magee and Clíodhna Kerr represented Tyrone.

An adjudicators’ seminar was held on 29th September in Dublin and Donal Magee represented Tyrone along with 3 adjudicators from the county.

The fo-choiste has begun a series of seminars in the county designed to help promote and assist clubs’ participation in Scór. The seminar takes the form of bringing together a small number of clubs, about seven or eight, and giving them the chance to listen to clubs which have had a high success rate at county, provincial and national level. The seminars also include a panel of a cross-section of people in Scór – members of the fo-choiste, past/present participants, cultural officers from other clubs and adjudicators so that clubs can question and find out better strategies for being more successful. Two of these seminars have been held so far. Adjudications are probably the most contentious issue at Scór and the fo-choiste recognises this. To this end we have begun a process of drawing up a panel of adjudicators within Tyrone. These adjudicators will be assessed and we hope to have a top class panel to draw upon. Clubs put a tremendous effort into promoting Scór and are entitled to expect only the very best that we can offer them in terms of good quality adjudicators. This process will take a lengthy period of time to do but we believe that it will be well worth it in the long run.

With the ever increasing work load in clubs it proved difficult, on occasions, to make contact with one person who was involved with the promotion of Scór and / a Cultural/Language officer. As an area of development we decided to compile a database of current cultural officers and make direct contact with them through the newly established email address- culture@tyrone.gaa.ie . Each club, men’s, ladies and hurling clubs, were circulated with questionnaires asking for details of cultural officers so that a proper database could be set up. This will also improve the line of communication between the culture committee and the clubs in general but unfortunately to date we currently have just over 30 names.

We urge clubs at AGMs to please make an effort to appoint one or two individuals who are interested in promotion of cultural and language activities. It will add a new dimension to the club and make your club accessible to those who are not currently involved. Donal Magee represents Tyrone at Ulster Scór level. The good working relationship at this level

is reflected in the number of events the county has hosted. Tyrone hosted Fermanagh and Donegal on the 9th March in an Ulster semi-final for Scór Sinsear in Aghyaran. The Ulster Convention took place on 12th May in Kelly's of Garvaghy. An Ulster adjudicators' seminar took place in Dun Uladh on 9th November and the Scór na nÓg Ulster final will be held in Galbally on 19th January 2008.

Below is a table of the various winners at Scór in Tyrone of the past year.

### Scór na nÓg County Champions 2006/2007

Rince Foirne:	<b>Dún Geannain, Tomás Uí Cleirigh</b>
Amhránaíocht:	<b>Caolach Reid, Fionthamnach na Piarasigh</b>
Ceol Uirlise:	<b>Doire Treasc, Fir na Cnuic</b>
Aithriseoireacht:	<b>Dermot Mc Caughey, Trí Leac N. Mhic Artain</b>
Baileád Ghrúpa:	<b>Coill an Chlochair, N Mhuire</b>
Nuachleas:	<b>An Eochair, N Mhic Artain</b>
Rince Seit:	<b>Coill an Chlochair, N Mhuire</b>
Trath na gCeist:	<b>Cill Dreasa, Uilf Tón</b>

### Scór Sinsear County Champions 2006/2007

Rince Foirne	<b>Omagh, St Enda's</b>
Amhránaíocht	<b>Ryan Kelly, Moy Tir na nÓg</b>
Ceol Uirlise	<b>Drumragh Sarsfields</b>
Aithriseoireacht	<b>Paul Kelly, Carrickmore St Colmcille's</b>
Baileád Ghrúpa	<b>Omagh, St Enda's</b>
Nuachleas	<b>Killyclogher, St Mary's</b>
Rince Seit	<b>Killyclogher, St Mary's; Omagh St Enda's</b>
Trath na gCeist	<b>Trillick, St Macartan's</b>

It has to be said that Tyrone and Ulster could have had some other provincial and national titles but for some strange decisions in adjudications. Unfortunately only one All Ireland title came to Tyrone this year but it is very clear that in recent years, as in All Ireland Football titles, Ulster is beginning to assert its dominance. This is, in the final analysis clearly down to the extremely hard and dedicated work being done in promoting our national culture in the clubs of Tyrone.

This year alone, with the county final only just completed, a total of forty two clubs in the county have taken part in Scór na nÓg.

### An Teanga

The other aim is to promote and develop the language within the county and this is achieved chiefly by administering Gaeltacht scholarships to young people to encourage them to attend courses in the Irish speaking districts of Donegal. It is a widely accepted fact that the only real way to learn Irish is to go and live in the areas where the language is widely spoken. We encourage clubs to make use of signage in Irish and in many club meetings which take place on a regular basis round the county. A further asset to the promotion of the language is that a small proportion of clubs in the county are setting up language classes in their own club areas.

An annual Irish language course at Downings in Donegal is organised by Comhairle Uladh



supported and promoted by the fo-choiste. Unfortunately only 20 Gaels from Tyrone undertook this fee free course. I being one, found it most helpful and would recommend it to anyone. Our plans next year are to promote it widely and canvas clubs to send at least one representative.

Nevertheless our clubs and membership could make a much better effort to promote and develop our native language. Even if there is no language course in your own club, members should be encouraged to go to neighbouring clubs and join their classes. In the coming season the fo-choiste will make every effort to encourage and help clubs to set up classes and courses for the development of the language.

In the coming year it is hoped to develop this aspect of the fo-choiste’s role and encourage clubs to centralise teaching expertise and facilities as well as outlining the practical assistance they need.

Of equal importance is the emergence of the Naiscoileanna and Búnscoileanna in a number of areas of Tyrone. These schools in themselves are a tremendous benefit to our clubs in that parents of our children are beginning to send their children to these Irish medium schools as part of their expression of Irishness. Equally the parents of many of these children have no Irish themselves so the only way they can help their children to do homework is to go to beginner classes and learn the language along side their children. This will be a long-term process but it will eventually bear fruit.

In conclusion it remains for us to continue to encourage and help the clubs and individuals in Tyrone to promote and develop the national language and culture to the best of our ability.

• **Coiste Éisteachta** •

**Cathaoirleach: Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara**

The County Hearings Committee (CHC) met on ten occasions during 2007 to deal with matters arising from disciplinary penalties proposed by the Competitions Control Committee (CCC) for alleged infractions occurring in games.

The number of cases where Clubs or individuals considered that a proposed penalty was inappropriate, amounted to thirty-six; in 62% of these cases the CHC decided that the proposed penalty was fair, appropriate and just in relation to the infraction committed, and no change was made.

Four individuals had their disciplinary penalty reduced, four Clubs had the fines imposed on them reduced and three Clubs had their grounds re-opened as a result of their presentations to the Hearings Committee.

There were only 3 players (8%) who were totally cleared of any infraction by the CHC, two of whom were able to provide convincing video evidence that the referee had erred in taking his decision.

Based on these records, and taking account of the large number of penalties imposed for breaches of indiscipline, it is clear that the CCC in its first year of existence fulfilled its role in an exceptionally fair and responsible manner.

When it is also noted that no individual or Club was successful in appealing a decision of the CHC to its provincial counterpart, it is evident that the Hearings Committee also acted in a just fashion in its application of disciplinary rules.

I take this opportunity to pay tribute to all the members of the Hearings Committee for their work (which is not considered to be the most pleasant at times), their assistance and their willingness to attend meetings – occasionally at short notice. I thank Margaret Keenan who acted as Minutes Secretary, and Paul Doris who as Vice-Chairman also attended meetings at Ulster level to defend decisions taken by our Committee.

Membership of the Committee and attendance at meetings in 2007 was:

Michael Kerr (9), Paul Doris (7), Margaret Keenan (8), James O'Neill (9), Owen Roe O'Neill (9), Packie O'Neill (6), Adrian Scullin (8) and Sean McElroy (10)

## • Coiste Pleanála & Forbartha Fisiciúla •

### Cathaoirleach: Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh

**Members:** Cathal Daly, Dónal Magee, Joe McCabe, Damien McConville, Perry McCrory, Seán McElroy.

#### Accessing G.A.A. grants

Our committee has helped a record number of clubs to access grants this year. Issues such as vesting of GAA property are also dealt with. Nineteen clubs were awarded €456,000. This is a large number but there are still clubs that have not tapped into this funding, they may need to sort out vesting issues but, in any case, should contact the Development Committee for advice. Retrospective assistance, in GAA-vested property, is given for land purchase, pitch development, disabled access, public toilets, changing rooms, training facilities, additional development (wide-ranging), floodlights and vertidrainning.

#### Borrowing Money

We have assisted clubs in the process of getting approval for loans. Basically a club must furnish account details, show repayment plans and outline the current financial situation. The club makes a business plan to gain loan approval. An essential component of bookkeeping that is sometimes overlooked in clubs' treasurers' reports is inclusion of opening and closing balances to truly reflect the financial position. Another good practice, as pointed out by Gerard Donaghy at the excellent treasurer training evening, is to actually professionally evaluate club property. This may be the club's dearest asset, it is sometimes neglected.

#### Club facility audit

This year our audit revealed a number of interesting findings. It shows how far our clubs have developed in recent years. Let's take a look at five features:-

**Turnstiles:** It is universally accepted that turnstiles pay for themselves in a short number of years. However two thirds of our clubs have no turnstiles.

**Covered Stand:** Increasingly essential in clubs. It does not need to be exorbitant but spectator comfort is important. 50% of our clubs have covered stands.

**Second field:** Demand on pitch surfaces has never been greater. This is welcome and we now find two thirds of our grounds with a second pitch.

**Floodlights:** There is confusion regarding the lux level and beam for GAA matches. However, matches have been played under floodlights at one quarter of our clubs (some were youth matches on smaller floodlit pitches). This number will rise, but recommendations and accepted/regulated standards are indicated.

**Changing Rooms:** Apart from new pitches where changing rooms are a ‘work in progress’ practically all our grounds have four or more changing rooms. Bigger (in numbers!) referee teams and the obligatory physio ward at championships put increased pressure on dressing room space and some older changing rooms are now too small.



### Awareness and access... inclusiveness in practice

Development in Tír Eoghain (and, indeed, all) clubs requires a lot of planning. In Fig. 1 the awareness of access for all combined with the clever use of natural terrain led to provision of a simply brilliant stand that everyone can use. On the other hand Fig. 3 shows a more expensive but equally thoughtful inclusion to allow fair access for all. In order to access funding and to play our part as much more than a voluntary sporting organisation we must fully utilise our assets. Fig. 4 displays the benefit of planning ahead. Ducting of the stand before completion enables simpler wiring of the stand which also has audio-visual implications for those with hearing defects. Fig. 2 shows how one can have an exercise track around a gaelic field, providing a safe exercise area for all. This development lends itself to co-operation and shared resources/funding within an area.

## Club health check

Increasingly clubs have a need to build up a dossier or CV. Here are some of the items clubs should look at to see where they stand and what work needs to be done:-

- Club Plan (actual not virtual) after completion of CPDP
  - Constitution including a winding up clause
  - Policies
1. Child Protection
  2. Inclusiveness and accessibility, disability survey
  3. Recruitment
  4. Accident Reporting
  5. Fraud
  6. Health & Safety
    - Organisational flow, subcommittees, areas of responsibility etc
    - Community Involvement
1. other organisations
  2. health awareness
  3. leadership initiatives, education grants
  4. culture, Scór, Gaeilge
  5. facilities/property/personnel use for grief counselling
  6. sharing facilities
    - Club Maith accreditation
    - Proper accounting, opening and closing balance, valuation of property
    - CASC registration
    - Property ownership and vesting

The crucial aspect for all of the above issues is to ensure that all our clubs' excellent work is fully and accurately documented. We cannot expect observers and assessors to be psychic. By means such as the annual report, club minutes and media coverage we must constantly place on record the outstanding unheralded work we do, nobody else will.

## Go raibh maith agaibh

Thanks very much to the following gentlemen who have worked with me on Development Committees: Noel McGeary, Perry McCrory, Joe McCabe, Seán McElroy, Damien McConville, Dónal Magee, Aodhán Harkin, Cathal Daly, Jim Curran. It was a pleasure working with you all. Ádh mór to the next Development Officer. Agus anois tá súil agam go mbeidh Nollaig shona agus Athbhliain thar bharr agaibh gó léir.

## • Coiste Riaracháin Réiteoirí •

### Rúnaí: Micheál Ó hAodha

**Members:** Johnny Dooher, Michael Hughes, Shane Corr, Paddy O'Brien, Patsy Taggart, P. Joe McDermott, Sean Ruddy (County Co-ordinator)

### Who really cares about referees?

This was a very legitimate question that members posed over the past season on several occasions such was the disinterest shown by many parts of our Association to referees and the Committee during 2007. This short report highlights incidents that bring this question to light.





**Recruitment:** One of the highlights of the year could have been the recruitment of 12 new referees. When club nominations had closed for recruitment the Committee were delighted that six of these 12 were from a hurling background. The new referee's seminars were therefore built around the hurling nominations only for the Committee to discover that none actually attended and none bothered to ring with an apology. From an initial 12 the Committee trained 6 with only 5 going on to complete the written and fitness elements of the course.

As a result the Committee invited 28 football and all the hurling clubs to a specially convened meeting to discuss the recruitment issue and again was met with a very poor response, four clubs attended with not one of the other clubs offering an apology for their absence. A recruitment initiative for 2008 which was completed by October does not bode well for a referee's panel that is ageing and that has more and more games to cover. So a stark warning, fewer referees will mean more games not covered so it is over to the clubs to make sure that this does not happen.

**Training:** Training and development during the season was very intensive with seminars and separate sessions for rules and fitness examination. Our work in preparing referees, umpires, linesmen and fourth officials for championship duty in the main met with very positive performances. Through the good offices of Coiste Banisti the Committee were able to secure the use of the new running track at Youth Sport Omagh for dedicated referee training, but unfortunately the uptake by the majority of referees left a lot to be desired. Whilst physical training was the main reason for developing this initiative it was also felt that getting referees together on a regular basis may also build up solidarity between them. If referees are serious about developing as a panel all opportunities for meeting should be availed for if not the Committee has no justification in seeking additional resources to do so.

**Assessment:** Assessments are a key area which promotes accountability of the referee but also gives an independent and unbiased view of a referee's performance. This year the Committee introduced a new assessment form which based performance on a scoring system which commenced at fifty and was then subsequently reduced for non-application of the playing rules. This as expected has met with teething problems, assessors getting used to completing the form, referees accepting the deductions that were made and the scoring system itself which through this year's experience will be examined to ensure that the award of very good demonstrates an exceptionally high standard of performance. It had been anticipated that with the commencement of a transparent Referee's Development Path in 2007, assessments would play an even more important role in refereeing appointments; unfortunately this did not prove to be the case. This is unacceptable and must be addressed by Coiste Banisti and CCC if we are serious about developing appointments based on performance.

**Counselling:** Thankfully the number of formal counselling sessions held during the year was again reduced from the 2006 levels. It does appear that the trend towards the more informal conversation with members of this sub-committee provides better outcomes for referees. However towards the end of the season the Committee held a full session on referee performance, attitude and participation and it is certainly envisaged that much more formal meetings with a number of referees will be held at the start of the 2008 season with a view to addressing very specific Committee and Club concerns.

**Classification:** A serious attempt to develop a classification system based on tests (written and physical), performance (assessment) and experience was undertaken by the Committee. However it failed to have the desired effect due to a number of appointments being made which placed referees in finals above their classification and left referees who have the necessary classification grades unable to officiate at a final in Tyrone this year. The Committee is responsible for

classification, no other committee has the power to ignore this or maybe in Tyrone they do?

**Youth Development Squad:** What do you say to a young referee who is verbally abused at an Under Go Game competition? Unfortunately this was a common occurrence during 2007 and many of our youth development squad have given up refereeing as a result. No protection came from the Go Game Co-ordinators so they are entitled to ask who really cares about them. It should be remembered that all of the Development Squad are young people themselves so this abuse cannot be tolerated by the Association. If the organisers of the Go Games want to promote youth refereeing and the Development Squad they need to protect them. When abuse occurs the team must be excluded from Go Games at all levels for the season. Drastic measures this may be but then the current acceptance of abuse can no longer be tolerated.

This is not to say that the Youth Development Squad did not make progress. Two of the squad represented Tyrone on the day of the Ulster Senior Football Final and all of the available squad officiated at various demonstration games before internal championship matches. To all the squad who stayed well done, to those that left the Committee understand and appreciate the reasons and hope that you will at some time in the future again take up refereeing within our County.

**Duty of Care:** Consider the outcry if the CCC announced that the fixtures were being arranged that required teams to play at least three games per week from April through to October with a maximum of 24 hours noticed needed. Well quite simply this would not happen. But this is now a common occurrence with referees and the 2007 season now putting undue demands on referees and their families. This is not sustainable and the CCC have a duty of care to referees through a fixture list that gives due notice and allows for fair distribution of appointments and adequate rest for match officials. Player burn out is now on everyone's radar, referee burn out - sure there just referees no consideration necessary. This has to change and change quickly but then again is there anyone out there who really cares and will ensure that this happens.

**Buiochas:** On behalf of the of the Referee's Administration Committee I wish to thank An Coiste Banisti for all their support throughout the year. The Committee recognise that seminars, training and development, and assessment need financial support for implementation and it is pleasing to note that such support has always been made available. This support we must not take for granted, we need to show that it is making a difference this being shown through quality performances by referees on the field.

Thanks to all the staff of the various venues we used during the year, Kelly's Inn, County Offices, Youth Sport Omagh for their courtesy and assistance.

To the members of the committee who got through a huge amount of work during the year in so many different ways a special word of thanks. A special tribute again to Co-ordinator Sean Ruddy who in his own quiet but efficient manner, has yet again demonstrated the calibre of officials that we have in this county.

And final thanks to the referees and your families for your continued dedication and contribution to the Association. Again you had to put up with much inconvenience and disturbance such is the nature of refereeing in Tyrone under the present circumstances.

Finally to those involved in refereeing who in any way suffered bereavement during the past year on behalf of the Committee I extend sincere condolences.

## • Grúpa Oibre Comhfhreagrais •

### Cathaoirleach: Breandán Ó hEarcáin

As the PR/Marketing Sub-committee has taken on the role of producing programmes for the National Football League, the first task for the Communications Committee is the production of programmes for the National Hurling League and also for the Nicky Rackard Cup competition.

It is important to produce programmes for the hurling competitions, not simply because it is a regulation from Croke Park to do so, but because it helps to raise the profile of the games. Small attendances mean that it is not economically viable to produce an elaborate programme, but it is desirable however to have a good quality programme. Unfortunately, not all the counties involved seem to see it this way. It is an all too frequent occurrence to receive team lineouts late on Thursday night or even a Friday morning. When teams lineouts are eventually submitted, it often happens that there isn't much of a relationship between the team in the programme and the team that takes the field.

Youth football finals, league and championship in all 4 grades, are covered and the Oifigeach na nÓg spearheads the drive to gather the relevant information with the assistance of members of the Communications Committee. An effort is also made to give due recognition to match officials.

The situation regarding football finals is not yet ideal, but is becoming satisfactory. The next step should be, with the cooperation of the hurling clubs, to provide similar coverage for youth hurling finals.

At adult level, programmes were produced for the Senior Hurling and Shield finals and in football, for the Junior, Intermediate and Senior finals. The cooperation of the clubs reached an all-time high this year.

Individual members of the Communications Committee took responsibility for each of the finalists and liaised with club officers and team representatives to gather the necessary information.

Eugene McConnell from the Communications Committee and Vicki O'Hagan, Omagh St Enda's Ladies Football Committee, organised and coordinated the sale of programmes. All went smoothly and we were pleased with the quality of the programmes and satisfied with the finances.

The cooperation and enthusiasm of the finalists made the task enjoyable and straightforward.

Consequently, at the last meeting of the Communications Committee, it was proposed to recommend, for the consideration of the incoming committee, the production of programmes for the semi-finals and to cover earlier rounds at senior level in 2008.

The late production of the Handbook/Fixture Booklet in recent years has been a source of embarrassment to the committee and to me personally. A May date is simply not good enough. We took the decision that the booklet would be with the clubs by the April meeting of the County Committee at the latest. Failure to receive the information on time and the booklet would not be produced.

The staging of club conventions and our county convention in December means that the information should be available for the booklet in January. In 2007, the County Secretary provided us with information on An Coiste Bainistí; County Committee and club officers in January. The provision of material via e-mail, as opposed to hard copy, has also simplified and accelerated the production process.

The following, however, are the problems that are still causing delays.

The Secretary of CCC, who also works as a member of the Communications Committee, highlights the fact that members of sub-committees have to be appointed or at least sanctioned by County Committee and this results in the early part of the year being wasted. The timing of the draw for championships and grading of teams at youth level can also lead to delays. In his capacity as Runaí of CCC, Aodhán Ó hEarcáin provided a regular flow of communications via e-mail to clubs and to the media, as did Ciaran McLaughlin with regards to all youth matters. Damien Harvey communicates a wide range of information in a very attractive way on the website.

In addition to membership of the County Committee and main officers of the club, the following is also desirable. Youth team managers – under-8 to under-18 – to facilitate clubs in organising friendly games and blitz competitions. So far, in spite of the best efforts of the County Youth Officer, that has proven difficult to obtain before April. List of Referees – Examinations and Tests in April cause major problems regarding the inclusion of new referees.

To underpin our commitment to the promotion of culture in general and Scór in particular, it is important

to include information on the Club Culture Officer and Scór organiser.

Many club officers and team managers still would like to have a booklet to hand, and ideally it should be available in March at the latest.

The Communications Committee was very pleased with the decision taken by the County Committee to reverse an earlier decision and to give the go-ahead for a Yearbook in 2007. The Annual had for long been an important part of the work done by the Communications Committee. So preparation began with enthusiasm.

The PR and Marketing Committee decided to produce a Yearbook. No book for a couple of years – then two in the same year! Something had to give. So at the October meeting of the PR and Marketing Committee, I withdrew our proposed publication.

It is good that the county will have a Yearbook for 2007 and it will be of a very high standard, but it has caused annoyance to members of the Communications Committee that they have had no involvement.

On the PR front, we have to be aware that the widespread coverage we get in the media, which we appreciate, also means that controversy is never far away. It is the business of the media to focus on controversy; it is our role to present a united front. Differences are an inevitable feature of a large vibrant organisation. It is better to resolve our internal differences internally, rather than under the spotlight of the media. Harsh words and scathing comments in public about our own members may cause hurt to the members concerned and damage the Association. Ill-advised comments cannot be withdrawn, once they've made their way into the public domain.

It is often better to think twice before speaking once. This hasn't always been the case in recent times.

## • Coiste Forbartha Iomána •

### Cathaoirleach: Breandán Ó hEarcáin

In 2006, the focus was firmly on providing coaching for primary schools. Every school was contacted and an ambitious plan was drawn up to offer all interested schools a coaching programme. A beginning was made in the summer term and the whole plan swung into action for the school year, 2006 – 2007.

Concerns were expressed that there was too much effort going into areas where no clubs existed. These concerns were taken into account when this strategy was reviewed. The decision was taken to concentrate on the clusters of schools surrounding existing clubs and also to involve the clubs themselves.

So for the school year 2007-2008, the hurling coaches will provide coaching in schools in club areas and will also establish direct links with the clubs. From September the clubs have been visited by representatives of the committee. From frank, open discussions with club officials and members, it has clearly emerged that the clubs favour this new approach.

Several concerns were expressed at the meeting with the clubs and some helpful suggestions were made which will have to be taken into account for 2008.

Coaching and promotion are the main concerns but competitions and county representation also have to be considered. Both of these aspects caused concern in 2007. Competitions for Under-12 to Under-18 level are important for the clubs. It must be said that the prevailing situation is far from being satisfactory. Fixtures, if completed at all, are often not on the scheduled dates.

Consultation is important in arranging competitions and fixtures. It is then equally important to fulfil the fixtures. It has to become as attractive to play youth hurling as it is to play youth football. Clubs and the competition committee must work together.

Similarly, it must be regarded as much of an honour to represent Tir Eoghain at youth level in hurling as it is at youth level in football. That's the way forward. Perception is important. Pride in the jersey is essential.

The success of the Summer Camps, the participation in the Tony Forristal Tournament and the



forging of coaching links with Waterford were highlights of the year. The numbers attending the summer camps, especially in areas not regarded as hurling strongholds, were very heartening. The young players who represented Tir Eoghain in Waterford did so with style and, hopefully will bring success to Tir Eoghain in the years ahead.

The reality is that there are problems, some even self-inflicted, with the promotion and development of hurling.

The growth of hurling will not just simply happen. It must be nurtured. We have to work at it and we have to work together.

*Ní neart go cur le céile*

## • Coiste Ceannais na gComórtaisí •

### Rúnaí: Aodhán Ó hEarcáin

On behalf of Coiste Ceannais na gComórtaisí, Tír Eoghain (Tyrone Competitions Control Committee), I wish to give a brief overview of the past season and in doing so extend my personal thanks and the thanks of the membership of the Tyrone C.C.C. to all the Clubs, Referees, County Committee and the County Board Officers for all their help, time and assistance over the course of the past season.

The duration of the playing season and the timing of some of the Competitions especially the Under 21 Football and the Adult Championships is something which I personally wasn't happy with in the 2007 season and I hope that these problems can be addressed in 2008 especially in light of the new League structures at Adult level.

For many clubs, to exit their Adult Championship with only five or six games played in their respective Leagues is a major problem and I am of the firm belief that at least eight or nine league games should be played prior to the commencement of the Adult Championships so that everyone is playing to their true potential and not with half of their team already having crossed the Atlantic or to other far off shores. It would also mean that leagues become more competitive as one of the most glaring aspects of the past season has been the non-fielding of teams even at Senior level with Reserve leagues being severely hit by this problem and it is a major problem for the incoming Tyrone C.C.C. to address for the 2008 season.

I wish to extend Comhghairdeas to the various Football and Hurling Championship Winners in 2007, Dromore St Dymna's (Senior Football), Killyman St Mary's (Intermediate Football), Rock St Patrick's (Junior Football), An Charraig Mhór, Cumann Éire Óg (Senior Hurling), Naomh Columcille (Junior Hurling).

All of these clubs have represented Tyrone with distinction in the Ulster Club Championships and I wish to congratulate them all and pay a special word of mention to Rock, St Patrick's who at the time of writing this report were preparing for an Ulster Final clash with Monaghan champions Aughnamullen.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the major achievement of the St Patrick's Greencastle club in winning the Ulster and All Ireland titles for the 2006-07 season and hopefully Rock can follow their exploits.

At Reserve Championship level, Maith Thú to Clonoe (Reserve), Fintona (Intermediate) and Brackaville (Junior) on winning their respective titles and Comhghairdeas is extended to the various league winners, An Charraig Mhór/Errigal Ciarán/Dromore (Division 1A), Clonoe (Division 1B), Eglis (Division 2), Tatyreagh/Rock (Division 3), Errigal Ciarán (Division 1A Reserve), Clonoe (Division 1B Reserve), Eskra (Division 2 (Reserve)). The Division 3 Reserve League was not completed at the time this report was being prepared.

A special word of thanks is extended to WJ Dolan and O'Neill's Sportswear for their continued kind sponsorship of the Tyrone Championships and Leagues. Willie John Dolan and Kieran Kennedy have continually supported and promoted the G.A.A. in Tyrone and are to be warmly applauded for their generosity.

At Youth level, there was an extensive programme of games played and I wish to pay tribute to Ciarán McLaughlin, Kieran McHugh and all those on the Youth subcommittee for their hard work in the organisation and successful completion of all Youth competitions.

Best wishes to all the various winners in all the grades and many thanks to all the Youth players in the clubs for providing us all with so much enjoyment and also to all those within the clubs who do so much work and promotion with the young players of the future.

Go raibh maith agat to C.C.C. Chairperson Mickey McGoldrick for his time effort and commitment all year. He along with various other members of the Tyrone C.C.C. have suffered personal abuse over the course of the past year but carried out their duties to the best of their ability with some people failing to realise that all of us carry out our roles on a voluntary basis and for the love of the G.A.A.

Go raibh maith agaibh also to Cathal Daly (Adult Fixtures), Ciarán McLaughlin (Youth Fixtures), Donal Magee (Vice-Chairperson), Alan Richardson (Adult Referees), Seamus McGirr (Youth Referees), Sean Ruddy (Referees Administrator), Pat Holland (Hurling), Liam Nelis (Discipline) and Kieran McHugh (Youth) for all their diligent work, time, effort and commitment.

Buíochas is extended to county Chairperson, Pat Darcy, Treasurer Mickey Harvey, Secretary, Dominic McCaughey and to all the other members of the County Management Committee for their help and assistance over the course of the year.

Thanks also are extended to all the referees in the county, they perform thankless roles but without them we wouldn't be able to play our games.

Special thanks as always to Alan Richardson, Seamus McGirr and Sean Ruddy of the C.C.C. for their time, effort and commitment to refereeing duties over the past season.

A warm thank you to all the media for their continued promotion of our games, we appreciate all the promotion we can get and sometimes we have to take the rough with the smooth but overall the coverage we receive is very welcome and constructive.

The Tyrone website which is updated and maintained on a regular basis by Damien Harvey is an excellent addition to our overall promotion and is an ideal way to promote all aspects of our games and culture.

Finally a hearty "go raibh maith agaibh" to all the clubs in Tyrone, to their officers especially the Chairpersons and Secretaries with whom I have had constant contact during the course of the year and not forgetting the players who are the most important part of our organisation and who provide us with so much enjoyment and of course from time to time with some problems!

Ádh Mór to all clubs for the 2008 season as we revert back to three leagues and all of them will no doubt prove to be very keenly contested and competitive. I wish you all well in your endeavours.

*Sin é agus go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir*

## • Tyrone Adult Football Round Up •

### Division 1A

Senior	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Points
	An Charraig Mhor	22	15	6	1	36
	Coalisland	22	16	2	4	34
	Errigal Ciaran	22	14	1	7	29
	Dromore	21	13	3	5	29
	Donaghmore	21	12	1	8	25
	Ardboe	22	10	3	9	23
	Galbally	22	10	2	10	22
	Killyclogher	22	6	6	10	18
	Cookstown	22	7	1	14	15
	Aghyaran	22	6	3	13	15
	Omagh	22	3	3	16	9
	Killeeshil	22	2	1	19	5

### Top Four Playoff

#### Semifinals

10-Nov	An Charraig Mhor	1-13	Coalisland	1-8
25-Nov	Errigal Ciaran	0-4	Dromore	1-13

#### Final

30-Nov	<b>An Charraig Mhor</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Dromore</b>
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### Promotion/ Relegation Playoffs

10-Nov	Omagh	0-13	Trillick	2-6
10-Nov	Killeeshil	0-10	Loughmacrory	1-9

Reserve	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Points
	Errigal Ciaran	21	17	1	3	35
	Dromore	19	14	1	4	29
	Donaghmore	19	13	1	5	27
	Ardboe	18	12	2	4	26
	Coalisland	19	11	2	6	24
	An Charraig Mhor	17	9	1	7	19
	Killyclogher	20	8	0	12	16
	Omagh	20	7	2	11	16
	Aghyaran	20	7	1	12	15
	Galbally	18	7	1	10	15
	Killeeshil	21	2	2	17	6
	Cookstown	20	2	0	18	4

### Division 1B

Senior	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Points
	Clonoe	22	18	1	3	37
	Kildress	22	17	1	4	35
	Loughmacrory	22	15	2	5	32
	Trillick	22	15	2	5	32
	Moy	22	9	2	11	20
	Gortin	22	9	2	11	20
	Pomeroy	22	8	2	12	18
	Clann na nGael	22	8	2	12	18
	Dungannon	22	7	4	11	18
	Derrylaughan	22	7	2	13	16
	Edendork	22	4	1	17	9
	Stewartstown	22	2	5	15	9

Reserve	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Points
	Clonoe	20	18	2	0	38
	Kildress	19	14	2	3	30
	Loughmacrory	18	13	1	4	27
	Trillick	19	12	1	6	25
	Gortin	17	11	1	5	23
	Clann na nGael	21	8	3	10	19
	Edendork	18	7	2	9	16
	Derrylaughan	18	5	1	12	11
	Pomeroy	19	4	2	13	10
	Stewartstown	18	5	0	13	10
	Dungannon	18	4	0	14	8
	Moy	19	2	3	14	7

**Division 2**

Senior	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Points
	EGLISH	22	16	1	5	33
	Eskra	22	14	1	7	29
	Moortown	22	13	3	6	29
	Greencastle	22	12	4	6	28
	Urney	22	11	5	6	27
	Augher	22	12	1	9	25
	Strabane	22	10	5	7	25
	Aghaloo	22	9	3	10	21
	Drumquin	22	9	2	11	20
	Fintona	22	5	3	14	13
	Brockagh	22	5	0	17	10
	Killyman	22	2	0	20	4

Reserve	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Points
	Eskra	22	17	2	3	36
	EGLISH	22	17	1	4	35
	Moortown	20	15	0	5	30
	Greencastle	20	14	2	4	30
	Fintona	20	10	2	8	22
	Urney	21	10	1	10	21
	Strabane	20	8	3	9	19
	Drumquin	21	7	2	12	16
	Augher	21	7	2	12	16
	Brockagh	20	5	1	14	11
	Aghaloo	21	3	0	18	6
	Killyman	20	2	2	16	6

**Division 3**

Senior	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Points
	Tattyreagh	23	19	1	3	39
	Rock	19	16	1	2	33
	Newtownstewart	23	15	0	8	30
	Clogher	23	14	1	8	29
	Castleberg	21	14	1	6	29
	Drumragh	21	13	3	5	29
	Beragh	20	9	3	8	21
	Brackaville	20	8	3	9	19
	E R O'Neills	22	8	0	14	16
	Dregish	21	5	2	14	12
	Glenelly	22	3	1	18	7
	Derrytresk	21	2	2	17	6
	Errigal Ciaran III	20	3	0	17	6

Reserve	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Points
	Tattyreagh	17	16	0	1	32
	Newtownstewart	18	13	1	4	27
	Beragh	14	12	0	2	24
	Rock	14	11	0	3	22
	Brackaville	16	10	1	5	21
	Castleberg	17	8	1	8	17
	E R O'Neills	19	7	2	10	16
	Drumragh	19	7	0	12	14
	Clogher	17	6	2	9	14
	Glenelly	18	6	1	11	13
	Dregish	15	1	0	14	2
	Derrytresk	18	0	0	18	0

**League Winners**

Division 1A

Division 1B

Division 2

Division 3

Clonoe

EGLISH

Division 1A Reserve

Division 1B Reserve

Division 2 Reserve

Division 3 Reserve

Clonoe

Eskra



## 2008 Divisions

Senior	Intermediate	Junior
Aghyaran	Clann na nGael	Aghaloo
An Charraig Mhor	Derrylaughan	Augher
Ardboe	Dungannon	Beragh
Clonoe	Edendork	Brackaville
Coalisland	Eskra	Brockagh
Cookstown	Gortin	Castledearg
Donaghmore	Greencastle	Clogher
Dromore	Killeeshil	Derrytresk
Eglis	Moortown	Dregish
Errigal Ciaran	Moy	Drumquin
Galbally	Pomeroy	Drumragh
Kildress	Rock	E R O'Neills
Killyclogher	Stewartstown	Errigal Ciaran III
Killyman	Tattyreagh	Fintona
Loughmacrory	Trillick	Glenelly
Omagh	Urney	Newtownstewart
		Strabane

## Senior Football Championship Sponsored by W J Dolan

### Preliminary Round

a	Trillick	0 9	Dromore	1 15	6 May 2007	Fintona
b	Killyclogher	1 10	Derrylaughan	0 10	5 May 2007	Carrickmore
c	Moy	0 9	Aghyaran	0 7	6 May 2007	Fintona
d	An Carraig Mhor	0 8	Clonoe	3 3	6 May 2007	Dungannon
e	Coalisland	2 19	Omagh	1 8	4 May 2007	Augher
f	Cookstown	0 9	Pomeroy	0 6	6 May 2007	Dungannon
g	Errigal Ciaran	0 8	Clann na nGael	0 6	5 May 2007	Carrickmore
h	Ardboe	2 13	Stewartstown	0 8	4 May 2007	Edendork

### Round 1

	Kildress	2 6	Moy	2 5	27 May 2007	Pomeroy
	Dromore	1 11	Galbally	0 5	25 May 2007	Clogher
	Ardboe	1 10	Cookstown	2 8	25 May 2007	Coalisland
	Killeeshil	0 7	Errigal Ciaran	0 14	27 May 2007	Pomeroy
	Loughmacrory	0 7	Coalisland	4 10	26 May 2007	Edendork
	Edendork	0 11	Gortin	0 11	3 Jun 2007	Galbally
	Donaghmore	1 8	Clonoe	0 7	26 May 2007	Edendork
	Killyclogher	0 12	Dungannon	0 4	3 Jun 2007	Galbally

### Replay

	Edendork	2 10	Gortin	0 14	8 Jun 2007	Galbally
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### Quarter Finals

	Killyclogher	0 6	Coalisland	3 5	2 Sep 2007	Carrickmore
	Kildress	0 8	Dromore	0 9	24 Aug 2007	Killyclogher
	Cookstown	2 11	Edendork	0 8	31 Aug 2007	Coalisland
	Donaghmore	0 11	Errigal Ciaran	0 9	7 Sep 2007	Omagh

### Semi Finals

	Dromore	1 12	Cookstown	1 4	21 Sep 2007	Omagh
	Donaghmore	0 11	Coalisland	0 14	23 Sep 2007	Dungannon

### Final

	Dromore	0 14	Coalisland	0 4	14 Oct 2007	Omagh
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## Intermediate Football Championship Sponsored by W J Dolan

### Preliminary Round

a	Brockagh	1 10	Aghaloo	1 9	1 Jun 2007	Killeeshil
b	Fintona	1 8	Moortown	0 13	3 Jun 2007	Greencastle
c	Urney	0 12	Drumquin	1 12	1 Jun 2007	Newtownstewart
d	Eskra	0 8	Eglis	0 10	8 Jun 2007	Galbally

### Round 1

	Strabane	2 8	Killyman	0 17	20 Jul 2007	Killyclogher
	Augher	0 9	Eglis	1 5	22 Jul 2007	Coalisland
	Drumquin	2 6	Greencastle	1 10	21 Jul 2007	Newtownstewart
	Brockagh	0 10	Moortown	1 11	22 Jul 2007	Coalisland

### Semi Finals

	Augher	0 8	Killyman	0 15	26 Aug 2007	Galbally
	Greencastle	0 7	Moortown	2 14	1 Sep 2007	Edendork

### Final

	Killyman	1 10	Moortown	0 11	30 Sep 2007	Omagh
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**Junior Football Championship Sponsored by W J Dolan**
**Preliminary Round**

a	Rock	1	8	Drumragh	0	5	2 Jun 2007	Beragh
b	Beragh	3	10	Castledearg	0	6	1 Jun 2007	Newtownstewart
c	Tattyreagh	0	6	Clogher	0	7	2 Jun 2007	Trillick
d	Newtownstewart	0	13	Derrytresk	1	5	3 Jun 2007	Greencastle
e	Errigal Ciaran III	1	8	Dregish	1	8	2 Jun 2007	Trillick
<b>Replay</b>	Errigal Ciaran III	0	7	Dregish	1	9	8 Jun 2007	Killyclogher
<b>Round 1</b>	E R O'Neills	1	9	Beragh	2	10	21 Jul 2007	newtownstewart
	Brackaville	1	6	Glenelly	0	9	22 Jul 2007	Clogher
	Newtownstewart	0	10	Clogher	0	11	20 Jul 2007	killyclogher
	Dregish	0	9	Rock	1	10	22 Jul 2007	Clogher
<b>Replay</b>	Brackaville	1	7	Glenelly	1	6	26 Jul 2007	Aughur
<b>Semi Finals</b>	Beragh	3	12	Brackaville	1	8	23 Aug 2007	Killeeshil
	Clogher	0	9	Rock	0	9	26 Aug 2007	Galbally
<b>Replay</b>	Clogher	1	6	Rock	0	14	2 Sep 2007	Carrickmore
<b>Final</b>	Beragh	1	9	Rock	0	12	30 Sep 2007	Omagh
<b>Replay</b>	Beragh	2	5	Rock	1	12	5 Oct 2007	Omagh


**Errigal Ciaran - Tyrone Minor Championship Winners 2007**



## • Tyrone CCC Youth Round Up •

### Minor Football Roll of Honour 2007

#### Grade 1

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Errigal Ciaran Winners – Coalisland	Runners Up – Pomeroy Runners Up – An Charraig Mhór
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#### Grade 2

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Eglishe Winners – Eglishe	Runners Up – Naomh Mhuire Runners Up – Clonoe
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#### Grade 3

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Kildress Winners – Kildress	Runners Up – Aghyaran Runners Up – Aghyaran
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### U-16 Football Roll of Honour 2007

#### Grade 1:

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Omagh; Winners – An Charrig Mhor	Runners Up – Errigal Ciaran Runners Up – Errigal Ciaran
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#### Grade 2

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Brackaville; Winners – Strabane	Runners Up – Naomh Mhuire
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#### Grade 3

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Moy; Winners – Tattyreagh;	Runners Up – Glenelly Runners Up – Stewartstown
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#### Grade 4

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Newtownstewart; Winners – Gortin;	Runners Up – Clann na nGael Runners Up – Aghaloo
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### Og Sport (U-15) 2007

<b>Grade 1</b>	Winners – Omagh* *Omagh went on to win Ulster Og Sport title	Runners Up - Derrylaughan
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<b>Grade 2</b>	Winners – Brocagh	Runners Up - Newtownstewart
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### U-14 Football Roll of Honour 2007

#### Grade 1

<b>Feile Championship League</b>	Winners – Naomh Mhuire; Winners – Dromore; Winners – Dromore;	Runners Up – Omagh Runners Up – Omagh Runners Up – Omagh
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#### Grade 2

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Loughmacrory; Winners – Newtownstewart;	Runners Up – Donaghmore Runners Up – Ardboe
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#### Grade 3

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Stewartstown; Winners – Stewartstown;	Runners Up – Eglishe Runners Up – Brackaville
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#### Grade 4

<b>Championship League</b>	Winners – Aghaloo; Winners – Aghaloo;	Runners Up – Gortin Runners Up – Gortin
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### U-13 Football Roll of Honour 2007

<b>Grade 1 League</b>	Winners – Naomh Mhuire	Runners Up – Cookstown
<b>Grade 2 League</b>	Winners – Donaghmore	Runners Up – Trillick
<b>Grade 3 League</b>	Winners – Rock	Runners Up – Owen Roes
<b>Grade 4 League</b>	Winners – Stewartstown	Runners Up – Killeeshill



## • NA RÚIN •

### (Motions)

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**1**  
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 That Rule 43 (b) (iv) as passed at Congress 2007 be amended to read: The maximum number of Sanctioned players permitted to any Club in the North American County Board or Canadian County Board areas shall be ten (10). In the case of New York the maximum number of Sanctioned players per team shall be six (6). (The penalty for any club that is in breach of this section of the rule shall be to forfeit entitlement to Sanctioned players for the following year.)  
**Cabhán a'Chaortainn**
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 That no Sanction to North American Board, New York and Canadian Board be made after 20th June.  
**Eaglais**
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 That Rule 78 (Page 46 T.O. 2007) be amended by the addition of the following sentence. 'A Special Congress may not change a decision taken at the Annual Congress earlier that year.'  
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 That Rule 50 (Page 30 T.O. 2007) be amended by the addition of the following sentence: 'Any member of the Association who is employed in a full time position by the Association should retain the right to be nominated and elected to perform another role on a voluntary basis.'  
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 That Bye Law 4.1 of Tyrone County Bye Laws (2007) be amended to read: '4.1 Management Committee (14 Members). To consist of the following Officers and Representatives elected at the County Convention: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Youth Officer, Public Relations Officer, two Provincial Council Representatives, and the Central Council Representative.  
 The County Secretary shall also be a member of the County Management Committee.'  
**An Clochar, Cluain Eo**
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 That County Bye Law 7 be amended to read: ' County Committee meetings shall be held bi-monthly from January to November commencing at a time and on a night to be agreed upon by County Committee members; Competitions Control Committee (CCC) meetings shall be held bi-monthly from February to October at a time and on a night to be determined by the CCC, with each Club entitled to have a maximum of two officers in attendance'  
**An Srath Ban**
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 That County Bye Law 4.5 be amended to read: '..... representative of (a) the Primary Schools' Committee, (b) the Post-Primary Schools' Committee, (c) the Youth Officer and (d) one other member.'  
**An Srath Ban**
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 That this County Convention believes the formal connection with Australian Rules Football and the development of the Compromise Rules game has out-lived any usefulness it might have had; is making no contribution to the development of gaelic games but is instead damaging them; and should be formally ended forthwith.  
**Cill Dreasa**



That this County Convention believes gaelic games are an activity to be promoted, not a commodity to be sold. Accordingly it urges that all TV coverage of gaelic games and other GAA activity is free-to-view; that the Association’s national and community obligations are reflected in its dealings with the national broadcaster (as should theirs be in return); and that pay-per-view is not accepted as part of any broadcast package negotiated by or on behalf of the GAA.

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**Cill Dreasa**

That this County Convention confirms its clear opposition to any watering down of Rule 11 of the Official Guide which states clearly: ‘The Association is an Amateur Association. A player, team, official or member shall not accept payment in cash or in kind in conjunction with the playing of Gaelic Games’ In this light the Convention is of the view that the GAA should have no involvement, either direct or indirect, in any discussions to do with grant schemes which contravene the letter and spirit of Rule 11.

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**Cill Dreasa**

That this County Convention fully endorses and supports the contention that, in the event of some players not being interested in playing for Tyrone, Tyrone teams will continue to be put on the field. In Tyrone we believe people are invited, but not obliged, to represent their County ... that Tyrone honours people first by inviting them before they honour Tyrone in return by accepting.

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**Cill Dreasa**

That Tyrone County Bye Laws 2007 be amended under Bye law 16, in that Bye law 4.9 be changed to Referee’s Administration Committee (7 members) to consist of chairperson (ie) the county referee’s administrator; secretary, county referee’s assessment officer; plus 3 others to be selected from the current list of referees still officiating as referees within the county.

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**An Clochar**

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**• Na Moltaí •**  
**(Recommendations)**

That representation at County Committees be confined to County Committee members.

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**An Bearach**

That all Sub-committee Chairmen are selected from members of the County Committee.

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**An Bearach**

That all underage games from U14 onwards especially are set at 15 per side. With large pitches nowadays it is hard to ask 13 young lads to cover all but more importantly it gives greater opportunity to give more lads game time and ultimately help keep them interested in the game. As opposed to now in the lower grades where it can be agreed to play 15 we propose setting it at 15 and for any Clubs who can’t field 15 an agreement can then be made to play 13 a side as opposed to the other way round.

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**Caisleán na Deirge**

That a fixed and adhered to schedule be organized for all county league fixtures in future as it is unacceptable for Gaelic footballers to be still playing all county league games in October, November and possibly December.

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**Caisleán na Deirge**

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**5** ..... That the County Board will officially declare a 10 day free period during the Summer around the Ulster Final date, to all Club players. Furthermore, no championship game should be fixed for any Club player until at least 10 days after the last free day.

**An Clochar**

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**6** ..... That the integrity of the Reserve League and Championship be given greater consideration as is Senior competitions. The number of teams not fielding late in the season was of significant concern.

**An Taite Riabhach**

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**7** ..... That the CCC introduce a regulation that referees to officiate at all Adult Football and Hurling Finals within the county be selected by a 5 person subcommittee. The subcommittee should comprise of the County Referees Co-ordinator; the County Assessments officer; the adult referees appointments officer; the youth referees appointments officer; and the Chairperson of the CCC.

**An Clochar**

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**8** ..... That An Coiste Bainistí Tír Eoghain draw up a charter that can be approved by the County Committee at the March 2008 meeting at the latest. This charter will be signed by the Chairman of the County Committee, on behalf of Clubs and the County Committee, the County Team Managers, on behalf of the management teams and the Tyrone Team Captains on behalf of the County Players. The Charter will include the following points ...

That Clubs will release players for county championship duty up to 13 days before senior championship games, and 6 days for Under 21 and Minor Championship games.

That the CCC as far as possible only play league games not involving county players during the 13 day period running up to inter-county games. Should two teams agree to play without county players then the game can proceed.

That the County Team Managers will not undertake to organize collective training / meetings in the two days prior to the commencement of the 13 day rule in order to allow players to line out in league games with their club.

That the County Team Managers will agree designated nights from 1st January to the end of the county's participation in the National Leagues, when county players will be released to train with their clubs. These designated nights will not be during a week prior to a National League fixture.

That the County Team Managers will agree designated nights, from the end of the county's participation in the National Leagues to the end of a county's involvement in the senior inter-county championships, on which players will be allowed to train with their clubs. In these weeks an additional night of county training will not be added. These designated nights will not be during the 13 days prior to a Provincial or All-Ireland championship game (in the case of an All-Ireland final, this period will be extended to 20 days)

**An Chorra Chríochach**

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**9** ..... That Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain establish the position of President / Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Thír Eoghain.

**Éadan na dTorc**

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**10** ..... Better communication between mens and ladies fixtures committees. There has been fixture clashes this year. We had to play a Senior league fixture on the same day and time as our sister Club the Oonagh Celts played in a County Final.

**An Gallbhaile**



## • AINMNIÚCHAIN •

### (Nominations)

**Cathaoirleach:** Pat Darcy (An Taite Riabhach) (outgoing), Michael McGoldrick (Eisceach).

**Leas-Cathaoirleach:** Dermot McCaughey (Trí Leac), Michael McGoldrick (outgoing), Ciaran McLaughlin (An Srath Ban).

**Rúnaí Cúnta:** Aidan Harkin (An Srath Bán), Dermot McCaughey, Michael McCaughey (Trí Leac) (outgoing).

**Cisteoir:** Michael Harvey (Cabhán a'Chaortainn) (outgoing), Liam McGrath (An Omaigh).

**Cisteoir Cúnta:** Mark Conway (Cill Dhreasa), Gerard Donaghy (Cill Íseal), Hugh McAleer (An Bearach), Seamus McDonald (Coill an Chlochair) (outgoing).

**Ball Árd Chomhairle:** Paul Doris (Dún Geanainn), Brendan Harkin (Coill an Chlochair) (outgoing), Liam Nelis (Éadán na dTorc).

**Baill Chomhairle Uladh:** Cuthbert Donnelly (Achadh Lú) (outgoing), Paul Doris, Dermot McCaughey, Liam Nelis (outgoing).

**Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:** Mark Conway, Kenny Curran (Loch Mhic Ruairí), Cuthbert Donnelly, Aidan Harkin, Damian Harvey (An Chorra Chríochach), Clíodhna Kerr (An Charraig Mhór), Paul McCaffrey (Naomh Eoin), Dermot McCaughey, Eugene McConnell (An Clochar), Frank Rodgers (An Bearach), Phelim O'Neill (An Eochar).

**Oifigeach Forbartha:** Cathal Daly (Eaglais), Pat Darcy, Gerard Donaghy, Aidan Harkin, Brendan Harkin, Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair), Arthur McCallan (An Charraig Mhór), Eugene McConnell, Sean McElroy (An Clochar), Oliver McHugh (Dún Geanainn), Ciaran McLaughlin, Noel McGeary (An Gallbhaile), Liam Nelis.

**Oifigeach Oilúna:** Enda Kilpatrick (Cabhán a'Chaortainn), Cathal McAnenly (Aireagal Chiaráin), Ciaran McBride (An Charraig Mhór), Dermot McCaughey, Kieran McHugh (Achadh Uí Aráin), Ciaran McLaughlin.

**Oifigeach na nÓg:** Dermot McCaughey, Eugene McConnell, Kieran McHugh, Ciaran McLaughlin (outgoing).

**Oifigeach Cultúr & Teanga:** Brendan Harkin, Seamus Kilpatrick (Cabhán a'Chaortainn), Donal Magee (outgoing), Michael McCaughey.

**Baill an Choiste:** Michael Muldoon (Achadh Lú), Bernie McGirr (An Eochar), Pat McCartan (An Bearach), James O'Neill (Clann na nGael), Sean McElroy (An Clochar), Adrian Scullin (An Chorra Chríochach), Patsy Hetherington (Domhnach Mór), Liam O'Neill (An Droim Mhór), Seamus McGale (Droim Caoin), Paddy Mullan (An Droim Ratha), Paul Mallon (Éadán na dTorc), Cathal Daly (Eaglais), Sean McKenna (Aireagal Chiaráin), Joe Cassidy (An Gallbhaile), Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Eallaigh), Gabriel Treanor (An Goirtín), Perry McCrory (An Caisleán)

Glas), Kieran Kelly (Cill Dreasa), Milo Skeffington (Cill Íseal), Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair), John O'Hagan (Cill na mBan), Seamus Mullan (Loch Mhic Ruairí), Aidan Maguire (An Baile Nua), Gerry McNamee (An Omaigh), Sean Hurson (Cabhán a'Chaortainn), Declan Laverty (An Chraobh), Aodhán Harkin (An Srath Ban), Gerard McGinn (An Taite Riabhach).

## • Appendix 1 •

### An Coiste Bainistí

The Management Committee met on a total of 12 occasions during the past year. Membership and attendance at meetings was as follows:

Pat Darcy (11), Michael Harvey (12), Michael McGoldrick (12), Brendan Harkin (12), Michael McCaughey (10), Cuthbert Donnelly (11), Dominic McCaughey (12)

### County Committee 2007

Club	Member	Number of Meetings Attended
Achadh Lu	Michael Muldoon	9
Achadh Ui Arain	Sam Mc Girr	9
Ard Bo	Kevin Teague	6
Eochar	Dermot Monaghan	9
Berach	Pat Mc Cartan	9
Bruach Aille	Pearse Kelly	9
Brocach	Gary Mc Kiver	2
An Charraig Mhor	Sean Daly	8
Caislean na Deirge	John Harper	7
Clann na nGael	James O'Neill	10
Clochiar	Sean Mc Elroy	9
Cluain Eo	Joe Mc Cabe	10
Oileann a'Ghuail	Shane Dorrity	8
An Chorra Crioachach	Aidrian Scullin	10
Doire Lochain	Joey Mc Leron	8
Doire Treasc	Packie O'Neill	8
Domhnach Mor	Patsy Hetherington	10
Deargais	Liam Strain	0
An Droim Mhor	Liam O'Neill	8
Droim Caoin	Seamus Mc Gale	9
Droim Ratha	Paddy Mullan	10
Dun Geanainn	Paul Doris	9
Eadan na dTorc	Aidan Currie	9
Eaglais	Cathal Daly	10
Eoghan Ruadh O'Neill	Joe Hegarty	9
Aireagal Chiarain	Sean Mc Kenna	9
Eiscreach	Joe Marlow	10
Fionntamhnach	Kevin Hagan	0
Gallbhaile	Noel Mc Geary	9
Gleann Eallaigh	Eunan Lindsay	10
Gortin	Gabriel Treanor	7
An Caislean Glas	Perry Mc Crory	10





<b>Club</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Number of Meetings Attended</b>
Cill Dreasa	Kieran Kelly	9
Cill Iseal	Milo Skeffington	10
Coill an Chlochair	Donal Magee	9
Cill na mBan	John O'Hagan	2
Loch Mhic Ruairi	Paddy O'Brien	4
Baile na Mona	Tom Mc Quillan	9
An Mhaigh	Peter Duffy	10
An Baile Nua	Aidan Maguire	10
An Omaigh	Gerry Mc Namee	9
Cabhan an Chaortainn	Sean Hurson	8
An Charraig	Dominic Murphy	10
An Chraobh	Declan Laverty	10
An Strath Ban	Aidan Harkin	9
Taite Riabhach	Gerry Mc Ginn	8
Tri Leac	Martin Mc Grade	9
Urnai	Pat Holland	7
<b>Hurling</b>		
An Charraig Mhór	Sean Kerr	0
Dun Geanainn	John Devlin	0
Naomh Colmcille	Conor Mc Kiver	2
Na Seamrogai	Tony Fawl	2
Gaeil Chameoghain		0
Cumman na mBunscoileanna	Pat McGivern	0
Cumman na nGairmscoileanna		0
Coiste Liathroid Laimhe	Martin Mullan	1
<b>Na Oifigigh</b>		
Cathaoirleach	Pat Darcy	10
Leas Cathaoirleach	Michael Mc Goldrick	8
Runai	Dominic Mc Caughey	10
Runai Cunta	Michael Mc Caughey	10
Cisteoir	Michael Harvey	9
Cisteair Cunta	Seamus Mc Donald	10
Ard Chomhairle & OCP	Brendan Harkin	9
Oifigeach Cultur & Teanga	Donal Magee	9
Oifigeach na nÓg	Ciaran Mc Laughlin	10
Oifigeach Forbartha	Dermot Mc Caughey	10
Oifigeach Oiluna	Terry Mc Cann	8
Comhairle Uladh 1	Liam Nelis	8
Comhairle Uladh 2	Cuthbert Donnelly	8

## • APPENDIX 2 •

### Ticket Allocations

For the second consecutive year, Tír Eoghain did not have a team participating in the All-Ireland football finals, and therefore only received and distributed a small allocation of tickets. A summary of the distribution of All-Ireland tickets for the football and hurling finals is provided in the following tables:

	Number	Percentage
Football Clubs	168	39.5
Hurling Clubs	120	28.2
Sub-Committees	84	19.8
Sponsors	19	4.5
Players/Managers	20	4.7
Former Officials	8	1.9
Others	6	1.4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 1 Distribution of All-Ireland Hurling Finals' Tickets**

	Number	Percentage
Clubs	229	53.9
Team Managers	28	6.6
Sub-Committees	124	29.2
Sponsors	26	6.1
Former Officials	5	1.2
Others	13	3.0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 2 Distribution of All-Ireland Football Tickets.**

While the playing season for our county teams might not have been as lengthy as wished for, the ticket season commenced with that historic floodlit NFL floodlit game in Páirc an Chrócaigh on Saturday 3rd February and concluded with the football final on 17th September. I wish to express my appreciation to Frank Campbell and Michael Harvey for their assistance during 2007 with the printing and allocation of tickets, and to the Club officials for their co-operation and assistance with all the tasks associated with ticket distribution.

## • Appendix 3 •

### Transfers Approved by Ard Chomhairle - 2007

Name	Present Club	New Club	Date
Joe Tibbott	Young Irelands, Philadelphia	Moortown	6 Oct 2006
Chris Webb	Brackaville	Oisin's, Lancashire	18 Oct 2006
Cormac McAleer	Omagh	Clann na nGael/Fontenoy	19 Oct 2006
Darren O'Loane	Parnell's, London	Killyman	3 Nov 2006
Aidan McCarron	Four Provinces, New York	Fintona	7 Nov 2006
Niall Campbell	Monaghan, New York	Errigal Ciaran	7 Nov 2006
Charlie Potts	Dunlavin, Wicklow	Urney	3 Dec 2006
Ciaran Harte	Errigal Ciaran	Wolfe Tones, Victoria	13 Dec 2006
Feilim Gormley	Errigal Ciaran	Harps, Auckland	13 Dec 2006
Raymond Gallagher	St Brigid's, Dublin	Dromore	24 Jan 2007
Martin Loughran	Brothers Pearse, Yorks	Kildress	31 Jan 2007
Richard Gallagher	Newtownstewart	O'Rahilly's Wexford	27 Jan 2007
Patrick O'Farrell	Garryowen, Melbourne	Coalisland	29 Jan 2007
Sean Donnelly	Harlden Harps, London	Beragh	18 Feb 2007
Aidan O'Kane	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	Dregish	13 Feb 2007
Owen McCloskey	Glenelly	Garryowen, Australia	10 Feb 2007
Damian Maguire	Shamrocks, Sydney	Eire Óg	20 Feb 2007
Patrick Hughes	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	Clonoe	2 Mar 2007
John McShane	Killyman	St Brendan's, London	2 Mar 2007
Barry McGrath	Tyrone, New York	Derrylaughan	9 Mar 2007
Martin Brogan	Gortin	St Finian's, Dublin	14 Mar 2007
Darragh McAleer	Omagh	Clann na nGael/Fontenoy	22 Mar 2007
Seamus Quinn	Derrylaughan	St Peter's, Lancs	22 Mar 2007
Conor Coleman	Ardboe	St Peter's, Lancs	22 Mar 2007
Patrick Donnelly	Killeeshil	John Mitchell's, Lancs	22 Mar 2007
Sean McDermott	Errigal Ciaran	John Mitchell's, Lancs	22 Mar 2007
John Mullan	Beragh	John Mitchell's, Lancs	22 Mar 2007
Patrick Corr	Craobh Pádraig, Sydney	Naomh Colmcille	28 Mar 2007
Damian Corr	Craobh Pádraig, Sydney	Naomh Colmcille	28 Mar 2007
Daryl Reade	Glenelly	Na Healai, Tipperary	4 Apr 2007
Barry McGinley	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	Eskra	3 Apr 2007
Jude McNabb	Trillick	Naomh Colmcille, Meath	11 Apr 2007
Kevin McGuigan	Eglish	Bank of Ireland, Dublin	11 Apr 2007
Stephen McElroy	Tyrone, New York	An Charraig Mhór	22 Apr 2007
Sean Loughran	Brothers Pearse, Yorks	Kildress	22 Apr 2007
Patrick McNabb	St Brendan's, London	Trillick	22 Apr 2007
Brian McEvoy	Strabane	Padraig Pearse's, Australia	13 Apr 2007
Mark McCullagh	Loughmacrory	Sinn Fein, Melbourne	13 Apr 2007
Mark Donnelly	An Charraig Mhór	Sinn Fein, Melbourne	13 Apr 2007
Colm Woods	Pomeroy	Tyrone, New York	13 Apr 2007
Paul Devine	Aghyaran	John Mitchell's, Lancs	13 Apr 2007
Mark McNulty	Gortin	John Mitchell's, Lancs	13 Apr 2007
Sean McGurk	Shamrocks, Sydney	Eire Óg	24 Apr 2007
Martin Grogan	Shamrocks, Sydney	Eire Óg	24 Apr 2007
Ruairi Keenan	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	Gortin	24 Apr 2007
Ryan Canavan	Errigal Ciaran	Tyrone, New York	22 Apr 2007
Declan Green	Killyclogher	Tyrone, New York	22 Apr 2007
Justin McQuaid	Dungannon	C P Garda, Dublin	22 Apr 2007
Martin Grogan	John Mitchell's, Brisbane	An Charraig Mhór	24 Apr 2007
Daire Mulgrew	Dungannon	Penrith Gaels, NSW	9 May 2007
David Toner	Edendork	Penrith Gaels, NSW	9 May 2007
Pearse Cunningham	Carrickmore Eire Og	Shamrocks, Sydney	9 May 2007
Brian Mulligan	Cookstown	Penrith Gaels, NSW	9 May 2007
Seamus McEoin	Augher	Derry, New York	4 May 2007
Aidan McCann	Trillick	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	9 May 2007
Neil McElholm	Trillick	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	9 May 2007
Conor Mayse	Newtownstewart	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	9 May 2007
Paddy McCarron	Errigal Ciaran	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	9 May 2007
Ciaran Campbell	Ardboe	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	9 May 2007
Leo Conway	Glenelly	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	9 May 2007



Name		Present Club	New Club	Date
Barry	McCaffrey	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	Augher	16 May 2007
Eamon	Loughrey	Cookstown	Penrith Gaels, NSW	9 May 2007
Ryan	Collins	Cookstown	Penrith Gaels, NSW	9 May 2007
Michael	Kelly	E R Uí Neill	Meelick, Clare	9 May 2007
Sean	McGrath	Derrylaughan	St Peter's, Lancs	11 May 2007
Peter	Kelly	Rock	Sligo, New York	11 May 2007
Colin	McKenna	Augher	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	25 May 2007
Pearse	Cunningham	Carrickmore	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	25 May 2007
Gerard	O'Doherty	Omagh	Tyrone, New York	25 May 2007
James	Kelly	Stewartstown	St Peter's, Lancs	25 May 2007
Cathal	Corcoran	Pomeroy	Tyrone, New York	25 May 2007
Damian	Corrigan	Pomeroy	Tyrone, New York	25 May 2007
Donal	Mills	Pomeroy	Tyrone, New York	25 May 2007
Seamus	McGuinness	Dromore	Tyrone, New York	25 May 2007
Joseph	Quinn	Brocach	Oisin's, Lancashire	27 May 2007
Stephen	Dunnion	Strabane	Roscommon, New York	6 Jun 2007
Patrick	Coary	Derrylaughan	Irish Rovers, Sydney	6 Jun 2007
Aiden	McCann	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	Trillick	10 Jun 2007
Ryan	McCann	Fintona	Wolfe Tones, Victoria	9 Jun 2007
Ryan	Gavin	Tattyreagh	Aughawillan, Leitrim	10 Jun 2007
Ryan	Maguire	Dungannon	Oisin's, Lancashire	24 Jun 2007
Ciaran	Campbell	Ardboe	Four Provinces, New York	28 Jun 2007
Barry	Daly	Donaghmore	Four Provinces, New York	28 Jun 2007
Cathair	McHugh	Castledearg	McCurtain's, London	28 Jun 2007
Barry	O'Neill	Clonoe	Brisbane Harps	4 Jul 2007
Michael	Fox	Carrickmore	Brisbane Harps	4 Jul 2007
Sean	McAleer	Beragh	Brisbane Harps	4 Jul 2007
Niall	Maguire	Dungannon	Oisin's, Lancashire	5 Jul 2007
Patrick	Coary	Irish Rovers, Sydney	Derrylaughan	19 Jul 2007
Niall	Hoines	Galbally	Cromane, Kerry	18 Jul 2007
Peter	Quinn	Eire Óg Ovens, Cork	Naomh Colmcille	2 Aug 2007
Darren	O'Loane	Killyman	Parnell's, Cambridge	25 Jul 2007
Eddie	O'Gara	Omagh	Young Ireland, Yorks	3 Aug 2007
Nigel	Loughran	Gortin	McCurtain's, London	3 Aug 2007
Oisin	McGourley	Rock	Young Ireland, Yorks	3 Aug 2007
Owen	McCluskey	Garryowen, Melbourne	Glenelly	6 Aug 2007
Gary	O'Neill	Drumragh	East Celts, Brisbane	17 Aug 2007
Paul	Hughes	Carrickmore	An Chlogthí, Dublin	20 Aug 2007
John Joe	McNabb	St Brendan's, London	Trillick	26 Aug 2007
Michael	Bullock	Dungannon	John Mitchell's, Lancs	28 Sep 2007
Patrick	McGirr	Errigal Ciaran	Dunedin Connolly's	28 Sep 2007
Ciaran	Conroy	Moy	Dunedin Connolly's	28 Sep 2007
Ryan	McCrossan	Killyclogher	John Mitchell's, Lancs	5 Oct 2007

### Transfers Approved by Comhairle Uladh - 2007

Name		Present Club	New Club	Date
Gerry	Leonard	Pettigo	Aghyaran	27 Mar 2007
Roger	Leonard	Pettigo	Aghyaran	27 Mar 2007
Barry	McMahon	Beragh	St Brigid's, Antrim	3 Jan 2007
Alan	Henderson	Strabane	St John's Down	21 Feb 2007
Peter	Kerr	Moy	Collegeland	13 Mar 2007
Adrian	Donnelly	Dungannon	Naomh Eoin, Antrim	5 Apr 2007
Sean	Bradley	Killyclogher	Bredagh	13 Mar 2007
Patrick	Devine	Shamrock's	Sean Treacy's, Lurgan	22 Mar 2007
Declan	Faulkner	Ballerin	Errigal Ciaran	21 Feb 2007
Sean	Fox	Eglis	Enniskillen	13 Mar 2007
Eamon	O'Neill	Aghaloo	Carryduff	22 Mar 2007
Jonathan	Kelly	Moortown	Bredagh	17 Apr 2007
Sean	McGurk	Edendork	Carryduff	22 Mar 2007
Damien	Jordan	Coalisland	Armagh Harps	22 Mar 2007
Joseph	Daly	Eglis	Watty Graham's, Derry	26 Mar 2007
Aodhan	O'Donnell	Galbally	Bredagh	17 Apr 2007
Aidan	McGinley	Errigal Ciaran	S Mac Cumhaill, Donegal	17 Apr 2007
Philip	Muldoon	Ballinderry	Moortown	17 Apr 2007
Gareth	Farmer	Omagh	Bredagh	17 Apr 2007



Name	Present Club	New Club	Date
Ronan C	McKernan	Cookstown	Magherafelt
Mickey	McCullough	O'Donovan Rossa, Antrim	Moy
Mickey	McCullough	O'Donovan Rossa, Antrim	Dungannon HC
Ronan	McAnespy	Dromore	Bredagh
Brian	McElhatton	Cookstown	Ogra Colmcille, Derry
Conor	Pearson	Clogher	Maguiresbridge
Declan	Quinn	Coalisland	Mullaghbrack, Armagh
Darren	McElroy	Clogher	Castleblaney
Barry	Eccles	Omagh	Ogra Colmcille, Derry

### Transfers Approved by Coiste Thír Eoghain - 2007

Name	Present Club	New Club	Date
Kevin	McGahan	Edendork	Donaghmore
Aidan	McStravog	Derrylaughan	Derrytresk
Francie	Girvan	Coalisland	Derrytresk
Matthew	Hyndman	Omagh	Tattyreagh
Jamie	Allen	Glenelly	Tattyreagh
Ryan	Hughes	Clonoe	Brackaville
Gavin	Cassidy	Aghyaran	Castleberg
Christopher	McGrath	Castleberg	Aghyaran
Paul	McGirr	Dungannon	Coalisland
David	McReynolds	Dungannon	Edendork
Darragh	McGuigan	Omagh	Newtownstewart
Sean	Corr	Clonoe	Brockagh
Nigel	Loughran	Errigal Ciaran	Gortin
Colm	McSherry	Errigal Ciaran	Augher
Jamie	Mooney	Dregish	Castleberg
Anthony	McHugh	Dregish	Castleberg
Sean	Dinning	Dregish	Castleberg
Enda	Curran	Carrickmore	Loughmacrory
Stephen	Coary	Clonoe	Aghaloo
Shaun	McNamee	Omagh	Drumragh
Martin	O'Neill	Dungannon	Edendork
Declan	Goulding	Dromore	Clann na nGael
Cathal	Goulding	Dromore	Clann na nGael
Aidan	McCann	Clonoe	Derrylaughan
Damien	Leonard	Aghyaran	Castleberg
Patrick	O'Neill	Errigal Ciaran	Aghaloo
James	Duffy	Newtownstewart	Glenelly
Gareth	Doris	Coalisland	Derrytresk
Eoin	Mullin	Pomeroy	Loughmacrory

### SANCTIONS TO NORTH AMERICAN BOARD - 2007

Name	Club	US Club	Date Received
Christopher Devenney	Urney	Aiden McAnespie's, Boston	17 Apr 2007
Cathal O'Neill	Derrytresk	Young Irelander's, Philadelphia	1 May 2007
Peter McElhill	Drumquin	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	8 May 2007
Declan Coyle	Coalisland	Young Irelander's, Philadelphia	10 May 2007
Damian McCaughey	Aghaloo	Ulster, San Francisco	10 May 2007
Darren Meyler	Omagh	St Michael's, Toronto	25 May 2007
Pearse Cunningham	Carrickmore	Boston	28 May 2007
Finbar Magill	Carrickmore	Boston	28 May 2007
John Aiden Kelly	Urney	James Connolly's	30 May 2007
James Kelly	Urney	James Connolly's	30 May 2007
Conor Sharkey	Urney	James Connolly's	30 May 2007
Gerard McCaughey	Aghaloo	Aiden McAnespie's, Boston	31 May 2007
Christopher Colhoun	Pomeroy	Tyrone, Philadelphia	31 May 2007
Martin Hamill	Killeeshil	Connemara Gaels, Boston	4 Jun 2007
Gary Reilly	Killeeshil	Connemara Gaels, Boston	4 Jun 2007
Colm Campbell	Moortown	Notre Dame Armagh, Boston	4 Jun 2007
Gerard Doherty	Moortown	St Patrick's, Philadelphia	4 Jun 2007
Stephen Donnelly	Brackaville	St Patrick's, Philadelphia	7 Jun 2007
Proinsias O'Kane	Trillick	Connemara Gaels, Boston	8 Jun 2007
Niall Donnelly	Trillick	Connemara Gaels, Boston	8 Jun 2007



Name	Present Club	New Club	Date
Damian Kelly	Trillick	Connemara Gaels, Boston	8 Jun 2007
Shane McCarron	Trillick	Connemara Gaels, Boston	8 Jun 2007
Kevin McElroy	Augher	Aiden McAnespie's, Boston	11 Jun 2007
Barry McCartan	Errigal Ciaran	Aiden McAnespie's, Boston	13 Jun 2007
Patrick Quinn	Derrylaughan	Notre Dame Armagh, Boston	16 Jun 2007
Martn McStravog	Derrylaughan	Notre Dame Armagh, Boston	16 Jun 2007
Ciaran Doris	Coalisland	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	19 Jun 2007
Brendan McDevitt	Newtownstewart	Wolfe Tone's, Boston	19 Jun 2007
Aidan Taggart	Clonoe	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	20 Jun 2007
Patrick Doris	Clonoe	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	20 Jun 2007
Colm Doris	Clonoe	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	20 Jun 2007
Neill McKenna	Aghaloo	Ulster, San Francisco	25 Jun 2007
Eugene Martin	Ardboe	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	27 Jun 2007
Ignatius O'Neill	Ardboe	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	27 Jun 2007
Sean Corey	Brackville	Ulster, San Francisco	27 Jun 2007
Conal McCullagh	Glenelly	Tyrone, Philadelphia	27 Jun 2007
Brian Gormley	Carrickmore	Aiden McAnespie's, Boston	28 Jun 2007
Eoin Rea	Derrytresk	Young Irelander's, Philadelphia	29 Jun 2007
Darren Campbell	Urney	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	29 Jun 2007
Jason McAnulla	Omagh	Tyrone, Philadelphia	30 Jun 2007

### SANCTIONS TO AUSTRALASIA - 2007

Name	Club	US Club	Date Received
Damian McElroy	Augher	Wolfe Tone's, Melbourne	28 Aug 2007
Aidan McCann	Trillick	Cormac McAnallen's, Sydney	18 Oct 2007

### AUTHORISATIONS to EUROPE - 2007

Name	Club	European Club	Dates
Aidan McCrossan	E. R. Uí Néill	Madrid Harps	20th-22nd Apr

### PERMITS to NEW YORK - 2007

Name	Club	NY Club	Dates	Received
Seamus Skeffington	Killeeshil	Tyrone		12 May 2007
Sean Coyle	Gortin	Tyrone	27th May - 27th July	12 May 2007
Kevin McSorley	Newtownstewart	Armagh	2nd June - 1st August	24 May 2007
Dean O'Neill	Omagh	Four Provinces, Donegal	8th June - 15th August	6 Jun 2007
Connor O'Donnell	Omagh	Four Provinces, Donegal	3rd June - 2nd August	6 Jun 2007
Sean Loughran	Kildress	Tyrone		7 Jun 2007
Michael Quinn	Kildress	Tyrone		7 Jun 2007
Colin Loughran	Kildress	Tyrone		12 Jun 2007
Kerril Winters	Omagh	Four Provinces, Donegal	15th June - 22nd Aug	13 Jun 2007
Peter Gillespie	Galbally	Tyrone	15th June - 15th Sept	14 Jun 2007
Thomas Hackett	Errigal Ciaran	Tyrone	4th July - 10th Sept	25/006/07