Attention, all card players!

Last year RST held a "25" drive as a small fundraiser. Eight tables were played in six houses. The final was delayed because of Foot and Mouth but was eventually won by Sadie Doyle, Rathfeigh, who was playing in Séamus Battersby's shoes on the night.

The craic was so good that we want to do it all again. Anyone who wants to organise a table or play at a table should have a chat with any of our committee. These are: Jim Conroy, Liam Kellegher, Seán Brennan, Kathleen O'Brien, Jim Gibbons, John Scanlon and Tommy Doyle who has been specially drafted in for his card expertise.

HELLO Fr. Joe.

We were all delighted to note that "Hello" Magazine recognised real talent when they took their exclusive photos at the recent celebrity wedding of Westlife's Bryan McFaddan to Kerry Katona in Rathfeigh Church. One of the pictures of the young couple shows them being quietly supervised by none other than our own Fr. Joe Gleeson. RST wish to quell the rumour that Fr. Joe had negotiated a large fee for his participation in the photo.

Rathfeigh/Irishtown Residents Association - Spring Clean Up

A local clean-up of hedgerows and ditches will take place in late February or early March (date to be confirmed). Hopefully we will have as strong a turn-out of help as last year.

The job this year will, however, be much easier and should take no more than a couple of hours of peoples time. Since our big effort last spring our area has been much tidier. There have been several isolated incidents of rubbish being dumped, a photo-copier and several other items, including a dead sheep.

Over Christmas a lot of household rubbish was dumped, just off the N2 at Rathfeigh Cross. After investigating evidence found where it originated from the litter warden was brought quickly on the scene and hopefully the culprit will be prosecuted.

In general there has been a great awareness in the Community regarding litter, etc.

So keep up the good work. Ivan Craigie, Chairpman.

R.S.T. highly commend the Rathfeigh/Irishtown Group and indeed the Hill of Tara Group too, on their enthusiasm and initiative on keeping our area clean and beautiful. It is difficult to understand the attitude of people who use our roads and hedges as rubbish dumps. We would encourage other groups to follow their example and we will give you all the publicity you need.

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Skryne ladies win National Indoor Bowls Championship

Skryne Indoor bowls club was delighted to host the National ladies championships last weekend, but were even more delighted that our own Pauline O'Reilly and Margaret Lynch won the national title..



This year saw an increased number of entrants, with 30 competitors taking part in the ladies singles event whilst 22 teams contested the ladies pairs.

The marathon event, which ran the whole day from 2pm until 9.30pm, was extremely competitive but was played in a cordial and good humoured manner by all the participants.

The ladies pairs title went to Margaret Lynch & Pauline O'Reilly (Skryne) who defeated Josie Peat & Ann O'Connor (Kilbride) in a marvellous final.

Official tournament referee on the day was Mr Michael Clifford whilst Mr Joe Byrne, competition secretary as always ensured the whole event ran smoothly.

This is the club's first National ladies title and hopefully it will entice others to join the bowls club and take part in this growing sport.

Skryne host their first Indoor Bowls Tournament.

Last Tuesday night saw the final of the first Skryne indoor Bowls Club Tournament.

90 teams from clubs north and south of the border contested the event.

Due to the enormous interest, it was necessary to set out six mats in the hall and hold three qualifying nights.

It was marvellous to see the hall full of players, male and female, from ages 14 to 80 plus having a bit of crack and banter. We would encourage anyone interest in bowls to come along on our club nights any Tuesday or Thursday night from 8.30pm.

The large turnout was due to the hard working bowls committee which canvassed clubs and sponsors and appreciation from other bowl clubs for players from Skryne who have supported club tournaments all over the country over the years.

The final night saw 8 teams battle it out for the magnificent glass trophies which were donated or bought from the money received from a number of companies. The winners were Gerard Crosby and Fran Dillon (Redeemers club, Dundalk) who defeated Francie and Kathleen Geraghy in a close final with the very last bowl.

All participants were unanimous in their praise for the way the tournament was run, the quality of the prizes on offer and all left Skryne with a good impression vowing to return to any future tournament.

Skryne bowls club would like to thank Fitztec, Europlant, Wine Bottle, Irish Fencing, Lawless hardware, Brady's Garage, Michael Lynch, Tara and District Credit Union, Madden Stores, for their generous sponsorship and all the people who donated raffle prizes.

BLOTTO

Sunday 23 - 12 - 2001

Numbers drawn 21 - 7 - 18 - 10

Jackpot not won - £25 each to

Kim Ruegar, Mick Duffy,

Cillian McManus, Arelene McManus

Sunday 6 - 1 - 2002 Numbers drawn 11 - 19 - 9 - 5

Jackpot Winner
Maureen Skehan
Congratulation

Sunday 13 - 1 - 2002

Numbers drawn 15 - 6 - 17 - 23

Jackpot not won - €40 each to

Shelia O'Grady, C. Dunne,

Eleanor Booth, Aisling Cleary,

Karen Kanayan

Sunday 20 - 1 - 2002 Numbers drawn 2 - 22 - 12 - 21 Jackpot not won - €40 each to Eddie McManus, Leslie Boland, Jakie Fitzsimons, Christy & Elizabeth Doyle, Darren Carty

Next weeks Jackpot

€3,100

Thank you for your support

Skryne Pitch & Putt Club

Due to a lapse, for some reason, we forgot to mention in the last issue that, also at our Christmas "Party", the President's prize was presented to D. Swatman by Patsy Duffy.

Due to inclement weather our Turkey Competition dragged on over the festive season and some turkeys escaped.

Winners were:

D. Swatman, K. McKeever, S. Flaherty, S. Fox,
J. Reilly, O.Duane, F. Geraghty, O.
McGuinness, P. Bird and finally S. Duffy.
Wishing everyone a very happy new year from all the swingers on the Hill of Skryne.

Congratulations to Simon Fitzpatrick,

Rathfeigh, who swam in the National Irish Age Group Gala in Belfast last weekend. He swam 1,500 meters (60 lengths), Under 14 yrs, in a time of 19:46:05, and came second, earning him a silver medal. Well done, Simon.

Skryne Golf Society Fixture List 2002

April 6th	Headfort (New Course)
May 18th	Royal Tara
June 7th/8th	Away Outing (Athlone details later)
July 13th	Knockanally
August 17th	Dundalk (Carnbeg)
	Trim
	Turkey Competition (details later)

Annual Subscriptions 50 Euro due now. Existing members have priority until 28.02.02

The draw for the matchplay contest will take place at Headfort. Points for the player of the year will be awarded, as per last year. The fee will be 5 Euro payable in advance.

Due to club restrictions the outings to the New Course in Headfort and Knocknally will be limited to 36 players. In the event that these outings are oversubscribed places will be allocated initially to the first 36 paid up members.

Skryne Ladies G.F.C.

The Club held a very successful Table Quiz in Swans last Saturday night. We would like to thank all who participated in it and to all the sponsors who contributed generously to make it a great success.

Congratulations to Emily Davis who won the Young Player of the Year and Laura Bowens who was selected as Player of the Year. Also a thank you to Felim O'Rourke who was a very competent Quizmaster.

The 10th Meath Skryne Scout Group The Leaders of the 10th Meath Skryne Scout Group wish to thank everyone who sold raffle tickets donated items and supported our Cake/Craft fair on Sunday 9th December. A special thanks to Anas Looby, Martin Gillett, the Sixers who helped at the fair and all who sang carols. The fundraiser was a great success.

The result of the Christmas Raffle is as follows:

1st Prize	Marie Mulvaney
2nd Prize	Breda O'Brien
3rd Prize	Patrick Corr
4th Prize	Nuala Doyle

Finally, our groups are now for new membership. For further information please contact Catherine Gibbons at 046 25417, Janice O'Brien at 01 8250 525 or Mary Byrne at 01 8257187.

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Scouts Table Quiz

A table guiz will be held in Swan's pub on Friday 8th February at 9.30 sharp. Proceeds to be used to fund equipment and activities for Scouts Cubs and Beavers. All friends, parents and supporters are asked to bring a team along for an enjoyable social occasion. If you can't why not sponsor a round, donate

a spot prize or help out on the night.

SKRYNE JUVENII F AGM

in Skryne Hall, Monday 28th January at 8.30pm sharp

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Saturday 9th February 2002

All articles to be submitted before Wednesday 6th February

Ring John Scanlon at (046)25092 (evenings)

Skryne Juvenile A.G.M.

"Calling all Parents and Adult Players"

You are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting of Skryne Juvenile Football Club which will take place on Monday 28th January 2002 in Matt Talbot Hall commencing at 8.30 sharp.

It is critical that we continue to develop our under age teams to ensure they can successfully progress through the various age groups and in time become integral parts of our adult teams. To do this we need assistance at all age groups. Please be assured that no one will be coerced into taking a job they are not comfortable in carrying out. You do not have to become team manager! There are lots of other ways of helping our teams. Just let us know you are wiling to help.

I would also make a special appeal to those adult players who could spare a couple of hours per week over the 8 week campaign, to share their knowledge and experience with one of our teams. I am confident that you will get the full support and respect of the under age players and their parents. Remember, it wasn't that long ago that your under age team needed coaching, support encouragement.

So, please put this date in your diary and come along to support this very important part of your football club. New club members and new residents in the area are very welcome.

I look forward to meeting you on the night.

John O'Reilly Chairman

R.S.T. Condolences

We offer our sincere sympathies to the Pierse family, Tara, on the death of Dan, to the Duffy family, Five Roads, on the death of their sister Mrs. Maureen Collins, to Liam Bowens, Bellew, on the death of his father, Basil, to Des Maguire, Tara, on the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Maguire and to David Brady, Oberstown, on the death of his mother.

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mick O'Dowd and Jenny Banks on their recent marriage. Having got married in the season of Love, Romance and Food we offer the following recipe.

A Good Wedding Cake

4lb of love
1lb butter of youth
1/2lb of good looks
1lb sweet temper
1lb of blindness of faults
1lb of self forgetfulness
1lb of pounded wit
1lb of good humour
2 tablespoons of sweet argument
1 pint of rippling laughter
1 wine glass of common sense
1 oz of modesty

Put the love, good looks and sweet temper into a well-furnished house. Beat the butter of youth to a cream and mix well together with the blindness of faults. Stir the pounded wit and good humour into the sweet argument, then add the rippling laughter and common sense. Work the whole lot together until everything is well mixed and bake gentle forever.

Tara & District Credit Union Credit Union Ouiz

Skryne Hall was a very busy place on Friday January 18th. Forty three teams from six schools fought it out for the honour of representing our credit union in the next stage of the Irish League of Credit Unions' National Table Quiz. Tension mounted as it became clear that final scores would be very close.

In the end Rathfeigh scored a double victory, winning both the U11 and U13 competitions. There was an epic battle for 2nd and 3rd places in both competitions as the question master struggled to find questions which would separate the teams.

The final results were:

U-11	U-13
1stRathfeigh N.S	1stRathfeigh N.S.
2ndKiltale N.S.	2ndRathfeigh N.S.
3rdKiltale N.S.	3rdKiltale N.S.

A word of thanks to all teachers and parents who helped to prepare the teams for the occasion. A special world of thanks to Sinéad Rooney, our Treasurer, who organised the whole event.

Rathfeigh Pitch & Putt Club

Rathfeigh Pitch & Putt Club held their A.G.M. recently and the following officers were elected Presidents: Molly Pigott, Kevin Lynch and Joe Tobin.

Chairman:	Des Caffrey
Vice-Chairman:	Anto Grendon
Secretary:	
Assistant-Secretary:	
Treasurer:	
Assistant-Treasurer:	Molly Pigott
Competition Secretary's: Eugene Mor	gan & Pattie Clarkin
Ladies Captain:	Pattie Clarkin
Gents Captain:	Kevin Lynch
P.R.O.:	Joan Caffrey
Coach:	Bill Mills

Delegates to the County Board:
Anto Grendon, Des Caffrey, Eugene Morgan.
Committee including the above members: Mickey Lynch,
Maisie Reilly, Kathy McGrane, Matt Murray, Paul Lynch,
Sandra Farrelly, Frank Behan, Stephen Lynch, Christy Gibney
and Mark Behan.

Come and join the pitch and putt club. Membership for the year is as follows:

Ladies	
Husband & Wife	
Family	€75
Senior Citizens	€27
Students	€20
Juvenile	€10

You can play 3 x 15 cards every Tuesday night in the clubhouse at 9pm. Non-members are welcome to come and play cards.

SKRYNE G.F.C.

At the adjourned A.G.M. held recently the following managers were elected for the coming season.

Senior Manager	Des Finnerty
Junior Manager	Colin Lynch
Junior C Managers	Martin Browne & Paddy O'Dowd
Under 21 Manager	Paddy Ryan

The new season begins for the senior team on Sunday 3rd February with an away match against Ballinlough - check local papers for time.

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