



### SKRYNE UNDER 14 GIRLS WIN SHIELD FINAL

After a hard fought battle and exceptional performances from the entire team Skryne under 14 girls overcame Summerhill by 5-6 to 3-8 to win the Shield Final on Thursday evening at Walterstown GFC. This was a great evening for Skryne ladies football. Thanks to all the coaches, mentors, parents and supporters.

### Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Annual Tractor/Lorry Run

The Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Annual Tractor/Lorry Run takes place on Sunday 18th July. Vehicles will start at Skryne GAA grounds at 1.30pm and will travel through Dunshauglin, Dunboyne, Clonee, Ratoath and finish at Fox's Skryne for a fun evening with live music by Matt Leavy. Last year saw a variety of vehicles big and small participate raising a total of €6,000 towards training the Guide Dogs. It costs over €38,000 to breed, train and support a guide dog partnership. Which one of us could put price like that on our vision. Irish Guide dogs receive approx 85% of there income through donations and fundraising by a network of almost 100 voluntary fundraising branches around Ireland. It will cost over 4 million to run the organisation for 2010.

Star attractions on the day will be a parade of Gold Wing bikes. Tom and Breege O'Neill together with their guide dogs Sarge and Unice will also attend the Tractor Run.

Declan and Irma invite everyone who participates in this fundraising back to Fox's for a BBQ and music to party the night away. They will also have a prize up for grabs for the best turned out/most imaginative entry.

For further information or to get a sponsorship card contact Davy on 087 9397781 or Eoghan on 086 3109480.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in last years run and hope to improve this year.

## BLOTTO RESULTS

**13th June: Numbers drawn 24 - 27 - 28 - 20**

Jackpot not won €40 each to:  
Breda Lenehan, Fiona Conway,  
Pauline McKee, Sheila Finnerty,

**6th June: Numbers drawn 3 - 18 - 2 - 15**

Jackpot not won €40 each to:  
D and M Creavin, Dermot Carty,  
Cathal Swan, Niamh Leahy

**30th May: Numbers drawn 15 - 7 - 8 - 18**

Jackpot not won €40 each to:  
Trish Martin, Shane Smyth,  
Johnny Gilsenan, S O'Grady

**23rd May: Numbers drawn 12 - 8 - 5 - 25**

Jackpot not won €40 each to:  
Lara Fox, Kieran and Eileen O'Brien,  
Caffrey Family, Dermot Carty

**Next week's jackpot: €4,500**

*Thank you for your support*

## Condolences

Sympathy is extended to the families of the following who have had recent bereavements:

Liam Tolan, Macetown; Ethienne Verhulst, Lismullen; Oliver Kiernan, Riverstown; Martin Phelan Rathfeigh on the death of his brother and Billy Icton, Tara Stud

## NOTICES

### MS IRELAND

A big thank you to all who supported our 12th Annual Garden Plant & Produce Sale held recently in Skryne hall.

### THANK YOU

Margaret Hayes wishes to express her thanks to all for their generosity at Church gate collection for Autism Ireland.

### 2010 Dawn Run

2010 Dawn Run will take place Saturday 26th of June at 4am on the Hill of Tara. All money raised will go to The Medical and Research Foundation, Crumlin's Childrens Hospital. For sponsorship cards or more details contact James Gibbons 086 0405060. Check out our page on facebook - 'The Dawn Run'

## NEXT ISSUE

**SATURDAY 10TH JULY**

*All articles etc. to be submitted before*

**Wednesday 7th July**

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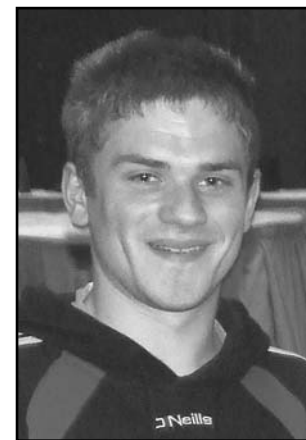
# RST Newsletter

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## LIAM TOLAN - AN APPRECIATION



Liam Tolan

The parish of Skryne was rocked by the news of the untimely death of Liam Tolan on the morning of Sunday 23rd May 2010. A rising young star, Liam, at 17 years of age, had already made a name for himself within GAA circles as an extremely talented player.

His football career started in Rathfeigh N.S. where he quickly became a star and won a Primary Schools Final at a very young age. From Rathfeigh Liam went to Ashbourne Community School and made an immediate impact there in all sports activities. On the football field he was rewarded with

his place on the school team and eventually on the Meath VEC county team. Between school and county, Liam has five Leinster medals - not bad for a 17 year old student. He was named 'player of the year' in Ashbourne Community School for 2010.

As a member of the Skryne club, Liam played in all under age grades and in 2004 he played in the Under 12, 13 and 14 Finals winning the Under 12 Division 3 Championship and the Under 14 League. He was on the losing side in the Under 13 Final and also the Under 14 Championship Final. Therefore, Liam as a 12 year old played in four finals, winning two and losing two in the same year and helped Skryne to their first U-16 division 1 championship in 33 years in 2007, where he was top scorer with 1-5. Liam had also represented Skryne on the Meath Minor panel for the past two years. These were just a few of the vast amount of honours Liam had amassed in his all too short football career. A minute silence was held in his honour before the opening Senior Leinster Football Championship clash between Meath and Offaly in Portlaoise, where stunned supporters heard the



Liam in action for Meath VEC

news of the tragic death of Liam, only hours after he had represented Meath Minor Footballers in their championship game, also against Offaly, the previous evening, in Pairc Tailteann.

All Skryne GFC activities were cancelled as a mark of respect until after the funeral. The esteem in which Liam was held can be gauged by the massive number of people from all over Meath and indeed further afield, who called to the Tolan family household before the funeral and attended church and graveyard on the day. The president of the GAA Mr. Christy Cooney arrived at Liam's house to offer his condolences to the family.

For years to come in the parish of Skryne and further afield, the name Liam Tolan will always pop up in conversation as one of the greatest young talents who never got the opportunity to reach his potential, he will always be remembered.

Once again we offer sincere sympathy to Liam's mother Theresa, father Alfie and brother Peter.

Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís, ar dheis Dé go raibh a anim.

Skryne GFC

## SKRYNE GAA

Don't forget our Golf Classic in Black Bush Golf Club on Friday 2nd July. Team of four: €400 and hole sponsorship €100. Contact any committee member.

## Update on the Meath Field Names Project

The Meath Field Names Project has started in the RST area. We have a number of volunteers in the Rathfeigh zone working in the townlands of Loughanstown, Bellew, Edoxtown, Macetown, Jealoustown (better known as Greenpark), and The Riggins. The work is enjoyable and particularly sociable. The interest in the local history of the the parish is amazing and we are fortunate to have such a rich heritage. Landowners love to talk about their fields, they appreciate very much that the "old" names are being recorded and in some cases they have christened fields that were nameless. We would like to thank the people we have visited so far for their co-operation and support as without your help it could not be done.

There are about 30 townlands in the Skryne grid, each one unique. These townlands vary in shapes and sizes and in the number of fields they contain. We have estimated that there are over 2,500 fields in our grid. The "harvest" is therefore great and we are inviting more volunteers to come on board, particularly in the Skryne side of the parish. If you think you can help, don't hesitate to contact either Joan Gallagher at 041 9825165, (gallagherjoan1@eircom.net), or myself, Maurice Daly at 01 8256225 (mauricedaly29@eircom.net).

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# Skryne GFC

## Skryne U16's win Bobby Pentony Tournament In Style

*Skryne 5-11; Duleek 5-8  
Date & Venue: 4/6/2010 in Duleek*



Skryne's u16's won the Bobby Pentony Tournament against Duleek on Friday night in an amazing game of football where they came from eight points down to stage a dramatic second half comeback to lift the trophy.

The tournament was an invitational tournament for a number of local teams organised by Duleek GFC to remember a young Duleek player Bobby Pentony who had died 20 years ago at age 15, and a minute's silence was observed at the start of the game as a mark of respect to both Bobby Pentony and Skryne's Liam Tolan.

Right from the start Skryne were in trouble as a shot that looked to be sailing harmlessly wide caught the inside of the upright in the top corner to give Skryne's goalkeeper Luke Quinlan no chance.

Skryne lead by Tony Kennedy and Harry Rooney battled to win possession and with Donie Ryan and Niall Lenehan getting control of their areas Skryne started to put together a number of useful attacks that lead to a few memorable scores including a point from Steven Rathborne and Neil's Burke quick reaction to ensure his penalty rebound from the goalkeeper ended up in the back of the net to keep Skryne in touch.

At half time Duleek lead by 6 points but you

felt that Skryne were still in the game as they had missed a number of scoring opportunities and Luke Quinlan was unlucky in goals as he had brilliantly saved a goal bound shot at full stretch under the crossbar only to see an in rushing forward react quickest to knock the ball into the net.

Skryne went further behind shortly after the restart when David O'Brien who was the Skryne goalkeeper for the second half made a great catch but was blocked down in attempting to clear the ball as the alert Duleek forwards pounced to ensure the ball ended up in the net.

Turning point of the game came a few minutes later when David pulled off the save of the game as a Duleek forward through on goals saw what would have been the match winner brilliantly saved by the Skryne keeper who then bravely dived on the rebound at the feet of the in rushing forward to secure possession for Skryne.

The save lifted the whole team and bodies were put on the line all over the pitch as the backs Padraic Murphy, Donie Ryan, Emmet Jordan, David Byrne, Garreth O'Brien and Cian Lynch suddenly tightened up on their men and mid field started to get on the ball and feed it into the mobile forward line.

Skryne players were now first to every ball or contesting strongly every breaking ball.

Players like Harry Rooney, Tony Kennedy, Conor Whelan and Niall Lenehan grew in stature as the game progressed as they started to dominate the mid field area.

Up front the forward line of Steven Rathbourne, Stephen O'Brien, Josh Finnegan, Conor O'Brien, Neil Burke were dragging their Duleek markers all over the place, creating spaces and taking the opportunities that came their way.

Goals were coming from all quarters with superb goal strikes from Conor O'Brien, Stephen Rathborne, Conor Whelan, Tony Kennedy, one better than the next. As each goal went in the supporters began to get behind the team as they witnessed one of the best comebacks by a Skryne underage team. When Skryne's u16 joint captains Oisín Coyle and Niall Lenihan lifted the Bobby Pentony cup the whole u16 Squad & mentors experienced that special feeling that comes

with winning a final in a team sport. Mentors Mick O'Dowd and Shane O'Brien were understandably thrilled with the manner of their team's victory and the effort put in by the whole squad.

Niall Lenehan in his captain's speech paid tribute to the Duleek GFC for a great tournament and the Duleek u16 team for their part in what was a great final. He thanked mentors Mick O'Dowd and Shane O'Brien for the work they had put in and dedicated the win to Liam Tolan a player that some of the U16 squad had the privilege to play with in recent years.

The smiles on the faces of proud parents and Skryne supporters showed how special this win was.

Mick Whelan, Johnny Burke, Pat Quinlan, and Ciaran O'Brien (also proud parents) who had coached these players at younger age groups were on hand and delighted to see the squad come of age.

Photos from game now up on Skryne GFC website [www.skrynegaa.com](http://www.skrynegaa.com)

## Skryne U12 Team are League Division 1 Champions

*Skryne 2-8; Donaghmore/Ashbourne 1-10  
Date & Venue: 11/06/2010 in Pairc Tailteann*



The supporters were on their feet encouraging their respective teams at the end of a thrilling u12 division 1 final between Donaghmore/Ashbourne and Skryne last Friday night.

The sides had met earlier in the league stages and Donaghmore/Ashbourne had won that encounter but Skryne knew that they were capable of overturning that result.

As the referee blew the final whistle the cheer that went up from the large Skryne contingent was heard back in Skryne as their team won one of the best underage finals held in Pairc Tailteann by a single point.

Skryne signaled their intent right from the beginning when Darren Fox ran right through the heart of the Donaghmore/ Ashbourne

## Skryne U12 Team Cont/d...



defence and blasted the ball past the keeper into the net.

That goal cushion was to prove crucial in a close game that was end to end pure entertainment and allowed Skryne lead by 1-4 to 0-6 at half time. Skryne could have been further in front at half time and were unlucky not to have a second goal when Jason Reddy saw his brilliant goal bound effort hit the upright and stay out.

When Darren Fox went through for his second goal the roar that went up nearly lifted the roof off Pairc Tailteann.

When ace free taker, Jason Reddy pushed Skryne into the lead by a single point the game was set up for a tense few minutes until the final whistle.

Skryne points were all as a result of the excellent movement from the Skryne forwards Paddy Carpenter, David Carroll, Colm McLoughlin and Frank Carty which made space for Skryne's sharp shooters on the night Darren Fox (2-1), Jason Reddy (0-6) and Elizabeth Morland (0-1) who was causing the Donaghmore/Ashbourne backs all kinds of trouble every time she got on the ball but who also scored a magnificent point from play.

Michael Doherty had a superb game at full back fielding everything that was dropped into the square. Colm Craige and Andrew Moore and half backs Robbie Clarke, James Finnerty and Daniel Fitzpatrick were tightly marking their men and fighting for every ball. Fiachra Finnegan was rock solid in goals and his clever kick outs to free Skryne half backs and midfield helped to launch Skryne attacks.

Skryne's midfielder Eoin Smyth seemed to be

everywhere, constantly on the ball twisting and turning and setting up attack after attack. His equally hard working midfield partner, Dean Reddy contested every ball and kick-out winning more than his fair share.

Mentors James Reddy, Declan Smyth, David Reddy, Johnny Quinn must take great credit for the work they have put in with this young squad over the last couple of years. They have trained and worked with these players developing their skills and team work.

Anyone who has watched this side through the league campaign will have noticed the improvement in skill levels of all the U12 squad and be impressed with the way they have played as a team to deservedly win the league title.

The whole Skryne U12 squad were togged out and experienced the atmosphere of the build up to a final, running out and playing in Pairc Tailteann in front of a large crowd and to come back from Pairc Tailteann to a party in Skryne school as winners is a memory they will cherish.

Well done to the Skryne U12 team and mentors from all in Skryne GFC. Winning any final is special but to win the Division 1 title in Meath in any age group is an incredible achievement. (Photos from the final are now up on the Skryne GFC website [www.skrynegaa.com](http://www.skrynegaa.com))

Skryne U12 Team (as listed in match programme): F Finnegan, C Craige, M Doherty, A Moore, R Clarke, J Finnerty, D Fitzpatrick, E Smyth, D Reddy, P Carpenter, D Fox, E Morland, D Carroll, J Reddy, C McLoughlin, L Carolan, F Carty, J Thorpe, L Thorpe, M Swan, C Twomney, J Cunningham Murphy, C O'Dowd.

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The classes are starting on the 17th May on the Hill of Tara. Classes will be every **Mon 8pm** and **Wed 8.30pm**. Classes are open to all fitness levels and are taught by a fully qualified health and fitness professional. Exercises will focus on getting fit, improving energy levels and toning up the body.

**Classes are an hour long and cost €8.**

**To book please call Catherine 087 2883729**

*Women's outdoor bootcamp is also on every Mon 7pm and Wed at 7.30pm*

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**Cemetery Devotions will take place in Skryne on Sunday 11th July at 11am**



# THE SKRYNE AND RATHFEIGH M3 PARISH WALK

The Skryne and Rathfeigh Parish Walk was held on the M3 Motorway on Sat 22nd May 2010.

The fund raiser was in aid of Skryne GFC Underage / Skryne GFC ladies / Rathfeigh N.S. & Skryne N.S.

On a beautiful sunny afternoon 300-400 people turned out to take part in this unique parish event where all the family members got involved and took the opportunity to walk on the Motorway before it was officially opened.

Refreshments on the day were provided to the thirsty walkers and entertainment was provided by C&C DJs.

Photos from the walk are up on the Skryne GFC website [www.skrynegaa.com](http://www.skrynegaa.com). A number of people brought their cameras to record the event so if you have photos taken on the please email them to [news@skrynegaa.com](mailto:news@skrynegaa.com) and we will add them to the photo page.

Skryne GFC would like to take the opportunity to thank the NRA, the organising committee, the stewards and helpers on the day and the large crowd that turned up and sponsored this event.



*Road Runners*



*They're off!*



*Dermot Carty getting the crowd organised*



*Killinaskully Walking Group*



**SKRYNE RATHFEIGH COMMUNITY GAMES  
U12 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM WHO WON A  
SILVER MEDAL IN THE MEATH FINAL  
LOSING AGAINST SUMMERHILL.**

*BACK ROW: Left to Right - Emma Powderly, Mairead Canavan, Tara Leonard, Jade Halpin, Suzy O'Rourke, Sophie Finegan, Evie Murphy. FRONT ROW: Left to Right - Aimee Devins, Ava Swan, Heather Monaghan, Niamh Fox, Emma McLoughlin, Molly O'Connor*



*Kathleen Carty with Frank and Effie*