

# SKRYNE GOLF SOCIETY



Michael Davis  
2007 Captain

Another Successful year is nearing a close.

News:

The committee would like to thank all members, visitors and of course sponsors who made this another successful year for the society.

We will have the usual "Turkeys" competition and possibly another outing in the Bellewstown format before year end.

Results of the year:

Player of the Year: Michael Davis.... ( his speech in a "Colvinstown" accent was rousing!

Captain's prize (Paddy Browne Cup): Eddie McManus...His handicap has been amputated!

Matchplay Competition: Luke Bowden....Is this the first successful defence of this title?

Remaining fixtures: November 5th; Possibly Sillogue

Possible Oct or Dec outing; Maybe Bellewstown again.

## TARA ATHLETIC CLUB

Junior Training every Tuesday @ 7pm.

Adult Training every Tuesday @ 8pm. • All Welcome.

The photograph below appeared in the Farmer's Journal on October 18th 1966 on the occasion of the famous farmer's march to dublin from all over Ireland.

In the mid 60's, farmers revolted against high rates, low and falling incomes and the failure of Government to establish marketing boards to promote exports. Farmers saw militant action yielded results for other sectors of society, namely the Trade Unions. Farmers could not go on strike but they could bring their protest onto the streets of Dublin. Led by President Rickard Deasy from Tipperary, thousands of farmers marched on Dublin to demand the right to negotiate. The march culminated in a mass rally of 30,000 farmers and was followed by a 20 day siege on the steps of Government Buildings. 1967 saw massive machinery demonstrations by farmers, a commodity strike and aerates strike which led to farmers being jailed.

**A number of local men are included in this photo, can you spot them?**



The Meath men led by George Cluzan pictured on arrival at Dunshaughlin.

## CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere sympathy to the Hogan family on the death of Nora Delaney, Rathfeigh, to the White family on the death of their uncle Joe Mitchell, Rathfeigh who died in the USA, and to Olive Lynch, Millbanks, Rathfeigh on the death of her brother.




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Numbers drawn: 4 - 5 - 6 - 9

Jackpot not won - €40 each to:

Luke Bowden, Eileen O'Neill, Fred Gilsenan,  
M. Leech

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Numbers drawn: 2 - 6 - 7 - 13

Jackpot not won - €40 each to:

Tiernan McGrath, M. Skehan, Ger Keoghlan,  
Jack Ellis

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

Numbers drawn: 2 - 8 - 10 - 13

Jackpot not won - €40 each to:

Bernie Ellis, Olive Lynch, Ray Mooney  
Eileen O'Rourke

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

Numbers drawn: 5 - 15 - 16 - 21

Jackpot not won - €40 each to:

Paddy Mulvany, Niamh Fox, Hannah Dardis,  
Aidan O'Rourke

Next week's jackpot: **€2,900**

Thank-you for your support.

## NEXT ISSUE

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER

All articles etc. to be submitted before

Wednesday 18th October

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# RST Newsletter

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## SKRYNE TARA A.F.C. - A New Beginning



During the Summer this year two of the oldest soccer clubs in the Meath & District League merged to form the youngest club in the M.D.L. Skryne Rangers can proudly boast of being one of the founder members of the League when it was formed in 1980. Tara followed in 1984 (hence the dates on our new crest), although they can trace their roots back to 1980 in the form of Castle Celtic who finished runners-up in the Meath League in the 1981/82 season.

Back in those days clubs were formed mostly by the customer of local public houses and we were no different. The clientele of Swan's Pub in Oberstown formed Skryne Rangers and likewise the men in Fox's Pub on the hill of Skryne formed Castle Celtic from which Tara AFC was born. Castle Celtic disappeared in the mid 80s but Tara lived on to, as already stated, merge with our neighbours Skryne Rangers this year.

Great credit is due to both publicans, Frank Swan and Sean Fox for supporting, putting up with and making their premises available for meetings etc. to both clubs for the last 25 years. Sincere thanks is extended to both and we look forward to the support of the Swan and Fox families for the next 25 years (at least!).

Both clubs enjoyed success and put up with failure over the years. But both survived as a result of the comradarie of the players and management and the lack of pressure to succeed at all costs.

Junior soccer clubs are relatively small and therefore are run by the players themselves. In the past you could almost say Junior soccer was a participation sport only - but things are gradually changing and with this in mind six members of each club got themselves together this year to formally merge the two clubs under the banner - Skryne/Tara AFC. The first AGM was held in Skryne Hall in July and the members agreed unanimously to form the new club. The club has started successfully on and off the field and it makes more sense to have one club instead of two battling for support and financial backing from the same rural parish.

Maybe this is a good time to seek support for our Car Draw when members will be approaching parishioners over the next few weeks with tickets. Good value draw at 20 for 4 draws (a car each month and other prizes are on offer).

As stated both clubs enjoyed success and failure, promotion and relegation, over the years. Looking back, the season 1988/89 stands out for both clubs but especially for Skryne Rangers who reached the

final of the Challenge Cup for the first and only time but unfortunately they were beaten 1-0 by Dromin Utd. The support the team had in that final from the whole Parish (including Tara) suggested that maybe it was time to merge the clubs.

However, Skryne gained compensation for their cup defeat by winning the Woodknot Cup and their reserves won the Excel Print Cup all in that season. To crown a great year for the club John Neville was voted overall Player of the Year. This award was special for John as it followed on the same award given to the late great Paddy Brown in 1981/82 season. Two great soccer players who deserved their awards.

The 1987/88 season had begun the success for Skryne Rangers as they were promoted to the top division in the league. To add to the success they won the Fair Play League that year also. This was won by having the least amount of yellow and red cards etc.

From there things went a bit pear-shaped for Rangers as they found themselves in Division 4 of the league recently, but won promotion to Div. 3 by finishing runners-up in their league in 2002/03.

Not to be outdone in the year 1988/89 Tara joined the celebrations by winning the Gerry Reilly Memorial Cup. Like Rangers earlier in that season Tara had the support of the whole parish when they defeated Carnaross 2-0 in the final. I remember Gerry Gorman being very complimentary to the Tara club as he presented the cup to Captain, Sean Lynch. (Great to see Sean still playing with the new club). To crown a great year for the area Anthony Fitzpatrick was voted player of the year for Div. 3 as Tara just missed promotion - finishing 3rd in their league. Just to show how good a year Anthony had - of the 11 clubs eligible to vote for him 10 of them did so (you cannot vote for a member of your own club). This again drew comment from Gerry

Gorman at the Annual Dinner/Awards Night. Further success followed for Tara in the Reilly Cup as they were runners-up in 1992/93 and winners again in 1993/94. Promotion to Div. 2 was gained as a result of finishing runners-up in Div. 3 in 1994/95 and Mark Kinsella was named Player of the Year for the division that year. Promotion to Div. 1 followed as a result of once again finishing runners-up in Div. 2 in 1996/97. It was back to Div. 3 again after a couple of years in the second highest grade until promotion was again gained as a result of yet another runners-up spot in Div. 3 in 2002/03. In the same year Tara reserves were runners-up in the C grade of the Reserve League.

From there things again went downhill as the Tara Reserves broke away to form the new club in Johnstown and the first team was relegated to Div. 2 where we find ourselves now with Skryne/Tara.

Skryne Rangers and Tara had some great runs in the Challenge cup over the years, most notably when Tara reached the semi-final in two consecutive seasons, 1995 and 1996 only to be beaten 1-0 and 2-0 by the eventual winners on both occasions.

A number of players have played for both clubs over the years. I'm not sure of the exact number but most notably were former MDL Chairman and Life Member of that League Donal Gaynor. Declan Browne, as far as I know, is the only player to have won trophies with both clubs. Others included Louis and Ken Pentony, Ivan and Colin Lynch, Martin Doyle, Shane Cunningham and Paddy O'Dowd. Shane Cunningham and Ken Pentony have now played for all three clubs.

Martin Browne has been involved with Skryne Rangers either as a player, committee member or just as a supporter right from the very start in 1980. David Pryle likewise, although he emigrated for almost 10 years in the late 80s. Christy Doyle served the club in almost all capacities and most recently

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First photo of the new Skryne/Tara A.F.C.

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Tony Carolan has kept the Rangers flag flying. But while men like Martin Brown, John Neville and Declan Browne (although Declan moved between both clubs) played in three decades for Rangers and likewise Sean Lynch for Tara. We cannot write any piece of soccer in this area without mentioning Paddy Browne. The late "Buzzer" as he was affectionately known has been remembered by the Gaelic Club, the Golf Society and most definitely by the soccer clubs. Paddy was held in such high esteem that the MDL have a commemorative plaque in his honour on the wall of their headquarters on the Trim Road in Navan. Before his sad passing Paddy put forward the idea of merging the 2 clubs under the name RST United. At our meeting in July this got serious consideration but it was felt that abbreviated names for a club do not identify the area - especially with the history of our area involved. So we decided to keep with the local place names and Skryne/Tara was born. (I'm sure Paddy would have agreed). This point was proven recently when we went to Laois to play Clonaslee United in the

Leinster Junior Cup. When we rang for direction they knew all about the Skryne Tara area. On that day also we went to the Bridge House in Tullamore where the Manager treated us very nicely because he knew of the Skryne Tara area both on a sporting and historical front. On the Tara side original committee members Sean Faulkner, Mick Fitzsimons and Brian Crocock have remained loyal supporters of the club since the beginning. Former Castle Celtic B Captain, Dermot Carty, is the only Tara member who was active every year since the clubs was formed in 1984. So with that amount of history and experience surely the new club - Skryne Tara - has a basis to keep the club going well into the future. From reading the above piece one obvious omission stands out above all else. There were wins for both clubs, runners-up for both club in different competitions but no sign of a league win for either. The main aim for the new club from a playing point of view should be to get a League victory - first team or reserves - on the board if not this year then in the very near future.

Off the pitch the aim is very simple - to allow our young people of the parish to participate without pressure and enjoy the craic and the game well into the next century. In doing that lets not forget our very young players. 2005 saw Tara set up under 8s, 9s and 10s and these will now flourish under the new banner. The under 8s made an excellent start to the campaign by winning the Shield last November beating one of the top underage nurseries in the county - Trim Celtic - 2-1 in the final. So the new beginning is already under way.

**SKRYNE/TARA COMMITTEE:**

Chairman .....Tony Carolan  
 Secretary .....Dermot Carty  
 Asst. Secretary .....Shane Cunningham  
 Joint Treasurers.....Paul Mulvaney and Allan Carty  
 P.R.O.....Robbie Thorpe  
**Managers:**  
 1st Team.....Gavin Lynch; Assistant - Mark Pentony  
 2nd Team .....David Pryle

**SKRYNE G.F.C.**

**Condolences:**

To the Hogan family on the death of Nora Delaney, Rathfeigh, to the White family on the death of their uncle Joe Mitchell, Rathfeigh who died in the USA, to Olive Lynch on the death of her brother.

**Congratulations**

To Father Thomas O'Mahony on his appointment as Parish Priest of Skryne & Rathfeigh parish. The chairman Oliver Harrington wished him well in his new role.

**Good Wishes**

To Sean and Anne Fox on their retirement as proprietors of Foxs Public House Skryne Hill. The committee wish to thank them for all their support and help down through the years and wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement. We also would like to wish the new proprietors Declan Fox and his wife Irma every success as the new proprietors and we look forward to our future dealings with them.

**Pitch Signage:**

The committee wish to announce that some spaces are still

available in Father McManus Park for individuals or companies who would be interested in placing an advertisement hoarding/sign to promote their business. This represents both an excellent opportunity and cost effective way to promote you business. It has to be borne in mind that your business will be brought to the attention of a much wider audience other than the immediate Skryne area as this facility is used by many visiting teams and their supporters. Between home games involving Skryne teams at senior and junior levels and other games involving visiting sides at senior and junior level more than 30 games are played on the pitch each year. In addition we host many games at underage level, which bring their own support base. Meath County teams also use the pitch for training and challenge games due to the availability of excellent floodlit facilities. Those interested in availing of this unique opportunity should contact the club chairman Oliver Harrington as soon as possible as available spaces are limited.

**SKRYNE TARA UNDERAGE SOCCER**

The U9 and U10 teams are playing at half time at the Drogheda v UCD League game at the Lourdes Stadium/O2 Park on Saturday 14th October 2006. All U9 and U10's are to meet at 4.50 p.m. at O2 Park. Kick off is at 5.30 p.m. Managers for new season are as follows:  
 U8 Skryne Tara Warriors - Val Finegan (086 1741932) / David Cassidy.  
 U8 Skryne Tara Knights - Tony Carolan (087 2768378) / James Murphy/Eamon Doherty  
 U9 Skryne Tara Chieftains - Senan McGrath (086 2210623) / Frank Weldon.  
 U10 Skryne Tara Tigers - Charles Carolan (086 8279342)

Having started in 2005 with 21 players and entering 2 teams, we have now grown to 44 players and have entered 4 teams for the current season. We wish them well! Also a word of thanks to Body Safety Limited who have generously sponsored First Aid Kits for our Underage Club.

**Rathfeigh Historical Society**

**CAR BOOT SALE**

**SKRYNE HALL**

**Saturday 14th October**

10am.....2pm.

**€10 PER CAR**



Junior and Senior Infants, Rathfeigh National School



Junior Infants, Skryne National School

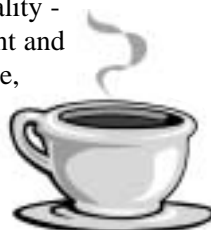
**SKRYNE BOY GETS HIS BLACK BELT**

Michael Lennon from Skryne pictured here with his Tae Kwon Do Master Mr. Steven Cooley, was awarded the honour recently after a three hour floor and oral examination. Michael has been a student of Tae Kwon Do since age 5 and now aged 11 is the current Irish National Champion in his height division. He also recently represented his club and country at the English Championships in which he won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in Individual and team events. He also recently competed in the Rivervalley club 'Fight Night' in which he took home Gold. Michael is a member of Ratoath Tae Kwon Do club.



**LOCAL COFFEE MORNING**

We held our Annual Coffee Morning on Thursday, 21st September which raised €8,000. As a result of this tremendous response, it has been possible to help two organisations which do great work in the area of cancer care in the locality - Meath Hospice Movement and this year, for the first time, the 'Gary Kelly Centre' in Drogheda. More details in the next issue of RST.



**Minor Football – Semi Final • Skryne v Parnells • Simonstown Gaels GFC • Sunday 1st October**

**Skryne 1-17, Parnells 2-10.**

Skryne overcame Parnells in this Minor Semi Final Championship clash in what turned out to be a thrilling encounter in Simonstown on Sunday afternoon 1st October.

Kevin O'Reilly opened the scoring in the 5th minute when he converted a free kick awarded after a foul on Paddy O'Rourke. Parnells hit back one minute later with a point from play to levels matters. Some slack defending on Skrynes part saw Parnells get through on goal and this resulted in goalkeeper Brian Gallagher picking the ball out of the back of the Skryne net. The scores now stood at Parnells 1-1, Skryne 0-1. Parnells had another point from play in the 10th minute to which Skryne responded with a well-taken point from play scored by Paddy O'Rourke.

Parnells again found the back of the Skryne net in the 13th minute of the half to leave the scores: Parnells 2-2, Skryne 0-2. The assembled Skryne supporters looked on with some concern at this stage as it looked like the game was slipping away beyond reach. However, the Skryne boys obviously did not harbour any such thoughts of defeat when Paddy O'Rourke scored an excellent point from play followed a minute later with a Declan Morley point which he took from way out the field to narrow the gap. Parnells were determined not to let Skryne off the hook when they struck twice to score points in the 15th and 20th minute of the half to restore their 2-goal margin. Lesser teams would have buckled at this stage but this is not a lesser team and the final 10 minutes of the half saw another spirited Skryne fightback.

Young Ciaran Lenehan led the way when he fielded brilliantly and finished the job himself when he sent the ball between the opposition uprights. Paddy O'Rourke then had a free kick

and showed that anything older brother Felim can do, he can do just as well when he converted from beyond the 45mtr to continue the Skryne revival. Paddy was on the scoreboard again minutes later when he scored a point after collecting a pass from Darren Maxwell. The scoreboard now had a much more positive look about it in the 26th minute when it read Parnells 2-4, Skryne 0-7. The 28th minute saw another Paddy O'Rourke long range point close to the 45 mtr mark and by this stage he was making it look ridiculously easy. On the verge of half time Declan Morley popped up to score what was to be Skrynes last of the half when he again had an excellently taken point from play. Parnells appeared to have recovered somewhat from the Skryne onslaught when they scored the final point of the half one minute into injury time to leave the half time scores:

**Parnells 2-5, Skryne 0-9**

Skryne maintained the pressure at the beginning of the 2nd half and Ciaran Lenehan had a point in the 1st minute of the half from play to leave just 1 point between the sides. Skryne substitute Adam O'Sullivan collected a well timed pass from Paddy O'Rourke minutes later and finished the job with a well taken point to bring the sides level at Skryne 0-11, Parnells 2-5. A foul on Declan Morley resulted in a free kick for Skryne and Paddy O'Rourke stepped up to do the honours when he sent the ball over the Parnells bar to bring his tally thus far to 6 points and in the process put his side 1 point back in front. Parity was restored between the sides in the 7th minute when Parnell's had a point from play. Skryne were unlucky minutes later when the opposition keeper stopped on the line from a well-aimed shot on goal by Skrynes Declan Morley.

The 11th minute of the half saw Parnells go back in front when they pointed from play and

they tagged on another point minutes later from a 45mtr free kick to put them 2 points in front. Skryne were again unlucky in the 18th minute when Kevin O'Reilly had to watch as his shot on goal trailed inches wide after he got on the end of a high ball in from a Paddy O'Rourke free kick. Parnells then added on a brace of points to put them 4 points ahead by the 22nd minute of the half. Skryne were now left with another mountain to climb and the ascent was led this time by Adam O'Sullivan when he got on the end of a Ronan Cabe shot on goal to get a vital touch to finish to the back of the Parnells net. This now left the minimum between the sides and parity was again restored between he sides in the 25th minute when Paddy O'Rourke had another point from a free kick

Skryne now had the finishing line in sight and were determined not to go back into arrears. They were helped in their cause in the 28th minute by a well-executed point from substitute Ronan McCabe who was just back after a lengthy layoff from injury. Skryne were now backing in front on a scoreline: Skryne 1-14, Parnells 2-10. Adam O'Sullivan stretched his side's lead when he pointed after intercepting a short kick out from the opposing keeper.

Skryne now had a strong grip on the game and this was demonstrated when they scored the final 2 points of the game both coming from the boot of Paddy O'Rourke to leave Skryne ahead at the final whistle on a scoreline: Skryne 1-17, Parnells 2-10.

**Skryne** – B.Gallagher; D.Maxwell, D. Whyte, B. Farrell; J.Jordan, D.Hanratty, L.Gilseyan; P. O'Rourke {0-9}, D.Ryan; K.O'Reilly {0-1}, T. McKeown, D.Morley {0-2}; R.Foran, I.Davis, C.Lenehan {0-2}; Subs – A.O'Sullivan {1-2} for D. Maxwell, R. McCabe {0-1} for T. McKeown, P. Tolan for I. Davis