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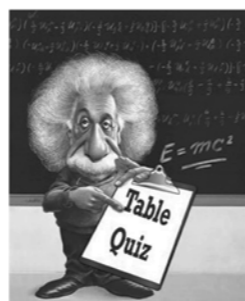
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Skryne/Rathfeigh Community Games

Community Games in Skryne/Rathfeigh has experienced a resurgence in popularity in 2014 with much success achieved and even more importantly record participation levels in the following: Gaelic, football, Soccer, Futsal, Athletics and for the first time in recent years - Quiz, Art and Choir competitions. Thanks to you the parishioners and particularly Father Thomas, for your continued support in providing opportunities for children to experience a wide range of sporting and cultural activities at parish, county and national levels.

The sun shone on Thursday 6th May at Tara Sports Grounds, Ross Cross for an enjoyable and well organised event, courtesy of a fantastic team of volunteers from the parish, including parents of athletes and many mentors from Tara and Cushinstown Athletic Clubs. Thanks to Skryne/Rathfeigh AFC for having the infield area in great shape. 145 local children participated in both track and field events with the finalists going on to represent our parishes in the Meath Community Games finals at Cushinstown on the 14th of June.

Results Skryne/Rathfeigh Community games - Tara Track 2014

Girls U6:

60M 1st Katie Clarke, 2nd Isabella Metarg, 3rd Rachel O'Dowd
80M 1st Katie Clarke, 2nd Rachel O'Dowd, 3rd Isabella Metarg

Boys U6:

60M 1st Sean Smith, 2nd Adam Fay, 3rd Patrick Purcell
80M 1st Sean Smith, 2nd Adam Fay, 3rd Patrick Purcell

Girls U8:

60M 1st Caoimhe Giles, 2nd Aine Keogh, 3rd Freya Wilkinson
80M 1st Caoimhe Giles, 2nd Aine Keogh, 3rd Freya Wilkinson

Boys U8:

60M 1st Sean Smith, 2nd Adam Fay, 3rd Patrick Purcell
80M 1st Sean Smith, 2nd Adam Fay, 3rd Patrick Purcell

Girls U10:

100M 1st Ava Purcell, 2nd Niamh Cahill, 3rd Roisin McManus
200M 1st Ava Purcell, 2nd Roisin McManus, 3rd Ciara Smyth
Hurdles 1st Ava Purcell, 2nd Ciara Smyth, 3rd Megan Clarke

Boys U10:

100M 1st Andrew Nolan, 2nd James Reeves, 3rd Mark Swan

200M 1st Andrew Nolan, 2nd Mark Swan, 3rd Shane O'Connor
Hurdles 1st James Reeves, 2nd Andrew Nolan, 3rd Louis Morris

Girls U12:

100M 1st Morgan Swan, 2nd Amy O'Dowd, 3rd Ellie Murphy
Long Jump 1st Morgan Swan, 2nd Amy O'Dowd, 3rd Caragh Conway
Ball Throw 1st Amy O'Dowd, 2nd Morgan Swan, 3rd Naoise Canavan

Boys U12:

100M 1st Oisín Keogh, 2nd Killian Cahill, 3rd John Finnerty
600M 1st Jack Swan, 2nd Oisín Keogh, 3rd Nathan Chawke
Long Jump 1st Oisín Keogh, 2nd Jack Swan, 3rd John O'Reagan
Ball Throw 1st Oisín Keogh, 2nd John Finnerty, 3rd Nathan Chawke
Long Puck 1st Billy Reilly, 2nd Andrew Canavan, 3rd Killian Cahill

Girls U14:

100M 1st Caitlin Collins, 2nd Gwendoline Carpenter, 3rd Millie Wilkinson
800M 1st Caitlin Collins, 2nd Gwendoline Carpenter, 3rd Hannah Dardis
Long Jump 1st Caitlin Collins, 2nd Gwendoline Carpenter, 3rd Hannah Dardis

Long Puck 1st Hannah Dardis, 2nd Morgan Swan, 3rd Naoise Canavan
Shot Putt 1st Hannah Dardis, 2nd Caitlin Collins, 3rd Katie Manning
900M Walk 1st Caitlin Collins, 2nd Amy O'Dowd

Boys U14:

100M 1st Conor Powderly, 2nd Niall Finnerty, 3rd Leon Morris
800M 1st Shane Smyth, 2nd John Finnerty, 3rd Jack Dardis
Long Jump 1st Conor Powderly, 2nd Jack Swan, 3rd John O'Reagan
900M Walk 1st Niall Finnerty, 2nd Killian Cahill 3rd Eoghan Conway
Hurdles 1st Niall Finnerty, 2nd Shane Smyth 3rd Conor Powderly
Shot Putt 1st Conor Powderly, 2nd Eoghan Conway, 3rd Gary Browne

Boys U16:

100M 1st Sean Byrne, 2nd David Hawes, 3rd Ciaran Kearns
1500M 1st Jarlath Jordan, 2nd David Hawes, 3rd Sean Byrne
High Jump 1st Sean Byrne, 2nd Ciaran Kearns, 3rd David Hawes
Javelin 1st Sean Byrne, 2nd Conor Powderly, 3rd Ciaran Kearns

This issue is sponsored by **SKRYNE/RATHFEIGH COMMUNITY GAMES**

National Community Games finals Athlone IT 23rd - 24th August 2014

All of those finishing first in Cushinstown qualified for the National finals against a representative from each of the 32 Counties and the standard of competition was extremely high. Our athletes acquitted themselves admirably with Killian Cahill in the Boys under 12 100m putting in a storming performance with his sister Niamh reaching the final of her 100m and finishing a remarkable 5th place. Ava Purcell, showed great versatility and stamina in competing in both the 200m, where she reached the semi-final as well as the relay and on the same weekend was a vital part of the victorious girls soccer team, who earned a gold medal. The under 10 mixed relay (pictured right) of James Reeves, Andrew Nolan, Ava Purcell and Niamh Cahill showed huge character and commitment in getting through the heats and semi final stages and finished just outside the medals in the final. This hardworking team is one to watch in the future! The final plaudits go to our sole medal winner in Athletics, Conor Powderly, in the Boys under 14 Long Jump, who earned a national bronze medal in style by smashing his previous personal best performance with a leap of 4.83 metres. It is worth noting that this was done with his 6th and last jump! Well done Conor on this amazing championship performance.

Art report



A very successful Art Competition took place in Skryne School Hall in April which was well attended by pupils from both schools. About 40 children participated and the Art was a very high standard. With 15 qualifying for the Meath Competition in Dunshaughlin, well done to all who represented our parish - Darragh O'Dowd (Pictured above) took first place and went on to represent Meath Community Games in the National Finals in Athlone. Well done Darragh! Special thanks for their help to Helena Cousins and Helen Pettigrew for reviving this event and to Shera Conway for volunteering these creative ladies!!

**SKRYNE GFC SENIORS PLAY NAVAN O'MAHONYS
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Cross Country

The Meath Cross Country event was held at St. Bridget's, Ballinacree. in March. Congratulations to all our participants on their great performances.

Gaelic

The Blitz's this year were held in Trim and thanks to our teams for their participation and especially our coaches - U12 Gaelic Girls - Raymond Smith and Brenda Govern. U10 Gaelic mixed - Pat Hawes and Cormac Grendon.

Results Meath Community Games finals - Cushinstown:

30 boys and 29 girls qualified for the county finals and the team produced some great performances with 20 of our athletes earning medals as follows:

Boys	U6 60 metres	4th	Sean Smyth
Boys	U10 Hurdles	2nd	James Reeves
Boys	U12 100 metres	1st	Cillian Cahill
Boys	U12 100 metres	2nd	Oisin Keogh
Boys	U14 800 metres	4th	Shane Smyth
Boys	U16 1500 metres	3rd	Jarlath Jordan
Boys	U14 Long Jump	1st	Conor Powderly
Boys	U14 Shot Putt	4th	Gary Browne
Boys	U16 High Jump	2nd	Sean Byrne
Boys	U16 High Jump	3rd	Ciaran Kearns
	U10 Mixed Relay	1st	Skryne/Rathfeigh
Boys	U14 Relay	4th	Skryne/Rathfeigh
Boys	U16 Relay	3rd	Skryne/Rathfeigh
Girls	U8 80 Metres	2nd	Caoimhe Giles
Girls	U10 Hurdles	2nd	Ciara smith
Girls	U10 100 metres	1st	Niamh Cahill
Girls	U 10 200 metres	1st	Ava Purcell
Girls	U12 Long Jump	2nd	Morgan Swan

Snippets:

Conor Corry's victorious u13 boys team won both the Meath indoor & futsal titles.

Desmond Manning's u13 girls team won the Meath indoor soccer title in Trim and competed in the futsal in Gormanston.

Peter McLoughlin & Declan Lennon's u12 boys team competed in the Meath qualifiers.

Cormac Grendon's u10 boys competed in the Meath qualifiers.



High Kings Cycle Skryne GFC are holding their 3rd Annual 'High Kings Cycle' on Saturday 27th September, starting at 9.00 am from Skryne Pitch. 100km, 50 km and 30 km route options are available offering a challenge to the experienced cyclist and the beginners alike. The 100 km route is similar to last year and takes in Duleek, Newgrange, Hill of Tara (mid -point stop), Hill of the Rock and Skryne Hill. The 50 km and 30 km routes are also centred on Hill of Tara where mid-point refreshments will be provided as in previous years by Michael Maguire.

The event concludes with a BBQ for all the Participants back at the Clubhouse. Please support and encourage any of your Lycra loving friends to come along.

Full Details and booking options are available on www.skrynegfc.ie

Pictured at the Launch are : (L to R) Pat Mc Govern, Paddy Fox, David McGoldrick, Paddy O'Rourke. Trevor Giles, Harry Rooney, Gordon Geraghty and Ciaran Lenihan

Special Olympics Ireland



Pictured with her Gold Medal won at Special Olympics Ireland when she represented Leinster playing golf in Limerick last June is Rose O'Reilly, Colliertown. Rose now has the honour of representing her country at the World Olympics to be held in Los Angeles next July.

Rose, you take with you congratulations and best wishes from all the readers of RST. We are very proud of you.



Also Pictured is Philip McCormack who won silver at the Special Olympics Ireland games in Limerick. Well done Philip and congratulations from all the readers of RST.



Locals who took part in the Meath Heritage Cycle. From L-R: Declan Sheridan, Mick Smith, John Wall and Paul Copeland at the Meath Heritage Tour 50k Cycle at Trim Castle

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Emer Carty (Skryne) will host a **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 20th of September 2014 from 11am to 3pm in Skryne RST Community Centre, at the Skryne GAA Pitch. Entrance Fee: €5. All proceeds will go to Down Syndrome Ireland Louth/Meath Branch. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy is extended to the following:

- ♦ The Swan family on the death of Liam
- ♦ Patricia Scanlon on the death of her mother
- ♦ The McDermott family, The Riggins on the death of their mother, Anne

Division 5 B League Final

Having beaten them in an earlier round Curraha must have felt quietly confident about playing this B League Div 5 final in Páirc Tailteann. However, on the night the old Skryne tradition of playing every minute of the game, as if life itself depended on it, was the quality which won the match for the Tara men. Led by the brilliant Johnny Quinn, Skryne got into this game from the throw in and competed for every ball in every corner of the field. A brilliant mixture of youth and experience was the blend that wore the famous royal blue on the night and all those who wore those colours in the past whether they were looking down from the stand or indeed more lofty celestial positions, must surely have been impressed with the quality of the Skryne play at times. Veterans like Martin Mulvany, Johnny Quinn, Brian Smyth, Allan Carty and three goal hero Felim O'Rourke led the way in this match. They were ably assisted by an up and coming number of younger players like Sean Cassidy Niall Morley, Timmy Lennon, Cian Lynch and Paddy Doherty. In Goals Skryne had their ever reliable Adrian Doyle. The full back line of James Conroy, Vinny Reilly and David Harrington were rarely troubled on the night. James Looby at number five not only closed down his opposite number but gave him a considerable headache with his darting forward runs. Brian Byrne lorded the centre of the field until late in the second half when he was replaced by Doherty who took up where Brian left off. Curraha struggled all evening with the speed of Kevin O'Reilly at number twelve. Skryne also introduced six substitutes in this game Des McAviney replaced the injured James Conroy and played a vital part in the defence. Paddy Doherty, Cian Lynch, Paddy O'Leary, Jamie Jordan, and Shane McEnroy also played a huge part for Skryne when introduced.

Skryne took an early lead when Felim O'Rourke slotted home a penalty after Brian Smyth had been unceremoniously pulled down in the square. They were never led after this score. Curraha pulled a point back on twelve minutes but Alan Carty restored the difference a minute later. Carty then fired over another to give Skryne a four point lead with eighteen minutes gone. Curraha were not going to give in that easily and posted two points in quick succession to make it a two point game coming up to the break but Kevin O'Reilly fired over for Skryne just before the short whistle to leave the half time score at Skryne 1 – 3, Curraha 0 – 3.

The second half was only three minutes old when O'Rourke got the second of his goals after good work from Cian Lynch. Curraha pulled a point back but five points from Alan Carty (3) Cian Lynch and O'Rourke put this game well under the control of the Tara men. O'Rourke capped a fine night with a third goal to leave the score at this stage Skryne 3 – 8, Curraha 0 – 6. Curraha did get in for two late goals, one from the penalty spot but Skryne finished up stronger and four more points from Sean Cassidy, Johnny Quinn, Felim O'Rourke and Jamie Jordan ensured that Skryne would have some silverware to decorate the top table at this year's annual dinner dance.

It is difficult to single out one man for man of the match from a game like this. A total of twenty one players took the field and each gave one hundred percent. Backs defended like it was their homes which were under attack. Center field won possession that they had no right to win and supplied brilliant ball into a magnificent forward line. However, if put to it, I would have to choose Vincent O'Reilly at full back. He was magnificent; he caught everything, distributed brilliantly and let absolutely nothing by him.

Final Score Skryne 3 – 12, Curraha 2 - 8

Skryne: Adrian Doyle, James Conroy, Vinny Reilly, David Harrington, James Looby, Martin Mulvany, Timmy Lennon, Alan Carty, Brian Byrne, Niall Morley, Johnny Quinn, Kevin Reilly, Felim O'Rourke, Brian Smyth, Sean Cassidy, Subs.; Des McAviney for Conroy (25 min) Cian Lynch for Morley (H/T) Paddy Doherty for Byrne (48Min) Jamie Jordan for Kevin O'Reilly (50min), Paddy O'Leary for Harrington (52min), Shane McEnroy for Quinn (56min)

Best Hurler Comes off the Ditch...

Fair play to Skryne GFC club PRO and match reporter Joseph O'Brien or 'Coach O'Brien' as he is now known who took on the responsibility of managing Skryne's 3rd team and delivered the first piece of senior silverware to the club this year as his team won the B League Division 5 final at Páirc Tailteann last night.

This morning it was routine as normal as Joe was spotted hanging out the Jerseys.



Despite offers coming in for his services from club and county teams around the country, his agent says he would not rushing into decisions about his future before sitting down with the club committee and his family. Well done to 'Coach O'Brien' and the Skryne team on a very good performance last night.

Tuesday Club -Titanic Trip

Tues 7th October. Coach from Swans on Tuesday morning leaving at 930 sharp.

Please contact either Michael Mulvaney at 0872525586 or Dermot Carty 0868760336

Lunch is available at the Titanic and Euro will be accepted. All those interested in travelling will be asked to pay in advance as the coach has to be paid and the Titanic have to be paid in advance to avail of the group rate (Seniors €11 entrance). Once we have numbers then the final cost can be ascertained but it is expected to be in the region of €25 to €30.

Final date for booking will be Friday 25th September

Skryne Community Alert Group

Our Text Alert System is well and truly up and running successfully. If our volunteers have missed you while doing their rounds or missed you when they called back to collect your sign up form please contact Michael at 046-9026020 or Patricia at 046-9025771 and we will be happy to make arrangement to get you signed up. Alternatively forms can be picked up and returned to Mary in Tara Post Office.

Remember to report all suspicious activity to Ashbourne Garda at 01-8010600 and try to have the full registration number in the case of vehicles. Together we can make a difference and combat crime in our community.

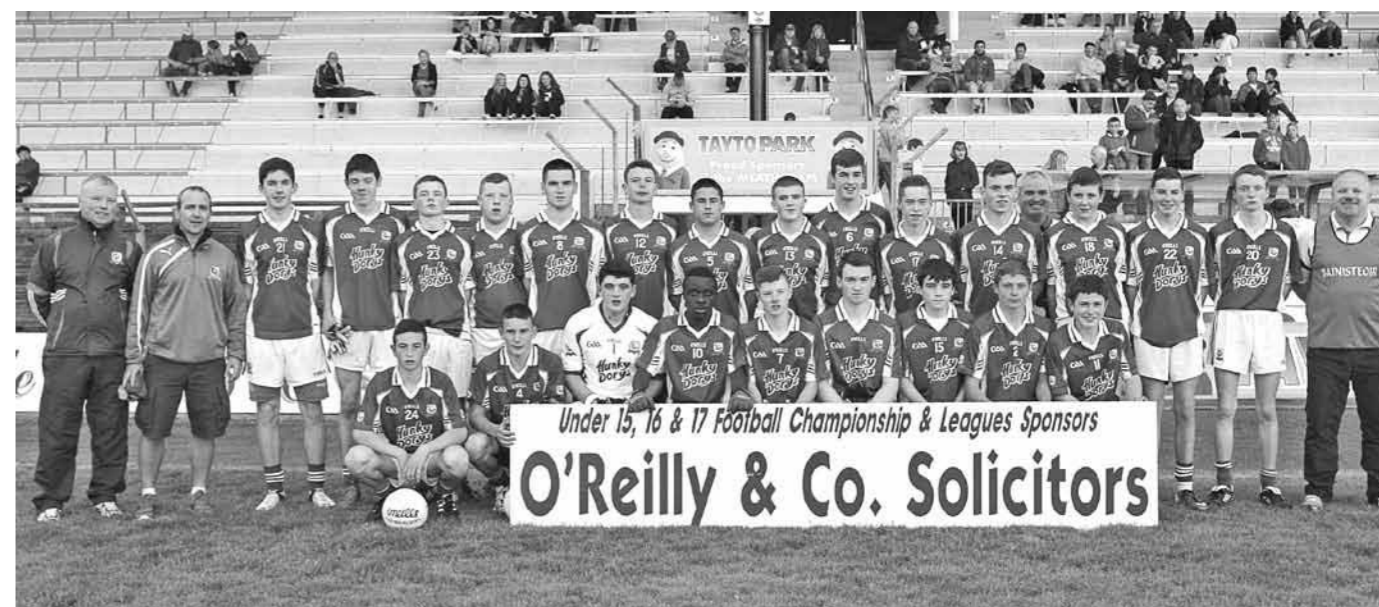
The Skryne Under 16 boys played St Colmcilles in the final of the U16 Div1 Summer League in Páirc Tailteann on Tuesday 19th August.

This was the 2nd time that these two teams met in a final in Páirc Tailteann, with last one being under 14 which Cilles won. So this was going to be a big game for Skryne. Skryne started the better of the two sides with Paddy Carpenter scoring 3 goals in the first half, Jason Reddy, Eoin Smyth and Darren Fox also added to the scores before half time. Half time scores were 3-4 to 0-5. The second half started well for Colmcilles, but with Fiachra Finnegan in goals with great support from Dean Reddy, the strong Skryne back line withheld the pressure. Paddy Carpenter and Jason Reddy put a lead of 6 points between the teams again. Luke Thorpe also put over a nice point in the closing stages. It was a great game to watch and it was well and truly a great team effort from all the Skryne lads who all played their part to secure

their second competition of the year, having previously brought home the silverware for the Spring League.

Team: Fiachra Finnegan, David Carroll, Dean Reddy, Robbie Clarke, Cian Twomey, Michael Doherty, Jason Reddy, Darren Fox, Darragh Campion, Frank Carty, Eoin Smyth, James Finnerty, Colm Doherty, Paddy Carpenter, Colm Mc Loughlin, Subs Luke Thorpe for Colm Mc Loughlin 50 mins Michael Long for Darragh Campion 55 mins.

Managers: Declan Smyth, Nicky Hamill, James Reddy, David Reddy, Declan Moore



Back: David Reddy (mentor), Nicky Hamill (mentor), Michael Long, Sean Byrne, Tommy Carpenter, Dean Reddy, Darren Fox, James Finnerty, Cian Twomey, Colm McLoughlin, Michael Doherty, Luke Thorpe, Paddy Carpenter, Declan Smyth (mentor), Andrew Moore, Shane Dowling, Jarlath Jordan, James Reddy (manager);
Front: Dylan Bissett, Robbie Clarke, Fiachra Finnegan, Frank Carty, Jason Reddy, Darragh Campion, Colm Doherty, David Carroll, Eoin Smyth. *Photo courtesy of Royal County Meath Yearbook*

Barn Dance in aid of Cancer research raises €56,650 for charity

The recent Country and Western Style Barn Dance which was held in Cushinstown A.C. Kilmoon, raised €56,600 for Cancer Research and local charities. In excess of 2000 people attended and a great night was had by all with music provided by Garth Brooks tribute band "Friends in Low Places" and DJ James William McNally. This is the 3rd Barn Dance, bringing the total amount raised to over €178,000.

This year the proceeds will be shared, with Cancer research receiving €34,650 and €5,500 going to each of the following four charities: St. Vincent de Paul; Drogheda Homeless Aid; Meath Hospice Foundation and The Capuchin Centre (Brother Kevin Crowley).

The Kerins and Fox families, along with other committee members, would like to thank you for your support in making this event a huge success.

SCRAP SATURDAY

Saturday Sept 20th from 10.00am
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Skryne Rathfeigh u10 Girls All Ireland Champions

Prelude

In September 2011 Mark Wade walked into Rathfeigh National School new hall with his 2 daughters Teagan & Allannah for the first training session of the new u8's girls soccer team. By the end of the session he had gotten himself a new job as manager of the team. He ignited and kindled a flame all year long with his small squad playing joie de vivre football in the mdl league in Navan. By the time September 2012 rolled along Mark and his family headed for Donald Trump Country to their new home in Doonbeg Co Clare leaving a beacon of light still burning after their departure. Val Finegan, Richie Clarke and Colette Clinton took over the reins. There were highs and lows as the team evolved and the numbers grew to a panel of 17. In Jan 2013 the side lost out on goal difference in the round robin to miss out on a place in the Meath Final at Trim. Ashling Cullen came on board as carer of the team at the start of last season. The numbers continued to grow to an astonishing 25 players and it was decided to field 2 teams in the mdl league.

Prologue.

Friday evening Aug 22nd - RST Community Centre.

The stunning new kit sponsored by Dunbia and the stylish new kit bags sponsored by a few local companies were presented to each member of the team. The team had some light refreshments and were greeted by a big turnout of well wishers.

Saturday morning the weather was bright and cheerful for the 1 and a half hour trek over to Athlone. The place was buzzing. The queues of traffic and the huge crowd. We checked out the new €10 million International Indoor Sports Arena where our fixtures were to be played. This Arena was dazzling. It was amazing. It was awesome. The northern elevation of the building is completely glass and the 10,000 capacity stadium is stationed on the other side. There is a state of the art running track surrounding the pitch. Then it was onto the canteen for a light snack and relaxation. The news on the campus was that Limerick have a wonderful track record in girls soccer for many years in the Community Games. Meath on the other hand were the new kids on the block full of potential and promise. This was a whole new experience with a mighty challenge. The question was could they deliver on the big occasion. We were soon gonna find out. Belief has to be cultivated over time and the initial 5 game winning streak had brought home a county title. Belief was further enhanced in the 3 games on the Leinster sojourn with victories over Longford Westmeath and Kildare. Belief was at an all time high but now we were meeting champions who also were realising that same self belief. The clock struck 10 and our troops were summoned to enter the lions den. The team signed in and registered and got a brisk 10 minute warm up and final pep talk. Suddenly the first semi final was over and now it was our game. The fans from Skryne gave a huge lift to the team as they ran out onto the sparkling shiny indoor arena.

All Ireland Semi Final

Skryne Rathfeigh 6 – 4 Askeaton Limerick. aet.

Skryne Rathfeigh u10 girls soccer team qualified for the all Ireland Final with a truly spectacular performance filled with character, commitment and relentless determination. The game was less than a minute old and an innocuous long ball was cleared out of defence by the advancing Skryne keeper only to ricochet off an in rushing Askeaton forward into the empty net to give the Limerick Girls the dream start 1-0. The Limerick roar erupted, the sound was deafening. The Skryne Girls settled into their task as if nothing had happened. They had their own game plan and started to impose it. They were rewarded after 5 minutes when Megan Clarke shook off a defender, made space for a shot and drove hard and low for the equaliser. The inspired Ciara Smyth put the Skryne Girls ahead just before half time with a perfectly placed shot from out on the right to make it 2-1 at the break.

Askeaton got off to another serendipitous start when they unleashed

a thunderbolt shot from the kick off which squeezed through the keepers hands to just about cross the line. It was a second sucker punch goal. It was 2-2. Limerick had the momentum again and midway through the half their classy striker fired another bullet from almost halfway to stun the the Skryne contingent with a brilliant goal. Limerick were ahead 3-2 with time running out. Skryne quickly built a bridge and got over it and regained their calm and composure. Now could Skryne come back from behind for a second time? The ever vigilant Ciara Smyth snapped up a half chance from the right flank and tucked it away into the bottom left corner to earn a draw 3-3. The ref blew full time soon after and forced the game into extra time. The pendulum had swung to and fro and was now swinging in Skryne's favour. Extra time was barely 2 minutes old when Ciara was way out near the right corner and somehow found the net between the keeper and near post. Skryne struck again a minute later when Ciara retrieved a ball again out on the right at the end line and passed to the unmarked Megan in front of the goals who calmly slotted the ball out of the keepers reach into the right corner of the net. Skryne went in to the break 5-3 ahead. Askeaton got renewed hope shortly after the break with another stunning shot to leave only a goal in it with 3 minutes to go. Ciara Smyth wrapped it all up when she went off on another foray and scored her fourth goal to leave it 6-4 at the end. Steffi Finegan's distribution from goals was a highlight, Samantha Clarke, Tara Traynor, Eabha Clarke, Roisin Byrne & straight from the 200 m heats Ava Purcell, all put in stellar performances in defence and kept creating chances for our forwards. It took an herculean effort by the whole squad to capture the victory. The phoenix had risen from the ashes. Skryne had made it to the all Ireland Final.

All Ireland Final Sun Aug 24 AIT

Skryne 3-2 Kiltoom Roscommon

Skryne started on the front foot and exerted tremendous pressure on the Roscommon goal. Tara Traynor was deployed as an attacking defender and forced a good save early on. Minutes later Tara got a second bite of the cherry and scored with a rocket from the left flank to take the lead 1-0. Skryne were off to a flyer. Ciara Smyth unleashed an exocet missile from her favourite right side to send the Skryne Girls into the interval with a 2-0 lead. Kiltoom settled into their stride in the second half and were rewarded midway through the half when a long range freekick was deflected and edged past the keepers hands at the left post. Game on, it was 2-1. The Roscommon crowd really got behind their team. Ciara turned up again and scored a crucial goal to extend the lead 3-1. Kiltoom responded very quickly with a well worked sideline kick from the left flank which resulted in a fierce shot into the right corner of the Skryne net. It was 3-2 and there were 3 minutes left on the clock. The excitement was palpable with both sets of supporters in full voice urging on their teams. Both teams threw caution to the wind and tussled for every ball and battled until the very end. Steffi Finegan in goals had a tremendous tournament, Samantha Clarke, Eabha Clarke, Roisin Byrne & Ava Purcell defended robustly and resolutely. Tara Traynor was the roving back who got a precious early goal which settled the team. Ciara Smyth & Megan Clarke were diligent attacking midfielders. Julius Caesar quoted a proverb to the Romans two millenia ago and it still holds true: "persevando vincet – by persevering one conquers". The ref finally blew it up and Skryne had won their first All Ireland Soccer Title. Both teams congratulated each other on an absorbing & thrilling final. Then there were jubilant scenes and tears of joy as the heroes swept off the pitch to meet their parents, family, friends, supporters & well wishers from Navan & Trim Soccer Teams and Meath Community Games Officials. Later they were presented with their gold medals by Conal Duffy director of Community Games.

Epilogue

Fairytales & dreams do come true but you gotta make them

happen. Our team slogan for the year was: "we are the best team all we have to do is show it!" This was a marathon 6 month campaign involving 10 competitive games. It required self belief, trust, character, commitment, passion, determination, courage, bravery, intensity, resilience and meticulousness. We picked up a lot of these traits along the way, now all we have to do is use them. It also required huge support from all the parents & families. It was a remarkable odyssey for all involved. It was a blast! Val Finegan



Skryne Rathfeigh U10 Girls Soccer Team All Ireland Champions Presentation:

Ashling Cullen, Val Finegan, Community Games director, Megan Clarke, Ava Purcell, Tara Traynor, Ciara Smyth, Samantha Clarke, Steffi Finegan (capt), Roisin Byrne, Eabha Clarke, Richie Clarke, Conall Duffy.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE OR WANT TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

Meath Civil Defence Services - Dunshaughlin unit recruitment

Meath Civil Defence is a professional volunteer based organisation providing emergency response and community support services nationally. The organisation provides five different services to the community, primarily acting as an auxiliary resource for the front-line emergency services, particularly the fire brigade rescue and ambulance service who may utilise the organisation's manpower, skills and equipment when requested.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION NIGHT - NEXT WEDNESDAY, 17th SEPT - 8pm in Dunshaughlin Courthouse - Main Street. Open to members 18 and over - Come along and try something different!

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of IRELAND Meath Branch.

On behalf of Meath Branch of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland I would like to convey our sincere thanks to to the people of Skryne & Rathfeigh for raising €2,870 by hosting a Tea - Day, Bridge Night and Draw in aid of the Day Centre. Thank you to the organisers, helpers on the day, to all those who baked and donated raffle prizes, to the RST Community Centre, Fox's Pub Tara Post Office and especially all who generously supported the events. Your contribution will greatly assist us in maintaining the high standards of care we strive to maintain for our clients. Donations and fundraising have become vital for the successful operation of the Day Centre and your support in this regard is greatly appreciated. Once again many thanks for your generous support.
Mary Smyth, Branch Secretary Meath Branch, A.S.I.

Pottery Classes

Adults pottery classes
mornings and evenings

Children's pottery
and baking parties

Summer & Halloween camps

Contact: Grainne Rafter
085 2404303

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 18th September
from 9.30 to 3.00pm

We are very grateful for any support and raised €11,000 last year.

There will be the usual stalls of cakes, plants, crafts, jumble etc. and of course our raffle which promises to be as big as ever.

Angela Kirwan, Riverstown, Rathfeigh follow the signs which will be out for the day,
087 6293477

all donations to stalls etc. welcome

Skryne Golf Society

Captain's day outing was to Seapoint on 30 August 2014. Links golf is somewhat different to the parkland golf that we are more accustomed to. Naturally enough it was quite windy but thankfully dry. The Captain's prize is a strokeplay competition that requires consistency through 18 holes. Who better to display such consistency than Liz Rogan who won the Captain's prize with net 76 shots off three quarters handicap.

Results:

Captains Prize Liz Rogan

Category 1

1st Mick Rogan
2nd Willie Rogan

Category 2

1st James Finnerty Jnr
2nd John Neville

Front 9 Luke Bowden
Back 9 Noel Gallagher

Our next outing will be to Balcarrick in Donabate. Details are yet to be finalised.



Congratulations

to Skryne's Alisha Jordan and the New York Ladies Football team who defeated Derry side on a score-line of New York 5-12 to Derry 1-5 in the

semi-final of the TG4 All Ireland Junior Championship in Ashbourne Sunday 24th August 2014. Next stop for Alisha and the New York ladies is an all-Ireland Final against Wexford in Croke Park on Sun 28th September.

Best of luck in the final Alisha, from everyone in the Parish

Every young GAA player's dream

is to play in Croke Park in from of a full house and that dream became a reality for Skryne's Jack Dardis last weekend . Jack

was in the Donegal colours playing against Dublin in Croke Park Cumann Na mBunscol GAA/INTO Respect Go Games at the interval during the Donegal V Dublin All-Ireland Semi-final 21/8/2014 - Well done Jack on a fine display. Photo of Scoil Cholmille's Jack Dardis in action against the young Dubs in Croke Park 31/8/2014

