

# RST Newsletter

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## Tara Athletic Club on the rise!

2016 proved to be a very successful year for Tara Athletic Club with athletes returning three All Ireland medals, numerous Meath and Leinster Track and Field and Cross Country medals and winning the title of Meath Cross Country League winners in 2016. The success is due to a huge amount of hard work on the part of over 20 coaching staff, as well as the support of parents and dedication of athletes. However the club would also like to sincerely thank the community of Skryne and Rathfeigh who have supported the fundraising efforts of the club in recent years, through the 'Strictly Come Dancing' event, the 5k Road Race and Church Gate Collections, which has enabled us to upgrade the facilities at the track at Ross Cross, allowing the club to flourish. This edition gives a short summary of the achievements of the club last year.

### All Ireland Medals

Tara AC returned three All Ireland medals in 2016. The first was rising star Seanie Dalton winning an All-Ireland medal in the Irish Secondary Schools Cross Country in the Minor Boys race finishing in 6th position which was a fantastic individual achievement. In July 2016, a great Bronze medal in the All Ireland Pairs Boys Under-9 competition over 300M was won by Ruby Beggan and Conor Giles in Tullamore.

### Meath Cross Country league 2016

The pinnacle of the team effort from the club was the winning of the Cross Country league title. This involved a huge effort from every one of the 49 athletes who performed consistently over three legs in Navan Racecourse, Enfield and the Porchfields in Trim in November and December 2016. There were three individual winners from Tara AC being Ruby Beggan under 9 boys, Megan Clarke under 13 girls and Seanie Dalton under 15 boys. This was a consistent, strong club performance which also saw top three placings from Conor Giles and Sean Smyth, who were second and third respectively in the under 9 boys, and Jake Cullen who was second in the under 15 boys and every single other athlete scored points for club finishing top 20.

### Meath and Leinster Track and Field and Relay Championships May 2016

In the Meath Championships, there were medals for Eoghan Conway (triple jump), Paul Byrne Kelly and Billy Smyth (High Jump), Rose Beggan, Caoimhe Giles and James Reeves and Conor Giles (Long Jump), Seanie Dalton, Jake Cullen, Sean Byrne, Jarlath Jordan in the track events. In the Meath Relays, Tara AC had medals in the under 9 boys, under 11 girls and under 16 boys.

In Tullamore at the Leinster Championships, congratulations to Jarlath Jordan who was second in the 3000m steeplechase and Sean Byrne won a bronze in the 110m hurdles. Sean and Jarlath also put in fantastic performances at the All Ireland Track and Field Championships under 18 years also in Tullamore. Jarlath ran a great race in the 3000M steeplechase final to finish 4th and Sean put in a storming run in the 400M Hurdles final to finish a very commendable 4th place. Sean also qualified from the Leinster Championships in the High Jump and finished 7th overall in this event.

### Meath Community Games Cross Country

There was a great turnout from Skryne and Tara AC for the Meath Community Games Cross Country in a sunny Ballinacree on 27th Feb 2016. Winners were Caoimhe Giles under 10 and Seanie Dalton under 14 with top three positions from Sean Smyth Under 8, Niamh McGuinness under 9, Conor Giles and Ruby Beggan under 9, Amy O'Dowd under 14 and Ciara Smyth under 12 and a fantastic 4th place medal for Kate Gibbons under 10.

### Meath Cross Country c/ships 2016

Tara AC had some fantastic performances in the 'even ages' championships in Ashbourne in October 2016 with individual top three medals for Niamh Mc Guinness under 10, Seanie Dalton under 16 and Jarlath Jordan under 18. Tara also claimed a record number of team medals with under 10 Girls taking the bronze, under 12 boys the silver, under 14 girls the bronze, and the under 16 and under 18 boys both taking the gold. Also making the Meath team for the

Leinster championships with top 12 spots were Dylan Murphy under 12, Jake Cullen under 16 as well as Kadir Guirey, Matthew, Sean Byrne and David Hawes. Tara AC had 41 athletes who competed brilliantly in the 'uneven ages' championships in Athboy with two teams winning the gold medal, the under nine boys and under 15 boys. The under 13 girls and the under 17 boys each won the bronze team medal.

### Meath Cross Country Relay C/ships 2016

A massive team effort saw a record haul of relay medals for Tara AC in a very cold afternoon in Dunboyne. Tara AC had 13 teams running with over 50 athletes which is a club record. We had medals in 6 of the 8 age categories with under ten boys silver and girls bronze, under 12 boys bronze, under 14 girls and boys bronze, under 16 boys gold.

### Adult Section

Well done to our Tara AC Men's Team of Andrew Murphy, James Murphy, James Gibbons, Paul O'Donnell, Vincent Naughton, Brian Smyth, Shane Moss and Johnny Quinn who won the silver team medal in the Men's Senior Cross Country Championships Grade B in Trim on 18th December 2016. Onwards and upwards for these lads!

Tara AC also presented a cheque to the Soup Kitchen Navan after our fun 'Run-Ride-Run' charity event in November 2016. Participants ran 5k, cycled 8k and ran a further 3k. Winner of the men's section was juvenile coach Andrew Murphy and the ladies section winner was club member Paula Geraghty. Well done to all who took part and raised funds for this worthy charity.

Tara Athletic Club hosted a very successful 5K Road Race and 3K Juvenile run on Friday 26th August with a huge turnout of over 290 athletes.

Finally we always welcome new members in Tara AC, but unfortunately, due to high numbers in the juvenile section, registration for juveniles is now closed for 2017, and will re-open in 2018. However, adults are still very welcome to join this year.

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# Skryne GFC

## Skryne Sink Syddan

### Syddan 1-9 Skryne 2-18.

Skryne got their first win of the season in this A League Division 2 match played in Syddan. After defeat in Ratoath and a draw at home to Dunderry this was a welcome change of fortune for the Blues and they fully deserved this victory. They were on top from the start in a match played in windy conditions on a heavy pitch which held up well after all the rain this week.

Syddan had the advantage of the fairly strong breeze as they played into the road goals in the first half. But it was Skryne who started the game stronger and raced into a 4 point lead through Paddy Carpenter, Mark Battersby and 2 from Eoin Smyth. Syddan slowly got into the game with 2 points of their own and then a fortuitous goal deflected in from a forty five put them ahead and they held that one point lead all the way to half time when the score was Syddan 1-6 Skryne 0-8.

The Green and Gold brigade did score the first

## Big Win For Skryne's 3rd Team.

### Skryne 3-15 Cortown 1-6.

Skryne's 3rd team made it two wins from two in this B League Div 3 match played in Skryne having been switched from Cortown again due to pitch conditions. Although some of the players had played three games in three days they showed no ill effects and ran out easy winners despite the team struggling in the first half.

This team is made up of the older players of the club supplemented by the much younger generation and the mix certainly worked for these lads especially in the second half.

The teams were evenly matched in the first period and it took a late goal from Jason Fox to give Skryne a fortuitous lead at half time 1-6 to 1-3. That goal set the tone for the rest of the game as the Blues took advantage of the

point of the second half to briefly increase their lead but then the Blues took over and held their opponents to just two further points for the remainder of the match.

Man-of-the-match Adam O'Sullivan had his best game for some time and scored four great points from his wing back position. He got great assistance from half time substitute Brian Davis who arrived late due to work commitments and between them they guided Skryne to victory. Veteran Aidan Tuite turned back the clock and ruled the roost in midfield while upfront Paddy Fox was back to something near his best.

Although forced to field without the injured trio of Ciaran Lenehan, Darragh Campion and John Morley while Paddy Doherty dislocated his finger in the warm up Skryne made light of these setbacks and in a good team performance were on top for most of the game. Skryne-Ian Gillett. Declan Morley, Mark Harrington, Eoghan Greene. Paddy Carpenter (0-1), Niall Lenehan, Adam O'Sullivan (0-4). Aidan Tuite, Andrew Moore. Eoin Smyth (0-4), Patrick O'Rourke (0-2), Jason Fox. Paddy Fox (1-2), Mark Battersby (0-3), Niall Morley (0-1). Subs used-Brian Davis (1-1), Frank Carty, Ronan McCabe and Barry Clarke.

breeze playing away from the Road end in the second half. They outscored their opponents by 2-9 to 0-3 in a one sided display for the rest of the game.

This was another excellent team performance in which everybody played their part so it would be unfair to single out anyone for special mention.

As it capped a good weekend for the Club hopefully it can continue positively and increase competition for places on all teams. Skryne-Des McAvinney. James Conroy, Michael Doherty, Barry Clarke. Dermot Brennan, Martin Mulvaney, David Carroll. David McGoldrick, Andrew Moore (0-1). Ciaran Finnerty (1-2), Allan Carty (0-5), Frank Carty. Felim O'Rourke (1-4), Brian Smyth (0-1), Jason Fox (1-2). Subs used-John Quinn, Enda Byrne, Paddy O'Leary, David Burke, David Rogan and Ciaran O'Rourke.



Jimmy Gibbons having a restful holiday in South Africa!!

## SKRYNE GOLF SOCIETY

The golfing season is almost upon us. It's time to get the steel wool out and clean off the rust from the clubs. Our first outing of the year will be in the next couple of weeks. The venue will not be confirmed before the editorial deadline unfortunately.

**New members are welcome.**

**Contact** Luke Bowden at 087238 8155 or any existing member.

You will find some of them in Fox's, Swan's or O'Connell's.

## Skryne Cycle Club

Beginner Group – Zero to 50K – has been put back to Thursday 13th April at 7pm (and not Saturday afternoons as previously planned)

We are starting a beginner's group – no fancy bike or gear needed. Meet in Swan's Car Park (thus avoiding the Hill of Skryne finish!)

Contact James Brady 085 7106524 or Pat McGovern 087 2586315. *It Truly Is The Best Exercise.* Club Membership Due-€20

Club Training – will continue through the Spring as follows: Wednesday from Dunshaughlin at 7.30. Sunday 9:15 from Rathfeigh School.

## RST Centre Notices

Bookings/Enquiries to 087-1306985

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**Flower Arranging:** 5-week course in the Centre, Cost €10 per session, starting mid-end of April. Please book your place with Elizabeth on 087-13069269

We are looking for a few more participants to get our **Jive Classes** started. Those interested please call the RST on the above number

We are seeking a **Tin Whistle** teacher for a group of 4. Please call RST

**Keep Fit** with our popular Line Dancing class on Wednesdays from 7.30 until 9pm

**iPhone/Tablet/Smartphone & Laptop** classes will resume in April. Please book your place on 087-1306985

**An Taisce** will hold a talk in the RST Centre on Wed 29th April on 'Gardens & Flowers' at 7.30pm - All are welcome!

**A new Pilates Class** has started on Tuesday mornings from 10-11am – pop in and try it out! Please let us know if you are interested in teaching a class or if there is something you'd like to get started in the future, all ideas are welcome.

## Rathfeigh N.S. Credit Union Quiz

Rathfeigh's Under 11 Quiz team are through to the All-Ireland Final on April 2nd in the R.D.S. Dublin. They were victorious in the Chapter Final on March 3rd. It is an incredible achievement for a small country school and we wish them the very best of luck in the All-Ireland Final.



Pictured from left: The winners from the Under 11 Chapter Final: Conor Mc Cluskey, Bryn Mc Auley, Billy Smyth and Anna Copeland from Rathfeigh N. S.

## Skryne Too Good For Na Fianna

### Skryne 4-8 Na Fianna 1-6.

This B League Div 1 match was moved from Enfield to Skryne because of pitch conditions. Home venue normally makes little difference in these games but probably helped Skryne yesterday as player numbers were low and reinforcements had to be called for at the last minute.

Both teams were obviously short a number of regulars and in Skryne's case this stemmed from the fact that once again they were asked to play three adult matches in three days. As some players are eligible to play in all three games this arrangement is a little unfair and needs to be looked at again.

The foundations for this 'home' win were laid in a superb first half display from Skryne and they led at the break by 2-6 to 1-1. The six forwards as a unit were completely on top with excellent displays from Paul McGoldrick and Frank Carty the lead could have been greater at half time. In defence and midfield the Blues also held the upper hand with Barry Clarke, Michael Doherty, Enda Byrne and David McGoldrick leading the way.

The second half was a different matter and Na Fianna came out fighting and were quickly back in the match scoring five points without reply to leave just a goal between the teams midway through this period. Skryne seemed to have lost their way and their shape as a result of the Na Fianna onslaught but a goal from Paddy Doherty who had moved to full forward restored some of their confidence. This was their first score of the second half and another goal from the penalty spot by Jason Fox put the game out of reach of Na Fianna.

Skryne-Des McAvinney. James Conroy, Michael Doherty, Barry Clarke. Enda Byrne, Ronan McCabe, David Carroll. David McGoldrick, Paddy Doherty (1-0). Sean Cassidy (1-0), Jason Fox (1-2), Frank Carty (0-2). Paul McGoldrick (1-1), Felim O'Rourke (0-2), John Quinn (0-1). Subs-Paddy O'Leary and Oisín Coyle.

## 4 Meath Titles in a Row 2014 - 2017

### Skryne Rathfeigh 5 - 4 Balrath Kentstown aet & penalty shoot out



Photo: Steffi Finegan, Samantha Clarke, Kate Thorpe, Ava Purcell, Ciara Smyth, Niamh Cahill, Val Finegan.

time when Ciara won possession out on the right corner & crossed to Niamh who got loose on the edge of the box and she scored to regain the lead. Kentstown incredibly snatched a late goal when Megan Clarke's free kick was slammed home by hat trick hero Abby Hewitt to level it 3 - 3. Ava Purcell put in a tremendous tournament in defence and Kate Thorpe was in sparkling form as striker. So to the penalty shoot out: Steffi Finegan put Skryne ahead 1-0, Ally Clarke equalised 1-1. Steffi saved Kentstown's last penalty and so the final kick fell to Niamh Cahill who despatched it firmly to the right corner of the net to win the team's 4th Meath title in a row.

Congrats also to the Girls u13 futsal team on winning a silver medal and also to both the u15 futsal & soccer teams on competitive and sporting performances.

## Notices

**TEXT ALERT RENEWALS:** Subscriptions to the Skryne Text Alert service are due this month. Thank you to all those that have renewed your subscription over the last few weeks. If you have not already renewed, please do so now at Tara Post Office or at any of the locations identified in last month's RST newsletter. Subscriptions are essential to cover the cost of this service, and only those who have renewed their subscription will receive text alert messages from 1st April onward.

**PLEASE REMAIN VIGILANT:** It's great to see the longer evenings coming in - it's a sure sign that summer is only around the corner! But unfortunately the burglars are not deterred by the longer evenings and there have been a number of burglaries around the county in recent weeks. Please remember to keep your windows shut and your doors locked, even when you are at home. And if you have a burglar alarm, please use it. If you hear your neighbour's alarm going off, look outside and check that all is okay. Mark your garden tools, lawn mowers, trailers and other valuables with your eircode, or another code easily identifiable by the Gardaí. It's essential that we ensure our homes are not easy targets for opportunist thieves. Finally, please report any and all suspicious activity to the Gardaí on 01 801 0600 as soon as you see it.

**ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN UP:** Due to the change in Meath County Council policy for collection of roadside clean up waste it has been deemed necessary to call a community meeting to discuss the continuation of our annual clean up. It is necessary to get more volunteers on board for this great opportunity to collect refuse from all our roads and we would request that every road be represented at our meeting. Also it would be great to have a representative from each club and association in our parish present at this meeting. Meeting will be on Friday night April 7th in Skryne Parish Hall at 8pm.

**FOOTPATH FOULING:** In the interest of health and safety could we ask dog walkers to please clean up after their pets when they walk them on the footpath running from Swans to Ross Cross. Now that Spring is here our children are walking to school and should not be subjected to walking in or having to avoid walking in dog's dirt. Please be aware that it is an offence to not clean up and a health hazard for all. *Concerned Parent.*



## Condolences

*The Parish passed votes of sympathy to the following:*

- Oliver Harrington, Greenpark on the death of his father
- To Bernie Fitzsimons, Ross on the death of her sister
- To Benny Keogan Oberstown on the death of his brother
- And to the Pierse family, Hill of Tara on the death of Ann.

## Community Games Gymnastics

Skryne Rathfeigh held their first local gymnastics competition on Friday 10th March. Congratulations to all our gymnasts who took part.

The following children have qualified to proceed to the Meath finals on Sunday, 2nd April in Ashbourne.

U9- Rachel O'Dowd, Aoife Moss, Honor Daly, Síofra Doherty.

U11- Freya Wilkinson, Lauren Meharg, Caoimhes Giles, Síne Smyth

U13- Sinead Kearns, Eve Morris, Mia Mulvaney, Katie Purcell.

Thank you to the parents and Judges who helped out on the day. Best of luck to the Gymnasts in the Meath finals



## Community Games Cross Country

Skryne Rathfeigh had a great turnout on Sunday 5th March at the Meath Community Games Cross County Event in Ballinacree, Oldcastle, Co Meath.

Well done to everyone who participated, and congratulations to all our medal winners.

U8 Girls-500m: Ava Smyth

U8 Boys-500m: Oisin Giles

U9 Girls-500m: Rachel O'Dowd

U9 Boys-500m: Sean Smyth

U10 Boys-500m: Ruby Beggan & Conor Giles

U13 Girls-1200m: Ciara Smyth & Ava Purcell

U13 Boys-700m: Dylan Murphy

U14 Girls-700m: Ellie Murphy & Sasha Guirey

U14 Boys-700m Cillian Moss & Sean McCarthy

U16 Girls-700m Amy O'Dowd & Hannah Quinn



## BLOTTO RESULTS

19th February 2017

6-13-15-16

No Winner - €40 each to: Sean Whyte, Jim and Marie Pentony, Johnny Brennan and Yvette Hamill

26th February 2017

7-9-10-19

No Winner - €40 each to: Fred and Helen Gilsenan, Molly O'Connor and Sinead Carty

05th March 2017

3-5-13-26

No Winner - €40 each to: Stephanie O'Connor, Shane McGovern, Cormac Grendon and Niall Lenehan

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A group of Irish volunteers are travelling to Hanoi Vietnam, for the 1st Operation Walk Ireland trip, on 29th April 2017, the aim is to aid in 60 joint replacements, and provide education & supervised training to local doctors, nurses and physiotherapists & allied healthcare professionals.

### TABLE QUIZ & RAFFLE

Swans Lounge, Skryne

on Friday 31st March

@ 8.30pm

Teams of 4 = €40/ €10 per person

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Adrian Doyle, Rathfeigh on the occasion of his recent marriage to Amanda Dilworth, Cork, which took place in Kinsale.

### Next Issue

Saturday 22nd April 2017

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