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Waterfalls and Windfalls

The saga of the Painestown Group Water Scheme has ended, a final audit of the Scheme's records having been presented by Messers Fagan Lynch Donnellan, Navan, Chartered Accountants.

The RST Newsletter has already recorded the quite substantial grants, which the members of the Scheme were privileged to make to very deserving causes, when Meath County Council took over the Scheme and we had "money in the bank"! These included a contribution to the sinking of a well in Morocco to make water available so that families on uneconomic holdings in the south of the country could be settled in the north; the Chernobyl Children's Fund and the wonderful work done by Sister Stanislaus Kennedy's organization Focus Ireland; and father Peter McVerry S.J. in his work for homeless boys; also, of course, some local deserving organizations.

It has been decided to channel the small quantity of liquid assets left in the Scheme's bucket in the current account in the vaults of the Bank of Ireland, Navan, who have been custodians of our assets over the years, to where these assets will be put to good use.

On the initiation of the Scheme thirty (yes, thirty!) years ago, it was suggested that some celebrations be held to mark the occasion of the present closure. However, as on the original occasion (on the assumption that those involved in a group water scheme would be an abstemious lot!), it was decided on a show of glasses (I presume the author meant reading glasses!...ed.) not to proceed with the idea, but to contribute the remaining assets to more worthy causes. These included Rathfeigh Historical Society (450 euro) and a contribution towards the cost of the installation of plaques at Rathfeigh Cross and Riverstown to honour the "Croppy Boys" of '98, whose graves were located there. Scoil Cholmcille, Skryne, and Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Rathfeigh, also had some small benefit from the distribution of the liquid largesse (225 euro each).

The above left very little in the way of liquid litres in the Scheme's financial bucket and it was decided to direct the Bank of Ireland to siphon such remainder into the funds which the Bank had donated to the Special Olympics, which have been so generously sponsored by the Bank.

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Some readers may remember (it was a quite few years ago) the presentation of a play in the Matt Talbot Hall, Skryne, when an effort was made to establish an amateur dramatic society. Many will remember the successful inter-parish competitions organized under the auspices of the Pioneer Association in which "Skryne Scenics" frequently achieved success. Unfortunately, interest in rural amateur dramatics has diminished greatly in recent years, as a result of the development of television, videos and other forms of competition. More's the pity, as involvement in amateur dramatics, both on and off the stage, can contribute to the development of young peoples' character and selfconfidence. The "Tara Amateur Dramatic Society" had opened a bank account all those years ago and it has now been decided to close the account and contribute the money to the Rathfeigh Parents and Friends Association. The amount involved (just short of 200 euro) will be put to good use by that organization.

Gerald Perry

Leo Johnson - An Appreciation

The recent death of Leo Johnson was a great loss to his family and the Parish of Skryne. This quiet and unassuming man spent the last few years of his life in St. Joseph's Hospital, Trim, where he enjoyed a chat and smoking his pipe. He spent most of his working life on the Rooney farm at Trevitt, where his expertise with cattle and horses was much appreciated.

Although never figuring on the great Skryne teams of the forties, he came from a family and an area steeped in football lore. His late brother Kevin was a member of the1939 All Ireland team, and won an All Ireland Junior medal in 1947. The legendary area of Scalestown where Leo was born and reared produced some of the greatest footballers the G.A.A. has known. I am sure names like, The O'Briens, Mooneys, Connors, Johnsons, O'Tooles and Giles will roll off the tongues of Skryne people for many generations to come.

We wish to offer our sincere sympathy to Leo's brother Ciaran, his family and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

NEXT ISSUE

SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

All articles etc. to be submitted before Wednesday 27th August

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COMMUNITY GAMES - SWIMMING

The county finals were held in Kells pool on Sunday 15th June. The competitors from Skyrne/Rathfeigh were as follows:

Boys	Results	Girls	Results
Donal Bowens (U 10)		Aisling Kells (U8)	3rd
Patrick Fox (U12)		Alex Irwin (U10)	
Rory Bowens (U12)		Jessica Frayne (U10)	4th
Robert Foran(U16)	3rd	Emma Fitzpatrick (U12)	1st
Simon Fitzpatrick (U16)	2nd	Roisin Foran (U12)	
		Lauren Hill (U14)	
		Sorocha Bannon (U14)	5th
		Deirdre Fizpatrick (U14)	2nd
		Una Brennan (U13)	

The girls U13 Relay team came third overall - Una Brennan, Roisin Foran, Deirdre Fitzpatrick & Emma Fitzpatrick.
Well done to all who participated and look forward to a successful team next year.

Continuing with swimming:
Congratulations to the Fitzpatrick family, as all four children participated in the Irish Age Group Event, Division Two, at University Limerick Pool, on the 4th/5th & 6th July. They managed to bring home a total of seven medals, and two plaques. David came first in the 100 mtrs breaststroke (17-24 yrs age group), and Simon came first in the same stroke Under 15 years. They also achieved bronze plaques, for third overall in their respective age groups.
The girls, Deirdre (U13) and Emma (U12) achieved "personal best" times and Deirdre got a bronze medal as part of the Medley Relay team. (Backstroke).

A Wizard in Oz!

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MICHÉAL WALKS THROUGH THE SUMMER

It's been a busy year so far for Rathfeigh athlete, Micheal Doyle. His success started in May when he won gold in the indoor walk competition in Nenagh. He followed this with a silver in the schools competition in Tullamore. Our photo shows him being congratulated for coming first of the Irish at an international Grand Prix competition in the Phoenix Park. In the same competition David Hegarty, Oberstown showed that he has caught the walking bug too by coming first of the Irish at U-12 level. Well done, David. Michael's final success so far was a silver medal in the All-Ireland outdoor competition in Tullamore. Congratulations Michéal. Keep making great strides.

FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR 2002

Jamie Jordan receiving the "Paddy Browne Memorial Trophy" for senior player of the year from Mrs. Browne

CONGRATULATIONS.....

RST extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Eithne Gibbons and Conal Haughey on their recent engagement. Also to Kelly Anne Conroy who got engaged on her birthday to John Quinn.

SKRYNE G.F.C.

All three adult teams have had Championship outings since the last RST. Both our Junior teams are now out of the race for outright honours but it could and should have been so different for both teams.

Our Seniors continue to get a scorching pace in their group and are already in the quarter final with two group games still to play. They are still in the hunt for League honours also, and have won their first round Feis Cup match easily defeating Kells. Their latest Championship success came at the expense of Simonstown on a scoreline of Skryne 0-16 Simonstown 0-11.

Team - Felim O'Rourke, Andrew Curry, Mark Harrington, John Quinn, James Gibbons, Gordon Geraghty, Brian Smyth (0-1) Andan Tuite (0-1) John McDermott, Martin Mulvaney, Trevor Giles (0-5), David McGoldrick (0-1), Allan Carty (0-5), Brian McMahon (0-2), Paul O'Donnell (0-1).

The Junior A's literally kicked themselves out of the Championship by missing so many scores on Tuesday night in Dunshaughlin. It was difficult to watch so many chances to win the game go abegging. The final score was Dunsany 0-13 Skryne 1-6.

Team: Robbie Gillett, David Harrington, Allan Swan, Vinny Reilly, David Rogan, Nicky Hamill (0-1), Cyril Carty, Ken Pentony, David Donnelly, Brian Byrne, Ciaran Murphy (0-2), Des McAvinney (0-2), Dwayne Berton, Declan Browne (0-1), Darren Carty (0-1). Subs used: Cillian McManus, Adrian Flanagan.

It was not quite as frustrating to watch the Junior Cs who played really well against Ratoaths second team. Unfortunately had they managed to get a full team out for all their matches they would now be in the quarter final. But it was not to be and they were beaten in their last game by Ratoath.

Score: Ratoath 1-12, Skryne 1-10.

Team: Paul Mulvaney, Thomas Farnan, Quentin Greally, Niall Cleary, Cian Byrne, Michael Reilly (1-0), Ciaran Finnerty, James Looby (0-2), Ger Mulvaney (0-1), Ronan Bennett, Eddie Dunne (0-1), Cian McAvinney, Eoin Greally, Tristan McAvinney (0-2), Michael Lynch. Sub: Cillian O'Donoghue (0-4).

Next match is the Senior Championships versus Dunderry in Navan next Wednesday 30th July at 7.30 p.m. all support greatly appreciated by the players.

The club passed a vote of sympathy with the Johnson and Connor family on the death of Leo Johnson.

THANKS TO FÁS: The club wishes to thank Eileen Gray for all her help over the years with FÁS.

SUMMER CAMP: The Summer Camp held recently in Skryne was one of the biggest in the county with over 250 children participating. Thanks to Dudley Farrell and his team of coaches. Sincere thanks to local representatives Ray Mooney and Mary Keogh who helped look after the children during the week.

GOOD LUCK to the Ladies in the Junior A final on Sunday in Simonstown.

Skryne G.F.C. management team with the sponsors who supply refreshments at half time and after matches. From left: Pat McCabe, Ray Mooney, Sean Curry, Michael Lynch (sponsor), Gordon Geraghty, Liam Mullins (sponsor), Trevor Giles, Des Finnerty. Front: Lily Fox, Mary Keogh. Inset: Seamus Clarke

BLOTTO RESULTS

Sunday 7th July – Numbers drawn: 11 – 24 – 16 – 13 • Jackpot not won - €40 each to:
Susan Mulligan, Roisin & Myra Morgan, Gloria Goggins, Peter Caffrey, Ann Murphy

Sunday 13th July – Numbers drawn: 12 – 6 – 15 – 18 • Jackpot not won - €40 each to:
Paul McDermott, Paddy Ryan, Ian Fleming, Kathleen Dunne, Gerry Tuite

Sunday 20th July – Numbers drawn: 21 – 14 – 12 – 24 • Jackpot not won - €40 each to:
Martina Swatman, Kevin McKeever, Shane Smith, Phil Marry, Colin McKee

Next Week's Jackpot **€4,950**

Thank-you for your support.

Congratulations Tara Stud

This year Budweiser Irish Derby was another great day for the Aga Khan. His horse, Alamshar, won by half a length ridden by Johnny Murtagh. This was a great race for Tara Stud too, because Alamshar is the son of Key of Luck and was sired at Tara. RST congratulate the Iceton family and all connected with Tara Stud on this success. We hope that you have many more such successes to follow.

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SKRYNE LADIES REACH JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Skryne Ladies overcame Dunshaughlin last Saturday in Dunshaughlin which secured their place in the Junior A Championship final. This was a historic victory for Skryne as it is the first time in the history of the Ladies Club that a team has reached a championship final.

Skryne 1-20 Dunshaughlin 0-2

Skryne Ladies turned on the style in this Junior A Championship final against Dunshaughlin as they coasted to an easy victory. Skryne enjoyed a 1-9 to 0-0 interval lead thanks to scores from Nicola Rogan 1-2, Claire Morley 0-2 Emily Davis 0-1, Alice Davis 0-2 and Emer Finnerty 0-2.

The newly teamed midfield pairing of Karen Kellegher and Sinead Daly dominated over Dunshaughlin and this made it impossible for the Royal Gaels to get possession to their forwards. Dunshaughlin needed to make a strong comeback in the second half to overcome this impressive Skryne side but it never came and Skryne notched up some stylish scores in the second half to emerge victorious

Team: Naomi Connell, Mary Bennett, Niamh Connell, Susie Togher, Louise Maguire, Emily Davis (0-2) Karen Kellegher, Sinead Daly (0-1), Michelle Maxwell, Orla Tobin (0-1), Nicola Rogan (1-6), Claire Morley (0-2). Subs Elaine Maxwell for Michelle Maxwell.

The Junior A Championship final will be played on **Sunday 27th July at Simonstown pitch at 12 o'clock against Na Fianna.** All support would be very welcome. This is a historic game for Skryne Ladies. The club has been running for nine years and this is the first team to reach a championship final. This is also a great achievement for the management of the team of Willie Rogan (Manager), Liam Kellegher (Selector) and Anthony Togher (Selector) and our trainer David Rogan.

Skyrne Ladies U10

Skryne 3-12 Moynalvy 3-1

Skryne got off to a flying start in this U10 Championship game in Moynalty last Tuesday night and led 1-7 to 1-2 at the break.

The first goal came from a cracking shot by Ruth Moore thanks to a great passing move by Una Morley and Claire Cassidy.

Melanie Kirwan had notched up 0-6 by half time with Kayleagh Farrell getting the other point.

The defence consisting of Orla Craigie, Catriona Ginty and Chloe O'Sullivan were outstanding and all made some great blocks to deny Moynalty of certain goals.

In the second half Skryne increased their lead with some great goals from half forward Melanie Kirwan. The left footer also hit over 0-4 in the second half. Aoife Murphy was excellent in goals and made some critical saves that could have had an impact on the score line. Well done girls!

Team: Aoife Murphy, Chloe O'Sullivan, Orla Cragie, Catriona Ginty, Una Morley 1-0, Kayleagh Farrell 0-2, Melanie Kirwan, Claire Cassidy and Ruth Moore.

GOLF SOCIETY NEWS

RESULTS BALLINLOUGH JULY 12 2003

Category 1			Category 2	
FIRST	Terrie Cahill	44pts	Pat O'Brien	39pts
SECOND	Jimmy Finnerty	36pts	Theresa Brennan	38pts
THIRD	Gerry Browne	34pts	Luke Bowden	38pts

Nearest Pin - 3rd Jimmy Swan

Nearest Pin - 16th David Nesbitt

Thanks to our Sponsor Michael Smith, Supervalue,Tallaght

Two's Contest: Sean Cahill; Jimmy Finnerty

MATCH PLAY QUARTER FINALS

Jimmy Finnerty	v	Noel Gallagher	Noel Gallagher	v	Roland Swan
Terrie Cahill	v	Frank Swan	Brian Gaynor	v	Frank Swan
Darren Carty	v	Sean Cahill	Alan Carty	v	Mick Fitzsimons
Mick Fitzsimons	v	Jim Conroy			

MATCHES TO BE FINISHED BY 16.08.2003

NEXT OUTING: Travel to Turvey to try their testing track,tee times - 3.00/04.30 Entries before 9.08.03

	PLAYER OF THE YEAR	PTS	ROUNDS PLAYED
1	GERRY BROWNE	43	(4 ROUNDS PLAYED)
2	MICK FITZSIMONDS	42	(4 ROUNDS PLAYED)
3	LIAM KELLEGHER	39	*(3 ROUNDS PLAYED)
4	TERRIE CAHILL	37	*(3 ROUNDS PLAYED)
5	PAT O'BRIEN	36	(4 ROUNDS PLAYED)
6	THERESA BRENNAN	35	*(3 ROUNDS PLAYED)
7	LUKE BOWDEN	34	*(3 ROUNDS PLAYED)
8	JIMMY FINNERTY	34	*(3 ROUNDS PLAYED)
9	FELIM O'ROURKE	31	*(2 ROUNDS PLAYED)
10	DARREN CARTY	31	*(2 ROUNDS PLAYED)

Skryne girls who received awards at the Meath Olympic Handball Awards Night. From left: Eimear Finnerty who received the U.16 Player of the Year award; Danielle Farrell was on the runner up team at Focus Europe; Claire Caffrey who received award for coaching and U.14 team at Focus Europe and Laura Caffrey who played for Ireland at U.17 level.