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# RST Newsletter

Rathfeigh • Skryne • Tara



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## Raymond Mooney 1944-2017 President Skryne G.F.C.

The passing of Ray Mooney after a seven month battle with serious illness, robbed the parish of Skryne and Rathfeigh of one of its favourite sons and a GAA legend in Skryne for over 60 years.



Ray was the son of Tommy, himself a wonderful club man and a winner of 6 Senior Championship medals with Skryne in their halcyon days of the forties. Tommy was a former chairman of the Skryne club, Vice Chairman of the

County Board and Chairman of the minor and juvenile boards.

Ray was a colleges star with St. Finians Mullingar, figuring on the college team beaten in the 1961 Leinster Championship final by St. Mels Longford. His colleagues on the team included Skryne players Frank Carty and Tom Mulvany.

He made his mark with the Skryne junior team in 1962. His stylish displays at centre half back were a feature of his game. His absence was a big loss in the teams defeat to Athboy in the semi final, having returned to college.

Ray, along with his brother Gay, was an integral part of the Skryne team beaten by Lougher in the 1963 Junior Semi Final. He collected his first trophy in 1964 when Skryne

won the Junior B League.

Ray made the senior team in 1963, but it was 1965 before he made his Championship debut at right half forward in the win over St. Vincents. He went on to win his Senior Championship medal later that year at right half back and also added a Feis Cup medal along with his brother Gay.

He played a massive role in Skryne's Senior Championship runs in 1969 and 1971. Skryne suffered narrow defeats in the final on both occasions. His brother Tex lined out with him in the 1969 final.

Ray continued to play outstanding football all through the seventies. Guiding Skryne to the Junior final in 1977 where they lost narrowly to Ballinabrackey. At that time both finalists were promoted so Skryne's second team played Intermediate football in 1978. Ray made the number 6 jersey his own on that team. He went on to captain the team in 1979. A man of slight build, it never stopped him holding the most dangerous forwards in check. He was equally adept whether the ball came to his left or his right, never failing to find a colleague in the best possible position. Many were of the opinion that Ray should have been handed a green and gold jersey at some point in his career.

At the end of his playing days Ray acted as treasurer for three years and secretary from 1973-1975 and again from 1998-2007. He never failed to give his time to McManus Park and was an expert at marking the pitch and mowing the grass. He made sure it was in tip-top condition for important matches. His expertise and commitment were invaluable in compiling and editing the Skryne GAA History, 'The Blue Kings of Tara', in 2012.

Ray gave his time and his vast amount of knowledge to the underage teams with outstanding success. He was coach to the Skryne senior team and brought them out of the shadows to win the Championship in 1992 and 1993 after a lapse of 27 years.

In St. Patrick's Classical School Navan, as a teacher, he spent time way above the call of duty, looking after the juvenile teams. The success of these young boys made its presence felt at Senior level in latter years. They won their first Leinster title in 1991 and added nine more plus three All Ireland titles to date.

Raymond was a well respected career guidance teacher in St. Pats. He also loved latin and was an expert teacher of this difficult classic subject. He spent most of his time pointing many young students in the right direction to higher education or to full employment.

The loss of Ray to his family, the Skryne football club and the wider GAA community is immense. The absence of this outstanding sportsman will be sorely felt around the hallowed ground of McManus Park.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.**



### Skryne Rathfeigh Community Games

*New committee elected in October.*

**Chairperson:** Schira Mullen. Caroline Giles

**Treasurer:** Angie Corry

**Children's Officer:** Helena Cousins

**Secretary:** Madonna Purcell

**Rathfeigh Area Contact:** Claire Geraghty

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# Tara Athletic Club Photo Gallery



The winning Tara Ac cross country league team



All Ireland pairs bronze medal winners in The 300m Ruby Beggan and Conor Giles



Winners of the run cycle event Andrew Murphy and Paula Geraghty



Under 11 girls at the ready in the cross country in Trim.



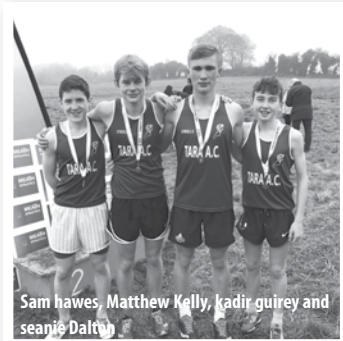
Megan Clarke on her way to winning the under 13 girls meath league event in Enfield



Under 17 winners Conor Lenihan, Jake Cullen, Seanie Dalton and Kadir Guirey



Winners of the silver medal under 12 Darragh O'Dowd, Billy Smyth, James Reeves and Dylan Murphy



Sam Hawes, Matthew Kelly, Kadir Guirey and Seanie Dalton

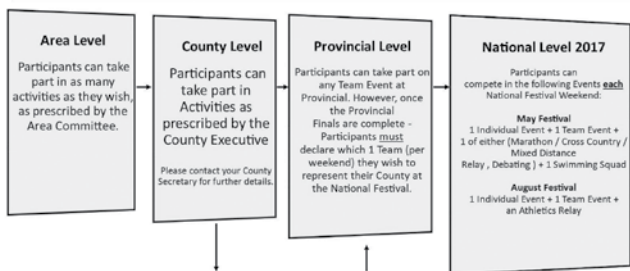


The under 14 boys bronze medalists in cross country relays on a cold day in Dunboyne. Gillian Moss, Evan Keoghan, Brendan McGuinness and Dylan Murphy



Under 9 meath relay winners Martin wall, Conor Giles, Sean Smyth and Garret Fox

## Competition Qualification Rules Flowchart



### NB: National Level

Participants that are entered on a Team Event that qualifies Straight to National from County (ie: Quiz, Project etc.) and on a Team Event that qualifies through Provincial must choose which Team Event they wish to represent their County at the National Festival. This decision must be completed immediately on conclusion of the Provincial





Andy and James Murphy and James Gibbons on the podium at the cross country championships in Trim.

Under 14 relay medalists Ellie Murphy, Sasha Guirey, Amy o Dowd and Megan Clarke

## Skryne GFC held their AGM in the RST Centre in early December.

The following officers were elected to the Executive Committee: –

**Chairperson** – Eamon Giles  
**Assistant Chairperson** – Dermot Carty  
**Secretary** – Senan Mc Grath  
**Assistant Secretary** – Sinead Rooney  
**Treasurer** – Michael Mulvaney  
**Assistant Treasurer** – Ross Phillips  
**PRO** – Rowan Dardis  
**Insurance Officer** – Norbert Coyle  
**Childrens Officer** – Caroline Whelan  
**Health & Wellbeing Officer** – Trevor Giles  
**Irish Language Officer** – Joseph O’ Brien  
**Safety Officer** – Kevin O’ Rourke  
**County Board Delegate** – Oliver Harrington  
**I.T. Registrar** – Rowan Dardis  
**Committee Members** – Dolores Tobin, Nicky Hamill, Madonna Purcell

The AGM also elected 4 new Club Presidents in addition to the 2 current Presidents Fr. Thomas O’ Mahony and David Carty. The 4 new Presidents are Ray Mooney, Paddy Mulvaney, Lily Fox & Sean Smyth  
 The following were ratified as managers of our Adult teams.

**Senior Manager** – Martin Frayne (for 2 years)  
**Junior Manager** – Nigel Fox  
**U21 Manager** – Nicky Hamill

The hot topics discussed on the evening were football matters and a forthcoming increase in the membership rates in order to help the club meet it’s increasingly demanding running costs.

## COMMUNITY TEXT ALERT

Renewal of annual subscription to Community Text Alert will take place during February. Renewal forms and return envelopes will be delivered to houses in the February issue of the RST Newsletter. Completed forms, together with the appropriate subscription, should then be placed in the envelope and dropped off at one of a number of nominated collection points. Signup days will also be advised to give further opportunities of renewal. Full details will be given in the February RST. Our Text Alert service provider, Pinpoint Alerts has been re-named as Community Alerts [www.communityalerts.ie](http://www.communityalerts.ie). Some additional services are offered which can be viewed on the website.

# Notices

**CHILDMINDER REQUIRED:** for 3 children 11 to 15 years old in Skryne home. Two afternoons weekly. Collect from school/bus, make dinner, supervise homework. (086)8562518.

**WANTED:** The RST Centre is seeking a Pilates Teacher for Tuesday mornings and a Line Dance Teacher for Wednesday evenings. If you know of anyone suitable please contact Susan on (087)1306985

**NEW DIGITAL SKILLS FOR CITIZENS:** The RST Centre is starting a new Laptop/Smartphone course very soon. Course will be for 2 hours per week over 5 weeks and is free of charge. The first course is for complete beginners. If interested please contact Susan on (087)1306985

**SKRYNE HALL:** A number of tables have gone missing from the parish hall. Perhaps they were borrowed for party, function and you have nit got around to returning them. We would appreciate the return of the tables as they are required for functions in the hall. Thanking you for your co-operation.

## Condolences

*The Parish & Skryne GFC passed votes of sympathy to the following:*

- To Marianna & the O’Neill family on the death of Jim Greenpark
- To Maura Leahy Ross on the death of her sister
- To the Browne & Farnan families on the death of Eileen, Ross
- To the Hoey family on the death of Patrick, late of Oberstown
- To Tricia Scanlon, Collierstown on the death of her sister
- To the Mooney family on the death of Ray
- To Rohan Manerawela on the death of his mother
- To the Morley family Rathfeigh on the death of John
- To Doreen Bissett, Oberstown on the death of her brother
- And Ellen Devine, Cabragh on the death of her sister
- The Savage family, Ross on the death of Bill’s wife.

## Junior Cert & Leaving Cert Music grinds

**CELTIC MUSIC ACADEMY**  
 Based in Dunshaughlin.

Contact: **086 376 2012** or email:  
[celticmusicacademy@gmail.com](mailto:celticmusicacademy@gmail.com)



Congratulations to Tara Olympian Natalya Coyle who capped an amazing year by winning Meath Sports Person of the Year title.



Elizabeth Moreland and Donal Kearns who both received Leinster Athletics awards at last Saturdays ceremony in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. Elizabeth received her award as best Meath juvenile female athlete in Leinster 2016, while Donal was awarded the best Meath Senior athlete.

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**August Festival 2017**  
**Events**

	Cycling	
	Duathlon	
	Indoor Soccer (Girls and Boys)	
	Handball	
	Art	
	Handwriting	
	Model-making	
	Skiitties	
	Athletics	
	Hurling	
	Camogie	
	Long Puck	
	Gaelic Football	
	Pitch and Putt	
	Projects	
	Rounders	
	Culture Corner	
	Talent	
	Choir	
	Soccer Outdoor (Boys)	

The closing date for receipt of online entries is Monday July 17th 2017 @ 11.59 p.m. All Events will take place from weekend beginning 18th August 2017 in the National Sports Campus, Abbotstown, Dublin.

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**Rathfeigh National School**  
 Rathfeigh, Tara, Co. Meath

**ENROLMENT WEEK**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**LOCATION**  
 Rathfeigh National School is located within easy access of the N2 and N3 in a quiet rural setting.

**HOW TO ENROL IN OUR SCHOOL**  
 Visit the school and collect our enrolment pack from the office. Fill in and return to Helen Gilsonan (Secretary) or Seamus Tansley (Principal).

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**BLOTTO RESULTS**  
**25th December 2016**  
**13-15-24-27**  
 No Winner - €40 each to: Dolores Tobin, Allison Murtagh, Michelle Cottrell and Brian Cheshire  
**01st January 2017**  
**10-19-20-27**  
 No Winner - €40 each to: Ron Chawke, Brid Leahy, Dan O'Leary and Emer Monaghan  
**08th January 2017**  
**7-9-19-27**  
 Jackpot won by Kieran O'Brien  
**15th January 2017**  
 All details for this draw are to be confirmed and will be published shortly.  
**22nd January 2017**  
**2-8-10-11**  
 No Winner - €40 each to: Patrick McDonald, Blanaid Ward, Breda Suokas and Kevin Brady  
**Next week's jackpot**  
**€1,700**  
*Thank you for your support*

  
**May Festival 2017**  
**Events**

	Futsal	
	Badminton	
	Spike-Ball	
	Basketball	
	Cross Country/MDR and Marathon	
	Debating	
	Judo	
	Gymnastics	
	Rugby - Tag u-11/u-14, Mini u-11	
	Soccer Girls u-12 (7 a side) Girls u-15	
	Swimming	
	Table Tennis	
	Chess	
	Draughts	
	Table Quiz	

The closing date for receipt of online entries is Monday April 10th 2017 @ 11.59 p.m. All Events will take place on 6th May 2017 in the National Sports Campus National Sports Campus Snugborough Rd Abbotstown Dublin 15

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**Next Issue Saturday 11th February 2017**  
**Wednesday 8th February**  
 Submissions by Wednesday TBA

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