

SKRYNE/RATHFEIGH COMMUNITY GAMES



Skryne/Rathfeigh athletes in Cushinstown at Meath Community Games Finals

Welcome to our end of season special edition. We had another great year and our event entries are growing all the time. We hope to expand even more next year with choir, drama, comedy sketch, badminton, basketball, olympic handball, pitch and putt to name a few. It is wonderful to have so many new children become involved this year and we hope these numbers grow.

If you feel there is an event that you would like to have your child participate in please let us know and maybe you might help out. We are always looking for new volunteers. On that note we would like to notify you of our AGM on the 4th September at 8pm in the Parish Hall. We invite all parents to attend. Our church

gate collection (€948.00) was very successful and this year even in recessionary times were were up. So thank you to all who contributed and to the people who volunteered as collectors. We would also like to thank all the managers and coaches who put teams forward, the paperwork was much easier this time round!

Events entered this year: **Gaelic U10 Boys; Gaelic U12 Girls; Art U6-U16; Athletics Track and Field Events; Cross Country; Mixed Distance Relay; Chess; Futsal U13 Boys; Soccer Outdoor U12; Soccer Indoor U13 and U15.**

Gaelic U10 Boys was run on a blitz this year in Donaghmore/Ashbourne and we were failed to qualify out of the blitz.

The girls gaelic was also run on a blitz in Ratoath and they did very well and

made it to the quarter final, losing in the last minute of their match.

We had forty-five more entrants in Art than last year and we had one entry, Alexandra Irwan, who went on to represent Meath in Athlone. Unfortunately she did not get a medal but well done Alex.

The Chess team did very well, going on to the Meath semi-final.

The soccer U12 boys made it to the Leinster Quarter final and were knocked out by old rivals, Longford.

Indoor Soccer took place in Gormanstown College. U15 were knocked out in a blitz. The U13 team went to the Meath final versus Summerhill and were beaten on a penalty shootout.

Our Futsal team got through to the Leinster semi-final in Carlow.

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Track and Field Events

We had our Track and Field Athletics event on the 12th May. We were very lucky with the weather - a lovely dry evening. It started at 6.00pm and we had a great turnout. Events were from U6 to U16 and the medal winners who progressed to the County Finals in Cushinstown were as follows:

GIRLS:

Roisin O'Dowd, Amy O'Regan, Amy O'Dowd, Sinéad Kearns, Eabha McLoughlin, Milly Wilkinson, Emma Tobin, Caitlin Collins, Kira Rathbourne, Tara Leonard, Sophie Finnegan, Ava Swan, Eimear O'Brien, Elizabeth Moreland, Saoirse O'Regan, Cody Swan, Ashling Kellegher, Ann Cowan, Megan O'Brien, Catriona Keoghan, Niamh O'Brien, Róisín Fitzpatrick, Natasha Dowling, Laura Brady and Rachel Irwin.

BOYS: Cian Flanagan, John Finnerty, Cillian Cahill, Shane Smyth, Niall Finnerty, Carl Schneider, Evan O'Brien, Craig Nolan, Ciaran Kearns, Padraig Finnerty, Colm Doherty, David Hawes, Sean Byrne, Liam Gill, Paddy Carpenter, Jason Reddy, Eoin Smyth, James Finnerty, Philip Weldon, Darren Fox, Cormac O'Dowd, Paddy Doherty, Sean Cassidy, John Morley, Donal Kearns, Jason Fox and Declan Moreland.

Thanks to all who helped out on the evening to make it such a success. Our qualifiers went on to the County Finals in Cushinstown on the 6th June which turned out to be the wettest day of the Summer. We would like to thank all those who turned out to represent Skryne/Rathfeigh that day as it was an endurance test from start to finish.

MEDAL WINNERS

U6: Cian Flanagan - (2nd place - 60 mtrs)

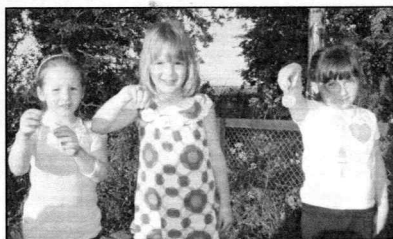
U8: Shane Smyth - (2nd place - 80 mtrs)

U12: Eoin Smyth - (2nd place - 600 mtrs)

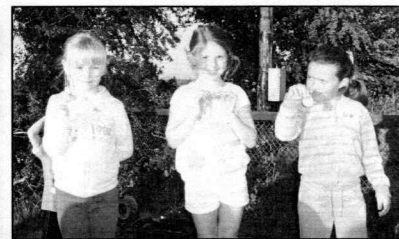
U13: Rachel Irwin - (1st place - Walk)

U14: Niamh O'Brien - (2nd place - Long Jump)

Congratulations to each and every one of you and good luck to Rachel in the National Finals in Athlone on 25/26 August.



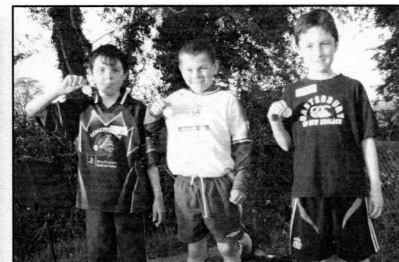
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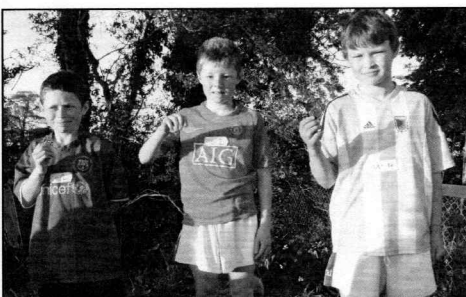
U8 Girls 80m Winners
Milly Wilkinson, Eabha McLoughlin and Emma Tobin



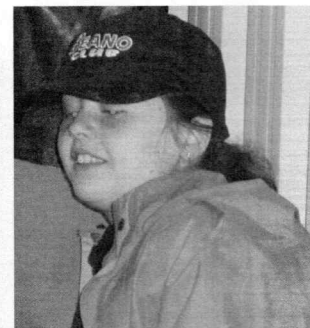
U10 Girls 100m Winners
Tara Leonard, Kira Rathbourne and Sophie Finnegan



U10 Boys 100m Winners
Sean Byrne, Padraig Finnerty and David Hawes



U12 Boys 100m Winners
Eoin Smyth, Jason Reddy and Philip Weldon



Rachel Irwin who won Gold in U13 Walk and will represent Meath in the National Finals in Athlone



Niamh O'Brien winning Silver in Long Jump in Meath Track and Field Community Games



U10 Gaelic Football Community Games team

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Futsal

MEATH (Skryne/Rathfeigh) v. DUBLIN (Finglas)

Skryne 1 - 5 Finglas

Skryne went to Carlow with high hopes of winning a first Leinster but alas it was a bridge too far for this year. They were unlucky to draw a Dublin side who had won the Millennium Cup and got to the last four in the Spire Cup. Finglas went on later in the day to beat Wexford 3-1 in the Leinster Final and will go as hot favourites to Athlone for the All Ireland in Mid August. Dublin started briskly and forged ahead with two quick goals. Skryne opted for a "time-out" and were repaid with two further goals before the break to leave it 0-4 at half time.

Skryne tightened things up in the second half and created a lot of chances and were rewarded when John Morley was sent straight through one on one with the keeper and he calmly strolled the ball wide of the keeper to score. Barry Clarke, captain of the side, had a busy day at the office in central defence, while midfielders Morley, Aidan Gill and Paddy Doherty fought valiantly and Jason Fox up front battled bravely to unhinge a brilliant defence. Goalkeeper Fiachra Finnegan thought he was in front of a firing squad all afternoon and brought off many sublime saves.

MEATH (Skryne/Rathfeigh) v. LONGFORD (Ballinalee, Clonbroney)

Meath 3 - Longford 2

The Skryne U13 Futsal (indoor soccer - outdoor rules) team representing Meath defeated a gallant Longford side in Gormanstown College Sports Complex on Friday evening last in the Community Games Leinster Quarter Final. After 5 minutes Longford went 1-0 up from a 10m free but John Morley equalised just before the break (to leave it 1-1 at half time). The second half opened positively for Skryne when Paddy Doherty slotted home to put the Meath side in the lead. Longford called for a 'time out' and then equalised with the next passage of play. There were now only 4 minutes left and the game ebbed from side to side until John Morley grabbed the parried rebound and stuck it in the net. The Tara lads now march on to the Leinster Semi Final in Carlow on July 11th. Team manager Val Finegan is enlisting a sports coach to fine tune his teams preparations. Barry Clarke, captain of the team was outstanding in defence and John Morley and Paddy Doherty were magnificent in midfield. Aidan Gill and Jason Fox in the forwards prised open the Longford defence to create the chances. Fiachra Finegan was reliable as a rock in goal.

Soccer

MEATH v LONGFORD (Skryne) (Longford Town)

Meath 0 - Longford 4

The Skryne U12 soccer team representing Meath were defeated by a vastly more experienced Longford side at Ross Cross, Tara on Sunday last in the Community Games Leinster Quarter Final. Longford scored from a sweetly struck 30 yarder by Martinez to take the lead after 15 minutes on a balmy day. Longford snapped up a second 5 minutes later and made it 3-0 when they hit the roof of the net just before half time. Any notion of a comeback was dispelled after 5 minutes into the 2nd half when the Longford striker found space and slotted home. The Tara lads valiantly tried to break down a robust and cohesive defence and their star goalkeeper/ captain Dylan McGooley was simply unbeatable. It was a bridge too far for the Tara side who came up against a very talented team who qualified for the last 32 in the FAI Menton Cup and who competed in the San Sebastian Mini World Cup at Real Sociedad in Spain last year.

Cross Country



*Elizabeth Moreland and Eimear O'Brien
at the Cross Country National Finals*

We had a great turn out for the CG Cross Country Trials in Oldcastle on the 1st of February this year. It was a very cold day and conditions were tough but our athletes ran very well and we had a number of Meath County medals to our credit.

In the U8 boys race, Shane Smyth ran a fabulous race coming in first place with Niall Finnerty also making the medals. In the U10, Padraig Finnerty came in third place. We had three boys qualifying in the U12 with Eoin Symth coming second, James Finnerty coming fourth and Jason Reddy coming sixth place, followed by Cormac O'Dowd and Frank Carty.

Our girls also did us proud with Elizabeth Morland leading the pack and coming in first place in the U12 and Eimear O'Brien hot on her heels and being placed third. Megan O'Brien did not disappoint us with a brilliant race coming in second place in the U14.

Donal Kearns and Sean Kearns had a tough race in the U14 Boys but finished very well. Altogether six athletes qualified for the National Finals in Athlone in May. We would like to thank everyone who made the journey to Oldcastle because it was an icy morning and not for the faint-hearted.

The National Finals were held in Athlone on the 24th of May. The weather conditions were unreal - it rained heavily all day and all of our athletes ran well but the competition was immense. Our U12 girls - Elizabeth and Eimear qualified for the finals on the 25th and came a very impressive fifth place.

Chess



U/16 Chess Team

We had two teams competing in the Community Games Chess. The U/12 team lost to Cushinstown in a semi-final and the U/16 lost to Duleek in a quarter-final. Both tournaments were close.

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GAA House Draw

The Finance committee of Skryne GFC gathered in Swans, Skryne, on 5th June 2009, to review the final outcome of the House Draw 2009. I was delighted to present the assembled members with a Final Statement, outlining a full report on Income & Expenditure. The bottom line indicated a net profit for the Club of €209,088.13, a brilliant achievement in the current difficult environment, and the result of a huge effort on behalf of Committee Members, Sellers and of course all those who supported the Club by digging deep in their pockets.

It's the Clubs intention to proceed to set up a Building Committee to manage these monies and move on to implement the plan for the proposed developments at Skryne Club.

I hope that the new Committee will take the opportunity to review in detail what's being proposed, in the light of the current economic climate, and I would urge that the following points are carefully included for consideration:

- (a) I would suggest that all Draw Monies should first be lodged in a separate account, to be in the control of the new Committee, attracting the best possible Interest Rate, and of course, these monies should only be used for the purposes for which they were collected.
- (b) I understand that the Club will be seeking Leader Funding towards the project, which will also be added in due course to the Draw Funds.
- (c) Let's hope that it won't be necessary to resort to any borrowing towards the project, or if it becomes necessary to do so, that such borrowings are kept to an absolute minimum, to avoid the burden of debt on the Club.
- (d) I would suggest that the building project should be carefully reviewed by the Committee, and tailored if necessary, to ensure that it meets only the genuine needs of the Club and that those needs, when agreed should be put out to tender, not only in the parish, but more widely. All replies to tenders to be considered in detail by the Committee before a final choice is agreed and before any money is spent.
- (e) It would be good if the Committee furnished a progress report on a regular basis, via the RST, to keep us all up-to-date on project development.

I wish the Building Committee and the Club every success in this undertaking, and hope that everyone in the Parish will see and share in its completion in the not too distant future.

Kieran O'Flynn

Finance Committee - Skryne House Draw 2009

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In Memoriam

Margo Lynch, nee McLoughlin was born in Lagore, Ratoath in 1940. In 1963, two years after marrying Kevin, she moved to Bellew, Rathfeigh. She settled very quickly into our community and enjoyed her work and rearing her two children, Pauline and Peter.

Margo loved the outdoor life and especially her daily walk accompanied by her little dog. She loved bingo, cards and earlier in her life was interested in horse racing which was no surprise as two of her brothers, Liam and Peter were jockeys

Everything Margo did was done with a heart and a half. In 1997 she became Sacristan in Rathfeigh and she treated the Church as her second home. She put in a lot of hours keeping it clean and fresh.

The very large crowd at her funeral mass on Friday July 24th was testament to her popularity among us. We have lost a real role model, may God reward Margo for all her love to us in her 69 years.

Margo is sadly missed by her husband, Kevin; daughter, Pauline; Son, Peter; brothers Liam, Michael and Peter; sister, Betty; grandchildren, Thomas, Sinead, Matthew, Mollie and Katie and by all her neighbours and friends.

NEW PLAYSCHOOL

Opening at Macetown, Tara in September 2009. For information contact Carmel McConnell at 087 9936629.

THANK YOU

Dearbhal Hogan would like to thank all those who supported her recent tea day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Your generosity raised €1313.65 for their great work.

LITTLE STEPS...

Pre School opening September, 2009 at Greenpark, Dunshaughlin. Contact Emily Armstrong at (087)9223182. Limited availability

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All articles etc. to be submitted before

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