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Skryne U14 div 1 Champions
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Skryne U14s do a lap of honour

Scoil Cholmcille make history winning both boys & girls Cumann na mBunscol finals.

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Skryne Under 14s - Meath LGFA Division 1 Champions 2017

History was made on June 4th, when the Skryne U14s became the first ladies team from the club to win a division 1 title, beating Dunbooyne on a scoreline of 4-7 to 2-8. In the past, Skryne ladies have won division 2 a few times and also a Junior A title but never before a top tier title. Another first was that this game was the first ever ladies underage final to be played at Paric Tailteann which added great excitement and prestige to the occasion. And both teams did the venue justice with the Meath LGFA officials describing it as one of the best underage football matches in years. This victory has been built over the past 3 years, with this Skryne team winning U12 division 3 and U13 division 2 titles in 2015 and 2016 respectively – earning successive promotions and the opportunity to compete in the top division. This U14 division 1 group was very competitive, with no team winning all of their games and many matches being decided by only a few points (or even a single point).

Skryne finished the pool stage in 3rd place behind Dunbooyne and Walterstown, having won their fixtures against Clann na nGael, St Colmcilles, O'Mahonys and Seneschalstown but losing against both of last years' finalists. An away semi-final against Walterstown saw Skryne win through by 2 points in the end, setting up a final against Dunbooyne who were going for 3-in-row at U14. The Meath ladies (featuring Skryne's Catriona Keogan) were scheduled to play Wicklow in the afternoon of the 4th, creating a window of opportunity to play a ladies juvenile final for the first time ever at GAA HQ in Navan.



It truly was a superb performance from both teams. Skryne played with the wind in the first half, kicking into the O'Mahonys' end. Despite having the lion's share of position and territory, Skryne only led by 3 points at half time. Skryne made the better start to the 2nd half and although playing into an even stronger wind scored 2 early goals to stretch their lead. But as expected Dunbooyne fought back and narrowed the lead to 5 points heading into the last few minutes. This game had everything – exciting attacking play, resolute defending, wspeed, tenacity and no small measure of skill. It was a showcase for Gaelic football and both sets of young athletes did their clubs, coaches and families proud.

Days like this do not come along very often. The hard work that starts with training and practice during cold, dark winter nights, followed by the early league fixtures played on heavy ground often under floodlights feels a long way from the perfect conditions that this final was played in on a sunny June bank holiday weekend. But that is what it takes to compete at this level and to play the game with the fervour that was evident in Pairc Tailteann. Both of these teams have

showcased our game on the biggest stage in the county and hopefully this will lead to many more underage ladies fixtures at this wonderful venue in the future.

Skryne would like to wish Dunbooyne U14 Ladies the best of luck in Feile, where they will be representing Meath (having beaten Skryne in the county final – goes to show how competitive things are in underage ladies football).

But for now Skryne can savour this historic occasion & win. Congratulations to the Skryne girls, their coaches & families, the fantastic support from the parish that regularly comes to games (and was particularly vocal at the final) and the club who make this all possible.

Skryne Team: Isabella Pentony, Katie Ryan, Naoise Smyth, Steffi Finegan, Caragh Conway, Naoise Canavan, Ciara Cowley, Rachael Loftus, Ava Purcell, Ciara Smyth, Amy O'Dowd, Roisin McManus, Niamh Cahill, Sophie Ryan, Samantha Clarke, , Ellie Murphy, Rachel Carolan, Sasha Guirey, Molly Fitzpatrick, Lisa Browne.

Skryne Coaches: Brendan Canavan, Madonna Purcell, Declan Smyth, Elizabeth Morland, Ollie McLoughlin, Terrie Cahill, Mick O'Dowd & Brenda Govern

Inevitable defeat for Skryne

Seneschalstown 1-14 Skryne 0-11.

Skryne succumbed to an inevitable defeat at the hands of Seneschalstown in this Junior Football Championship match played in ideal conditions in Walterstown this evening (Thursday).

As previously reported eight of this Skryne panel played Senior League football less than 24 hours earlier, resulting in three prominent players receiving injuries preventing them from playing tonight's game. Declan Morley, Dermot Brennan and Colm Craigie all started last night's match and none of the trio were fit to take their place tonight. Five other players played some part in the aforementioned A League match last night and naturally were less than effective in this game.

Totally unfair to amateur players playing Junior football.

Despite all that Skryne began this match well and notched up four points before Seneschalstown got off the mark when gifted a few easy scores by the men in blue. Skryne also missed two or three golden opportunities for goals in this period of domination. As often happens they were made to rue these missed chances and by half time they were behind by 0-7 to 0-6.

Seneschalstown dominated the early exchanges of the second half and added a goal and two points to their half time tally to lead by six points. Despite Skryne's best efforts this was a lead they deservedly held to the end of the match.

To add to Skryne's injury list substitute Sean Cassidy was the victim of a bad tackle by the Seneschalstown goalkeeper which went completely unpunished and resulted in yet another player stretchered off to hospital.

James Conroy, Robbie Clarke (before injury also forced him off), Oisín Gryson and John Morley tried their best to stem the Seneschalstown tide in a match they were never destined to win.

Skryne - Felim O'Rourke. James Conroy, Michael Doherty, Timmy Lennon. Robbie Clarke, Oisín Gryson, David Carroll. David McGoldrick, David Lynch. Frank Carty, John Morley (0-3), Darren Fox. Niall Morley (0-3), Allan Carty (0-5), John Quinn. Subs used - Sean Cassidy, Ciaran Finnerty, Kevin O'Reilly, Andrew Moore and Cian Lynch.

Sweet Win for Skryne

Skryne 3-8 Ballinabrackey 2-7.

With no leeway or consideration from either the Fixtures Committee or Ballinabrackey, Skryne were forced to play a vital League match just 24 hours before a more important Junior Football Championship match.

Inter County players get 14 days free before Championship matches but Club Junior players get less than 24 hours.

Unfortunately as a result of tonight's game Skryne must field tomorrow evening without one of their most influential players in Declan Morley who was carried off tonight with an ankle injury. As well as Declan there were SEVEN other players used tonight who are expected to play again tomorrow. So much for player welfare.

On the longest day of the year and in sweltering heat this evenings game was played at a hectic pace from the outset with no quarter asked or given by either side. So much so that Referee Martin Griffin was forced to book a number of players from each side in order to keep control of the situation. Skryne started brightly and with Mark Battersby back to his best form scoring 3 excellent points they led by 0-4 to 0-1 midway through the half. But they were pegged back late in the half by a well worked Ballinabrackey goal

which left the sides level at the break - Skryne 0-6 Ballinabrackey 1-3.

Again Skryne began the second half very positively and should have goaled in the first minute but Jason Fox's shot grazed the wrong side of the upright. But it didn't take long for the goals to come and two from Darragh Campion had Skryne in command with ten minutes to go. Ballinabrackey got their second goal from the penalty spot to give them hope but Jason Fox did get the goal he deserved to put the issue to bed as the Blues took the spoils to keep their promotion hopes alive.

As well as Morleys unfortunate incident Skryne were also in the wars with both Niall Lenehan and Aidan Tuite retiring injured with Tuite requiring Hospital treatment for a serious hand injury. Skryne had lots of positives to take from this match and there were good performances all round the field contributing to a proper team effort.

Skryne - Des McAvinney, Declan Morley, Eoghan Greene, Niall Lenehan, Paddy Carpenter, Mark Harrington, Dermot Brennan, Aidan Tuite, Ciaran Lenehan (0-1), Darragh Campion (2-0), Brian Davis (0-1), Colm Craigie, Paddy Fox, Mark Battersby (0-3), Jason Fox (1-3). Subs used - David Lynch, Timmy Lennon, John Morley, Oisín Gryson and Frank Carty.

Tara Summer Festival

The third and most recent Tara Summer Festival, which is now an annual event, was an outstanding success. The festival started with the weekly Wednesday night session in Fox's expanded to include more musicians, story tellers and poetry recitals. On Friday night while Agnes Fox, aided by a guest appearance of her brother Peter, entertained the people in Fox's, O'Connells was packed with members of Comhaltas who played until the early hours.

Saturday morning saw five workshops taking place in Skryne School. These were Violin, Harp, Flute/whistle, bodhran and set dancing. They were all well attended and the participants enjoyed the experience. In the afternoon there was a children's concert held in the RST centre. Éistigí, the Navan based Trad group played in Fox's on Saturday night to another full house.

Sunday morning saw the now annual five kilometre walk between the Hill of Skryne and the Hill of Tara take place. This is an event which we are earnestly requested to keep as part of the festival and which gets stronger every year. On completing the walk participants are treated to refreshments courtesy of Maguires restaurant. Some Comhaltas musicians make this an even more pleasant occasion by playing beautiful music for the weary walkers.

The evening time was filled with a magnificent concert in the RST centre, This well attended event heard beautiful classical music played by the RTE Contempo Quartet. This quartet comprises of two Romanian couples who have made Ireland their home and who have made quite a name for themselves with their music. The festival ended with a 1960's type night in Swan's. Music was provided by Switch. The festival organisers wish to thank all our sponsors for their very generous support. Also the local businesses for the use of their premises and of course the people of Skryne, Tara and Rathfeigh who came out and supported the festival.

Skryne Tara AFC

The Club would like to Thank all those who helped in any way over the last very successful season when the team won their League and were voted 'Team of the month' for January. The Presentation of Trophies etc takes place tonight (Friday 23rd June) and we will have details for the next RST.

Sincere Thanks is also due to our large number of Sponsors - those who have advertisement hoardings at the Track at Ross and those who sponsor privately - all are very much appreciated. Also thanks to all those who continue to work for the club in conjunction with the 'Bar Workers' at the summer concerts. All of this helps us to continue improving the playing surface of the pitch which is ongoing at the moment. It is also necessary to help us with the general upkeep of the facilities in conjunction with Tara AC.

Thanks and keep up the good work.

Correction - three valued players were omitted in error from the panel in the last RST - Goalkeeper Michael Carolan who played a number of games during the year, Shane McEnroy who missed most of the season due to injury and Lloyd Carolan. Apologies to all three.

Notices

SKRYNE TEXT ALERT: were delighted to see text alert and social media put to good use, resulting in the recent apprehension of 4 criminals by Gardai in the Painestown area. This followed a number of burglaries.. Approximately half the houses in the RST area are now signed up to text alert. If you haven't signed up or renewed yet, you can do so now at Tara Post Office. Please remember to report all suspicious activity you witness to Gardai at 01 801 0600.

SKRYNE CYCLE CLUB: Beginner Group Thursday evenings at 7pm from Swan's Carpark. More members needed. The pace will be slow for the next few weeks - no fancy bike or gear needed but a helmet and Hi-Viz is recommended. Contact James Brady 085 7106524 or Pat McGovern 087 2586315

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STARTING UP A MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP: As a new mum and new to the area of RST, I'm hoping to set up a Mother & Toddler Group. I feel it would be a great asset to the community for new parents to make friends and have a place to come together weekly for a coffee & chat. Please contact Tracy on 0879729996 if you are interested in such a group.

SKRYNE GFC GOLF CLASSIC: Skryne GFC held their Annual Golf Classic recently in Royal Tara Golf Club. It was played in glorious sunshine on a perfect course with a record number of teams. 43 teams were booked in, of which 40 played to make it the most successful - numbers wise - of the twenty one classics played so far. Thanks to Royal Tara for the use of their excellent course and clubhouse. Thanks to all competitors and sponsors alike. Your contributions help us continue the recent upgrading of our facilities for the benefit of the youth and more importantly the children of our Parish. We continue to give these young people the opportunities to progress in sport and life in general. As stated we Thank you for your support and look forward to more successful outings in the future.

Condolences

The Parish and Skryne GFC passed votes of sympathy with the following:

- Hanley family on the death of Rita and on the death of Catherine's mother.
- Pryle family on the death of Paddy.
- Patricia Fahey, Gerrardstown on the death of her sister.
- Margo Moran, Skryne on the death of her brother.
- Breda McKeown Proudstown on the death of her sister.
- Eamon Giles, Ross on the death of his sister-in-law.
- Von Schmieder, family, Oberstown on the death of Carl
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June 11 2017
7-9-23-26
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June 18 2017
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Cumann na mBunscol 2017

Boys Cumann na mBunscol Div. 3 Finals

What can you do when your opponents score an incredible 13 - 7? This was the dilemma facing the Stackallen NS team who faced up to the Sc. Cholmcille boys in the recent Cumann na mBunscol Finals in famed Páirc Tailteann. Other than scoring 13 - 8 all you can really do is sit back and admire the speed, skill and accuracy of the Tara boys. In a breathtaking display of what is best about Gaelic football, the Skryne team took firm and early control despite conceding a sloppy goal in the tricky windy conditions. Stackallen were mesmerised by the free running and accurate combination passing of John Finnerty, John O'Regan, Andrew Nolan and Mark Swan. Their interplay was a joy to behold. Most of their good work was rewarded with excellent finishing by the deadly inside duo of Charlie Swan and Bahn Delemere. Stephen Corry also notched an excellent point.

With James Dardis locking down the middle and Ciarán Quinn and Matthew Ryan providing able assistance Stackallen just could not break through a solid half back line. Ben Armstrong and Declan O'Connor were rarely troubled in the full back positions and they gave goalie Shane O'Connor wonderful cover. By half-time this game was over, 7-6 to 1-2.

Any lingering hope Stackallen had was quickly extinguished at the start of the second period when John Finnerty sliced through the opposition defence and unleashed an unstoppable shot to rattle the net. No way back. Skryne were relentless and Mark Swan and John O'Regan continued to work the scoreboard. Conor Ward made a telling impact when introduced as did the industrious Alex Schmeider. Mercifully the referee called this one sided game to a halt with a full 5 minutes still to play as Skryne had begun to run in the subs.

This team has been very effective all season and improved game on game. They had a most comprehensive Semi-Final win over Rathbeggan but their most complete performance was reserved for the biggest game of the year. Brilliantly led by joint-captains John O'Regan and John Finnerty this was a powerhouse display by a driven bunch of boys who had decided before they took to the field that they simply would not be beaten. They have earned their Final win.

A sad footnote to our win was that the unfortunate Cillian Moss had a broken wrist suffered after the Semi-Final win and this prevented him from lining out in the Final. Sport can be cruel sometimes. Cillian will bounce back. He played a large part on our march to this Final.

Girls Cumann na mBunscol Div. 3 Finals

Sc. Cholmcille, Skryne made a return visit to Páirc Tailteann on Thursday 15th. to complete the second leg of a unique double for the footballers of our school. This was a special double.

Firstly it was a "Two-in-a-Row" following up on the title won for the first time by the girls of Skryne NS last season. Secondly and more significantly it created its own little bit of history by securing

a double title win as our girls joined the boys as County Meath Champions for 2017.

Make no doubt about it but this a special group of girls. They have earned rave reviews for their performances all season as they systematically demolished all opposition put in their way. The Final was to be no different. A resolute Baconstown team put up stubborn resistance for much of the first half. The usual fluid passing game of the Skryne girls was badly affected by the gale force wind blowing into the town end goals. Passes travelled a little too far and didn't reach intended targets. Despite this the girls of Skryne never stopped trying to do the right thing with the ball as Niamh Cahill left a big impression on the first half by cracking two super goals. Ciara Smyth seemed to be everywhere at this stage searching out every ball like a lady in a frantic search for a misplaced passport! She was dynamic. Molly Fitzpatrick was trying her best but just not getting the run of the ball as in other games. As ever the workrate of Ava Purcell was phenomenal as she hassled and harried the opposition winning many turnovers and setting up scores for her colleagues. Ava was to get a well deserved goal herself in the second half. Róisín McManus was buzzing around the field and was a great foil to the tremendous graft of Sasha Guirey who has the heart of a lion. The Clarke sisters, Megan and Aly, were just immense on the half back line. Aly has blossomed into a serious player and had a terrific outing. Megan has been like a good insurance policy for this team. She senses danger, snuffs it out and starts all over again. What a player! Behind her we had the immovable objects which are Samantha Clarke and Steffi Finegan. I wouldn't fancy your chances of getting the last biscuit in the barrel off of either of these tigers! Reluctant goalie Lisa Browne had an easy afternoon with such dependable defenders in front of her but was really efficient with her kick-outs. Skryne had constructed a healthy 2-7 scoreline by half time and through terrific defence had held Baconstown scoreless.

Taking a leaf out of the boys victory five days earlier the girls also made a blistering start to the second half. Ava notched a good goal before Niamh completed her hat-trick. An electrifying display from Niamh. Skryne played much more controlled football against the wind and soon had the title safely secured affording the mentors the luxury of finishing out the match with a completely changed team. Ellie Murphy and Destiny Carty both caught the eye with neat scores while it was very satisfying to see Aoife McCloughlin, Aisling O'Connor and Katie Keane return to the pitch after injury. An engrossing sideshow through this match was the tremendous tussles Steffi had with the pick of the Baconstown girls. Only one winner there!

Special mention to Ciara Smyth who travelled back from her warm weather training camp in Portugal especially for this game. Unforgettable moments shared with special friends. We hope you feel the journey was worth the effort Ciara. Your teammates really appreciated it.

The girls and boys along with their management would like to thank all the people who guided

them to this special double occasion. The support all through the season with lifts, access to pitches, sponsorship etc. is deeply appreciated by all at the school.

Both Final wins were celebrated in style with friends and family back in the school hall. Happy occasions which will live with us for a long, long time.

PS: Visit "skryneschool.blogspot.com" to see the amazingly inspirational promotional pieces prepared for both teams by staff member Kieran Fanning. How could we lose after these?

Cumann na mBunscoil Final 2017 Skryne N.S

*On June 15th to Navan we go,
The Skryne blue and white to put on a show.
We've worked very hard from first day to last,
Our Granny's lit candles that we would be fast.*

*We've got Lisa in goal,
The best number one.
With Steffi and Sam,
The forwards they'll stun.*

*The sister's half back,
Not a ball will get through.
From Scoil Cholmcille,
The white and the blue.*

*Róisín's engine,
Going up and down all day.
With Sasha's fierce power
she will make you pay.*

*Ciara and Niamh are sure to be trouble,
When they cut through defence,
In search of the double.*

*The finishing of Molly and Ava's left peg,
Get out of the way or you will be dead.
The back of the net the ball goes each time
The girls are so good it must be a crime!!*

*Not to mention are subs that finish the game
Katie, Kate, Ellie, Aoife they leave you in pain.
Weve got Katie, Rebecca, Destiny Maeve too,
Ailbhe, Áine, Shauna, Aisling, Gráinne
All ready, wohooo!!*

*The double is waiting
Girl's it's now up to you.
We're proud of you all,
The Skryne white and blue.*

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Paddy Pryle an Appreciation



It was with deep sadness that the people of Skryne and Navan learned on Wednesday, 14 June, of the untimely death of Paddy Pryle. It happened in St. John, Newfoundland where Paddy was to be the guest of honour at a reception to mark the

150 anniversary of the founding of Canada. Paddy was also to be the chief marshal at their parade over the weekend. Unfortunately it was not meant to be as on returning the short distance between a local hostelry where he was enjoying himself with his hosts, to his hotel, Paddy took ill and died within a short time at a place called Garrison Hill.

Paddy was as well known in parts of Canada such as Navan Ontario, where he led a Navan delegation a number years ago, as he was in Navan Co. Meath or his native Skryne. He was also well known in many parts of Wexford for his work in commemorating the 1798 rebellion and its effect in Co. Meath. As most of us know, if Paddy saw an occasion which needed commemorating he was on to it in a flash. He was solely responsible in having the memorial plaque to Private Keogh re-erected at Oberstown Cross after it was removed by the County Council. His view in this instance was that the plaque was originally erected by the people of the 1920's to a young man who had died in the tragic civil war and that we in this generation had no right to remove it. A sentiment with which most would concur.

Perhaps Paddy is best known in Comhaltas as the one who organised music classes in Beauford college and who recruited the best tutors to teach our traditional music. He organised a weekly lottery to help pay for those who would otherwise struggle to pay for these classes themselves. He also organised the lending of musical instruments from those who no longer

needed them to students who could not afford to purchase a new one just at the present time. He re-organised the annual St. Patrick's day parade in Navan along with the Navan Shamrock festival, was involved in Scurlogstown Olympiad and Haymaking festival, Dunderry Fair and anything else he could lend a hand with.

Many adjectives have been used to describe Paddy over the last few days. Words like Generous, big hearted, ebullient, magnificent, energetic, helpful and more. All positive and nothing negative. He was everybody's friend indeed more than anything else that would sum up Paddy. I think if you were to ask him what he would like to be remembered as, it would be simply "an Irishman, proud of his heritage, who did his best to remember those who went before us and who one would like to see our heritage live on".

When you met him he was automatically your friend and you couldn't help but like him. To the best of my knowledge there wasn't a single person who didn't like him. We in Comhaltas have lost a very dear friend and we will struggle without his help and guiding hand. A much repeated comment over the weekend was "who will organise everything now".

I would have to mention that his funeral was a well coordinated event with one of the biggest gatherings of Comhaltas musicians in Skryne church on that sad morning. Paddy would indeed have been proud of the turnout who played his favourite pieces before and after the mass and at his graveside afterwards. Indeed the whole troupe adjourned, with many of the chief mourners and members of the community to Swans to continue the tributes long into the evening.

On behalf of all Comhaltas members and indeed everyone who knew him, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Pamela, his children and to the wider Pryle family. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Skryne GFC - Ways of Supporting Your Club

As with all things in life there is a cost. As we continue to develop and maintain our facilities we have attempted to fund this as far as possible from our existing fundraising activities.

The construction of our 'All weather' facility at a cost of €165,000 has left us with outstanding debt of €35,000 for this project and this combined with other commitments means the Club is carrying an overall debt of approx. €55,000.

While making the 'all weather' available without an individual usage charge for Club members the Club Executive has been attempting to manage debt-servicing through its established fundraising activities, one of which is our weekly Blotto Draw

Down the years our Weekly Blotto Draw has provided valuable revenue but in recent times the turnover has slipped by about 50%. Over the coming weeks you will be approached to support this Draw: You can help by:

- **Regular contribution of €2 per week in envelopes available at Swan's, Post Office, Fox's and O'Connell's**
- **Annual Blotto (1 Panel - €100, 2 Panel - €125, 3 Panel €150)**
- **Direct Debit to pay above amounts**

If you or your family are users of the facility or you see the value to the overall Community of the provision of healthy sporting opportunities for our young people we are asking for your re-invigorated support. The Cost of running the Club runs at approx. €70,000 per year which should be within the capabilities of our 800 strong households if we all pull together.

Further Details Available from: Any Committee Member. Our Next Fundraising/Social Activity is; Annual Cycle Saturday 30th September

Petty vandalism at Skryne GFC and in the RST Community Centre

Skryne GFC and the RST community centre experienced some petty vandalism and a number of minor indiscretions during the Easter school holidays and during the past month. Sadly, it is believed that the perpetrators were local youths. They should have known better and shown more respect for the excellent sporting and community facilities put in place by several generations of Skryne residents.

This unacceptable behaviour must stop now before more serious incidents of wanton damage occur.

All of us who are proud to call Rathfeigh or Skryne or Tara home, must be more vigilant, especially parents, under-age team managers, GAA and RST committee.

As a result of this recent misconduct, Skryne GFC and the RST Community

Centre find it necessary to put new security measures in place at considerable expense:

- **CCTV cameras will be installed in both the GAA Scoreboard area and at the GAA pavilion/RST centre.**
- **Access codes will be changed.**
- **Access to upstairs in the RST centre will be restricted.**

If the problem persists, Skryne GFC will be forced to lock the "All Weather" and other pitches and allow access only for supervised training and matches.

We are blessed with the sporting and community facilities that Skryne GFC and the RST Centre provide for its residents. Respect them; don't destroy them!