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CLÁR [AGENDA]

1. Miontuairiscí. [Minutes]
2. Tuarascáil An Rúnaí. [Secretary's Report]
3. Tuarascaíl Na bhFo-Choistí. [Sub-Committees' Reports]
4. Tuarascáil An Chisteora. [Treasurer's Report]
5. Oráid An Chathaoirligh. [Chairman's Address]
6. Toghachán na nOifigeach, Teachtaí ar an Ard-Chomhairle, agus Beirt ar Chomhairle na Mumhan. [Election of Officers, Representative on Central Council and two Representatives on Provincial Council]
7. Na Rúin [Motions]

BUNORDAITHE [STANDING ORDERS]

In order that the proceedings of Convention be carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed :-

1. The proposer of a motion or amendment thereto may speak for five minutes, but not for more than five minutes.
2. A delegate speaking to a motion or amendment may not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a motion or amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other delegate can speak for a second time to the same motion or amendment.
4. The Chairman may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer for a reply and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. The Chairman may consider any subject not on the agenda provided he receives the consent of the majority of the delegates present.
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the agenda except by the consent of the majority equal to two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

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AINMNIÚCHÁIN [NOMINATIONS] 2020

Uachtarán: *(President)*	**Ó hAiseáda Maitiú**	(Tuaim Uí Mheara)	- Outgoing
Leas-Uachtaráin: *(Vice-President)*	**Ó Costagáin Sean**	(J K Brackans)	-Outgoing
Cathaoirleach: *(Chairperson)*	**Kennedy Joe.**	(Moyne Templetuohy)	
Leas-Chathaoirleach: *(Vice-Chairperson)*	**Dawson Tom.** **Jimmy Minogue**	(Eire Óg Anacarthy) (Nenagh Eire Óg)	
Cisteoir: *(Treasurer)*	**Power Michael.**	(Newcastle)	-Outgoing
Cisteoir Cúnta: **(Assistant Treasurer.)**	**Devlin Michael** **Donovan John**	(Eire Óg Anacarthy) (Thurles Gaels)	
Oifigeach Forbartha: *(Development Officer)*	**McLoughlin Mark** (Not elected- appointed as per rule)	(Roscrea)	- Outgoing
Oifigeach Oiliúna: *(Coaching Officer)*	**Dawson Tom.**	(Eire Óg Anacarty)	–Outgoing
Oifigeach Cultúir agus Gaeilge: *(Officer for Irish Language and Culture)*	**Marcas O'Duinn**	**(**Maighean Teampall Na Tuaithe).	-Outgoing
Oifigeach na nÓg: *(Childrens Officer)*	**Moroney Nicholas.** (Not elected- appointed as per rule)	(St Patricks)	-Outgoing
Oifigeach Chaidreamh Poiblí: *(Public Relations Officer)*	**Cullen Jonathan** **McCarthy Michael** **O'Sullivan Enda** **Stapleton Lisa**	(Loughmore Castleiney) (Cappawhite) (Nenagh Eire Óg) (Boherlahan Dualla)	
Teachta ar Árd Chomhairle: *(Central Council Representative)*	**Bourke Michael**	**(**Upperchurch-Drombane)	- Outgoing
Teachtaí ar Chomhairle Chúige: *(Two Representatives on Munster Council)*	**Doyle John** **Nugent Sean**	(Holycross Ballycahill) (Kilsheelan-Kilcash)	- Outgoing - Outgoing

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Nominations and Motions were received from the following 33 Clubs

North
Kilruane McDonaghs
Moneygall
Ballinahinch
Nenagh Eire Óg
Newport
Borrisileigh
Knockshegowna
Toomevara

South
Fr Sheehys
Ballybacon Grange
Cahir
Newcastle
Kilsheelan Kilcash
Mullinahone
Skeheenarinka
St Patricks

Mid
Durlas Óg
Holycross Ballycahill
Moycarkey Borris
Loughmore Castleiney
Thurles Gaels
Drom & Inch
Boherlahan Dualla
Moyne Templetuohy
Clonakenny
Gortnahoe Glengoole
J K Brackens
Killea
Upperchurch Drombane

West
Eire Óg Anacarthy
Cappawhite
Golden Kilfeacle
Rockwell Rovers

Na Rúin (Motions for 2020 Co. Convention)

1.

Age Grades & Responsibility

Moycarkey-Borris would like to propose that a U19 competition would take place if minor goes to 17 as we feel there would be too much of a gap between 17s and 21's. We feel this needs to happen to help with player retention. ***(Moycarkey Borris)***

2.

We propose that the age groups for the coming year be U13, U15, U17 & U19
We propose that responsibility for U13, & U15 and U17 should rest with the Coiste na nÓg at both divisional and county level.
(Boherlahan-Dualla)

3.

If there is an U17 competition in 2021, that this competition would be organized and run by Co Bord na nOg. ***(Borrisileigh)***

4.

If there is an under-17 competition in 2021, that this competition will be run and organized by the County Board na nOg.
(Durlas Óg)

5.

1. In accordance with rule 6.17 T.O. 2020 & Age-grade policy clarification (Email Friday November 13th2020), We propose that Tipperary GAA play competition at U-21 Age-Grade in 2021
2. In Accordance with Rule 6.17 T.O 2020 & Age-grade policy clarification (Email Friday November 13th 2020) We propose that Tipperary GAA play competition at U-19 Age-Grade in 2021

Email of Friday 13th November states:

Age Grades above U-17
Counties are expected to operate at least one age grade above U-17 and below adult; that age grade(s) can be determined by the county in consultation with Central Games Development Committee.

Reason for U-21 Competition: Boys born in the year 2000 will now have missed out on playing Club U21 for 2 years if the age-grade is changed to U20. They played no U21 hurling in 2020 due to covid and will then miss out on U20 Hurling & Football in 2021 as they are over-age. These are also the same group of players who never got the chance to play Inter-County minor as 18 year olds, due the change back to U17 competition. They are also the same group of players who have, so far, not been able to finish the U20 Inter-county championship due to covid.

Reason for U-19 competition: Boys born in the year 2005, will turn 16 in 2021. These boys will only be eligible to play at one grade (U-17) in 2021. This is a vulnerable age-group and as an organisation it is more games these boys should be getting not less. Had the age-grades stayed at U-16 & U-18 these boys would have been eligible for both grades but under current age-guidelines in 6.17 are not eligible for U-20. **(Cappawhite)**

6.

St Patricks would like to have the U19 grade and the U21 grade to continue for another year. **(St. Patricks)**

7.

That the U21 Hurling and Football championships be retained in their current format.

That the Minor Hurling and Football championships should remain at U18. (***Golden-Kilfeacle)***

8.

We propose that Tiobraid Arann retain the u21 and u18 competitions in hurling and football in accordance with rule 6.17 T.O.

(Mullinahone)

"C" Championships

9.

That the Tipperary County Board re-introduce the "C" championship for both hurling and football for Under 17/18 for clubs who are unable to field teams in the "B" championship due to lack of numbers. This championship to be played on an all-county basis with club teams consisting of 13 a side. The running of this championship to be organized by the County CCC.

(Moyne-Templetuohy)

10.

We would like to propose a Junior C hurling Championship to be fun whatever way the County Board see fit whether that be through the Divisions or a straight County Championship ***(Gortnahoe-Glengoole)***

Girls Play U13

11.

We at Ballinahinch GAA club would propose that if the grades for the 2021 season become U13, U15, & U17 that we in Tipperary, would allow girls to play up to the age of U13 at both hurling and football. Girls can currently play both up to U12. We would ask that if this agreed on that it be implemented from the start of the 2021 season.

(Ballinahinch)

Transfers

12.

All Underage grading to be deferred until after transfer deadline passes. ***(Thurles Gaels)***

Patron of the GAA Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly celebrates Mass for deceased members before the County Convention 2019.

Adjusting to Covid-19

Miontuairiscí na gComhdhála 16-12-2019

Minutes of Annual Convention held on Monday 16th December 2019.

The Annual Convention of C.L.G. Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann was held in the The Dome, Thurles on Monday 16th December 2019.

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DELEGATES PRESENT

AN ROINN THUAIDH Tadhg de Flóid, Seamas Ó Muinneóg, Mike Flynn, Marian Minehan, Eamon Finn, P J O' Loinsigh, John McGrath, [Baile na hInse]; Gerry Treacy, Michael Tierney, T.F Stapleton, [Buiríos Uí Luíoch]; Diarmaid MacEochaidh, Ger McKeogh [Béal An Átha]; William Cleary, Mgt Mary Dwyer, Brid Morris [Buiríos Uí Chéin]; Mike Carroll, Fergal McDonnell, Mortimer Hogan [Buirgheas]; Donnacha Cody, [Fánaithe Eidhneáin]; Cait Ní Ghliasáin, Anne McGrath, Seamus Quigley [Cill an Daingean]; Carmel Daly, Gilbert Williams, [Cill Ruain Mhic Dhonnchadha]; Shane Brophy, [Lothra- Doire]; Eugene Ryan [Muine Gall]; Mikey Ryan, Martín O Muiris [Éire Óg Aonach]; Cora Moroney, Majella Coffey, James Collins [Tulach Sheasta]; Gus Ryan, Patrick O Connor, Brendan Shanahan[Portrua]; Mark McLoughlin, Kevin Moloney, [Roscré]; Liam Hogan, [Fánaithe na Sionnainne]; Maurice Daffey, Colm Maher [Béal Átha Gabhann]; Alan Ryan, Michael Ryan, Brian Carey Teampall Doire Uí Chianan]]; Jackie Maher, Patrick Hanley [Tuaim Uí Mheara]

AN ROINN MEANACH Seán Ó'Dubháin, Seosamh Ó Cinnéide, P.J. Ó'Meachair, Seosaimhin Ni Cathail, Jonathan Cullen, Sally Young, Tomás Ó'Meachair, Seosamh O Breacháin, Jim O'Shea, Liz Flanagan, Aodh O Cochlain, Martin Bourke, Johnny Doyle, Michael Bourke, Joe Casey, Lisa Stapleton, Johnny Ryan [Bothar Leathan- Duibh Ealla]; Peter Byrne, Breeda Carroll, John Ryan [Cluain Uí Chionnaith]; Máirtín O Fáthaigh, Mattie Ryan [Druim & Inse]; Sean Leahy, Aoife Percy,Tadhg Sheedy [S C Breachain]; Michael Cleary, Andy O Gorman, Michael Egan [Gort na Huaigh- Gleann an Ghuuail]; Michael Ryan, Martin Treacy, Sean O Duill [Mainistir na Croise- Baile Cathail]; Jim Hamill, [Cill Aodha] Sean O Treasaigh, Tom McGrath, [Luachmágh- Caisleán Laighnigh]; Peadar O' Lanagáin, Joe Barnett, John Cahill [Na Sairsealaigh Durlas]; John O' Donovan, Karen Fogarty Padraig O Flanagáin [Dúrlas Éile Gaels]; Mark Dunne, Wille Fogarty, Michael Troy [Maighean Teampall na Tuaithe]; Michael Kennedy, Liam McCarthy, PJ Bowden [Dúrlas Óg]; Joe Moran, Michelle McKelvey [Magh Coirce Buirgheas]; Michael Griffin, Joseph Lowry, Donal Hayes[Teampall Uachtar Drombán]; Domhnáll O Keefe, Robert Ryan [Cnoch]

AN ROINN THIAR Michael Ryan, Michael McCarthy, Michéal Ó Doibhilin, Tom Dawson, Seamus Frewen, Pat Moroney, Joe Donovan [Eatharlach]; Jerry Ring, Paul Delaney [Fánaithe Gleann Árann]; PJ Dunne, Declan Burgess, Paddy Moloney [Caiseal Rí Cormaic] Paul O'Neill, Niamh Julian, Willie Meaghar [Ceapach na bhFaoiteach]; Andrew Fryday, Michael O Dwyer, Michéal Ó Codhain [Cluain an tUaigh-Rosmór]; Noel McGrath, Colm McGrath [Imleach]; Tom English, Eileen Ryan, John Quinn [Eire Óg Ath na gCairteDún Eochaille]; John Morrissey, Liam Bergin [Fanaithe na nGailti] Billy O'Toole, Martin Ryan, [Seán Uí Threasaigh]; John Currivan [Gabhailín/Cill-Fiacla]; Michael Butler, Tommy Hayes, Pat McCormack [Cnoc an Bhile Dun na Sciath]; John Hally [Fánaithe Carraig an Tobair]; Ger Kiely, Ger Howe, Gerry Maguire [Laitean Cuileann]; Pat Cummins, Jack Bourke [Faiche Ró]; Willie Dee [Sulchóid]

AN ROINN THEAS Gearóid Mac Domhnaill, Hugo Browne, Eddie McCarthy, Nioclás Ó'Maolruanaidh, Michéal de Paor, Ken Conway, Barry O Brien, Diarmuid Boyle, Aidan McNamara, William Nagle,[Árd Fhionáin]; Tomas O Leary [Baile Bheagan an Ghrainseach]; Tom Fitzgerald [Baile an Gharraí] Michéal de Burca, Eamonn O Riain[Beal Atha Lubaigh/Caislean Ghrasaigh] Ed O Gorman, Padraig O Fearghail, Patrick English [Beal Atha Poirin] Eddie Lonergan, Pat O Brien, Tadhg Howard [Cathair Dún Iascaigh]; Alan Faukner, Niall Ryan, Robert Dooley, [Na Daimhní, Carraig na Súire]; Seán O Séa, Jim Bourke, Bernard O Neill [Na hEalaí]; Kieran Barrett,[Cléireacháin]; Derek Williams, Dan McMenamin, [Na Tráchtalaí Cluain Meala] Eddie Kearney Sean Quirke, [Cluain Meala Óg]; Michael O Connor, Michael Norris, Eamon O Gorman [An t-Athair Sithigh]; Tom Anglim, PJ Ahearne, Stephen Fitzgerald [Fíodh Árd]; Eamon Phelan, Thomas Grinsell, Gerry Shelly [Gráinseach Mhóicléir]; Roibeard de Hál, Michael Bulfin, Eilonóir Ni Labharhaigh [Cill Náile]; Sean Nugent, Billy Stokes [Cill Siolain/Cill Chais] Jim O Brien [Naomh Pádraigh]; Tommy Campbell, Jerry Kelly [Fánaithe an Maolig]; Dick Egan, Ricky Sheehan [Muileann na hUamhan]; Brian Moynihan, Sean Carroll, Ger Deely [Naomh Mhuire Cluain Meala]; Donnacha O Grada, Michael Ceitinn, Michael Murphy [Caislean Nua]; Breda Fitzgibbon, Eddie Maher Tom Maher [Sceichin na Rince]

Also present at the commencement was Most Rev. Dr Kieran O'Reilly [Patrún C.L.G], who celebrated Mass prior to convention at 7.15pm.
Total voting strength of Convention was 248. There were 191 voting delegates present.
Convention commenced with Sean Dubháin, Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae, welcoming the delegates and media to the Annual Convention.

Standing orders were adopted. Proposed by Nicholas Moroney and seconded by Mark McLoughlin.

1. **Miontuairscí** (Minutes)
   The Minutes of 2018 Convention were adopted; Proposed by Aoife Percy and seconded by Paddy Moloney. **Nothing Arising**

2. **Tuarascáil an Rúnaí (Secretarys Report)**
   The Secretary's Report was adopted; Proposed by T. F Stapleton and seconded by Michael O'Connor. An Runaí went through his report and invited comments from delegates.
   The only comment came from Sean Nugent who said that Divisional Championships should not be completed too soon as it destroys clubs' interest too early in the year.

3. **Tuarascáil na bhFo-Choistí (Sub-Committee Reports).** Runaí, Tadhg de Flóid briefly went through each of the sub-committee reports and financial accounts in the following order as they appeared in the convention booklet.

- Co. C.C.C. – Tomás Ó'Meachair
- Co. Referees Committee (Seamus O'Seaghdha, Cathaoirleach Riarachaín Réiteoirí)
- Co. Hearings Committee (Diarmaid O Rinn, Runaí)
- Coiste Peil (Hugh Coghlan, Runaí)
- Friends of Tipperary Football (Trish Gavin, Runaí)
- Friends of Tipperary Football A/C's (Michael Power, Accountants)
- Coaching & Games Development (Dinny Maher, Games Manager)
- Coiste na nÓg (Sean Ó Sithigh, Runaí)
- Cumann na mBunscoil (Michael Delaney Runaí)
- Semple Stadium Review (Con Hogan, Chairman & Tom Maher, Runaí)

- Semple Stadium Accounts 2018 (Spain, Fewer & Quinlan)
- Communications Committee (Joe Bracken, PRO)
- Tipperary Year Book 2019 (John Smyth, Runaí)
- Co. IT Committee (Lisa Stapleton IT Officer)
- Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw (Peter Byrne Draw Chairman)
- Tipperary GAA Draw 2018/19 a/c's (Spain, Fewer & Quinlan)
- Co. Planning & Physical Development Committee (Denis Floyd Secretary)
- Tipp GAA Shop Accounts 2019 (Michael Martin, Accountant)
- Co Handball Report (Ken Conway Secretary)
- Tipperary Supporters Club (John Coman P.R.O.)
- Tipperary Supporters Club Accounts 2018 (Bryan Maher, Ass. Treasurer)
- Coiste Scór plus Scór Accounts 2019 (Máire De Búrca, Runaí) agus Seosaimhin Ni Chathail
- Fixture Analysts Robert 2019 (John Costigan)
- Health & Wellbeing Report 2019 (Seamus Delaney)
- County Youth Committee (Nicholas Moroney Co. Youth officer)
- Tipperary Post Primary Schools Report (Tomas O Meachair, PPS Administrator)
- Financial Reports from Mid, South, West & North Divisions.
- County Board Gates 2019 (Michael Power, Cisteoir)

All the Sub-committee reports were adopted – Pro. Hugh Coughlan, Sec. Cora Moroney

Arising from Sub Committee Reports

- Peter Byrne (Chairman of Draw Committee) warned clubs that the draw will not be viable if it drops below 16,000 members. He said clubs are not giving it the attention it deserves, and club co-ordinators are not getting enough support. It should be on the AGM agenda and targets set. Cathaoirleach added that we must not take the draw for granted and clubs need to make a fresh approach.

- PJ Maher thanked all the clubs for their co-operation during his five years and he wished his successor Mark McLoughlin well in the role. He added that Tipperary grants were the highest in Munster in 2019 with Developments to the value of €2.5m. over his five year term he said he had seen €10-€15million capital Development Projects in the county. He warned units planning further investment to be aware of the maintenance costs afterwards. Jimmy Minogue who was also completing his five-year term as Munster Delegate said the quality and high standard of Tipperary Grant Applications was a credit to the clubs. Jimmy wished his successor Sean Nugent and John Doyle well in Munster and thanked the clubs for giving him the opportunity for the past five years.

- **Distribution of Co. Medals** Medals were presented to all the Co.Championship and League winners during 2019 by Joe Kennedy and Tom Maher (Chairman & Secretary of Co. C.C.C)

- **Distribution of Munster Development Grants**
  PJ Maher and Jimmy Minogue presented the Munster grant cheques as follows –

Aherlow	€1,631
Arravale Rovers	€5,650
Borris-Ileigh	€5,539
Boherlahan Dualla	€11,612
Carrick Swans	€22,079
Cahir	€22,619
Clonakenny	€10,188
Drom-Inch	€6,097
Borrisokane	€2,605
Borrisokane Collage	€5,000
Galtee Rovers	€5,306
Holycross Ballycahill	€26,554
Kilruane MacDonaghs	€7,958
Kiladangan	€31,164
Cappawhite	€700 (Legal Grant)
Moycarkey Borris	€28,647
Nenagh Éire Óg	€20,000 (Land Purchase)
Nenagh Collage	€5,000
Newport N.S	€5,000
Moyne Templetuohy	€700 (Legal Grant)
Portroe	€2,833
St Josephs N.S Templetmore	€2,427
Sean Treacys	€10,605
Fr Sheehys	€2,763
St Patricks	€2,034
Roscrea	€1,961
Thurles Sarsfields	€7,646
Newport	€700 (Legal Grant)

The following clubs are awaiting final documents before cheques can be released (e.g. updated trustees, folio details, proof of payment)

Gortnahoe	€11,300
Thurles Gaels	€4,472
St Marys	€4,260

- Clonoulty €4,927-€2000 sand
- Clonmel Óg €2,000

Comhairle na Mumhan, Leas Cathaoirleach, Ger Ryan addressed convention as follows;

A Chathaoirligh, a ofigigh, a chairde Gaeil Thiobraid Árann, tá sé mar priobhléid agus onóir dom a bheith i bhur measc anocht.
A Chathaoirligh, ar dtús ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leat féin agus leis na hOifigigh eile as ucht an cuireadh a bheith anseo anocht ag an Chomdháil Bhliaintúil Thiobraid Árann. Ba mhaith liom freisin ar son Comhairle na Mumhan comghairdeas a dhéanamh le Tiobraid Árann as ucht an sár-bhliain a bhí agaibh. Táim cinnte go bhfuil gach duine anseo anocht agus ar fud an chontae an-bhródúil as na fóirne sinsir agus fe fiche a bhuaigh cluichí ceannais na hÉireann i mbliana.

A Chathaoirligh, on behalf of Comhairle na Mumhan I want to congratulate you, your fellow officers and the County Board on the excellent year you have had. It is a great achievement to win one All Ireland, to win both the Senior Hurling and inaugural under 20 hurling is outstanding and it is a great tribute to your players, management teams and the leadership of the Board to have achieved such success.

I also want to thank the Tipperary officers for the great support and assistance they always provide to Comhairle na Mumhan in all its activities. Semple Stadium is an iconic venue in the province and I want to thank Con Hogan, the management committee, stadium staff and stewards for all the excellent work they do in staging Munster championship games here in Thurles.
Tipperary was prominent this year in the annual Munster GAA awards. Liam Sheedy is Manager of the Year, Conor Bowe of Moyne Templetuohy is under 20 hurler of the Year, Borris-Ileigh is club of the Year and the great Tony Wall of Thurles Sarsfields is recipient of the Hurling Hall of Fame Award. I want to congratulate all of them on their well deserved awards and recognition.

You have been well served on Comhairle na Mumhan in 2019 by Johnny Doyle and Jimmy Minogue. Jimmy has served the 5 year maximum term and on behalf of my fellow officers I want to thank him for his contribution as a member of the Council and also as a member of two important sub-committees – the Development Committee (responsible for the all important grant allocations which will be presented later) and the Hearings Committee. Jimmy brought great common sense and experience to the Council and we shall miss him. Johnny Doyle has been an able and effective contributor at the Council and on the CCC and will be returning along with your new representative, Sean Nugent, I congratulate and look forward to working with both of them in 2020. I have no doubt they will represent Tiobraid Árann capably and well.

One of the privileges of representing Comhairle na Mumhan at a County Convention is being the bearer of good news with grant presentations. This year Central Council and Comhairle na Mumhan are awarding a total of €1.32 million in grants for club development work in the province. Tiobraid Árann is receiving almost €300,000 of that allocation, the largest to any county. That is a tribute to the great work you the clubs of the county are doing in planning and preparing for the future by enhancing your facilities and I want to compliment for doing that so well. It is also a tribute to your County Development Committee and your outgoing County Development Officer, PJ Maher, who has done an excellent job ensuring that grant applications are completed properly, fully and on time thereby ensuring the maximum available amount is achieved by Tipperary clubs. I am also pleased to announce that we have been able to increase the purchasing grant for additional club grounds this year and we hope to maintain that subject to us having sufficient funds to do so.
On a personal note, it was a great honour for me to have been elected Leas Chathaoirleach Comhairle na Mumhan since your last Convention. I am very grateful to Tipperary for nominating me and supporting me in every way possible.

Jason Forde leads Tipperary out at Semple Stadium with Limerick hurlers providing a guard of honour for the All Ireland champions at the Allianz League match in January

Mar focal scoir, tréaslaim libh arís as ucht an mbliain iontach a bhí agaibh . Nollaig shona agus ath bhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.
Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

4. Tuarascáil an Chisteora/Treasurers Report

Ronan Spain, Co Board Auditor read the Auditors Statement on page 3 of the Finance Booklet.
Co Treasurer, Michael Power thanked Ronan and his staff. He also expressed his appreciation to the Tipperary Supporters Club and Commercial Board plus the Friends of Tipperary Football for the wonderful support. He thanked the gate checkers and stiles people, his officer colleagues and the staff in Lar Na Parice.
He went on to outline the main details of the report to delegates as follows;

-Total Income for 2019	€2,770,132
-Total Expenditure for 2019	€3,141,728
-2019 Deficit	(€ 371,596)

These Income/Expenditure figures excluded €258,812 Contra items which are mainly Tickets, Insurance and Semple Stadium rent of field.
The highlights of the accounts were the following;
- Drop in gate receipts of €67k due to late finishing because of All Ireland Finals.
- Drop in National League share of €37k due to not qualifying for play offs
- Team sponsorship increased by €90k with new Teneo sponsorship.
- Retail Partnership with Elverys added €52K to Royalties
- Team expenses up to €620k due to two teams in All-Ireland Finals.
- Bad Dept provision of €105K due closing down of Tipp GAA Shop
- Award events up €30k following All-Ireland wins inc. medal presentations and homecomings.

Michael Power added that playing our County SH Quarter Finals at individual venues outside of Semple Stadium had a detrimental effect on our gate receipts. He also said that our County SF Final gate was not included as it was played outside of the closing date.
Cathaoirleach added that steps are already in place to address the €371k deficit and especially the whole area of team expenditure. He invited comments from the delegates.

- Derek Williams queried the €37k for referees expenses. Cisteoir replied that €32k was referees fees and milage plus a further €5k for meals after finals. There was no referees gear purchased in 2019.

- Derek Williams also queried the €105k dividend write off from the Tipp GAA Shop. Cisteoir said the anticipated profit from the shop was €105k in 2018 but this never materialized as paying off creditors and redundancies in 2019 absorbed any surplus funds.

- Bob Hall queried Cúl Camp gear and expenses. Cisteoir said that 6000 sets of gear @ €25=€150k and wages for over 100 Cul Camps Coaches cost another 150k.

The Treasurers report was adopted. Proposed Michael Bourke, Seconded Tom Dawson

5. Óráid an Cathaoirleach (Sean O Dubhain) Chairman's Address

A Cháirde,

2019 has been a momentous year for Tipperary GAA. Bringing back the Liam MacCarthy cup and retaining the James Nowlan cup, this time as an U20 competition, has lifted the spirits of Tipperary people everywhere.

Who will ever forget the magnificent roar that greeted every score in that thrilling last 20 minutes of the All Ireland semi-final against Wexford, or the crowds that attended training the following Wednesday evening, when players and management signed jerseys, Hurley's and anything else to hand, or the homecomings in the Stadium after the senior success and Cloughjordan on the night of the U20 victory. These days, and many others, showed what the GAA means in this county. The cup visits to schools, nursing homes, and many other different functions, being joined in these by the successful Ladies football Intermediate winners, the joy on the faces of the many participants at our popular Cùl camps, and then Borrisoleigh's Munster Club success, not to forget the many stand out victories at county and Divisional level, like Sean Treacys, Carrick Davins, JK Brackens, Clonmel Commercials, Grangemockler and Kilsheelan-Kilcash.

The low points would have to start with our Senior footballers relegation from Division two and subsequent loss in the Munster championship to Limerick. Both minor teams, hurling and football had disappointing years but we hope both, with young squads, can be more competitive during the coming year.

There is no doubt, the return of Liam Sheedy had raised expectations in the county but whilst some had doubts during an indifferent league campaign culminating in defeat to Dublin in the quarter final, Liam was always focussed on 12th May against Cork in Pairc Uì Chaoimh. And what a performance, as we ran out comfortable winners. When we followed up with resounding victories over Waterford and Clare and defeated Limerick, we had gone from being outsiders to championship favourites. A chastening defeat to Limerick in the Munster final and All Ireland quarter final win over a resurgent Laois, certainly dampened expectations and probably showed,more than anything, the fickleness of sport, and the fine margins involved.

The semi-final against Wexford, as I have mentioned, will live long in the memory. We overcame many setbacks on the day to set up a final against our greatest rivals, Kilkenny. After a slow start, we finally got to grips with the game before the sending off became the major talking point. Whilst it had an affect on the game, I believe we had taken control in any event and would have gone on to win. But again these are the fine margins involved. We won because we were the better team on the day.

Great credit is due to Liam and his selectors, Darragh and Tommy, coach Eamonn and all the backroom. But credit in particular to the

players. Captain Seamie, crowned a magnificent year with a long overdue Hurler of the year award, Paudie, Brendan, Noel, Bonner have given great service to Tipperary and deserve to be included in any list of greatest ever Tipperary players. Brendan followed up with county and Munster success with his club. Surely his display against Ballygunner epitomised Tipperary hurling at its best. Paudie has been a rock at the heart of our defence, Noel has overcome illness to be in the running for player of the year and was Man of the Match in the All Ireland final. Bonner is currently getting back to fitness after his injury during the year and his resilience will see him back in the spring.

There are many more who can achieve that status. I'm a great believer in playing what's in front of you. It is always what you do next is the most important thing. Looking back and admiring what we've done is of no benefit to anyone. There is already talk about 2 in a row and "back to back". Its all nonsense. 2019 was glorious. But we all start at the same stage for 2020. I have no doubt Liam and the players will be fully focussed on the task ahead.

Our U20 success was a just reward for a very focussed group under the management of Liam Cahill. Liam and his management of Mikey, Sean and TJ, and John Sheedy, have done a magnificent job in developing so many players over the last number of years. Many of these young players have won 3 all Irelands , but knowing them, I believe they will go on to greater things. Liam has departed with our gratitude and best wishes...up to a point!!. But at some time in the future, it will not be a surprise to see him wear the Tipperary colours again.

Our senior footballers , whilst competitive and playing with a depleted squad, suffered relegation to Division 3. After being so close to promotion to Division 1 the previous year, this was a major disappointment. And the subsequent introduction of a Tier 2 at All Ireland level, makes it even tougher to take. Tipperary's amendment at special Congress, at least gives the team the chance to play at the top level. The defeat to Limerick in Thurles in the Munster championship was one of our poorest performances at that stage in a long time. Defeat to Down in Newry brought an end to Liam Kearns time as manager. During his four years, he worked very hard, achieved a lot and I want to personally thank him for his courtesy and time. David Power steps up and needs no introduction as he has been involved at both club and county level and knows the scene. We wish him and his backroom and his players every success during 2020.

We wish Tom McGlinchey and Johnny Nevin well at U20 and minor football level also and likewise, my namesake, John Devane, who steps into Liam Cahills shoes at U20 hurling and Paul Collins who continues at minor level. I also wish to thank Matty Doherty for his work at minor level over a number of years.

The success of Tipperary Ladies football team also deserves a mention and I'm sure that now they are back up to senior level, they will go on to greater things.

All this intercounty activity never mind all the other different parts that make up our organisation in the county comes at a cost. We are very aware and conscious of our responsibilities as regards the governance of all this expense. There is great focus on how money is raised and spent and to be quite honest, it is no easy task. We appreciate all who contribute in any way to our finances, whether it is paying at the gate, joining the County Board Draw, or anyone from our main sponsor, Teneo, to all who support the fundraisers or golf classics or purchase packages. The Tipperary Supporters club, Friends of Tipperary Football and the new Commercial board have all helped and a sincere thanks to all. As you have seen from the accounts, our costs have risen and cannot be sustained at that level. Measures have already been put in place to address this and will continue throughout the year. As I enter my final year as Chairman, I intend to leave Tipperary in a healthy place, both on a playing and financial front. I believe this can be done without affecting the performances of our teams on the field.

Plans for the development of Dr Morris Park are advanced and when completed will make this an excellent centre. The LIT project on developing an All-Weather pitch is still awaiting funding and hopefully will see further progress this coming year. The planned Semple Stadium development is more long term, but costs have been included for planning for this which is an investment for the future.

County Board Secretary Timmy Floyd addressing the County Convention in the presence of the top table.

2020 will be a historic year for Tipperary with the commemoration of events of 100 years ago. Bloody Sunday 1920 is etched in the minds of Tipperary people everywhere when British troops opened fire on the Tipperary v Dublin game on November 21st of that year, killing among others, Michael Hogan. There are many events planned for this year, with a committee under the able stewardship of Seamus McCarthy, working meticulously at it. We urge all Tipperary supporters to get behind the various events, and what better way to honour this occasion than for our present footballers to commemorate the heroes of the past by achieving victory on the fields.

On the club front, there are many different views and opinions and no one right answer. The secretary in his fine report, suggests a more even spread of games throughout the year, which is also suggested as one of the options in the recent Fixtures task force review. There is no doubt, many clubs bemoan the lack of championship games throughout the prime summer months. But anyone who reads the CCC review in our Convention booklet will see the huge number of games played throughout the year and many during the summer months. There were more than 550 games organised by co CCC this year, never mind what Divisions organised. That is a huge amount. Anyone who gets to read Ger McKeoghs excellent analysis of the games played per club throughout the county this year will see how much activity went on during the year.

Sometimes people hark back to the good old days when we played during the summer. Anyone who cares to check any Co, Divisional or club history will see that many clubs played earlier alright but were also finished much earlier, in many years by end of June. Sometimes be careful what you wish for. We have good leagues in place, please allow them to develop and grow. I have no doubt the clubs that took them seriously got good value out of them. On a sidenote to that, I do firmly believe that any players not on a championship 26 should be available to play with their clubs on a weekend of a championship game.

Our Dan Breen Cup top 16 competition has grown and developed as we expected. It has generated some excellent competitive games and 2019 showed what the future holds. There are any number of teams who now have a great chance of ultimate success. The four co semi-finalists were the four teams that topped their groups earlier. The fact that all four were from North Tipperary was irrelevant. They were there on merit, surely the only relevant yardstick.

The Seamus O'Riain and Intermediate competitions were also excellently contested and with both having 16 teams in the coming years, these will only become more competitive. My wish is we would finally complete the restructuring and rename the Seamus Ó'Riain as Premier Intermediate with progress to Munster level.

May I commend both North and West divisions for their minor hurling leagues and maybe this model could be taken on board throughout the county. There was a minor football league not so long ago and perhaps some form could be revived and developed.

Coiste na nÓg continues to provide and excellent introduction to competition for our young players and a sincere thanks to Martin, John and all involved for all the work done. Likewise, the Coaching and games development committee, games manager Dinny, and our GDAs. The huge range of work they organise is amazing and may I pay a special thanks to them for organising the cup visits to the schools. It was much appreciated but an onerous task.

All those games that have to be played need venues, referees and officials. Thanks to the many clubs who have developed their facilities. To the referees and officials, we cannot play games without you. And I'll once again call for support for our referees, not abuse as is too often the case. Early in the new year, there will be a meeting about recruiting new referees. This is vital. We cannot continue as we are. We need far more than we have.

Scór continues with a few dedicated people working tirelessly to promote it. All Ireland success for Newport and Newcastle are a just reward for two clubs who have long been associated with Scor. I wish to thank Seosamhìn Ní Chathail for her contribution over the years as she steps down as Oifigeach Cultúir today.

The development committee have put in huge work in recent years in helping with club plans and developments as well as officer training. Outgoing officer's PJ Maher and Denis Floyd have led this committee and deserve great thanks.

Jimmy Minogue steps down from Munster council and from Co management committee after 17 years of service to Co Bórd. I wish to thank him also for his work and dedication.

County Board Officers & Officials at the County Convention on Monday December 16th 2019 in The Dome Semple Stadium.

To all the officers and members who serve on various committees a sincere thank you. The GAA has many different aspects, sometimes its impossible to include everything but we try and appoint people with the relevant skills to fulfil these roles. Also the staff of Làr na bPáirce, you are always available to help.

A big thank you to our friends in the media. You keep everyone in touch, record what happened and even occasionally criticise us when necessary.

To secretary Tim, Vice Chairman Joe, treasurer Michael, PRO Joe, CCC secretary, amongst other roles, Tom a big thank you. All work hard and have the best interests of Tipperary at heart…

2019 has now come to a close. We have two major trophies in our possession, there is work to be done in retaining those and winning others, and we will make the necessary changes and improvements.

Ar aghaidh leis an obair.

Tiobraid Àrann Abú

6. Toghnachán Na nOifigeach (Election of Officers)

Officers for 2019 were elected as follows: -

President:	Matt Hassett	Honorary Position	
Vice President:	John Costigan	Honorary Position	
Chairperson:	John Devane	Proposed- John Costigan	Seconded- Robert Ryan
Vice Chairperson:	Joe Kennedy	Proposed- Mark Dunne	Seconded- Michael Troy
Treasurer:	Michael Power	Proposed- Bob Hall	Seconded- Barry O Brien
Ass Treasurer:	Liz Flanagan	Proposed- Martin Treacy	Seconded- John Ryan (H/C)
Development Officer:	(Appointed) Mark McLoughlin	Proposed- Michael Bourke	Seconded- Sean Leahy
Coaching Officer:	Tom Dawson	Proposed- Liam Hogan	Seconded- Jerry Ring
Oifigeach Cultúir:	Marcas Ó'Duinn	Proposed- Wm Fogarty	Seconded- Ann McGrath
Youth Officer: (Appointed)	Nicholas Moroney	Proposed- Aoife Percy	Seconded- Mark McLoughlin
Public Relations Officer:	Joe Bracken	Proposed- Michelle McKelvey	Seconded- Nicholas Moroney
Central Council:	Michael Bourke	Proposed- Donal Hayes	Seconded- Jim Minogue
Munster Council Delegate (1):	John Doyle	Proposed- Martin Treacy	Seconded- P J Maher
Munster Council Delegate (2):	Sean Nugent	Proposed- Billy Stokes	Seconded- Jimmy Minogue

Acknowledgments

- Sean Nugent thanked the clubs for supporting his nomination and he promised to do his best for all.
- John Doyle wished Jimmy Minogue well and thanked him for his friendship during his term at Munster Council.

7. Na Rúin (Motions for 2019 Co Convention)

Motion 1.

1. That Tipperary GAA Co Bórd introduce Under-17 / Under-20 hurling & football championships in 2021. This will apply at divisional & county level. It would replace the current Minor / Under-21 Championships.
   Riall 6.17 T.O. 2019 to apply
2. That Riall 6.17 T.O. 2019 be amended as follows:
   Under Age Grades:
   • County shall determine its internal Under Age Grades for competition purposes within the parameter of Under 21 down to Under 11, subject to the following eligibility years' span:
   • Under 20/21 - A five years' span.
   • Under 19 down to Under 14/13 - A four years' span

· Change from current rule: Under-20 will be changed to allow a 5-year span, similar to the current Under-21. It also allows 16 year old's the same opportunities to play 2 age grades as 15 and 17 year old's. **(Ballina)**

PRO-Ger McKeogh, Sec Diarmaid McKeogh

Proposing the motion Ger said the purpose of the motion was to give clubs a one-year lead in to prepare for the new club age grades, U17 and U20. An amendment to the motion was proposed by Thomas O'Leary and seconded Andrew Fryday. Thomas said this was the thin edge of the wedge and will be followed by U16, U14 and U12. Johnny Ryan (Boherlahan) said much of Tipp's recent success has come from club U18 and U21 and Martin Bourke supported this. Tom Dawson said it was impractical to have Inter-County at under 17 and club at 16 and 18 and Shane Brophy agreed saying clubs were currently delayed by the success of Intercounty. Joe Kennedy said the burnout report showed the effects on players playing too many grades. Cathaoirleach called for a vote which resulted ; Against 110-For 45 so motion was lost.

Motion 2.
Implement the rule 6.17 in the official GAA rulebook in 2020 regarding under age grades that a county shall determine its internal under age grades for competition purposes within the parameter of Under 21 down to Under 11, subject to the following eligibility years' span:
Under 21 - A five years' span.
Under 20 down to Under 14/13 - A four years' span. **(Upperchurch Drombane)**

PRO Donal Hayes, Seconded Sean Leahy
Donal said the purpose of the motion was to address the confusion that exists with age grades. There was no amendment, so the motion was carried and will be forwarded for deliberation at Congress.

Motion 3.
Minor football club championship to be finished before the leaving certificate starts to give chance for clubs to prepare for the minor hurling championship. **(Grangemockler-Ballyneale)**

PRO by Thomas Grindsell, Seconded Eamon Phelan.
Cathaoirleach said he would only accept the motion as a recommendation as C.C.C will always determine when fixtures are played.

Motion 4.
That a knockout hurling competition be run at U14 and U16 age groups for rural clubs. **(Boherlahan Dualla Og)**
Withdrawn by Boherlahan-Dualla GAA Club

Motion 5.
That the age grades(U12,U14 and U16) remain the same for 2020 and subsequent years for hurling and football competitions.
(Boherlahan Dualla Óg)
Withdrawn by Boherlahan-Dualla GAA Club

Motion 6.
"That tie-breakers in league formats be determined by head-to-head involving the deadlocked teams only. (Example, if 3 teams are tied on equal points, positioning is determined based on how each team performed against each other and using the score difference between those teams if necessary). Overall score difference should only come into place if teams are still tied after that**"** **(Burgess)**

Pro-Fergal McDonnell, Sec Mort Hogan
Fergal said approval of this motion would avoid unnecessary play-offs in an already back-logged system. Joe Kennedy agreed there was great merit in the motion and would have to go to Congress for approval. There was no amendment to the motion and was approved for Congress by a large majority.

Motion 7.
We propose that exception 2 to Rule 3.11b of the Official Guide be amended by adding the position of Assistant Treasurer to read as follows:
"Where a County Bye-Law provides that the positions of
Treasurer and/or assistant Treasurer and/or Childrens Officer are/is not subject to a maximum of years in office, the provision of Section (b) does not apply."Currently, Tipperary Bye Law 9.c allows the County Treasurer a term of 7 years maximum while the Assistant Treasurer is bound to a 5 year term. The proposed change as outlined above, would allow for the both positions of County Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to run in tandem. **(Holycross-*Ballycahill)***
PRO, John Ryan (Holycross), Seconded Martin Treacy
Cathaoirleach said this motion will have to go to Congress if carried. There was no amendment, so the motion was carried for approval at Congress.

Motion 8.
Amend the Co Byelaws to include the following changes: (From the Co Bye Laws Review Committee)
7(F). All applications for transfers within the county shall commence from January 1st each year and in accordance with R. 6.5, T.O. 2017 and must be made on the official inter-clubs transfer form, and must be fully documented. Documents submitted as proof of residence must be original and dated at least 28 Days prior to the original date of application for transfer . (Co Bye Laws Review Committee)

PRO Joe Hennessy, Sec Jerry Ring
There was no amendment, so the motion was carried.

Motion 9.
1 Constitution:
Coiste na nOg TIOBRAID ARANN shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Delegate to CCC, Delegate to County Committee, Chairperson and secretary of each divisional Coiste na nOg, Chairperson Coaching and Games Committee. Two additional members shall be nominated from each Division. The Post Primary and Primary Schools shall have one member each on the committee.

2) Functions and Regulation:
(a) At its last meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting, Coiste na nOg TIOBRAID ARANN may recommend for appointment by the Coiste Chontae, the following Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Delegate to CCC, Delegate to County Committee
(b) Coiste na nOg TIOBRAID ARANN will nominate for appointment its own Competitions Control Committee which will be responsible for the running of all juvenile competitions within the division. This committee will also deal with disciplinary matters other

than those reserved for the County Competitions Control Committee and the County Hearings Committee. This Committe shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and PRO and two named nominees of each divisional Coiste na nOg. (Co Bye Laws Review Committee)

PRO Joe Kennedy-Seconded Tom Dawson
There was no amendment, so the motion was carried.

Motion 10.

Add New bye law numbered 5 (A)

The officials of each sub-committee shall be empowered to deal with all routine matters requiring attention between ordinary meetings of their respective Committees. **(Co Bye Laws Review Committee)**

PRO-Joe Kennedy, Seconded Mark Dunne
An amendment to the motion was proposed by Bob Hall and seconded by Michael Bulfin. Following a vote the motion was carried by a large majority.

Motion 11.

Bye Law 7 Playing Eligibility/Transfers/Declaration

A. Catchment Area

A) Subject to Rule 6.8 (B) (C) T.O 2019 and County Committee approval. A player or Players may play hurling with one club and football with another club (and vice a versa), within the county. The players from a named club can only play with one other named club within the county. This only applies where clubs play one code only. Application must be made to the county C.C.C by the 10th of January of the year of the competition and must be signed by both participating clubs. Applications must be made annually. Where two clubs enter an arrangement of this nature. (1) it must not change the championship status of either team involved, (2) the two clubs must be adjoining parishes.(3)Players from the clubs involved may play for one club only in hurling and football.

Delete Subject to General Rule……..This provision shall apply at juvenile level

B) Subject to Rule 6.8 (D) Exceptions (1) (a) (b). Players whose own club does not field a (Delete Adult) U/21/20 Minor or younger grade team within the county in a particular code may play for another club within the county in that code subject to the following guidelines.

(Delete - The player can only apply if there is no opportunity to play at adult level in the same code in their own club)

The application must be to the nearest possible club geographically.

A Maximum of (Delete three) four players per club is recommended and anything more will be considered a group team

A personal letter of application from the player (or Parent/Guardian if under 18 years old) must be sent to the Co. C.C.C Secretary, accompanied by a letter of acceptance from the secretary of the benefiting club.

The closing date for application will be midnight, January 10th of the championship year. **(Co Bye Laws Review Committee)**

PRO Joe Kennedy, Seconded Jerry Ring. There was no amendment, so the motion was passed.

Motion 12.

Add to Rule 4.5 T.O. Part 2 under Equipment: In Underage Hurling up to and including U12 age groups the use of metal bands on hurley's be banned or that the metal bands are taped over**. (Béal Átha Lubaigh-Caislean Ghrásaigh)**

PRO Michael Bourke (Ballylooby), Seconded Noel Byrne
Jerry McDonnell (Cumann Na mBunscoil) said he was already asking suppliers not to put bands on hurleys size 24" to 32" due to the dangers. There was no amendment put forward so the motion was passed for Congress.

Motion 13.

That the county board set up a forum whereby clubs can bring ideas for motions to a meeting prior to convention.County Board officers and the CCC must be persent at this meeting. Clubs motions can be discussed at this forum and if theese are aggreed in principple by the clubs present, county board and CCC will assist in formatting of the motion. All motions will still require ratification at the Annual Convention at the end of the year. **(Burgess)**

PRO Fergal McDonnell, Sec John Ryan (Holycross). New Co Development Officer, Mark McLoughlin supported the motion and said in his new role he will try and facilitate this forum. There was no amendment, so the motion was carried.

Following the motions Cathaoirleach Sean O Dubháin thanked all the delegates for their attendance and debate and then closed Convention.

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí 2020

(Tipperary County Secretary's Annual Report)

TIM FLOYD County Secretary

Tosnú

Agus mé ag dul i mbun mo 14ú cúntas bliantúil, féachaim siar ar chuid mhaith míonna gan mórán ar siúl nuair a bhíomar dírithe ar shláinte agus sábháilteacht ár gclann, ár gcomharsana agus an pobal uile. Triail marthanais a bhí ann i 2020 nuair a bhí cúrsaí spóirt íseal san órd piocála agus muid ag leanúint na treoracha a bhí leagtha amach ag an Rialtas. Ar ámháraí an tsaoil, agus deireadh na bliana ag druidim linn, tá comharthaí dearfacha ann go bhfuil teacht chun réitigh leis an Víréas Covid agus go bhfuil ionchais vacsaín níos gaire dúinn.

Ghabh torthaí ár bPeileadóiri Sinsireacha, i gcomhar le cuimhneacháin Domhnach na Fola, croíthe, ní amháin taobh istigh de Thiobraid Árann ach trasna na tíre agus ar fud an domhain. Táimíd ag tnúth le níos mó scéalta dea-scéil sa bhliain atá romhainn.

All changed, changed utterly, a terrible beauty is born …If W.B Yeats was around today he would probably write the same words as he wrote following the Easter 1916 Rising, just over one hundred years ago. The most common salutes today when meeting friends is "it's a strange year" "stay safe", "how are you keeping".

We sailed into 2020 following Borris-Ileigh into an All-Ireland Club final and resuming normal duties with the Allianz Football and Hurling leagues. A nervousness gripped the country around the first week of March as Covid 19 started to make an impact. Postponements and cancellations were the order of the day as the country first went into lockdown in March and nothing was the same thereafter. Even as clubs returned to play in July it was all on a very restricted basis as spectators were limited to the chosen few. At least our games were being played and the concept of streaming allowed most club supporters follow the fortunes of their local team. It even opened our games to the old, sick and our friends all over the world.

Despite various levels of restrictions, we got to the end line with our main championships as Kiladangan, Mullinahone and Gortnahoe-Glengoole captured the hurling silverware whilst Clonmel Commercials and Rockwell Rovers captured football glory. Almost seamlessly the inter-county action returned in mid-September as our county teams prepared for an October championship. The Tipperary Senior Hurlers found the winter conditions difficult and exited the Munster knock-out championship to Limerick. Despite rallying to beat Cork in the All Ireland qualifiers, we fell at the quarter final stage one week later to Galway.

The Tipperary Senior Footballers stole the show in 2020 and marked the 100th anniversary of Bloody Sunday in the most appropriate way possible. On that November weekend wearing the same Green and White colours of Grangemockler, we captured the Munster S.F. title in the most impressive style. The victory won the hearts of Tipp and non-Tipp people. County Convention in Dec'19 was a low-key affair with just three changes. Mark McLoughlin (Roscrea) took over the role of Development Officer from PJ Maher, Mark Dunne replaced Seosamhín Ní Chathail as Oifigeach Cultúr and Sean Nugent was elected Munster Council Delegate in place of Jimmy Minogue. Once again age grades dominated the debate as Convention voted against changing to the uneven grades for a second time.

Development plans in Dr Morris Park were placed on hold as Croke Park froze all grant funds while they struggled with their own cash flow issues. The extension to our Dr Morris Park dressing rooms and new dining area are still a priority and we are fully committed to an early commencement date in 2021. Planning permission was fully approved for the Kinane Stand project, but this is a long-term plan and is ready to roll during the next five years once the economy recovers and grant money is freed up. The All-Weather pitch project in LIT Thurles of which we are partners, along with Tipperary Co. Council finally got the green light in 2020 with an allocation of €562,544 from the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF). With all the current restrictions, it's probably our best chance of a full-size all- weather pitch in the near future.

Fund-Raising in 2020 was also very restricted but the response to the Tipperary GAA Clubs draw was incredible. The starting date was delayed from May to Sept due to lock-down, but this allowed the committee to actively promote it on social media which increased membership from 16,000 to 16,500. The friends of Tipperary Football ran a very successful Golf Classic and Euro Millions fundraiser whilst the Supporters Club relied on their

membership drive as their sole revenue source and the Commercial Board launched a Premier Club for Corporate Donations. Co Board compensated to some extent from loss of gate receipts with streaming income and the investment in Future Ticketing and both should have long term benefits. Once again, our good friends in TENEO proved to be our greatest benefactor as Co Team Sponsors and we look forward to sharing the journey with them in again in 2021.

The last pages of the Tipperary GAA Yearbook 2021 recall and pay tribute to the greats gaels and friends we lost during 2020. Legendary players like Paddy Doyle (Thurles Sars), Sean Kearney (Ballyporeen & Loughmore), Neil O Dea (Templemore & Thurles), Tom Larkin (Kilsheelan) and Charley McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs). Great GAA personalities I have encountered during my involvement with Tipperary GAA like Pierce Duggan, Patricia Carey (former Secretary of the Camogie Board) and many great people who were personal friends and too numerous to mention.

2020 is a year many will want to forget unless you're from Kiladangan or a Tipperary Football supporter as the GAA gave people a lift when spirits were low due to Covid. Over the next few pages in my report, I will reflect on the highs and lows of 2020 commencing with our inter-county teams as follows.

Tipperary Senior Hurling 2020

Munster S.H League

15-12-2019	Nenagh	Clare	2-17	Tipperary	1-19	Colm Lyons
20-12-2019	Gaelic Grounds	Limerick	2-22	Tipperary	1-17	Thos Walsh

Allianz SH League

R1 25-1-2020	Semple Stadium	Limerick	2-14	Tipperary	0-18	Patrick Murphy
R2 01-2-2020	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	Cork	2-24	Tipperary	1-25	James Owens
R4 23-2-2020	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	3-27	Westmeath	0-16	Patrick Murphy
R5 01-3-2020	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	0-24	Waterford	2-16	Sean Stack
R3 08-3-2020	Salthill	Galway	3-21	Tipperary	3-13	Johnny Murphy

Munster SH Championship

01-11-2020	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	Limerick	3-23	Tipperary	2-17	Liam Gordon

All Ireland SH Qualifier R2

14-11-2020	LIT Gaelic Grounds	Tipperary	2-18	Cork	1-17	James Owens

All Ireland Quarter Final

21-11-202	LIT Gaelic Grounds	Galway	3-23	Tipperary	2-24	Johnny Murphy

From the dizzy heights of All Ireland success to the start of a new season is a difficult transition especially when it commences with a Munster Hurling League game on December 15th 2019 against Clare followed by Limerick five days later. In all fairness to Munster Council and the counties they were trying to accommodate Tipperary before Christmas ahead of our team holiday starting December 27th. For Liam Sheedy and his Management team which remained unchanged apart from promotion for Eoin Kelly to selector, it was a chance to run the rule of thumb over a few new players. Already we were down James Barry and Donagh Maher who had both retired, Ger Browne, Niall O Meara and Patrick Bonner Maher who were recovering from operations, plus the club tied duo of Brendan Maher and Dan McCormack. But the back-up of a successful under 20 panel would ensure there were plenty of new players eager to step up to the plate for 2020.

In the two games in the Munster League against Clare and Limerick, Tipp fielded just a handful of the All Ireland winning team, and lost both, but it now allowed the group to enjoy their holiday and focus entirely on the League when they returned on January 8th 2020. The opening game of the Allianz League was as tough as it gets against 2018 All Ireland Champions Limerick, who were still wondering how they let the All Ireland slip following a drubbing of Tipp in the Munster Final. Tipp dominated the first half and led by nine points at half time but a rejuvenated Limerick appeared in the second half and took over as goals by Aaron Gillane and Gearoid Hegarty sealed it with a two point victory for the Treaty men. The following Saturday night Tipp headed to Pairc Ui Chaoimh for our second round versus the Rebels under lights. The first half was played at a ferocious pace which suited Corks free running style. It was tit-for tat except for two Cork goals, the second from a penalty by Patrick

Horgan on the stroke of half time. The scoreboard reflected the open hurling which saw Cork lead 2-13 to 0-15 at the break. The game continued point for point but a Brian Hogan penalty at the close of normal time left just one point between them. A head injury to John O'Dwyer meant twelve minutes added time but the Cork keeper Patrick Collins deprived Tipp of two goals as the Rebels held on for a two-point win. With a break of two weeks to Round 3, Tipp used the free weekend to travel to Belfast for the annual Fr Alex Reid tournament game and played an entertaining match with Antrim which ended all square at 2-23 apiece. The following weekend "Storm Dennis" halted us in our tracks on the way to Salthill to play Galway's in round 3 so we had to settle for a training session in Puckane. Whilst the Galway clash was deferred Round 4 went ahead the following Sunday in Semple Stadium, Thurles, where Tipp recorded an expected victory over Westmeath 3-27 to 0-16. Seven days later Waterford came to Semple with their new manager Liam Cahill adding extra spice to the clash. It was referee Sean Stack (Dublin) who attracted most attention sending Austin Gleeson, Kevin Moran and Cathal Barrett to the line in separate incidents during a ten-minute spell before half time. Tipp held a three-point advantage at half time and despite Waterford's numerical disadvantage they wasted chances in the second half driving sixteen wides. Tipp held out for a two-point victory with Dillon Quirke star of the show scoring five points. Tipp's final game was the refixture of the round 3 postponed game with Galway one week later. So it was back to Salthill for a winner takes all game as both Tipp and Galway had four points each with a quarter final place up for grabs. We had no "Storm Dennis" but a strong wind assisted Tipp in the first half and two goals by John McGrath and one from Jason Forde gave us a 3-7 to 0-9 half time lead. It was Galway's turn to take wind advantage in the second half and they soon exerted their authority with a Conor Whelan goal within five minutes of the restart. Another Whelan goal plus a late green flag from Cathal Mannion secured a home victory for the Tribesmen as Tipp only scored one point in the final twenty minutes. This brought the Premier's league campaign to an end and ironically brought closure for all teams as Covid 19 was taking hold and lockdown was announced the following week until at least the end of March. Two days after the Galway game the Tipperary Panel and backroom team departed for Campaomor Spain for a four-day training camp.

After returning from the training camp in Spain on Friday March 13th the Tipperary squad members went into isolation and followed all the HSE guidelines as the Covid virus had now taken a grip in the country. Little did we think at the time this would bring all our games to a halt with the inter-county return not allowed until September 14th. At least the club scene got the green flag from mid-June which gave the inter-county players focus throughout the summer months. With the exception of the Kiladangan and Loughmore players, all the panel resumed Inter-county training on Sept 14th. Challenge games with Offaly & Antrim brought us up to our first competitive game in a restructured knock-out Munster Championship with a second chance in the All Ireland qualifiers.

The new format dictated all neutral venues so our first game/semi-final on Nov 1st brought us to Pairc Ui Chaoimh against Limerick who accounted for Clare in the Quarter Final. November weather is never great, but this was as bad as I have seen as wind and driving rain made hurling very difficult. Limerick raced into an early lead assisted by the wind but a Jake Morris goal in the 19th minute brought us within a point. Unfortunately, a kicked goal by Aaron Gilane almost immediately gave Limerick back the initiative as they added five points to lead by ten at the break. On the resumption Tipp threatened a comeback with three unanswered points but a Gilane penalty and a late green from sub Seamus Flanagan sealed our fate with a nine-point victory for the Treaty side.

In the All Ireland qualifier draw Tipp and Wexford got byes and in round 1 Clare and Cork advanced over Laois and Dublin respectively. Tipperary drew Cork in Round 2 and the Rebels already looked very impressive in their victory over the "Dubs". The LIT Gaelic Grounds was the neutral venue and once again the November weather threw up wind and rain similar to two weeks earlier in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. This time Tipperary opted to play with the favour of the elements in the first half but wasted the advantage with eleven wides and only held a two-point lead at half time. A misguided pass landed Pat Horgan with a free run to score the only goal of the first half. The wind and rain abated in the second half as Tipp subs, Willie Connors, Paul Flynn and Paddy Caddell made an impact. Goals by Jason Forde and Jake Morris sealed victory for the Premier County and suddenly after winning one game Tipp were back in an All-Ireland Quarter Final. The draw pitched us against losing Leinster finalists Galway and once again we were back in the Gaelic Grounds one week later. This time the weather was kinder and along with the familiar ground the signs were positive for Tipperary. Two evenly matched teams provided one of the games of the year as both sides battled for supremacy. Goals by Seamus Callanan and "Bonner" Maher were offset by goals from Galway's Cathal Mannon and Brian Concannon. At half time Tipp looked the better team and led by four points 2-13 to 2-9. It was tit for tat in the third quarter as Tipp held a two-point lead going into the final period. Then a crucial refereeing decision turned this game in Galway's favour when Cathal Barrett received a second yellow card following a hard challenge. In the final period Tipperary kept in touch matching Galway point for point but a goal by Adrian Harte in the 30th minute was the final nail in Tipp's coffin which put an end to our

Championship hopes for 2020 and the dream of back to back All Irelands.

I felt from the start that winter hurling would not favour our skilful players who like the fast ball hopping on the hard ground. The Munster Semi-Final against Limerick on Nov 1st confirmed this belief as the All Ireland Champions of 2018 and now the 2017 Champions Galway proved they both have more artillery to cope with the winter conditions. At least the proposed split season will see our Provincial and All Ireland Championships played in May, June and July. Liam Sheedy's management team left no stone unturned to retain their title and the players were just as committed to the cause as last year. For many years overcoming Kilkenny was our main goal and in the last five years we have managed to win two All-Ireland titles to their none. During that time, we matched and mastered the Kilkenny style of hurling but because of our obsession to beat them we allowed Limerick and Galway move in and become the new threats to our ambitions. We played Limerick in three competitions in the past twelve months and as you can see from the results listed above, we lost all three by a minimum of eight points. The styles of Galway and Limerick are similar with the combination of power and skill being used to the greater advantage. The winter championship of 2020 is probably not the best gauge, but it now gives us a chance to reset and plan. We may not have the benefit of a club championship in advance in 2021 but we might gain from the progress of our Tipp U20 team when they get the opportunity to complete their 2020 championship.

The following was the team and panel V Galway in the All Ireland Quarter Final 21/11/20

Brian Hogan (Lorrha), Cathal Barrett (Holycross), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sars), Alan Flynn (Kiladangan), Niall O Meara (Kilraune MacDonaghs), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sars), Noel McGrath (Loughmore C), Michael Breen (Ballina), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Patrick Maher (Lorrha), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Seamus Callanan (Drom & Inch, Capt), Jake Morris (Nenagh Eire Og), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og).

Subs: Willie Connors (Kiladangan), Paul Flynn (Kiladangan), Paddy Cadell (JK Brackens), Mark Kehoe (Kilsheelan), John McGrath (Loughmore C), Bryan O'Mara (Holycross B), Barry Hogan (Kiladangan), Robert Byrne (Portroe), Sean O'Brien (Newport), Dillon Quirke (Clonoulty), Billy Seymour (Kiladangan)

Also on the extended Panel in Nov 2020 were the following;

Daragh Mooney (Eire Og Anacarty), James Quigley (Kiladangan), John Meagher (Loughmore), Brian McGrath (Loughmore), Cian Darcy (Kilruane McDonaghs), Craig Morgan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Ger Browne (Knockavilla Kickhams), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Seamus Kennedy (St Marys), Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash)

Dan McCormack on the attack against Cork in the All-Ireland qualifier in November.

Under 20 Hurling 2020

Munster Quarter Final

19-10-2020	**Semple Stadium**	**Tipperary**	**1-19**	**Clare**	**0-12**	**Thomas Walsh**

Munster Semi-Final

15-12-2020	**Fraher Park**	**Tipperary**	**Waterford**	**(Result not available for print)**

Following two very successful years culminating with All Ireland success, Liam Cahill stepped down as manager along with coach Michael Bevans and selectors TJ Ryan and Sean Corbett. The November Co Committee meeting ratified John Devane (Clonoulty Rossmore) as the new U20 manager and he brought in alongside him experienced selectors in Ken Dunne, Dan Hackett and Ritchie Ruth. He also included in his backroom Kevin Dunne (S&C) and Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane McDonaghs). Despite being ratified in November 2019, they had to wait almost 12 months to play Munster Championship due to Covid 19. The panel had just been assembled and training commenced in Feb 2020 when lockdown forced a cessation, and the players were confined to individual training programmes. Collective training resumed six months later, September 14th just one month ahead of a Munster Quarter Final clash with Clare. The form of players in the club championship had a major bearing for selection as the management attended numerous games viewing the progress of their panel members. A Monday night in October was not envisaged at the outset but the relief of having championship was satisfying for all concerned.

Tipperary captain Eoghan Connolly in action against Clare.

Clare came to Semple Stadium with a reputation of having beaten Tipp on their last three occasions between 2012-2014 and many of their current squad also training with the senior panel under Brian Lohan. It was a wet miserable 19th October Monday night as Tipperary struggled with the conditions in the first half and trailed by 0-10 to 0-6 at half time. Clare had Cian Galvin playing a sweeper role which deprived Tipp forwards of much possession. Following the half time break Tipp were a transformed side as they scored eleven points without reply. With Conor Bowe giving a Man of the Match performance scoring seven points from play, Premier dominance continued, and victory was sealed with a Devon Ryan penalty goal in the final minutes. A ten point victory was a big turnaround from the four point deficit at half time but it gave Tipp a great boost going down to Fraher Park, Dungarvan seven days later on the October Bank Holiday Monday to play Waterford in the Munster Semi Final.

Within 48 hours of the Clare game, the effects of Covid 19 drove the country to level 5 again and the Fraher Field fixture was postponed as the U20 and Minor Inter County Championships were paused until at least Dec 1st. So collective training was called off as the panel members went back to their own individual training and conditioning once again.

The panel for the Clare game included 13 of the 2019 starting team with Eoghan Connolly Captain. It was as follows: Aaron Browne (Knockavilla), Johnny Ryan (Arravale Rovers),Conor Whelan (Carrick Davins), Eanna McBride (JK Brackens), Fintan Purcell (Drom & Inch), Eoghan Connolly (Cashel King C, Capt), Ray McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Kevin Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Kevin McCarthy (Toomevara), Gearoid O Connor (Moyne Templetuohy), Devon Ryan (Knockavilla), Sean Hayes (Kiladangan), Conor Bowe (Moyne Templetuohy) Andrew Ormond (JK Brackens), Kian Kelly (Kilruane McDonaghs)

Subs: Sean Ryan (Templederry), James Devaney (Borris-Ileigh), Keith Ryan(Upperchurch D), Max Hackett (Moycarkey B), Darragh Flannery (Kiladangan), Conor Hennessy (Nenagh Eire Og), Conor O'Dwyer (Cashel), Enda Dunphy(Drom & Inch), Jack Morrissey (Moycarkey B), John Ryan (Boherlahan), Kevin Hayes (Moycarkey B), Kieran Moloney (Thurles Sars), Luke Cashin (Roscrea), Rhys Shelley (Moycarkey B), Sean Phelan (Nenagh Eire Og), Stephen Kirwin (Burgess), Willie Barry (Cappawhite)

Minor (U17) Hurling 2020

Munster Quarter Final

18-10-20	**LIT Gaelic Grounds**	**Tipperary 0-32**	**Kerry 0-9**	**Niall Malone**

Munster Semi Final

12-12-20	**Pairc Ui Rinn**	**Tipperary**	**Waterford**	***(Result not available for print)***

Paul Collins entered his second year as manager having taken over from Tommy Dunne at the end of 2018 when the Toomevara man joined up with Liam Sheedy. Most of Paul's backroom remained the same with Shane McGrath (Coach), plus Tony Shelly and Ger Ryan (Ban) as selectors. The only change was the departure of Alan O'Connor as S &C to be replaced by Clonakenny's Wille Ryan. From the 2019 Minor Panel, ten players were still underage with most of these commanding starting places during the four championship games and one of those, Michael Corcoran (Silvermines) was appointed captain for 2020. May 12th was the focus for an opening championship game but Covid 19 meant abandonment of the Round Robin system that was run in conjunction with the senior championship. A revised knockout draw was the only option due to the time constraints and the re-draw saw Tipperary up against Kerry who had re-entered the Minor Championship after a six-year lapse. This was a Quarter Final and a good opener for Tipp in a knockout competition. Covid delayed the commencement but the minor club championship was played to "A" and "B" Co Finals and this kept the players active and an opportunity for the selectors to monitor their progress.

Tipperary minor hurling management - Ger Ryan, Tony Shelly, Paul Collins (manager) and Shane McGrath (coach/selector).

Inter County teams returned to training in Mid-September and the new focus date for a quarter final v Kerry was Sunday October 18th. Extraordinary Covid regulations restricted the travelling party to 40 personnel which meant extended panel and some backroom staff could not travel to the venue. Finally, after twelve months of preparation, individually and collectively and six months after the original May championship date, Tipp's first game got underway in the LIT Gaelic Grounds. The Kingdom showed promise in the first quarter and led on a few occasions, but Tipp gradually got on top to lead 0-14 to 0-7 at half time. Indeed, were it not for three heroic saves by the Kerry keeper Darragh Quinlan, Tipp would have been out of sight. The second half was one-way traffic as Tipp added on the points without scoring a goal to eventually win by 23 points. Eleven players got on the scoreboard with full forward Tony Cahill accounting for five from play. Following this victory Tipp qualified to meet Waterford on Friday Oct 30th in the Munster Semi Final at Pairc Ui Rinn but within 24 hours of the Kerry game, the country re-entered level 5 Covid restrictions and after a lot of confusion about exemptions for elite sports, the plug was pulled on minor and U20. Once again training was "paused" whilst we waited for re-opening on December 1st.

The following was the team and panel for the Kerry game;

Jason O'Dwyer(Clonoulty R), Danny Slattery (Clonoulty R), Callum Lawrence (Cashel King C), DJ McGrath (Kiladangan), Cathal Quinn (Cashel King C), Michael Corcoran (Silvermines,Capt), Luke Shanahan (Upperchurch D),Darragh Stakelum (Thurles Sars), Peter McGarry (St.Marys), Stephen Ferncombe (Clonoulty R), Ciaran McCormack (Loughmore C), Jack Leamy (Golden Kilfeacle), Sean Kenneally (Moneygall), Tony Cahill (Drom & Inch), David Fogarty(Holycross Ballycahill)

Subs: Kenny Lee (Roscrea), Darragh Minogue (Durlas Og), Conor McKelvey (Silvermines), Pat Ryan (Upperchurch D), Eddie Ryan (Borris-Ileigh), Adam Branigan (St Marys), Conor Horgan (Knockavilla), Darragh Ryan (Kiladangan), Diarmuid Looby (Lattin Cullen), Dylan O'Grady (Knockavilla), Edward Meagher (Loughmore C), Eoin Grace (Burgess), Eoin O'Dwyer (Mullinahone), Jamie Duncan (Knockavilla), Jason O'Dwyer (Clonoulty R), Joe Caeser (Holycross B), Kian Donnelly (Ballina), Maidhc Fitzpatrick (Drom & Inch), Michael Ryan (Burgess), Robert Doyle (Clonoulty R)

Tipperary Senior Football 2020

McGrath Cup

Jan 2nd	Mallow	Cork	3.19	Tipperary	0.14	Brendan Griffin
Jan 5th	Clonmel	Tipperary	1.13	Kerry	1.11	David Murnane

Allianz Football League Division 3

Round 1						
Jan 26th	Clonmel	Tipperary	0.10	Down	0.10	Anthony Nolan
Round 2						
Feb 2nd	Drogheda	Tipperary	0.11	Louth	1.07	John Hickey
Round 3						
Feb 9th	Celtic Park	Derry	0.10	Tipperary	0.06	Jerome Henry
Round 4						
Feb 22nd	Semple Stadium	Cork	3.13	Tipperary	0.21	Brendan Cawley
Round 5						
March 1st	Pearse Pk	Longford	3.12	Tipperary	3.07	Niall McKenna
Round 6						
Oct 18th	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	1.16	Offaly	0.16	David Murnane
Round 7						
Oct 25th	Carrick On Shannon	Tipperary	2.11	Leitrim	0.15	Padraig Hughes

Munster S.F Championship

Quarter Final						
Nov 1st	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	2.11	Clare	1.11	Conor Lane
Semi-Final						
Nov 7th	Gaelic Grounds	Tipperary	1.15	Limerick	2.11 (AET)	Maurice Deegan
Munster Final						
Nov 21st	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	Tipperary	0.17	Cork	0.14	Maurice Deegan

All Ireland SF Semi-Final

6-12-2020	Croke Park	Tipperary	3-13	Mayo	5-20	David Gough

Following the departure of Manager Liam Kearns after his four-year tenure, David Power was ratified at the October Co Board Meeting following a recommendation from the Co Football Committee. Tipperary were just one point away from promotion to Division 1 in 2018 but suffered relegation to Division 3 at the end of 2019. David Power surrounded himself with a top-class backroom team which included Charle McGeever, Ex Dublin player Paddy Christie, goalkeeping coach Joe Hayes and S&C coach Robbie Cannon. Mickey McGeehan was also on board but stepped down in February and was replaced by Tommy Twomey.

The panel was drawn up for trials and conditioning in November and December with up to 60 players on view. The McGrath Cup in January was the first focus to reduce the panel ahead of the Allianz League. On January 2nd they faced Cork in Mallow and suffered a heavy defeat 3-19 to 0-14.

The following Sunday January 5th it was a home game versus Kerry in Clonmel. Tipperary bounced back to record a rare victory over the Kingdom 1-13 to1-11. Over these two games Tipp used 37 players and provided the selectors with a good launching pad as they faced into the Allianz League Round 1 v Down a few weeks later. When the 2020 panel was announced it showed a good mix of the new and the old. Significant absentees included Michael Quinlivan, Liam McGrath, Liam Casey, Josh Keane, Paudie Feehan who were abroad travelling and Paul Maher (Kilsheelan) who joined the Senior Hurling Panel. On the other hand, experienced players like Bill Maher, Brian Fox, Philip Austin, Alan Campbell, Robbie Kiely were joined by newcomers Sean O'Conner and Rian Quigley from the U20 Squad. Conor Sweeney was confirmed as captain again with Stephen O Brien as vice-captain.

As Semple Stadium was unavailable, Clonmel was the venue for Round 1 versus Down. Tipp led at half time despite Jack Kennedy being sent to the sinbin at the quarter stage. Jack returned to the pitch but suffered a similar dismissal in the second half after scoring a point. Scores were scarce but Tipp survived despite not scoring in the final fifteen minutes and a late equalizer from Down in the closing stages.

Despite dropping a point in the Opening Round, Tipperary travelled to Drogheda the following Sunday with a

positive momentum. Trailing 0-5 to 0-2 at the interval, disaster struck after half time when Louth goaled to go six points up. Tipp rallied and chipped away at the lead and wore the Wee county down. Five unanswered points in the last quarter, including the winner from Brian Fox three minutes into injury time, gave Tipp a one-point victory. With three points out of four Tipp headed to Derry the following weekend in a confident mood but "Storm Ciara" had the game in doubt right up to the final hour on Sunday morning. The game was already switched from Owenbeg to Celtic Park and as Tipp had stayed overnight in Cookstown, they were naturally anxious for the game to go ahead. The green light was given 80 minutes before throw-in. A dour first half in the heavy conditions saw Derry hold a one-point lead at half time playing against the wind. Tipperary will want to forget the second half as indiscipline set in with John Meagher and Alan Campbell seeing the sinbin and Steven O Brien and Daire Brennan both red carded. Tipp only added three points during that period and played out the game with just twelve players. Even more worrying was we failed to score from play and for the third game in a row, no green flag was raised. The one satisfying aspect was the display of our backs who over three games never conceded more than ten points. Round 4 defied all these stats when Cork came to Semple Stadium as table toppers and a big reputation. Tipp brought in young players Rian Quigley and Sean O Connor off the U20 team defeated by Limerick three nights previous. David Power also started Tadhg Fitzgerald and Colman Kennedy and the freshening up of the team had an instant impact with Tipp notching up five points in the first ten minutes before the Rebels found the target. Indeed Quigley, O Connor and Kennedy all contributed to that early scoring spree. Tipp kept piling on the points from their new open expansive play but unfortunately Cork counter attacked from careless turnovers which resulted in three goals that eventually made all the difference. Tipp accumulated 21 points from ten different players and responded every time Cork goaled, but our gallant effort fell one point short at the final whistle. This level of performance should have boosted Premier confidence going into their final three games but in Round 5 against Longford, some of our old failings came back to haunt us. Away in Pearse Park Longford we trailed by a single point at half time having scored our first League goal by Conor Sweeney in five games. A black card for Liam Boland after the break was costly as in his ten-minute absence, Longford extended their lead to eight points. Two more goals by Tipp failed to make the necessary impact as Longford took both points and pushed Tipp into a relegation battle with their last two games. The positives from the games were the return of Philip Austin plus the debut of Clonmel Commercials Padraic Looram along with the forwards goal scoring touch returning.

Round 6 was a home game In Semple Stadium against Offaly two weeks later on Sunday March 15th. Just a few days prior to this date fixtures and training sessions were cancelled as the impact of Covid-19 hit all sports and the country went into lockdown until March 29th. The GAA then extended this further to April 26th.

In a complete restructuring of the GAA calendar the Inter-county scene was eventually deferred to recommence training on September 14th with the outstanding two Allianz football games to be played one month later followed by the Munster Championship on November 1st.

Following the six-month break due to Covid the senior football panel finally returned to training on Sept 14th. Manager David Power was boosted by the return of three players whose travelling plans were put on hold due to the pandemic, Michael Quinlivan, Liam Casey and Paudie Feehan. As part of the four-week preparation ahead of our two league games, challenge games were played against Laois, Wicklow and Meath. With only three points to date in the league it was vital to gain maximum points from our final two games to retain Division 3 status in 2021.

Offaly came to Semple Stadium also fighting for survival under John Maughan. A Conor Sweeney penalty before half-time was the only goal of the game but it proved to be the decisive score as Tipp picked up the two points. The final league game to secure status meant a trip to Carrick-on-Shannon versus Leitrim who had conceded a walk-over to Down in Round 6 due to Covid issues. With the planned overnight and bus trip cancelled, all the panel and backroom drove their cars to Carrick On Shannon on the morning of the game. All this combined to make Tipps performance sluggish and the absence of Stephen O'Brien with a hamstring injury was a big loss in the middle of the field. Once again goals came to the rescue with Kevin O'Halloran and Liam Casey bagging one in each half to secure victory and Division 3 status in 2021.

These back to back wins was the perfect momentum going into the Munster Championship one week later. Part one of David Power's ambition for 2020 was now achieved with part 2 to reach a Munster S.F final the remaining challenge. With the revised congested schedule, the team had just seven days to refocus for the Munster S.F championship and a quarter final fixture with Clare in Semple Stadium and the winner facing Limerick in the semi-final one week later.

Division 2 team Clare were the opposition in Semple Stadium and once again a goal in each half by Conor Sweeney and Bill Maher, plus a penalty save by Evan Comerford was enough to give Tipperary a one goal victory. Six days later and the fourth weekend in a row Tipp faced Limerick in the Gaelic Grounds in the Munster Semi-

Final and without Stephen O Brien who had limped off again against Clare. Limerick set the pace in the first half and had Tipp on the rack with two goals in a six minute spell to lead by 2-6 to 0-5 at the break. Tipp were a different team in the second half and scored 1-6 without reply in the third quarter but the final water break saw the initiative swing back to Limerick and they led by one point in the final minutes. A moment of magic from Conor Sweeney in injury time as he converted a free kick from the side-line on his wrong side earned a draw and took the game into extra time. Great points by Robbie Kiely and Brian Fox in the second period of extra time sent Tipp into their first Munster Final since 2016 and a chance to commemorate the memory of Michael Hogan and Bloody Sunday in style.

Tipperary captain Conor Sweeney lifts the silverware.

The Munster Final on Sunday November 22nd was probably the most memorable in the history of Tipperary Football. surpassing the 2011 MF All Ireland title, the 2016 All Ireland Semi-Final plus the Munster U21 titles of 2010 and 2015. This was Bloody Sunday Commemoration weekend and appropriately Tipperary donned the green and white of Grangemockler as worn by Tipperary 100 years previous. After a query on Home-Away agreement, Tipp eventually accepted Pairc Ui Chaoimh as the venue in return for the previous meeting in 2018 in Semple Stadium. Tipp showed no fear of the Rebels who had shocked a fancied Kerry team in the Semi-Final and sailed into a three-point lead in as many minutes with key forwards Conor Sweeney and Michael Quinlivan causing serious problems up front. Colin O'Riordan who was home from Australia and training with the Tipp squad had received clearance from his AFL team Sydney Swans and lined out at Mid-field instead of the injured Jack Kennedy. Cork rallied and drew level, but Tipp finished the half strong including three points from Quinlivan before taking a half time lead of four points, 0-11 to 0-7.

The Cork response came in the second half, but Tipp managed to keep their nose ahead and never panicked. A point by sub Philip Austin in added time sealed victory and Tipperary people (Football and Hurling) celebrated all over the world, the Premier's first Munster S.F. title in 85 years. This was the most fitting tribute possible to Michael Hogan and the 14 people who died on Bloody Sunday.

County Board treasurer Michael Power celebrates Munster final win with his son David, Tipperary manager.

The following is the Tipperary S.F Panel that participated in that Historic Munster S.F Final on Sunday Nov 22nd 2020 in Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), Colm O'Shaugnessy (Ardfinnan), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan), Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Robbie Kiely (Barryroe), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Liam Casey (Cahir), Conal Kennedy (Commercials), Michael Quinlivan (Commercials), Emmet Moloney (Drom & Inch), Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Colman Kennedy (Commercials), Michael O Reilly (Commercials), Tadgh Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Daire Brennan (Kilsheelan), Colin O Riordan (Killea),

Padraic Looram (Commercials), Paudie Feehan (Killenaule), Sean O'Connor (Clonmel Commercials), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials), Shane Foley (Moyle Rovers), Liam Boland (Moyle Rovers).

On the extended Panel were the following

Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe), Mark Stokes (Kilsheelan), Paddy Creedon (Thurles Sars), Conor Ryan (Loughmore C), Riain Quigley (Moyle Rovers), Martin Kehoe (Mullinahone), Brendan Martin (Kilsheelan), Jack Kennedy (Commercials), Dean Carew (Upperchurch), Gavin Whelan (Ardfinnan), Greg Henry (Killenaule), Jack Harney (Moyle Rovers), Joseph Nyland (Loughmore C), Shane Hennessy (Loughmore/Castleiney).

Tipperary V Mayo; On Sun Dec 12th Tipperary Senior footballers arrived in a foggy Croke Park full of hope and anticipation but the stark reality of life at the top table soon turned our dream into a nightmare. Missed goal opportunities by the usually efficient Quinlivan and Sweeney in the first quarter proved costly drawing great saves from the Mayo keeper Dave Clarke. Mayo took full advantage as Kilian O'Connor went on the rampage with four goals to kill off Tipp's hopes. A Brian Fox goal was the only flicker of light as Tipp trailed by 4-12 to 1-5 at the interval. More goal chances were squandered in the second half as Stephen O'Brien, Philip Austin and Liam Boland came close, but Tipp kept battling and were rewarded with goals by Paudie Feehan and Conor Sweeney in the final quarter when we scored 2-4. This only served to bring respectability to the scoreboard as Mayo sailed into the All-Ireland final with 13 points to spare on a score-line 5-20 to 3-13. After the game, despite the disappointment, all the Tipperary panel and backroom took time out to lay a wreath on the Hill 16 end in remembrance of Michael Hogan who was shot dead on the same pitch 100 years ago on what become known as Bloody Sunday. Tipperary will look back on 2020 with great memories when we won five games on the trot leading to a Munster SF title. We can build on this progress and the positive good feeling that has been generated should be carried forward into 2021 with the same effort and commitment.

Conor Sweeney lays a wreath at the Bloody Sunday memorial at Croke Park.

Under 20 Football 2020

Andrew Cordon Cup

Jan 3rd	St Mollerans	Tipperary	1.15	Waterford	0.07	
Jan 12th	Monroe	Tipperary	3.18	Wexford	0.04	
Jan 19th Final	Fenagh Carlow	Tipperary	1.12	Carlow	0.13	

Munster Quarter Final

Feb 19th	Rathkeale	Limerick	0.07	Tipperary	0.06	P. O Sullivan

Following a disappointing finish to 2019 when Limerick pipped Tipp by one point having relinquished an eight point lead, Tom McGlinchey continued as manager with selectors Niall Fitzgerald and Liam England who replaced Paddy Flaherty. With 20 of the 2019 Panel it was very much continuity to pick up from the disappointment of that one championship game. The main change in 2020 was the rescheduling of the competition from a July start back to February which meant a Pre-Christmas commencement with trials and training. The Andrew Cordon Cup was ideal preparation which was a regional based All Ire land League. Tipp had runaway victories over Waterford and Wexford and after a competitive final with Carlow the Andrew Cordon Cup was claimed by the Premier County. Going down to Rathkeale to play Limerick with nine of the 2019 starting team, Tipp were confident having prepared well and linking up regularly with David Power's senior squad for training, challenge games and S&C programmes. In the wind and rain this was never going to be a high scoring game so much so that the 0-3 to 0-2 score after 15 mins was still the score at half time as both teams failed to score for 15 mins. Despite holding a one point lead at the break Tipp's scoring famine continued whilst Limerick went into a three point lead going into the final 10 minutes. Conor Ryan finally got a point on 39 minutes which followed with two points by Kevin Grogan. Despite Tipp's dominance during this period a rare Limerick attack resulted in a point by Barry Coleman. Tipp got a few chances in added time but shot wide and time ran out as Limerick claimed victory once again by a single point. For Tipperary it was a shattering result losing by one point to Limerick two years in a row. Added to this was the growing statistic of no Championship game won at this grade for the fifth year in a row, the last being the 2015 All Ireland Semi Final defeat to Dublin in Parnell Park. Going into 2021 at the time of writing, this competition is surrounded with uncertainty due to the Coronavirus and the February start date is definitely out of the question at this stage

Tipperary Team V Limerick: Kuba Beben (JK Brackens), Paul Devlin (Eire Og Annacarty), Darragh O Leary (Ardfinnan, Capt), Brian McKeown (Moyle Rovers), Mark O Meara (Grangemockler), Martin Kehoe (Mullinahone), Eanna McBride (JK Brackens), Kevin Grogan (Cahir), AJ Willis (Portroe), Conor Ryan (Loughmore Castleiney), Riain Quigley (Moyle Rovers), Mark Stokes (Kilsheelan Kilcash), Adam McGrath (Galtee Rovers), Sean O Connor (Clonmel Commercials), Kyle Shelly (Moycarkey Borris)

Subs: Paddy Creedon (Thurles Sarsfields), Shane O Connor (Clonmel Óg), Christy English (Ballyporeen), Stephen Groagn (Cahir), Billy Murphy (Kilsheelan), Billy O Conor (Kilsheelan), Ciaran O Dwyer (Killenaule), Conal Moran (Shannon Rovers), Conor Anderson (Clonmel Óg), Conor Shanahan (Inane Rovers), Shane Lowe (Moyne Templetuohy), Eoghan Power (Ballina), Fabian Kerton (Clonmel Óg), Jamie Holloway (Carrick Swans), Lorcan Roche (JK Brackens), Noel Oblior (Carrick Swans), Rhys Shelley (Moycarkey Borris)

Tipperary U-20 footballers. Back row - Rhys Shelly, Jamie Holloway, Sean O'Connor, Conor Ryan, Rian Quigley, Darragh O'Leary, Kevin Grogan, Kuba Beben, Stephen Grogan, Fabian Kerton, Brian McKeown, Mark Stokes, Martin Kehoe, Christy English, Noel Olibor, Lorcan Roche, Paddy Creedon, Billy O'Connor. Front row: Kyle Shelly, Diarmuid Mulcahy, Conor Shanahan, Eanna McBride, AJ Willis, Adam McGrath, Paul Devlin, Mark O'Meara, Eoghan Power, Conal Moran, Ciaran O'Dwyer, Billy Murphy, Shane O'Connor, Shane Lowe, Conor Anderson.

Minor (U17) Football 2020

Munster Quarter Final

12-12-2020	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	Clare	***(Result not available for print)***

Johnny Nevin (JK Brackens) took over the Managers reins from Matt O'Doherty who stepped down after three years at the helm. He retained Viv Downey (Upperchurch) as a selector and added Chris Ryan (Kilsheelan) as coach plus Adrian Cooke. Declan O'Rahilly was brought in as a Strength and Conditioning coach who worked under the watchful eye of Senior S & C Coach Robbie Cannon. Johnny Nevin had come through the Academy process and knew every potential young footballer in the county. Trials began in the Autumn of 2019 and by Jan 2020 a training panel was selected for the Munster Championship which was due to commence in April with the Round Robin "Daryl Darcy trophy" amongst the four so called "weaker counties". Lockdown in March caused a postponement of the Championship which required players to stay in shape through their own fitness and conditioning programmes. With time running out the championship was re-drawn on June 29th as a knock-out and Tipperary drew Clare with the winners playing Limerick or Waterford. The game was fixed for Oct 24th in Semple Stadium five weeks after the Inter County scene was given the green light to re-open. Collective training resumed and the panel even got a challenge game versus Wicklow in the "Field of Legends" as part of the preparations. Just three days before the championship re-fixture on Oct 24th the country was forced in level 5 lockdown once again and after much confusion on the definition of "Elite Squads" the plug was pulled on minor and U20 once again. The Tipp Minor hurlers had got their Munster Quarter Final played the previous Sunday but unfortunately the Minor Footballers plans were frustrated once again.

Johnny Nevin, Tipp U17 manager.

The following is the Tipperary Minor Football Panel from which the team to play Clare will be selected.

Tony Lambe (Capt, Holycross B), Conor Neville (V Capt, Kilsheelan), Tom Bourke (JK Brackens), Jack Buckley (Cahir), Emmett Butler (Kilsheelan), Kevin Cahalan (Lorrha), Rory Collins (Moyle Rovers), Ciaran Condon (Cahir), Eoin Craddock (Holycross B), Lorcan Cummins (Thurles Sars), Tom Downey (Rockwell Rovers), Niall Duffy (Newport), Dean English (Moyle Rovers), James Griffin (Upperchurch D), Caleb Hickey Molloy (Arravale Rovers), Anthony Keeley (Clonmel Commercials) Raymond Kelly (Arravale Rovers), Oisin Maher (Cahir), Liam McCormack (Thurles Sars), Darragh McVicker (Clonmel Óg), James Morris (Clonmel Commercials), Paul Mullen (Drom & Inch), Declan Nee (Clonmel Commercials), Shane Neville (Fethard), Jack Nevin (JK Brackens), Cathal O Donnell (Ballina), Riain O Halloran (Mullinahone), Sean O'Meara (Grangemockler), Sean Ryan (Upperchurch D), Cian Smith (Clonmel Commercials), Darragh Spillane (Fethard), Oisin Treacy (Upperchurch D), Conor Wall (Durlas Óg), Ciaran Woodlock (Durlas Óg)

Media personalities from the Premier County - Stephen Gleeson, Damien Lawlor and Shane Stapleton.

Monthly Summary

November 2019

All County Champions in 2019

- **Borris-Ileigh** rolled back the years by winning the 2019 Co SH title after a 33 year gap defeating
- **Kiladangan** 1-15 to 1-12 to lift the Dan Breen Cup for the seventh time.
- **JK Brackens** claimed the Seamus O Riaín title with a late Lyndon Fairbrother goal deep in injury time from a free, to snatch victory from Holycross Ballycahill 1-15 to 0-17.
- **Sean Treacys** won the Co Intermediate Hurling title with a late surge in Bansha over Kildanagan with a scoreline 3-14 to 2-12.
- **Drom & Inch** won the Co JH "B" title with victory over Borrisokane 1-14 to 1-9 in Templederry.
- **Clonmel Commercials** regained the Co SF title with victory over JK Brackens in Semple Stadium 3-19 to 0-7.
- **Mullinahone** won the Co JF "A" title with victory over Portroe 2-8 to 0-7 in Templetuohy.
- **Moycarkey Borris** won the Co IF title with a 0-11 to 1-6 victory over Clonmel Óg.
- **Killenaule** won the Co JF "B" title defeating Eire Óg Anacarty 5-11 to 3-4.
- **Carrick Davins** secured the Co JH "B" title with a 2-16 to 1-12 victory over Arravale Rovers.

Munster Club Championships

- **Borris-Ileigh** carried their good form through to Munster with a 1-17 to 3-8 victory over Glen Rovers in Semple Stadium. In the Munster Final they faced a much fancied Ballygunner and once again defied the odds to claim the Munster Club Title by 1-12 to 1-11 in Pairc Ui Rinn.
- **Carrick Davins** exited the Munster Junior Hurling Championship losing to St Mary's Waterford 1-13 to 0-14.
- **Sean Treacy's** suffered a heart-breaking defeat to Waterford's Ballysaggart with a 0-15 to 1-11 loss in Dungarvan.
- **Moycarkey-Borris** fell to Clare's St Brackens in the Munster IF Semi Final by 0-12 to 0-5.
- **Clonmel Commercials** qualified for the Munster SF Club final with a 0-9 to 0-7 victory over St Joseph's Milltown Malbay.

- **7 All Stars** came to the magnificent Tipperary as PWC Awards were presented to Padraic Maher, Ronan Maher, Brendan Maher, Noel McGrath, Seamus Callanan, Cathal Barrett and Brian Hogan.
- **Seamus Callanan** claimed the prestigious, PWC GAA GPA Hurler of the year award for 2019 for the first time having been nominated also in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Seamus was also announced Tipperary Hurler of the Year and was the first recipient of the Tony Reddan Perpetual Tophy.
- **Mark Kehoe** was on the Irish U21 Shinty Team that defeated Scotland 7-11 to 4-2. The Irish senior side was also managed by William Maher (Ballingarry) but they went down to Scotland.
- **John Devane** (Clonoulty Rossmore) was announced as Tipperary U20 H Manager for 2020 with Ken Dunne (Toomevara) as Coach. They were later joined by Richie Ruth and Dan Hackett.
- **Johnny Nevin** (JK Brackens) was announced as Tipperary MF Manager for 2020 with Chris Ryan Coach and Viv Downey Selector.
- **The November Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** was held in The Clough Bar, Cloughjordan with the Kilruane McDonaghs Club. The star car prize went to James Rowan, Mullinahone whilst the second prize of €5000 was won by Paula & Evan Boyar Moyne Templetuohy and the €3000 Lotto Jackpot to Fiona Larkin, Moneygall.
- **The "Stars in their Eyes"** fundraiser held in the Dome was a tremendous success with Referee Derek O Mahoney the outright winner with his Elvis impersonation and "Suspicious Minds".
- **Tipperary SH Panel travelled to New York for the "GPA Fenway Classic"** but lost to Kilkenny in the semi-final.
- **Aisling Moloney (Cahir)** was named as the 2019 TG4 Intermediate Players Player of the year at the Munster Banquet.
- **Cait Devane (Clonoulty)** represented Tipperary on the 2018 Camogie All Stars Team in Gaelic Park New York.
- **Laochra Gael Awards** were presented to 24 worthy recipients in the Dome by Guest of Honor Louis Fitzgerald and the former broadcaster Paddy Finucane spoke on behalf of the award winners.
- **The London Fundraiser** was a wonderful success for the fourth year and raised over €60k towards the SH team holiday. Special guests at the event included Len Gaynor, Eamon O Shea, Craig Morgan, Jerome Cahill, Aisling Moloney, Samantha Lambart and Seamus Kennedy. Paul Collins was an excellent M.C. and auctioneer for the event.

Secretary's Monthly Comment- November 2019

Tipperary GAA Investing in Future Facilities

Despite Pandemic difficulties in 2020 Tipperary County Board will continue to advance their Development Plans with the three live projects still very much in the pipeline. The following is the updated position in the order they will realistically materialize.

Dr Morris Park Extension

Planning permission was granted in Nov 2019 for an extension to the dressing rooms in Dr Morris Park and approval was received from Munster Council that the cost would be covered under their Budgeting Fund. Despite Semple Stadium being the jewel in the crown of Tipperary GAA, Dr Morris Park is the real engine room where most plans are put in place. Visitors to the facility, especially other county teams, are in awe at the three floodlight pitches and the double-sided hurling wall with astro-turf, fencing and lights. The tarmacadam car park and driveway installed in 2018 really enhanced the facility as well as making the parking of cars and buses safer and more acceptable to the neighbours and authorities.

The final piece of the jigsaw is the dressing rooms which are now ageing and no longer desirable or acceptable to a player of inter-county standard. Original plans of a new centre were shelved in favour of a joint initiative with Semple Stadium incorporating all of the necessary requirements with what's already there in the Kinane stand.

Only for Covid in 2020 the extension in Dr Morris Park should be close to completion at this stage. The contract was awarded to Cooldine Construction earlier this year with a proposed September start date and a vision to be ready in the Spring of 2021. Our focus is still to complete this project in 2021 with a commencement date as soon as possible. The development involves new showers and toilets whilst extending the current four dressing rooms into the old showers and toilet areas. A new dining area and kitchen is also in the plan plus permanent stores for equipment and products. The existing prefab canteen/meeting room will remain whilst suitable to use and the new dining room may be used as a gym in the interim until the gym in the Kinane Stand project is up and running. The Dr Morris Park extension project will be financed entirely from the Munster Council Budgetary Fund so there will be no construction cost to Tipperary Co Board once these funds become available.

The LIT All Weather Pitch Proposal

In 2018 Tipperary Co Board entered discussions with LIT and Tipperary Co. Co with a view to developing additional sports facilities on the LIT Campus in Thurles. Tennis Ireland were also involved with the intention of including a National Tennis Centre as part of the investment. Tipperary Co Board's interest in the plan are entirely focussed on the all-weather pitch although the planned additional two sand-based pitches will also be a welcome. The need for a full-size all-weather pitch has been well highlighted in recent years but talking about it and doing something about it are two different things. Replacing one of our pitches in Dr Morris Park with an all- weather pitch is not a solution as it would require at least a €1.5m investment plus it would confine us to two pitches for a full year with demands from six inter-county teams and development squads plus requests from Camogie and Ladies Football. The LIT project is the most realistic prospect for Tipperary Co Board to have access to a full-size all-weather pitch in the near future. For our investment we will become an anchor tenant under an agreement that will be drawn up between the contributing parties. The same parties will also finance the project with the assistance of Government Grants. Planning permission has been secured and the procurement of the project design team is currently in progress. An initial Stream 1 grant of €562,544 has already been allocated from the Large Scale, Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) towards design costs which is 52.5% of the estimated design price. Once design is complete, hopefully Stream 2, LSSIF applications will open up which will be allocated towards construction costs. A positive outcome at that stage will make the vision of a first full-size GAA All Weather pitch a reality. Tipperary Co Board's investment will be supported by Munster Council grants plus private benefactor donations.

The Kinane Stand Project

The original plan was to develop a Centre of Excellence in Dr Morris Park on a green field plot which would be a centre-point for all our inter-county teams. When designs were drawn up in 2015 we realised we already had some of these requirements in Semple Stadium like four dressing rooms, medical rooms, kitchen etc. This forced a re-think and to examine other possibilities like incorporating our requirements into a new phase of development in Semple Stadium. Wilson Architects Cork who were the previous engineers in the Old Stand development were called in to advise. They supported our idea of a second tier under the concourse of the Kinane Stand. All our opinions were put on paper and eventually a design was agreed for a development full length of the stand which was divided into half for players and half for corporate facilities. The players section will be located in the half closer to Dr Morris Park and this includes a gym, changing rooms & Stats room. The corporate half nearer the Sarsfield Centre end includes kitchen, bar and a function room for 250 people. Both ends will include elevators and the central lobby area will have a corridor leading to a new enclosure area in the Kinane Stand. The lobby area and corridors will also include displays from the Lar Na Pairce Visitor Centre. Application for planning was lodged in April 2019 and following various meetings with Tipperary Co. Co permission was granted in April 2020. An application for Sports Capital funding was submitted in 2018 and a grant of €81,600 was allocated in Jan 2019. Whilst this amount is only a drop in the ocean in relation to the cost of this project, we will explore other possibilities before we consider a start-up date. At least we now have a project ready to go in the future and an opportunity to modernize the general facade of the Kinane (Old) stand side of Semple Stadium.

December 2019

- **Clonmel Commercials** were disappointing in the Munster SF club final as they fell heavily to Nemo Rangers 0-15 to 0-6 in Fraher Park Dungarvan.

- **Mullinahone** overcame Croom in the Munster IF Semi Final by 2-10 to 1-10 in Mallow. In the final at the same venue they fell to Kerry's Na Gaeil by 3-13 to 1-3.

- **Kiladangan** finally won a county title in 2019 having contested four, when they captured the Co U21H "A" title with victory over Holycross Ballycahill in Templederry 2-18 to 1-17.

- **Borrisokane** won the Co U21 "B" Hurling title with a 1-11 to 0-7 victory over Gortnahoe Glengoole in Templetuohy.

- At the **Munster GAA Awards** held in Castletroy Park Hotel Limerick, Tipperary's Liam Sheedy collected Manager of the year, Conor Bowe U20H, Tony Wall Hall of Fame and Borris-Ileigh Club of the Year.

- **Tony Reddan (1919-2015)** was honored by Lorrha Dorrha GAA club when they renamed their GAA grounds as Tony Reddan Park in an unveiling cermony attended by Uachataráin , John Horan.

- **Tipperary Hurling Club New York** held their annual dinner dance on December 7th at the Lake Isle Country Club, Witchester and guests who travelled over included Liam Sheedy, Samantha Lambert, and Craig Morgan plus the three cups.

- **The December Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** was held in the "Hideout Bar" Solohead and the first prize of €15k was won by James Hogan, Lorrha, whilst the €5k second prize went to Kay Kearney Clonoulty.

A Civic Reception was held in the Horse & Jockey Hotel by Tipperary Co Co to honor the Tipperary SH, U20H and Ladies Football teams in recognition of the All Ireland titles in 2019. Marty Morrissey was an excellent M.C for the occasion.

- **Munster SH League**: Tipperary SH commenced the 2020 season with a 2-17 to 1-19 defeat to Clare in Nenagh. In the second round Tipperary bowed out of the competition at the hands of Limerick by 2-22 to 1-17 in the Gaelic Grounds. Following the game Tipperary SH panel and backroom team headed for New York and Mexico a few days after Christmas.

- **Co Convention**: Tipperary Co.Board held their annual Convention in the Dome on Monday December 16th. See full details on opposite page.

- **Tipperary Friends of Football** elected JJ Crowley as their new Chairman at their annual Convention. Michael Power (Moycarkey) stepped down having served his five-year term.

At a civic reception for Tipperary teams hosted by Tipperary County Council were: Back: Back row l-r; Lar Roche, Chairperson Tipperary Ladies Football Co. Board; Shane Ronayne, Tipperary Ladies Football Manager; Councillor Seamus Hanafin, Joe McGrath, Chief Executive Tipperary Co. Council, Liam Sheedy - Tipperary Senior Hurling Manager, Marty Morrissey - RTE Commentator, Liam Cahill - Tipperary U20 Hurling Manager & Ger Walsh - Tipperary Co. Council. Front row l-r; Craig Morgan, Tipperary U20 Hurling Captain; Councillor Michael Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary Co. Council; Samantha Lambert, Tipperary Intermediate Ladies Football Captain and John Devane, Chairman Tipperary Co. Board.

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Summary of County Convention Dec 2019

County Convention on Monday Dec 16th will be remembered mainly for announcing a major financial deficit. There was 191 delegates present but with no major elections, this was a good turnout.

Elections

Most of the outgoing officers were returned with minimum changes only as follows.

- P.J. Maher (Boherlahan Dualla) stepped down having completed his five-year term and Mark McLoughlin (Roscrea) replaced him as the new Co Development Officer.
- Seosamháin Ní Chathail (Na Sairsealaigh) stepped down as Oifigeach Cultúr and was replaced by Mark Dunne (Moyne Templetuohy)
- Jimmy Minogue (Nenagh Eire Óg) stepped down having completed his five-year term and Sean Nugent (Kilsheelan Kilcash) joined John Doyle as Tipperary's second Rep on Munster Council.

Grants

Munster Co/Croke Park Grants totalling over €250k were presented to 33 club/schools by Munster Vice Chairman Ger Ryan. The five largest cheques were granted to Kildangan (€31,164), Moycarkey Borris (€28,647), Holycross Ballycahill (€26,554), Cahir (€22,619), Carrick Swans (€22,079) and Nenagh Eire Óg (€20,000)

Financial

The accounts up to 31st October showed a deficit of €371,596. The main contributor to this loss was an increase of €620K in team expenses due primarily to the SH and U20H All Ireland wins. The closing down of the GAA Shop left a bad debt provision of €105K and we also saw a reduction of €67K in our club gate receipts plus €37K less in our National League share.

Chairman's Address

John Devane said the All Ireland Hurling Double was his highlight winning the MacCarthy and Nowlan Cups plus the achievement of Borrisileigh's provincial success. He expressed disappointment at the poor performances of our Senior Footballers being relegated from Division 2 and then losing to Limerick in the Munster Championship. Regarding finances he intended vacating the chair with the Board in a healthy position financially and on the playing front. Development plans are well advanced in Dr Morris Pk, Semple Stadium and LIT Thurles All-Weather facility. Commemoration of Bloody Sunday in 2020 will be appropriately remembered and hopefully will be matched by our footballer's achievements on the field. On our club front he was rich in praise of the even standards we now have in the Dan Breen and Seamus O Riain Cups but we must have players outside of the county panels of 26 available more to their clubs.

Motions

Four motions were passed for Congress as follows.

- Implement Rule 6.17 re age grades as per rule book from Upperchurch Drombane
- In tie breakers, score difference between teams would take priority from Burgess
- Extend the term of Ass Treasurer from 5 years to 7 years from Holycross Ballycahill
- Metal bands be removed from hurley's from U12 down-Ballylooby Castlegrace
- A motion from Ballina to bring in U17 and U20 age grades from 2021 was defeated by 110 votes to 45.
- A Burgess motion to set up a forum to format ideas in advance of submitting motions to Convention was passed and new Development officer Mark McLoughlin agreed to facilitate this.

Secretary's Review of 2019

Tadhg De Floid detailed the story of the Tipperary GAA Shop since it opened in 2000 and its closure was a commercial decision and the only profitable one into the future. A new retail agreement with Elverys for the next fifteen years will more than adequately compensate for the void created. He also reviewed the merits and drawbacks of the Round Robin Inter County championship and its impact on the club championships especially the April club month followed by a long break. He suggested playing Divisional Championship only in April and the County Championships begin in August. He was rich in praise for Borrisileigh's achievement in rising from the ashes in 2019 to win their first County Title in 33 years. They brought joy to a parish that suffered the loss of five young people since August 2108. The Runaí highlighted in detail the two All-Ireland titles by the SH and U20 H teams in 2019 that lifted the spirits of the county.

January 2020

- **Borris-Ileigh** marched on to Croke Park following victory in the All Ireland Club SH Semi Final over St Thomas Galway 1-21 to 1-14 in LIT Gaelic Grounds. On Sunday January 19th Borris played their hearts out but fell short to Ballyhale Shamrocks 0-18 to 0-15 in the AIB Club Final played in Croke Park.

- **In the McGrath Cup** Tipperary SF played two matches in four days. On Thursday night January 2nd they lost to Cork 3-19 to 0-14 in Mallow but redeemed themselves the following Sunday in Clonmel with a 1-13 to 1-11 victory over Kerry whose team comprised of mostly U20's.

- **In the Allianz Football League** Round 1 Tipperary played Down in Clonmel and despite playing most of the second half with 14 men, earned a draw at 10 points each with the Mourne men.

- **In the Allianz Hurling League** Tipperary lost their first round to Limerick 2-14 to 0-18 in Semple Stadium before a crowd of 11,867 on a Saturday night under floodlights.

- **Tipperary Under 20 Footballers** participated in the All-Ireland Regional League and won the Andrew Cordon Cup with victories over Waterford, Wexford and Carlow. In the final they defeated Carlow 1-12 to 0-13 played in Carlow.

- **Newcastle Figure Dancers** (Rince Foirne) won the All Ireland title in Scor na nÓg held in The INEC Centre Kilarney. Munster winners Cailín Creamer, Portroe in Solo singing, Canice Ryan, Sean Treacys Recitation and Borrisileigh's Novelty Act were unsuccessful in their quest for All Ireland honors.

- A **GAA All Weather Pitch** in Tipperary got the green light when LIT Thurles was granted €562,554 from the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure fund (LSSIF)

- **The January Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** was held in Louis McCormacks Abbeyville, Lorrha and the €15,000 Star Prize was won by Pat Stapleton, Golden. Unfortunately Pat who was seriously ill at the time passed away a few weeks later.

- **In the Dr Harty Cup** an All-Tipperary pairing saw Our Lady's overcome Thurles CBS in a nail biting finish on the scoreline 1-17 to 0-19 in the Ragg. In the Semi Final, Our Lady's lost to St Flannans Ennis 0-18 to 1-13.

- **Drom & Inch** won the Munster JH "B" Final with victory over Garryspillane 2-23 to 2-17 in a replay played in Ratheenagh Limerick. They later lost the All Ireland series to St Vincents Dublin 1-19 to 1-16.

RIP

- **Sean Kearney Ballyporeen** won three Co SF titles with Loughmore Castleiney in 1973, 1977 and 1979 and captained the side in '79. He played Senior Football for Tipperary in the 60's and 70's and was on the team that won a Division 2 League title in 1970. He played for Munster from 1969 and won a Railway Cup medal in 1975 playing with some of the great Cork and Kerry greats. He finished his playing days playing with his adopted club Ballyporeen where he also took on the role of club chairman.

- **Stevie Smee, Bohernanave** was a great neighbor and friend of Tipperary GAA and he sold the land to Tipperary Co Board to allow us develop Dr Morris Park to what it is today.

The late Stevie Smee & Dr Morris Park

General Monthly Comment- January 2020

(For an overview of the National picture of the GAA below are extracts from the Uachtarain's address at Congress in Feb 2020
The landscape has changed dramatically since which will lead to a very different address at Congress in Feb 2021)

Extracts from Óraid an Uachtaráin at Congress 2020

- **Governance..**is adhering to certain standards of compliance and transparency, doing the right things the right way, and ensuring that the GAA is never left open to accusations of shoddy or haphazard practices, whether they be financial or otherwise.
- **Finance**… the 360 games we organise centrally every year, less than 60 generate a surplus. In a nutshell, that means that these games provide the finance to run the Association. As a not for profit organisation, our goal is to reinvest and reinvest significantly in the development and promotion of Gaelic games and to provide assistance to our clubs and counties to be able to perform.
- **Health & Safety**…The recent figures released show that claims totalling €8m were made against the Association last year for events which were not related to the promotion of Gaelic games. We put all of that at risk when we take chances in the area of insurance and health and safety and leave ourselves open to claims – particularly for events which have nothing to do with what a GAA club should be.
- **GPA**…it is vital that we and the GPA work together to lessen the demands on players' lives and lessen the cost burden on county boards created by the inter-county game.
- **Team Operating Costs**…There is an industry now built up around county back room teams with experts and gurus and analysts almost numbering to as many people as there are players. Few of this cohort are aligned to the amateur ethos. The result is that our counties combined are spending 10 times as much on preparing teams than the figure which the GAA nationally can commit to investing in club pitches and facilities.
- **Pairc Uí Chaoimh**…As an organisation, we cannot engage in future infrastructural developments without a thorough analysis of all the costs and risks involved in undertaking the project. I want to assure the membership who have concerns and who think there will be a bail out for the difficulties at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, that this will not happen. The resolution to the problems in Cork will be found from within Cork.
- **Fixtures Review**…the reality is that it is clear from the calendar that has been in place that we have had too many competitions that were spread out over too long a timeframe.
- **Tailteann Cup**…Ard Chomhairle has agreed to dedicate a new trophy for the Tier 2 senior football championship to be called the Tailteann Cup – a name that honours this link to Ireland's sporting heritage and crowns modern day sporting heroes in one of our native games. This competition came out of a desire from several counties to have a championship that was inclusive and not exclusive.
- **Talent Academy Report**…this report will now drive our approach within coaching and games structures and a positive change in favour of a CCCC for juvenile games will start bearing fruit at improving the whole area of underage participation and in tackling in particular elite squads. The key to this report is that it puts the club first and foremost and treats these players as club players and not part of an elitist system.
- **World GAA**…we have more than 400 GAA clubs operating outside of Ireland. The India Wolfhounds are among our newest members, so too, are clubs representing Moscow and Cambodia and Bermuda. The successful GAA World Games staged in Waterford last summer was another massive highlight with the finals staged in glorious sunshine at Croke Park. Some 60 per cent of the almost 90 teams taking part were made up of non-native Irish.
- **Bloody Sunday**…this November is one of those times when we gather to remember the 14 who went to a match and never came home.
- **Sister Organisations**…I can safely say that relations between the GAA and the LGFA and An Cumann Camógaíochta have never been better. I look forward to further progress in the strengthening of our relationship in the months and years ahead as we re-iterate that our games really are for the entire GAA family.
- **Conclusion**…The changes made here today and again later in the year will alter how our games and activities are organised at the level that matters most – that of the club. Our financial support for financial projects has been increased, our officer training has reached new levels and player injury scheme remains front and centre in our commitment to players at all grades.
- I am confident that if we continue to work hard and listen to our wider network the GAA can remain in rude health for as many years and more than we have been in existence to date.

February 2020

- **In the Allianz Hurling League** Tipperary lost their second round to Cork in Pairc Ui Caoimh 2-24 to 1-25. Storm Dennis caused postponement of Tipp's clash with Galway as Westmeath came to Semple Stadium, Thurles, for Round 4 where Tipp picked up their first points with a 3-27 to 0-16 victory. In Round 5 Tipp overcame Waterford in Semple Stadium by 0-24 to 2-26 and set us up for a chance to qualify from our postponed round 3 game V Galway the following week.

- **In the Allianz Football League** Tipperary picked up the two points, with a single point victory over Louth in Drogheda 0-11 to 1-7. One-week later Tipp tasted their first defeat going down 0-10 to 0-6 to Derry in Celtic Park. Round 4 was Tipp's best display against Cork in Semple Stadium despite losing by 3-13 to 0-21. The Round 5 fixture versus Longford in Glennon Bros Park is one Tipp will want to forget as we went down 3-12 to 3-7 which drove us into relegation zone.

- **SH Trip to Antrim**- In between the Cork and Galway League games the Tipp SH travelled to Belfast and played Antrim for the Fr Alex Reid perpetual trophy. The match ended 2-23 a-piece and Tipperary made a lasting impression on the young children of Antrim.

- **The February Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** was held in Byrnes Tavern, Emly and the €15k Star Prize went to Mark Hickey Moyle Rovers with the 5k second prize being won by Thomas & Rita Fanning Moycarkey Borris.

- **Tipperary U20 Football** team suffered a disappointing loss to Limerick for the second year in a row on the scoreline 0-7 to 0-6 in a windswept Rathkeale on Wednesday Feb 19th.

- **Congress 2020** was held in Croke Park on Feb 28th/29th and Larry McCarthy, New York was elected Uactarain Tofa to succeed John Horan in 2021. See Full report on opposite page.

Larry McCarthy Uachtaráin Tofa is congratulated by Uachtaráin John Horan following his election at Congress in Feb

- **Breda Fitzgibbon Skeheenarinky** GAA's Long serving officer received the Gradaim an Uachatarain Award 2020 from Uactarain CLG John Horan at a function in Croke Park.

- **The Fitzgibbon Cup** was won by U.C.C with victory over IT Carlow 0-19 to 2-11. Tipperary players Mark Kehoe, Paddy Cadell and Killian O Dwyer played leading roles with all three starting in the final.

RIP

- **Bridget Ryan (nee Stakelum) Borrisoleigh** was steeped in GAA tradition and mother of Pat (Flowery), Bobby and Aidan.

Croke Park Officials: From Left: Gerard Mulryan (Financial Controller), Tom Ryan (Ard Stúirthoir), John Horan (Uachtaráin) and Peter McKenna (Stadium Director)

Secretary's Monthly Comment- Feb 2020

Highlights of Congress 2020

The GAA's Annual Congress was held on Feb 28th/29th in Croke Park. Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Arann were entitled to seven delegates based on one per every ten clubs (72 clubs in Tipp) plus central Council Delegate Michael Bourke. Tipperary's delegates were John Devane, Tim Floyd, Joe Kennedy, Michael Power, Joe Bracken, Tom Maher and Michael McCarthy. Tipperary's John Costigan who is an Elected Trustee of the Association was also present as a member of Coisti-Bainisti.

Overview of GAA Finances 2019

Director of Finance Ger Mulryan reported the overall Revenue at €118m was up 11% on 2018. Following expenditure, the association showed a surplus of €3M compared to €2.7M in 2018. The breakdown of Income showed 49% Gate receipts, Commercial Revenue 27%, Pairc An Chrocaigh TEO 14%, Govt Grants 8% and 2% other income.
The distribution of this income broke down as follows; Direct funding to counties 14m(19%), Coaching & Games 14m(19%), Match Costs €13m (17%), Capital Admin to Counties and Provinces €9m (12%), Club Grants & Supports €7m (10%), administration €10m (14%), Player Welfare €6m (9%).

Ard Stiúrthóir's Report

Tom Ryan highlighted the following.

- The importance of good governance to protect the integrity and reputation of the GAA.
- The threat of Brexit and any type of Border that would be a threat to our daily operations in a 32 county organisation.
- The fixtures Callender Review task force is an opportunity to review our Inter Co Structures as well as how it impacts on our clubs.
- The need for a second-tier football championship similar to the success of the Ring, Rackard & Meagher Cups.
- The phasing in of the three new football rules, the sinbin, the advanced mark and the restriction kick-out.
- Ultimately the best measure of the health of the GAA is the state of the club scene.
- A new agreement with the GPA is under discussion and the current agreement will continue into the end of 2020.
- The Acquisition of Clonliffe College (31.8 acres) will be used to develop two full size GAA pitches including a club house and changing rooms similar to Abbotstown. Also it is envisaged that a new hotel will be built on site and another section has been sold for property development to include 10% affordable housing and 10% social housing.
- The importance of researching player welfare issues to safeguard our amateur players.
- The need to draw up a Strategic Plan and more important to ensure they are implemented.
- It is vital we continue to pursue the "One Club" model; and advance a greater partnership with Ladies Football and Camogie.
- The challenge facing Cork GAA in controlling the debt and cash around Pairc Uí Chaoimh.
- The challenge of delivering the Casement Park Project.
- New games development initiatives highlight the need to provide a meaningful games programme in tandem with the demands of players.
- The financial challenge of controlling team costs.
- Progress made in the Referee Development Plan (2018-2020) reappraising training courses, reviewing the advisor model and changing governance structures.
- The GAA's commitment to safeguard children playing our games.
- Proposals to standardise the sliotar in 2020 including the use of a yellow colour
- Commitment to honour those who died on Bloody Sunday Nov 21st 1920.
- Broadcasting arrangements will see over 200 games on TV during 2020.

Motions of note

From County Convention Dec 2019, Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Arann submitted four Motions to Congress as follows;

1. The Upperchurch Drombane motion on Age-Grades was ruled out of order as it did not seek to change a rule.
2. The Burgess motion on score difference to decide round-robin group placings was originally ruled out of order but allowed to re-submit. This was successfully done, and the Motion eventually passed at Congress by an overwhelming majority 89% votes to 11%.
3. The Holycross Ballycahill Motion to extend the term of office of Ass Treasurer was heavily defeated 73% to 27%.
4. The Ballylooby Castlegrace motion seeking to remove metal bands from under 12 hurleys was successful by 94% to 6%.

- Other Motions of note carried were as follows;
- Allow Referee to consult with the sideline official on Rule infringements.
- A player in receipt of kick-out cannot pass it back to the goalkeeper.
- A Co-Bye Law can allow for a player to be regraded during the year.
- Phase 1 of "Super 8" Football to be played at a neutral venue.
- A county's Age Grades must be determined subject to Central Council Policy, was approved by a 2 to 1 majority.
- The All Ireland U20 Football be played in Feb/March.

March 2020

- **Senior Hurling:** Tipperary bowed out of the Allianz Hurling League following a 3-21 to 3-13 defeat to Galway at Salthill in their final Division 1A group game. The following Tuesday the panel and backroom flew to Campomoar Spain for a four day training camp to prepare for the Championship. On return from Spain March 13th the travelling party complied with HSE guidelines and restricted their movements for two weeks due to the upsurge of the Corona Virus.

- **Senior Football:** Tipperary's remaining two group games in Division 3 of the Allianz Football League against Offaly (Home) and Leitrim (Away) were postponed due to the Coronavirus and were not played until October behind closed doors.

- **The Corona Virus (Covid 19):** was looming as countries like Italy and France went into lockdown with sporting events being played behind closed doors. The Irish government followed suit and shut down most sporting activities which included GAA fixtures and training until March 29th. Tipperary Co. Board extended shut down until April 26th which included the first rounds of the Co Senior Championships plus easter camps.

- **Tipperary Coaching and Games** held a very successful coaching seminar in LIT Thurles on Sat March 7th titled "Developing the Youth Coach". Guests speakers were Oisin McConville, Michael Bevans and Mick Dempsey.

- **The Co Scór Sinsear** Final was held in Newport on March 7th and representatives were selected to go forward and represent Tipperary on March 28th in the Munster Final at Cappamore. Unfortunately, Covid put an end to Scor for the rest of 2020 due to restrictions in halls.

- **The March Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** was held in the Halfway Rathronan and the €15k star prize was kept in the hosting Moyle Rovers GAA Club as Del Phelan was the lucky winner. The €5k second prize was won by Geraldine Hogan, Cashel. The €5,000 Lotto jackpot was shared between Frank Kernan, Tipp New York and Fergal McDonnell, JK Brackens.

- **Tipperary Cumann na mBunscoil** hosted the National Cumann na mBunscoil Awards in the Anner Hotel on March 6th and the gathering was addressed by Co Chairman John Devane and Liam Sheedy.

- **Borrisoleigh GAA Club** received further recognition for their 2019 success as five of their players featured on the AIB GAA Club teams of the year. James McCormack, Dan McCormack, Paddy Stapleton, Jerry Kelly and Brendan Maher were all selected and Brendan Maher was also awarded the AIB GAA Club Hurler of the Year 20019/20.

RIP

- **Bro Patrick O'Connell** was a teacher at Nenagh CBS and Templemore CBS was noted for his promotion of the Rice Cup U14 hurling competition for CBS schools. A native of Newcastle West, he spent most of his teaching life in Tipperary during the 60's, 70's and 80's.

- **Pierce Duggan**, Two Mile Borris was one of the driving forces behind the redevelopment of Semple Stadium in the early 80's which enabled the famous venue to host the centenary All Ireland Hurling Final in 1984.

April 2020

- **Covid 19** gripped the country, as club facilities remained closed and fixtures were postponed at club and inter-county level. The prediction was that whilst sporting action may resume large gatherings were unlikely for a considerable period of time. With collective training suspended, inter county and club players continued training individually under the virtual guidance of S&C Coaches.

- **The Kinane Stand Project** Planning Permission was granted for re development work in the Old Stand. This long- term project will include a second level installed over the concourse at the back of the old stand and will include a gym, physio and stats rooms plus a large function room with kitchen and bar facilities.

- **Semple Stadium** remained on stand-by as a Covid 19 Test Venue but it never materialized. The Dome was eventually used by the HSE as a vaccination clinic whilst schools were closed. Moyle Rovers GAA facility was used as a Covid 19 test Centre throughout the year from the beginning of the virus in March.

- **Tipperary Senior Football** Panel raised €15,000 in their "Shave or Dye" fundraiser which was donated to their chosen local charities, South Tipperary General Hospital, North Tipperary Hospice and C.Saw (Suicide Awareness Group).

RIP

- **Tom Larkin, Kilsheelan** who died in April won an All-Ireland SH medal with Tipperary in 1958. He was a dual player and played with club and county for twenty years during the '50s, '60s and early '70s.

General Monthly Comment- March & April 2020

(I am handing this commentary page over to my outgoing colleague PRO Joe Bracken who describes in his own inimitable way how we lived through Covid 19 since March this year).

Changed Environment for Club Championships ……..Co PRO Joe Bracken

For all, the best laid plans set out for 2020 were thrown into turmoil on March 12th initially as the Government strategy to combat the spread of the Coronavirus was announced. This, as we know, was the prelude to a 'stay at home' order, later on March 27th, as the country braced itself with the news of a national lockdown.

Like most sectors of Irish life and economy as we know it, the GAA felt the full impact of the lockdown in all its units and activities. April was to be a 'club month' but instead club gates were locked, training and games postponed until further notice as the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic took hold.

But in such adversity, there was tremendous resilience. Clubs around the country and in the Premier County responded in a way as never witnessed in living memory. With wonderful weather echoing the mood of the nation, the pride and sense of place and parish lifted the spirit of many. In unison with the rising sun each awe-inspiring morning, clubs unleashed a current of positivity in support of frontline workers and those most vulnerable within their respective communities.

There were virtual fun run's and challenges and all manner of charity events which ensured mental as well as physical health was encouraged and all within the travel exercise limits clubs remained active and following the guidelines outlined by the Government and NPHET (National Public Health Emergency Team).

There is no doubt that this was of huge benefit to all clubs and members involved as each sought a pathway to ensuring the suppression of the virus. The narrative, also circulating had been, would there be any games played at all in 2020 and if so, what were the likely options. Early predictions appeared divided with some favouring club action while others favoured inter-county games. Would supporters be allowed attend and here too the views were mixed. At the time neither side was right or wrong because the biggest question still prevalent was the great unknown that nobody actually knew.

With various permutations under the microscope of how the club championship and indeed that of the inter-county scene might look later in the year, if at all, news broke that from June 24th club pitches would open for adult training on the basis of a maximum of 15 players in a designated area of the field (26 Counties) and 10 players in a designated area of the field (6 Counties).

The sense of joy and relief this news bought heralded a call to arms as never witnessed before, which was a prelude to the news that club fixtures could return from July 17th. While mass attendance at games was still not permitted, two hundred was the figure allowed to attend, which was inclusive of players and officials. This was going to be a major headache for club and county officials as the bounce of enthusiasm from club fundraising and charitable causes saw an upsurge in club awareness and with it match attendance expectations.

While not what we were used to, it was, we hoped the genesis of better things to come as the country took tentative steps on a road to some sort of normality.

At the top of that road was the foremost question of 'who would be in that 200 and how would that be facilitated?' Without hesitation Co. Secretary Tim Floyd, Co. Treasurer Michael Power and the staff of Lár na Páirce grasped the nettle and introduced a whole new process in administration of how admission to games was to take place with safety of gate checkers and social distancing high on the agenda.

Covid Officers were appointed from the Co. Management Committee to oversee and assist our dedicated gate checkers, who were now becoming frontline workers, to ensure the safe implementation of match day attendance.

Of course, that was only one aspect. All host clubs had gone through a period of self-assessment and ground upgrade with the introduction and implementation of Covid safety signage and hand sanitisation measures.

With the limited number of 200 in attendance in place and the overwhelming desire to attend matches, the option to stream matches could no longer be a consideration on the back burner anymore; it was and had to be front and central to ensure all supporters had the opportunity to see our club games. And so, began a series of consultations which culminated in the fantastic marriage of Tipperary Co. Board and its streaming partners 'Streamsport' in the FBD Senior Championship in Holycross with the first live streamed game between Thurles Sarsfields and Kilruane MacDonaghs. Clubs too embraced streaming technology and where possible streamed matches to their club members on Facebook and club websites as the buzz of action fed an appetite starved of live competitive action since the 'lockdown' began.

A new feature permitted during play was the introduction of a 'water break' which effectively segmented each half into quarters. Much debate has emanated from this introduction with a break in momentum for some teams being a common thread spun in the discussion since its implementation.

May/June 2020

- **Covid 19 Phase 2** of the government Roadmap came into effect from June 8th where training options were extended with no contact and by June 29th "behind closed door" sporting events had commenced, like horse racing etc.

- **The Inter-County Schedule** was confirmed with the Liam MacCarthy Hurling Championship commencing Oct 24th. In a Re-drawn Munster Championship, Tipperary avoided the Quarter Final and drew the winners of Limerick and Clare in the Semi-Final on November 1st with the losers going into a qualifier to reach the All Ireland Quarters. In Senior Football the original draws stood so Tipperary were playing Clare on Nov 1st and with Tier 2 now abandoned for 2020 there was no second chance.

- **Tipperary Co Boards Fixture Schedule** followed with the football championship set to commence on week-ending July 18th/19th and the Hurling championships the following weekend. The championships will continue every weekend until the county finals right up to Sept 27th.

July 2020

- **Covid 19 Update:** July 20th became a big focus date as phase 4 of the roadmap to recovery kicked in when matches were allowed to resume with spectators limited to 200 and no access to dressing rooms.

- **Cul Camps:** 30 clubs in Tipperary hosted Cul Camps which commenced on July 20th following extensive planning by Coaching and Games Personnel relating to Health and Safety. The camps concluded on 28th August.

- **The FBD Tipperary Championships** were launched in Semple Stadium on Friday July 10th.

- **Future Ticketing** were introduced as Tipperary Co. Boards new ticketing partner. With handling cash discouraged in the HSE guidelines, patrons had to purchase pre-paid tickets online which were scanned at the venues. Unfortunately attendances were limited to 200 and the anticipated 500 increase never materialized.

- **Streaming** of games became part and parcel of GAA weekends as Co. Board signed up with StreamSport Ireland as partners and Tipp FM providing the commentary.

- **RIP**
  Fonzie Farrell late of Ballycurrane, Thurles who died in New Jersey, New York was a great Tipperary supporter and partner of that wonderful ambassador of Tipperary GAA in the Big Apple, Therese Crowe.

August 2020

- **The Tipperary GAA Co Committee Meeting** on August 4th was a unique occasion when it was held, due to Covid restrictions, in the open air of the Semple Stadium enclosure.

- **Bloody Sunday** Wreath laying ceremonies were carried out during August commemorating the following;
  - Frank Butler and Gus McCarthy in Fethard Church Grounds
  - Tommy Powell Clonmel in St Stephens Cemetery

- **90th birthdays** in July/August were celebrated by Tipperary Hurling Legend **Theo English**, Marlfield, holder of five All Ireland SH Medals. Also the legendary broadcaster **Michael Ó Muircheartaigh** celebrated the 90 milestone. Thankfully both are hale and hearty and enjoying life today.

RIP

- **Paddy Doyle** who passed away in August won a SH All Ireland with Tipperary in 1965 when his late brother Jimmy captained the side. He also won seven Co SH medals with Thurles Sarsfields and won a SF medal with Thurles Croke's. Apart from Thurles Sarsfields, Paddy managed Tipp MH teams, Laois SH team plus club teams in Moycarkey Borris, Lorrha and Borrisileigh when they won the All Ireland Club title in 1987.

The late Paddy Doyle when he was honoured by Thurles Sarsfields in 2019

Secretary's Monthly Comment- May-Aug 2020

Covid Lockdown- A chance to press the reset button.

Covid brought much heartbreak to families and communities and turned our lives upside down as we tried to cope with all the challenges that arose from it.
The norm was thrown out the window as re-adjustment and compromise became the order of the day. For the GAA the choices were simple, cancel everything for the remainder of 2020 or change the model to allow us to finish. Our association showed great leadership adopting a softly softly approach and taking slow steps as Government laid down the parameters by which we operated. Whilst Government were advised by NPHET the GAA set up its own Covid advisory group under the Chairmanship of Tipperary's own Shay Bannon and included medical experts like professor Mary Horgan (UCC & President of the Royal College of Physicians), Dr Pat O'Neill (Dublin), Dr Kevin Moran (Donegal), Dr Jim O'Donovan (Limerick), Dr Sean Moffott (Mayo Team Doc) plus Croke Park officials and reps from Camogie, Ladies Football and the GPA. Looking back this committee's recommendations were measured and wise in line with the government roadmap and allowed us to complete most of our club championships plus our Inter County Provincial and All Ireland series. The GAA was the light that kept many hearts lifted as streaming and Live T.V brought the games into all our homes. Just for the record, the following were Landmark dates during 2020 which dictated the course of our calendar of events and fixtures.

- March 8th- Clubs played their first and final league games before lockdown.
- March 8th-Tipperary SH played their final AHL game v Galway before lockdown
- March 27th-Tipperary SF-played their last AFL game before lockdown on March 1st v Longford
- March 27th-National lockdown declared by Government.
- May 18th- Return to train in small groups but club facilities remain closed.
- June 24th- Club grounds opened up for training in pods of 15
- July 17th- Tipp Co Championships commence with a 200-attendance restriction
- Aug 18th- Club championship allowed continue but behind closed doors with 40 max from each participating club (inc. players)
- Sept 14th- Inter-County training returns
- Sept 18th- 100 Spectators outside of players allowed attend games.
- Oct 7th - Club championship halted as country returns to level 3
- Oct 21st- Level 5 return but Inter County allowed behind closed doors
- Dec 1st -Return to Level 3 allows inter County minor and U20 resume.

Long debates and discussions took place around prioritising club over county and which should be played first but I believe the right choice was made and this was borne out by the success of the club championships especially in Tipperary culminating in our two best county senior finals in recent years.
Many lessons have been learned from 2020 which have fast-tracked more practical and efficient methods of carrying out our business in years to come, Covid lockdown will be credited as the catalyst for many changes which needed to happen but the bureaucracy and complexity of our organisation slowed it down.
The following are a few examples of this change ;

- Three months non stop club championship followed by three months of Inter County
- Teams playing week after week with no break
- One month's preparation for the Inter County Championship
- Winners on the day with extra time and penalty shoot outs
- Knock-out championships or second chance only

Other side effects of the changed environment were;

- No dressing rooms or showers meant players arrived at matches and training togged out.
- The introduction of a water break in each half divided a game into four quarters instead of two halves.
- Temperature checks, attendance sheets and Covid questionnaires became mandatory at training and games.
- Cashless stiles let to new ticketing systems
- Streaming of games became the norm to compensate for supporters not being allowed attend.

In many ways Covid dragged us back into the first half of the 1900's when Michael O Hehir on the wireless, broadcasting matches became a focal point in many houses. The modern concept of this is streaming as county boards and clubs engaged video cameras and commentators to bring live matches into homes. When the live matches were not available, we watched re-runs of old All Irelands which re-ignited the age-old arguments of which era had the best teams or is hurling/football a better game today?
Unfortunately, there were downsides to this new way of sporting life in 2020;

- T.V. gatherings led to house parties which were hotbeds for the transmission of the virus.
- Players and mentors were travelling together in cars to and from match venues.
- T.V. showed up huddles on pitches, handshakes, sharing drink bottles, on field celebrations after final whistles and spectators not observing social distancing.
- Spectators climbing walls, trees, and ditches to gain unauthorized entry to games.

These actions drew negative attention to our games especially as the positive virus cases rose from over 100 to over 1,000 per day during the club action period. Granted they were many non GAA reasons for this but it was inevitable that these restrictions would be restored across the board because of the sins of the few.
Despite the doom and gloom of lockdown we saw many positives which will stand to us in the future including:

- Our previously much-maligned health services were now lauded especially the trojan work of our front line workers to whom we are eternally grateful.
- Health & Wellbeing became a priority for many people leading to a fitter and healthier society.
- The pace of life slowed down for people and working from home was a great help in coping with stress and irregular lifestyles.
- The value of sport was brought home to people as the few months without it was a reminder of what it means in our lives.
- Clubs used the opportunity to upgrade their facilities and the installation of hand sanitizers, warning signs etc. will make our GAA grounds safer places.

Covid in 2020 has taught us we cannot take sport for granted and the lessons learned will stand to us in the future. If we follow the basic rules of wearing face masks, continue hand sanitizing, keep social distancing and avoid crowded areas, we will be safeguarding ourselves and more importantly those around us.

September 2020

- **Kiladanagan** were crowned 2020 Co SH Champions for the first time in a thrilling final on Sunday Sept 20th in Semple Stadium. Bryan McLoughney's injury time goal after 20 mins extra time being played made this one of the most exciting county finals ever. Final score Kiladangan 1-28, Loughmore Castleiney 3-20 (AET). Kiladangan captain Paul Flynn not alone lifted the Dan Breen Cup but also received the John Quirke Man of the Match Award.

- Bloody Sunday wreath laying ceremonies were carried out during September as follows;
  Jimmy McNamara, Cahir

- **Mullinahone** won the Seamus O Riain Cup with a 4-18 to 2-19 victory over Lorrha in Semple Stadium . Sean Curran, Mullinahone was awarded the John Quirke Man of the Match.

- **Rockwell Rovers** were crowned Co I.F Champions with victory over Grangemockler 2-10 to 0-9 in Cashel and Alan Moloney Rockwell Rovers received the Man of the Match award.

- **Drom & Inch** secured back to back Co. Senior Camogie titles with victory over Clonoulty Rossmore at the Ragg by 1-13 to 0-9.

- **Thurles Sarsfields** won the Co Intermediate Camogie title with victory over Shannon Rovers 2-22 to 1-02.

- **Clonmel Commercials** won back to back Co SF titles with a 1-16 to 1-15 victory over Loughmore Castleiney in Semple Stadium. Michael Quinlivan won the "Man of the Match Award" following a magic goal, in the second half that turned the game in Commercials favor. It was cruel fate for Loughmore who suffered their second county final defeat by one point on two Sundays in a row.

- **Gortnahoe-Glengoole** returned to senior ranks with a 2-19 to 0-19 victory over Moyne Templetuohy in the Co Intermediate Hurling Final played at Semple Stadium. Man of the Match was Keane Hayes(Gortnahoe) who scored 1-14 including a clinching goal in injury time.

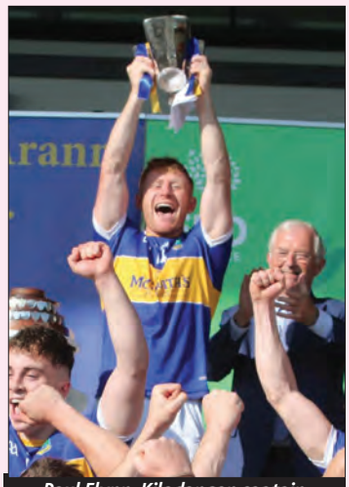
- **The first of eleven Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** took place in Lar Na Pairce live on Tipp FM on Sept 18th and the star prize of a Renault Kadjar was won by John O Dwyer, Templederry GAA club. The second prize of €15k went to David Hackett, Nenagh Eire Óg.

Tipperary Co Championship in August when supporters could not get tickets??

Secretary's Monthly Comment- September 2020

Kiladangan….Now feasting at the Top Table

When Thurles Sarsfields won four-in-a-row county titles from 2014 to 2017 (and their eighth in thirteen years) I thought they were similar to the current Dublin football team and would be unbeatable for a long time. Naturally, I worried about the effect this would have on our club and inter-county scene where one club would have such dominance.
Toomevara dominated in similar fashion in the nineties and the noughties when they won 11 titles which included three and four in a row. But not alone have Thurles Sarsfields not won a county senior hurling title since their fourth in a row in 2017, but they also have not contested the final in the last three years. Five different clubs have featured in the last three county finals with Kiladangan the only club to contest two culminating in their thrilling victory in 2020.


Paul Flynn, Kiladangan captain lift the cup.

Kiladangan's rise from Intermediate Hurling in 2004 is worth documenting as it's a credit to all involved in the club during the past twenty years. Indeed, I had the personal experience of being chairman and selector of my own club in 2002 when Newport beat Kiladangan in the Co I.H Final by eight points having lost the North Final to the same opposition by fifteen points. Both club's paths went very different ways after that as Newport got relegated in 2004 and had to wait until 2016 before regaining senior status again. On the other hand, Kiladangan not alone won the county I.H. Final in 2004 but also won the All Ireland title beating Carrickshock (Kilkenny). On that day in March 2005 it was a similar finish to 2020 when Conor Hayes scored an injury time goal to clinch the title. This was the perfect launch into senior ranks and in their second year they put down a marker by reaching the Co S.H Quarter Final in 2006. This was followed by North Senior title in 2008 and Co Semi Finals in 2010, 2012 and 2013. In 2016 they contested their first Co S.H Final but lost out to a Thurles Sarsfield team going for their third of four in a row. Kiladangan were back again in the final in 2019 but failed to perform against a determined Borrisileigh returning to the top. Having picked up another four North titles the Dan Breen Cup was now within Kiladangan's sights and it became a major obsession for the Shannonside club. They had built up a very talented panel drawn from three of their teams who had reached Co Finals in 2019. Both the Intermediates and Minor were defeated but the U21's saved the year by winning the "A" Hurling title with a four-point victory over Holycross Ballycahill .In 2020 the Kiladangan club reached the holy grail in the most dramatic way possible snatching victory from the jaws of defeat with that Bryan McLoughney goal in added time. This victory was the culmination of twenty years of hard work, building from a county M.H "B" title in 1998. During that period the club were reaching county finals at all levels and the confidence was growing as the signals were consistent that Kiladangan were going places. Visionary officers were leading the club not just on the field but also with new facilities and the purchase of an adjoining second pitch was a massive boost. The new club house nearing completion is perfectly timed coinciding with the arrival of the Dan Breen Cup. Kiladangan have taken the good with the bad since the turn of the century and their perseverance has paid off as they now feast at the top people of Senior Hurling clubs in the Premier County.

Clonmel Commercials….A New Golden Football Era

Even though they have won 19 Tipperary County Senior Football titles Clonmel Commercials have just enjoyed their most successful decade in their history with five titles since 2010. Whilst 2015 will go down as an extra special year, winning the Munster title 2020 will long be remembered as one of the best county final victories in a long while. Michael Quinlivan's goal in the closing minutes was a spectacular sole effort as he ran seventy yards before tucking the ball neatly in the net. Even though Jack Kennedy kicked the winning point in the final minute it was Quinlivan's goal that turned the game in Commercials favour when Loughmore's momentum was growing. What made this victory all the sweeter was it followed their victory in 2019 making it their first back to back titles since 1990. Also in a year that will be remembered for Tipperary's historic Munster Senior Football victory over Cork, Commercials can be proud of their contribution to that success with eight players on the panel of 26 and Charlie McGeever a selector. In a year when the GAA commemorated one of the darkest days in the country's history 1920 and Bloody Sunday. Clonmel Commercials can be proud of their connection with that day when their own Tommy Powell lined out with Tipperary. One hundred years later the club is still ranked as on of the best football clubs not just in the county, but also in the country.

County champions Clonmel Commercials had the biggest representation on the team that won the Munster final. Standing: Charlie McGeever (coach), Seán O'Connor, Michael O'Reilly, Padraic Looram, Conal Kennedy. Kneeling: Jason Lonergan, Colman Kennedy, Michael Quinlivan, Kevin Fahey.

The "Spilt Season" Debate

For a long time now I've been an advocate of the "Spilt Season" as the only solution to our chaotic fixture problem. Our multiplicity of grades and fixtures have constantly led us into conflict between club and county, club and schools Adult and Juvenile, County and Divisions and smoothing over the cracks every year at Congress and Conventions has only led to further frustration.

As I pondered over doing a piece on this subject, I received an email from a Cork friend of mine John Arnold, a local community activist from an area called Bartlemy between Fermoy and Mallow. John is a very traditional GAA supporter and is totally opposed to the concept of a "Spilt Season" so with his permission I'm using his correspondence to debate the issue on the next two pages. The following is his argument against.

Against the Spilt Season

I have often been described as an old-fashioned conservative, a dyed-in-the wool dinosaur and the relics of auld dacency. But shure sticks and stones'll break your bones, but names'll never hurt you. Of course, nothing stays the same and change is inevitable. I know that and I know one cannot hold back the tide. What really annoys the hell out of me though is change for the sake of change or for no good reason. Some readers here might have absolutely not a whit of interest in sport, fair enough, but I bet even non-sporting types associate the month of September with the All Ireland Finals. Maybe you've never been to a Munster Final let alone an All Ireland Final but ask most people the dates for the GAA Finals and they'll know. The tradition of the early autumn Finals took decades to build up and glamorise - not just here on this island but for Irish men and women all over the globe. Set in sporting stone they were, and I'll freely admit, the envy of many other sporting organisations. Obviously some people in the GAA have never heard the phrase 'leave well enough alone'. The heart and soul and spirit of the GAA is the Club. In rural areas, villages, town and cities all over our 32 counties we have thousands of Clubs. For the club players representing their own place is their ambition. They reckon about 4% of Club players get to play at Inter County level -at any grade from under 17 up to Senior. 96% of hurlers will be Club players first and last. Think of those statistics. Then look at what the GAA are doing and propose doing over the next few years. Unfortunately, over the last twenty years the Inter County GAA scene has become a bloated tail which is wagging the 'Club dog'. Take the All Ireland Finals. The September Sundays have been shifted to August -this year they will be in December but that's outside the control of any of us. Now we have a proposal for a "Split Season" from 2022 onwards. This would mean an Inter County Season from March until July with a Club season thereafter. No, you needn't adjust your glasses, the proposal now is for the All Ireland Senior Finals to be played in July. What really annoys me is that this ludicrous idea is being marketed and sold with the label 'certainty for the Club players'. Certainty my eye and my elbow too! Years ago, when the GAA opened Croke Park up to non-Gaelic games I said once income streams start flowing from 'other games' or from multinational media outlets we're on the road to professionalism in the GAA. I never thought 'twould come so fast. The Split season proposal would literally mean that once 'preseason' training starts in November or December the next time a club would see its inter-county star would be seven months later. Isn't that professionalism -no matter what you call it? Wouldn't it be ironic that the GAA which places great store on promoting Gaelic games, especially on TV and other similar outlets, adopted a 'Grand Plan' where there wouldn't be a major game broadcast from July until February -crazy or what?

Earlier this year Croke Park looked for suggestions and ideas for revising the Fixtures calendar to give clubs and club players a fair crack of the whip. I sent in a submission whereby both Club and inter County competitions could progress side by side from May to September. Did I get an acknowledgement, a reply, a Thank You, a text or an email saying my proposals would be looked at? I'm still waiting -maybe 'twill come with the Christmas Card but I won't be holding my breath! We have a great sporting organisation in the GAA and it nearly breaks my heart to see what we're doing to it. Am I mad -yes hopping and raging mad about the way that Inter County Team Managers are now the real power brokers in this Association and the GAA hierarchy don't seem to care? I have given my time and effort for over fifty years to the GAA as a volunteer but if we are going to become a two-tier organisation volunteers will walk away and it will become difficult to replace them.

Only thing is my 'proposal ' for a parallel system should probably be added. For what it is worth the proposal i sent to the Calendar Review Task Force was basically; Start Inter-County championships in early May -each team in H & F gets two chances -like we had before. The inter co championships run from early May to mid to end of September- four and a half months give or take. That's roughly twenty weeks. During that timeframe have three NO INTER COUNTY GAMES periods of ten to fourteen days for Club Championship only. So Tipp or Cork play Munster c.chip on a Sunday. Players go back to their clubs straight away, they have a club c.ship game the following Sat or Sunday and following Tues or Thurs they are back with the County - as you know just 3 to 4% of players are affected. Do this three times, by September All Irelands played and Club C.ships will have progressed and inter county players wont be 'strangers' in their Clubs. Inter Co Managers will roar, shout, pull out hair, threaten Co Boards etc etc etc; I know they will.

I started by saying that we saved the hay well this year and thank God for that same. Ah yes the year is really gone tri na chéile and long-made plans have had to be cancelled. I had hoped to be in Grangemockler at Michael Hogan's grave on Sunday morning on my way to Dublin for the emotional Centenary of Bloody Sunday. Truly, all's changed, utterly changed….

See on the opposite page my argument in favour of the "Split Season"

For the Spilt Season

The Covid Pandemic forced us to act very differently and this included a uniquely structured GAA season being re-developed and implemented in 2020. It essentially de-coupled and kept separate time frames for club and inter-county competition which led to a "Spilt Season" over a six-month period. The first three months in July, Aug, Sept were almost totally handed over to club training and matches. This meant all GAA players, the 96% club plus the 4% Intercounty were playing club hurling and football during the best months and the feedback was very positive. Club players were thrilled to have their county players at training every night with no interference and the star county players really enjoyed the undisturbed experience. All players loved the condensed flow of fixtures as there was continuity and certainty. Even the restricted attendances did not dampen the enthusiasm of supporters as the development of streaming meant most games were brought live into homes. Those who could not attend due to old age, sickness etc were now able to watch their favourite teams. The re-commencement of the Inter-county scene in Mid-Sept was almost seamless as the club scene was down to a few teams in Co. Finals at that stage.

Carrying this spilt season concept into a full year, say 2021 would almost double the playing season for each, giving Inter County from Feb to July and the club from August to December. An extra three months could be added for club leagues without county players in May, June & July. It should also be noted that only Inter-County players in the closing stages of the All Ireland Championships will be playing in late June & July so the 4% will be down to about 1% of players.

The argument whether Inter-County or club should be played in the first half of the year is a no-brainer as it's vital the 96% have the longer playing period and actually this rises to 100% of our players being involved in the best months of the year and this reduces as teams are knocked out going into the winter conditions.

The following is my proposed schedule for this spilt season model.

- January-Inter County training commences
- Feb-April- Allianz Hurling & Football Leagues
- May-July- Provincial & All Ireland Champions/Co Leagues
- Mid July-Mid August- Divisional Championships
- August-Sept-Oct- County Championships
- Nov-Dec-Provincial & All Ireland Club Championship
- In line with this model it should be easier schedule minor, U20/21 plus second and third levels schools competition.
- The All Ireland Club Semi Final/Finals could be carried over into Jan as only one or two clubs are involved per county.

The feedback generated from the 2020 "Covid Championships" at both Inter County and Club level has been positively favourable from clubs, players, supporters and even the GPA and CPA. They following advantages were highlighted.

- No crossover between Inter-county and club seasons
- No interruptions due to county game
- No ambiguity over player availability
- More regularity and certainty in the planning and fixture programmes.

The traditionalists argue about September being the All Ireland month and the massive exposure for our games. Surely the streaming of club games in every county coupled with live T.V. compensates for this. The GAA T.V. audience is mostly Irish based plus the Irish diaspora worldwide and is very much targeted at a limited audience in comparison to the worldwide audience for other sports. With our own streaming in July/Aug/Sept this year the stats on our viewership showed up pockets of Tipperary Supporters in almost every continent. September should be a prime month for club games but when Tipperary are involved in an All-Ireland Final the full month is often lost with the free weeks before the final and the rest week afterwards.

In my lifetime I have seen massive change in the GAA where deep rooted ideals were changed in the interest of the greater good for the association. The removal of the ban (Rule 27) at Congress in 1971 was the first major shift in opinion. The Ban ultimately decreed that anyone who played, provided, or attended non-GAA games was prohibited from membership of the GAA. Then Uachtarán Pat Fanning who was a firm supporter of the rule had to accept that the game was up and he was praised for the equanimity with which he accepted this reverse. On that day he said, "in a short while now, you will acknowledge the expressed will of the association and delete a rule of life that reflected and epitomised the very spirit of the association".

At Congress in 2005 Rule 42 was amended to allow soccer and rugby to be played in Croke Park while Lansdowne Road was being re-developed. This was a massive decision for the GAA, and it showed that the membership opinion was moving away from die hard opinions.

In the early 1990's sponsorship was first introduced on county jerseys as "Tipperary Water" appeared on the 1991 All Ireland winning jerseys. This was followed by sponsorships of the All Ireland Championships in 1995- when the Guinness Hurling Championships were reminders of the very successful Clare Era in 1995 to 1997. These became multi-sponsorships in 2008 when RTE and Etihad joined Guinness for the hurling championship and the football was sponsored by Toyota, Ulster Bank and Vodafone. Even Specsavers got involved when the new technology of Hawk-Eye for assisting referees with scores was introduced in 2013. Even the concept of Live TV games was a major issue in the early 1990's as it was felt it would impact attendances, but it actually served to promote our games more.

These were all historical changes that proved successful in the long term. I am sure the introduction of the "Spilt Season" will be another massive success and when it happens, we will say "why didn't we think of it years ago". In the words of Pat Fanning nearly 50 years ago; "The future is ours to shape…let us move towards it with confidence"

October 2020

- **Lockdown Again:** Level 3 restrictions came into place on October 7th which stopped all club games but allowed non-contact training. Two weeks later this increased to Level 5 as the country went into lockdown for the second time in 2020. Fortunately, elite sports were allowed continue behind closed doors which permitted Inter-County to progress. After commencing Munster Minor and under 20 championships, the ground shifted as these competitions were then added to lockdown which left only senior surviving. Schools and youth training were allowed continue non-contact in pods of 15.

- **Tipperary Senior Footballers** had a very successful Allianz League resumption with a home victory in Semple Stadium over Offaly 1-16 to 0-16 and one week later saw off Leitrim in Avant Card Sean McDarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon by 2-11 to 0-15. These victories guaranteed Tipperary's position in Division 3 and relegated Leitrim and Louth to Division 4 for 2021.

- **Tipperary U20 Hurlers** passed the quarter Final test with a 1-19 to 0-12 victory over Clare in Semple Stadium despite trailing by four points at half time. Unfortunately, with the country entering Level 5 lockdown their competition was paused and training was suspended until further notice. The U20 Hurlers are due to play Waterford at Fraher Field Dungarvan in the Munster Semi Final when activities resume.

- **Tipperary Minor Hurlers** got their campaign off to a winning start with a comprehensive victory over Kerry in the Gaelic Grounds 0-32 to 0-9 in the Munster Quarter Final. Two days later the competition was paused as the country entered lockdown and training was also suspended until further notice. Tipperary are due to play Waterford in the Munster Semi Final at Pairc Ui Rinn subject to clearance from the Government and Croke Park.

- **Tipperary Senior Camogie** team advanced to the All-Ireland Quarter Final with victories over Clare and Dublin during October.

- **The second of eleven Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** was held on Friday Oct 9th in Lar Na Pairce Live on Tipp FM and the star car prize was won by Thomas Ryan (R) Kilcommon & Sean Treacys. The €5K second prize went to Kiladangan's Thomas Hayes, Ardcroney.

- **The Friends of Tipperary Football** held a Golf Classic in Thurles Golf Club on Oct 2nd and 3rd and it attracted up to 100 teams.

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- **T.J (Gussie) O Dwyer, Holyford and Sean Treacy's** was a Tipperary MH Selector in the 80's and early 90's.
- **Kevin Moloney, Roscrea** was a staunch Tipperary Supporter and being confined to a wheelchair in recent years did not dampen his enthusiasm.

Tipperary panel and management observe a minute's silence to the memory of former Tipperary and Drom-Inch hurler Tommy Butler RIP before the All-Ireland qualifier against Cork.

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A Fresh Approach to Commercial Revenue by Tipperary GAA

At the November County Management Meeting it was agreed that the Tipperary Co Board, wishing to focus on maximising revenue by generating opportunities in the areas of Marketing the many and varied Commercial activities, etc., would explore the possibilities of how they could successfully do this. It was decided at that meeting that Liam O'Shea, who has just stepped down as Managing Director/CEO of Tipp FM and Clare FM and would have the necessary commercial skillset, business experience and indeed the deep knowledge of Tipperary GAA, would be charged with establishing a commercial framework which would position Tipperary County Board to best establish a commercial revenue through the promotion of the Tipperary GAA Brand.

A brief look at Liam's business background shows that before joining Clare FM as CEO in 1998 he spent fourteen years in RTE and another fourteen years working in Radio and Television with Channel 3 T.V in Saudi Arabia and with CNN during the Gulf War. Around the recent recession years Liam brokered an alliance deal, a first in his industry, between Clare FM and Tipp FM, reducing considerably the cost structure at both stations and later in that year, 2012, he acquired, with Clare FM, a majority Shareholding in Tipp FM.

Liam O Shea, the new Commercial Advisor to Tipperary GAA

He was one of the founders of Spin South West, as well as being its first Chairman, and was also one of the founders of Newstalk. He also sits on the Board of Shannon Group.

With a lifetime of achievements in the Broadcast Industry few have made as many contributions to Radio in Ireland as Liam and this was nationally recognised when he was inducted into Radio's Hall of Fame in 2013.

In recent years Liam, or Billy as he might be better known in GAA circles, has become closely involved in GAA affairs as manager of Kilruane MacDonaghs S.H. and Tipperary U21H teams plus also acting as Logistics Manager with the current S.H. team under Liam Sheedy. Tipperary Co Board are fortunate to be able to call on a man of Liam O'Shea's experience and knowledge at the current time and his commitment to Tipperary and the GAA is unquestionable

This whole area of Marketing and Commercial activity is becoming a key factor in the Development of Gaelic Games at Inter-County Level. In 2000 when Con Hogan was Chairman of Tipperary Co Board, I was asked to take on a similar role of "Marketing Co-ordinator". At the time I was Tipperary Draw Administrator and Con probably felt I needed a few more strings to my bow. I must admit I have enjoyed carrying out this role for the past twenty years as it has brought me into contact with wonderful people and taken me into very new environments. It was in May 2000 that we opened the first Tipperary GAA Merchandise Shop in Lar Na Pairce and for nineteen years it became a focal point for Tipperary GAA fans as well as being a valuable source of revenue for Co Board. Looking back, I am proud that we built up an enterprise that is now a franchise contributor to our finances following a retail agreement with Elverys Intersport for the next fifteen years. Over the twenty years I have engaged with five different team sponsors from Finiches, Enfer, Skoda, Elverys and currently TENEO. Since 2000 we have also had various County Championship sponsors like Tipperary Credit Unions, Cidona, Clean Ireland Recycling, Tipperary Water up to our present sponsorship agreement with F.B.D. We also have annual Revenue Streams from generous benefactors like Dornan Eng, Tipperary Co. Co, Thurles Milk and Kit-Van suppliers like Ryan Motor Power Skoda Dealer Clonmel, Pat Cleary Renault Motors Thurles, Damian Mulcahy, Citreon Ardcroney and John Kennedy Toyota Motors Clonmel. Then we have all the generous patrons who support our fundraisers at Galway Races, London and New York every year.

Apart from all the commercial support streams directly linked to Tipperary County Board there are a host of other benefactors who contribute regularly to our Tipperary Supporters Club, Commercial Board and Friends of Tipperary Football. As you can see from this, the role of Commercial Advisor is a vast and varied responsibility. New challenges added to this will be the streaming of club games which proved to be a great success in 2020. Liam O Shea was the man who introduced me to StreamSport Ireland and it has proved to be a very successful alliance. With Liam's radio and T.V background I'm sure this is one area we can consider the potential to eventually have our own "Tipp TV" to further promote Gaelic Games within the county and across the globe to all our Premier natives. There is also scope for Commercial Development around our new agreement with ticketing partners "Future Ticketing". In 2020 this was introduced on a very limited basis with crowd restrictions but as this situation improves so will marketing opportunities around the ticketing administration network. Another area that is becoming more and more a responsibility of Tipperary Co. Board is Semple Stadium. Following two difficult years in 2019 and 2020, new Revenue Streams are required as field rental is becoming unreliable to maintain the Stadium at the required standards. Naming rights has got to be a priority in the year ahead and hopefully this will become a reality in 2021 and help to bring a new stream of much needed income to Semple Stadium.

Liam O'Shea in his role as Commercial Advisor will act as Liaison person with Semple Stadium, Tipperary Supporters Club, The Commercial Board and Friends of Tipperary Football. It is very important that Liam is acting for Tipperary Co. Board as the controlling body to ensure there are parameters within which they all operate. He will also examine what they all have in common and maximise the potential of the Tipperary GAA brand both nationally and worldwide. I'm sure Liam has his own ideas and visions for the role, and I look forward to working with him in the coming year as we put Tipperary on a firm commercial financial footing into the future.

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- I have been privileged to work with one of the best top table of officers I have journeyed with during my term as County Secretary. We were very united and held a great respect for each other and the different talents we all brought to the table. Regular officer meeting brought about great loyalty and friendships.
- **John Devane** can look back on three successful years with silverware during all three culminating in that historic Munster S.F. title on Nov 22nd. He believed in constant dialogue with team managers and to be kept in the loop as much as possible. His style of leadership was passionate in true Boherlahan style and was never afraid to express his point of view. He steps down with no major ambition to rise higher "yet" even though he is well capable, so no doubt he will submerge himself in local affairs which he has never been too far away from. I wish him health and happiness and I look forward to his continued friendship and will always welcome his sound advice.
- **Joe Bracken** was a man I knew very little about five years ago when he arrived as PRO of Tipperary Co. Board but he departs now having made a massive impression after putting his own unique stamp on the role. His easy going and witty personality was reflected in his weekly GAA scene and his poetic turn of phrase was always a joy to read. I will miss his friendly banter but I know I have made a great friend for life in Joe and as I constantly remind both himself and John Devane "they are going out the same way they came in" as really nice guys and pure gentlemen.
- **New Top Table**: I look forward to working with Joe Kennedy as the new Co. Chairman and he has proved as head of the CCC for the past three years that he is decisive and proactive. His best is yet to come, and I hope he has a very successful tenure. Cisteoir Michael Power is currently on cloud nine following the Munster S.F. title under the stewardship of his son David. His experience and knowledge in financial matters makes him a vital asset to Co. Board and I look forward to working with him in the year ahead as we jointly keep the financial ship afloat. With two new faces around the top table it will be different, but regardless of who they are I hope we continue with the same friendship and loyalty.
- **Committees** during 2020 faced challenges trying to convene and in most cases relied on Virtual meetings through Teams or Zoom. Co Management met regularly as in the absence of County Committee meetings Coiste Bainisti in Croke Park granted them additional powers to keep the wheels turning. Co CCC met the challenges of Covid and especially ran very efficient championships during the tight schedule between July and September. Well done to all concerned and especially CCC Secretary Tom Maher who is the conductor of the orchestra and a vital cog in the wheel of county and post primary fixtures as well as the smooth running of match days in Semple Stadium.
- **Liz Flanagan** has completed her five years as Asst. Treasurer and during that time she was a reliable and dedicated officer and a great back up to the treasurer as she brought her own particular style to the marshalling of the gates in Mid Tipperary.
- **I.T** played a key role in all our operations during 2020 and Co I.T. Officer Lisa Stapleton was always on hand to assist clubs and committees. She played a major role in the success of streaming our games and the trial run with Future Ticketing. Co Board were fortunate to have the experience of Lisa during these challenges imposed on us during 2020 and we really appreciated her expertise to get us through it all.
- **Health & Wellbeing** is becoming more and more important in the GAA family and our own sub-committee has bedded in seamlessly in our county under the stewardship of Cora Moroney and Seamus Delaney. Their roles and that of Children's Officer Nicholas Moroney, should be matched with similar positions at club level to allow a healthy network to operate within our county.
- **Coaching & Games** came through a tough year with flying colours and I am delighted to say our five full time coaching staff worked right through the pandemic period. They responded with great enthusiasm and new innovative ideas like coaching webinars, skill competitions and of course the Cul Camps were an uplift for families during August. At the start of 2020 Tom Fitzgerald was appointed as the new GDA in South Tipperary and is proving very popular and successful in that area. His presence along with Kevin Hally in the West, Paudie Malone in the North and Andy Ryan in the Mid has given our Gaelic Games a strong foothold throughout the county. Co Games Manager Dinny Maher keeps a watchful eye along with Coaching Officer Tom Dawson to ensure we maintain the highest standards at all times. We have experienced a lot of success in the past ten years in hurling and football and much of this must be credited to the wonderful work of our Coaching and Games Development structures in the county.
- **Cultural** activities were curtailed in 2020 but our Oifigeach Cultúir Marcas Ó Duinn had a very active first couple of months. Scór Na nÓg reached the All Ireland level and brought long overdue national success to our Newcastle set dancers. Senior Scór selected county representatives but unfortunately, they never got a chance to display their talent outside the county due to the pandemic. Likewise, Marcus along with his Scór colleagues, Seosamín Ni Chathail and Maire de Búrca interviewed over fifty Gaeltacht candidates but once again the scholarship recipients never got a chance to see their chosen Irish College in 2020.

- **Dr Morris Park** Continues to present itself in the best of condition at all times thanks to our dedicated caretaker Pat O Callaghan and his support colleague Andy Fox. For thirty years John Ryan (Holycross) has cared for this facility like it was his own and Tipperary Co Board are fortunate to have a volunteer give such commitment. I look forward to the commencement of the new phase of development with the building extension and I'm sure John will take great pride in seeing the finished project under his careful stewardship.
- **Semple Stadium** had a very difficult year with increasing maintenance on an ageing facility and only minimum revenue due to Covid. Con Hogan and David Morgan explored all avenues to keep the standards high and this was evident with the "neutral" games held at the venue and shown on T.V. There are difficult times ahead for Semple Stadium and its survival is becoming more and more dependant on Tipperary Co. Board. Central and Provincial Councils need to adopt a definite policy on major Stadia going forward as they are going to become millstones around Co Board's necks. The upkeep and maintenance of these stadia is almost entirely dependent on inter-county match revenue. County Boards cannot be expected to carry the can if the matches don't happen. Much joined up thinking needs to happen to ensure our major Stadia do not become white elephants as future officers grapple with the massive restoration costs.
- **Lar Na Pairce** continues to evolve as our former GAA shop is now returning to its original concept as a Tourist Centre in conjunction with the Visitor Centre and Museum. Our GAA offices remain in the three levels overhead with access through the rear of the building. I'm delighted to say we have an excellent staff in Lár na Pairce with everyone working in harmony carrying out their own roles and willing to help each other out when the need arises. Thanks to Siobhan, Tom, Karen and Maggie for their great support and co-operation and to Marion and Bernie who drop in occasionally to assist.

Conclusion

I'm afraid my four targets last year for 2020 all ran aground. Two of these desires needed our Tipperary S.H team to win the Allianz Hurling League plus back to back All Ireland titles. It's now 55 years since we won back to back in 1964/65 and 12 years since we won the league despite having a very successful last decade winning three All Ireland titles. Tipperary must strive to be up there competing for All Ireland hurling titles every year and maybe the odd league title thrown in would be a bonus. My aspirations for Senior Football were to be promoted back to Division 2 league in 2020 but having just fallen short of this, the winning of the first Munster S.F title in 85 years was more than adequate compensation. My fourth and final target in last year's report was the completion of the Dr Morris extension development but Covid delayed the start-up date which I now hope will get the green light in early 2021.

I will carry forward the same four targets on my wish list for 2021 and maybe in at No 5 that the "Spilt Season" will become a reality. We cannot return to the old ways as having experienced and tasted continuity at both inter-county and club level in 2020, players will want this to be the norm.

Our officer team at the top table will see a major change after three successful years. Joe Kennedy will step into the hot seat having completed his three-year probationary period as Vice-Chairman and I think he will do very well. A new Vice-Chairman and P.R.O will see an injection of fresh ideas and opinions which is the thinking behind the five year term in our rule book and indeed the three year term in our own bye-laws. The Co. Chairman will also freshen up the committees and I am always encouraged by the enthusiasm of club and divisional volunteers who respond positively to the invitation when asked to step up. This is what makes the GAA the great organisation that it is today and long may it continue. Thanks to all our sponsors and especially TENEO who carry their commitment into year three following hurling success in 2019 and football success in 2020. What awaits the Premier County in 2021?

Thanks to all our clubs, our supporters, our players and mentors…. Without you it would not happen.

Crioch

Ag féachaint siar ar an mbliain atá imithe, beidh go leor ag iarraidh dearmad a dhéanamh ar 2020. Cinnte, bhí an t-ádh linn cuid mhaith cluichí a eagrú nuair a fuair Covid greim ar an tír agus ar an domhain ar fad. Ar an taobh dearfach de, foghlaimíodh ceachtanna agus glacadh le módhanna nua chun ár gcuspóirí a bhaint amach. Táimid ag tnúth leis na rudaí dearfacha seo a chur i bhfeidhm sna todhchaí le héifeachtúlacht níos mó agus le cur chuige níos praicticiúla. Sábhálaí beatha ab ea Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a thug ardú anama agus ceangailt deimhnitheach dúinn le linn amanna deacra nuair a bhí an chuid is mó den daonra teoranta dá dteach féin. Féachaimid ar aghaidh le filleadh ar na páirceanna glasa agus don aer úr sa bhliain nua agus go mbeimid in ann ár gcluichí a athsheoladh isteach i dtithe dóibh siúd nach féidir leo freastal ar na hionaid imeartha.

Guím bliain nua slán, sábháilte ar gach éinne.

Ar aghaidh le Tiobraid Árann

Tadhg De Flóid

Tipperary Membership Registration November 2020

(From Croke Park Nov 2020)

Club	Reg. for 2020	Unreg. For 2020	Full Members	Youth Members	Honorary Members	Social Members	Adult Player	U21 Player	Minor Player	Juvenile Player
Aherlow	250	163	165	85	0	0	63	26	7	71
Anacarthy Eire Óg Donohilll	193	177	90	103	0	0	44	16	2	92
Ardfinnan	252	0	109	139	3	1	42	30	5	133
Arravale Rovers	168	421	113	48	2	5	43	41	15	30
Ballina	356	544	159	190	0	7	40	15	12	177
Ballinahinch	282	14	156	126	0	0	70	12	0	115
Ballingarry	281	99	97	138	2	44	39	28	10	125
Ballybacon/Grange	269	2	107	145	15	2	42	18	4	134
Ballylooby/Castlegrace	414	4	264	146	0	4	59	23	8	120
Ballyporeen	174	167	75	99	0	0	32	15	1	98
Boherlahan Dualla	319	293	126	135	5	53	36	28	13	113
Borris-Ileigh	276	265	202	68	1	5	45	19	8	39
Borrisokane	371	10	241	129	1	0	99	31	10	113
Burgess	281	72	92	123	5	61	54	25	7	94
Cahir	578	0	284	290	4	0	70	36	30	267
Cappawhite	340	162	159	170	3	8	46	19	8	153
Carrick Davins	288	0	219	69	0	0	74	29	4	65
Carrick Swan	585	76	266	314	5	0	87	41	20	286
Cashel King Cormacs	572	0	406	165	1	0	51	74	6	147
Clerihan	210	139	90	109	0	11	25	16	2	107
Clonakenny	313	32	194	119	0	0	59	18	3	110
Clonmel Commercials	428	380	161	264	1	2	54	26	17	232
Clonmel Óg	330	43	145	185	0	0	44	15	11	174
Clonoulty/Rossmore	381	228	98	154	1	128	58	27	4	147
Drom-Inch	165	330	114	44	7	0	49	13	13	22
Durlas Óg	128	381	6	122	0	0	0	0	0	119
Emly	342	2	216	109	0	17	77	30	6	99
Father Sheehys	441	0	340	99	2	0	18	13	1	86
Fethard	257	258	85	115	46	11	30	10	8	103
Galtee Rovers/St Pecaun	434	0	266	168	0	0	97	74	2	159
Golden-Kilfeacle	209	150	83	121	2	3	28	17	5	107
Gortnahoe-Glengoole	254	265	118	131	1	4	50	24	8	122
Grangemockler Ballyneale	268	243	118	150	0	0	21	21	12	98
Holycross/Ballycahill	390	41	192	187	10	1	56	25	10	161
Inane Rovers	183	188	74	106	2	1	23	32	14	91
JK Brackens	480	231	254	226	0	0	47	3	8	181
Kildangan	247	543	204	28	1	14	60	39	2	25
Killea	78	1	69	9	0	0	48	2	1	1
Killenaule	387	27	184	201	2	0	69	25	17	183
Kilruane MacDonaghs	460	136	292	168	0	0	44	30	12	149
Kilsheelan-Kilcash	377	0	205	170	1	1	87	39	10	152
Knock	57	73	57	0	0	0	39	4	0	0
Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams	313	137	170	143	0	0	29	28	7	135
Knockshegowna	184	7	118	14	1	51	27	7	1	12
Lattin-Cullen	111	227	71	40	0	0	25	22	7	33
Lorrha-Dorrha	338	439	186	146	6	0	38	11	11	94
Loughmore-Castleiney	247	41	135	110	1	1	70	20	7	100
Marlfield	182	1	180	0	1	1	108	12	0	0
Moneygall	280	0	142	128	0	10	49	29	0	120
Moycarkey-Borris	190	437	95	91	1	3	38	33	8	73
Moyle Rovers	618	0	413	202	1	2	136	62	2	169
Moyne/Templetuohy	295	194	145	148	0	2	2	6	0	83
Mullinahone	242	258	76	166	0	0	1	17	3	67
Nenagh Éire Óg	400	434	247	149	4	0	58	24	11	133
Newcastle	375	0	196	147	4	28	70	19	0	98
Newport	524	230	216	303	0	5	40	28	3	292
Portroe	367	3	144	128	0	95	74	19	9	109
Rockwell Rovers	305	4	172	132	0	1	54	8	10	122
Roscrea	507	0	298	207	1	1	128	38	23	181
Rosegreen	245	147	132	111	1	1	57	24	7	99
Sean Treacys	252	252	121	126	0	5	50	16	3	118
Shannon Rovers	145	137	77	64	0	4	33	14	2	33
Silvermines	306	149	131	175	0	0	39	25	9	165
Skeheenarinky	175	139	71	102	1	1	26	20	0	102
Solohead	92	259	46	46	0	0	28	7	0	43
St Mary's	907	55	598	307	2	0	231	88	9	295
St Patrick's	215	59	93	96	5	21	51	17	10	75
Templederry Kenyons	197	293	98	99	0	0	61	12	5	95
Thurles Gaels	67	211	54	13	0	0	11	8	0	11
Thurles Sarsfields	191	161	153	38	0	0	71	35	8	29
Toomevara	382	47	212	153	5	12	53	24	12	139
Upperchurch-Drombane	277	287	145	132	0	0	40	26	1	121
Totals	**21997**	**16106**	**11830**	**9383**	**157**	**627**	**3817**	**1728**	**504**	**8146**

Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí an Chontae
(County Competitions Control Committee) – C.C.C - Report 2020

Thomas Ó Meachair (Rúnaí)

- The past year of 2020 had the draws for the county semi-finals of competitions that were played inter divisional as North v West and Mid v South. This coming year of 2021 will see North v Mid and West v South.

- The C.C.C committee for 2020 was made up of the following 15 members. Cathaoirleach Joe Kennedy, Runai Tom Maher (Non-voting), Cisteoir an Chontae Michael Power. Michael Flynn, Marian Minihan, Jonathan Cullen, Catherine Dunne, Michael McCarthy, Michael Ryan, Hugo Browne, Eddie McCarthy, Hugh Coghlan and John Costigan. Referees administrator John Ryan and Bórd na Nóg John Neville. Both John Ryan and John Neville have no vote except for John Ryan when he is dealing with the appointment of referees, John Neville deals totally with juvenile issues. John Costigan holds the position of fixture analyst and this position has been given voting rights on county CCC by Croke Park. County Post Primary Schools are represented by Tom Maher. Thanks to all for their time and work.

- 15 C.C.C meetings were held during 2020. This number has to be the least number of meetings held by the committee in any year over the past 20 years. Can I thank all the members who give freely of their time to attend the meetings.

- 206 games were scheduled for the past year and this is way down on other years, for obvious reasons.

The sentence most used this past year was **"A year like no other"** and indeed a phrase was never so true. Little did we know when we held our first meeting on the 15th of January to deal with gradings, or when we made our championship draws live on Tipp Fm from the Thurles Sarsfields centre on the 27th of January how things would be as the year tailed off.
Tuesday the 10th of March was the last day that we played a game until Friday the 17th of July. (Clubs had come back earlier for training) We used every week after that to play our games until our last game in that time frame on Sunday the 4th of October. That was 12 full weeks. Covid 19 and the regulations and laws around it as set by government were the reason that no game was played between the 10th of March and the 17th of July. From Monday the 5th of October, the GAA put a stop to all games played at club level and this prevented the county from finishing the club championship within the year. County executive has since ruled that games can commence after the 1st of February 2021. Let's hope this can happen.

The county leagues never really got off the ground this year. On the 1st of march, the football was supposed to kick off, but in the end just two games were played. The weekend of the 1st ended up been a washout after a heavy weekend of rain. The first round of the hurling commenced on the weekend of the 8th of march and while that round was played, that was the end of it. Covid 19 again put an end to the leagues.

All the regulations set in November 2019 pertaining to the running of the championships and leagues had to be overwritten. County executive were given power by Coiste Bainistí to draw up structures for county championship and make regulations governing them. Tipperary delayed setting structures until almost everything was finalised at national level regarding the start dates and the amount of time accorded to clubs before the inter county training and inter county competitions would commence. This was a good idea by county executive as when structures were drawn up all issues relating to dates, inter county games ect, were almost 100% in place.
The county championships in senior hurling and football, the county championships in intermediate hurling and football, plus the Seamus O Riain cup were to be played all county. The junior hurling and football championship would be run within the divisions with the winners going forward to the county semi-finals. The minor hurling and football plus the u/21 football championship which had commenced in January would be run in the divisions with county semi finals for the divisional winners. The county u/21 hurling championship for 2020 was to be decided by executive at a later date. When the executive did decide at a later meeting, they decided that it would not go ahead as it had not commenced when the executive made its decisions, and it was felt that time would not be available in 2021 to complete it.

When everything went to the starting post on that Friday evening the 17th of July there was a great sense of joy around. During three months of lockdown, until the clubs were allowed to commence training, there was a feeling of doom all over. Club members kept themselves busy helping out their community and particular the vulnerable to get through the Covid 19 pandemic. Many a fundraiser for charity's were undertaking and thousands upon thousands of euros raised. There may have been no games, but time was well spent by our members to whom everyone everywhere was most grateful.

The championship of 2020 was deemed to be one of the best championships run in the county. Players got games every second week, if a single code club, and every week if a duel club. The time for training after the initial month of stamina work was reduced considerably and players got what they always want, continuous games. Players were able to plan their time, or whatever amount they could plan due to the pandemic. The championship was played in a time frame with dates set without any chance of

changes to that time set, except for an odd local Covid outbreak, which thankfully in Tipperary was few.
Part of the championships were played with people in attendances while other parts had no attendees. A new phenomime this year was live streaming. I would think there was hardly a game that could not be seen on some platform. The county board organised a very professional streaming group, "Streamsport Ireland" who along with Tipp Fm broadcast live to an audience which was accessed through the county website. Games that were not streamed this way, came by way of clubs streaming through their Facebook pages. Definitely a new way of doing things and could be the pre courser of a changed way of reaching our audience leading into this new decade.
A new ticket system was also put in place under "Future Ticketing" This was a necessity due to the difficulty in having gatemen and women handling cash. But out of all difficulties comes a solution. This has provided a way of removing the need for cash at the point of entry, with the sale of tickets now been made previous to the games. It made extra work for club secretaries trying to decide who could get tickets and who not. When Covid 19 has left our shores and attendance at games will come back to where things were, all that work will disappear as tickets will be available to all wishing to attend our games. A pandemic has decided a lot of things concerning how we live our lives, and the GAA has not avoided that either. A lot of the new things forced on us are not bad at all, and will enrich our way of working.

The one worry I had was people attending games, when they should not have, as numbers attending were limited for parts of the year and without attendance for other parts. Actions like this caused problems in other counties and led to the games programme closing down in October. I would appeal to patrons to not do similar this coming year if things are the same. We need to leave the games in a safe manner to the players and the few people that need to be there to run the games. We have an obligation of care to society and to our friends and family. We must observe the rules laid down to protect the people in our mists, and if this means that we are unable to attend a game, so be it. I would go as far as saying that games should not commence if the regulations are broken. Hopefully 2021 will not necessitate a conversation around this, but if it does, we need to talk.

The time has come I think for two distinct playing seasons within the full season. I would think that the club season should come first with the inter county season taking over around the end of July. January, February and March should be allotted to 3rd level, PPs, and national leagues. April, May, June and July should be club time with the remainder allotted to inter county and club provincial/national championships. This would allow clubs unfettered access to their inter county players during the most important time for them. Clubs could use the other parts of the year for leagues and competitions not involving county players. My thinking would be that if the inter county championship came first, clubs would have tired players coming back to commence the club scene. There would be a greater benefit to county managers having fit players coming off the club season, players that they would have seen and realise the form they are in. A new player or two might have shown up during the club championship which would continue to strengthen county panels. Inter county training should commence on the 1st of July with all players available to county management, with the exception of players involved in the final part of club championships. There would also be greater television audience for inter county championships with the holiday months coming to a close, and the evenings slowly drawing in. No matter what some people think of the protracted inter county season, it does draw in finance which we all use for our various

Streaming of the club championship at Semple Stadium.

projects within our clubs. I would think the TV audience would not fall because of the inter county moving on to the second half of the year. I do know there is strong opinion for the opposite view with county first and club to follow. My opinion as I said is club first, but I would not have any problem if it was decided that county comes first. The most important issue is that there is a divide and the club championship will benefit.

I believe that the link from divisional championships to county championships should now come to an end for senior hurling and football, and intermediate hurling and football. The Seamus O Riain Cup and the Tom Cusack cup will run alongside of these. The junior and under age should remain with the divisions with the winners only advancing to county semi-finals. Strong competition and the fear of been knocked out made for this year's terrific championships. It also gives the players more control of their off time. They can live their lives with their friends and families without fear of games been fixed when they have something going on outside of the games. They will have a fixture plan from the end of January and as the years moves forward, they will know the year previous year when they will be playing as the programme would be more or less the same each year. It would be a modern decision for a modern time.

I also think the county football championship should be looked at. At intermediate level, should the number of teams completing be reduced to twelve. Over the last few years, it is obvious that is what it should be, that's about the number of clubs that show interested in the championship. This year three teams out of the sixteen failed to field. Why push clubs into a grade that they clearly do not wish to be in. Earlier I said that junior should be run by the divisions. I think moving the junior football to all county did nothing for the grade, as a matter of fact I think it has close enough nearly killed it. Clubs that are lukewarm about football were playing at the same times as when their hurling teams were, which is their first love. This means that clubs are not putting in teams in junior football championships which they would have if it was run differently.

I believe that the junior grade in both hurling and football needs to be looked at. Is there now a time for two grades of junior A, particular in hurling. Teams at the top of junior A are way ahead of teams at the other end of junior A. Should we have premier junior A and junior A. Maybe the same at junior B. I think it is well worth a discussion.

The need for all weather pitches has not gone away over the past year. When we all get back to normal in what ever year that will be, it will be back on the agenda again. I would think grants will be the major issue at that stage with a loss of a year's revenue and maybe the loss of two. When we get back in the money trail this cannot be left aside, there is no doubt but these pitches will be required more than ever leading into the further.
If the expected club season falls in the second part of the year, lights will also be a requirement, this is something we do not have in abundance in Tipperary. I have spoken about this over a period of time, but with little success. Clubs have put in 50 meter all weather surfaces with lights but they are shying back from doing full all weather with lights. From a club's point of view, I would be happy with the lights as all-weather full-size pitches are expensive, but are worth considering when putting in smaller all-weather pitches which are normally about one third of full-size pitches.

Like every year I wish to give a special thanks to the referees who officiate at our games. This year was an unusual year for them. Once the end of July came in, they were under a lot of pressure because of the amount of games at juvenile and adult level that were fixed on a daily basis. We did not have any worries as they rose to the occasion and left no game behind. They still get a lot of abuse from the team mentors in particular. The CCC as before have and will deal with these people when reported. The CCC will also fine the club as they are responsible for their mentors and supporters. Abuse of referees will have to come to an end. Younger people coming up to refereeing age are different than what went before them. They will not entertain abuse and will walk away quickly. We are in different times, where abuse is not acceptable anymore. It's an offence off the field in the eyes of the law so why should it be the accepted normal on the field. If it continues, the level of fines will need to be increased. The minimum of €200 may not be high enough to force clubs to deal with their members who continue to act in this manner. The pool of referees available is not getting any bigger, while the amount of games is. I would appeal to clubs to help secure referees from their club and give them the help that they require. The clubs work should not stop when a name is forward to the referees committee.

I am beginning to wonder if the parish rule is coming to a slow end. The CCC deal with transfers as well as fixtures. More and more transfer requests that are appearing on the CCC's desk, seeking transfers for mainly juvenile players, but not exclusively juvenile, are coming from small clubs seeking to go to much larger clubs. It is amazing how many grandparents that are living in large club areas, they do not seem to live much in parishes of small clubs. These grandparents also seem to have the players seeking transfer living with them, minding the grandparents. There will probably be a parent living there as well. The CCC can only go as per the bye laws even though most of the times they believe different than what they are told. Clubs have a choice to make. Do they want this to go on or to stop? If they want it to stop, they need to propose changes to the transfer rule in the bye laws. If they are happy then the bye laws are fine. There is no point in complaining when the request has come in. I feel it is making your mind up time, are we happy with what is happening or not. There is no point in blaming the CCC as they are only doing what the rules allow them to do.

This year there were no provincial club fixtures. It was a pity, but the reason was sound. What I find strange is that every year I hear people complaining about the provincial club championship and that it should not be going ahead as it rushes the county

championship. This year when there was no provincial club championship, there was complaints that it was not held. The feeling was that winners should have that competition to test themselves outside the county. Just proves that you cannot win.

Looking to 2021, major changes will be applied to all championships up to and including the present championship of U/21. Changes made at congress 2020 which states that championship will be run as per central council policy and lays down the eligibility criteria. The central council directive and guidelines were agreed in June 2019. These changes are covered under rule 6.17 T.O. 2020 and Appendix 2 GAA Codes, Guidelines and Directives T.O 2020.
Championships will now be played at U/13, U/15 and U/17 which will be minor. The minor club championship will no longer be affected by adult championship at club and inter county level. This should free up dates for minor championship.

County Senior Hurling Championship (Dan Breen Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1						
Round 1						
25/07/2020	Templemore	Drom-Inch	**2.18**	Roscrea	**2.16**	Kieran Delaney
25/07/2020	Stadium	Kiladangan	**1.20**	JK Brackens	**3.14**	Kevin Jordan
Group 2						
Round 1						
26/07/2020	Stadium	Clonoulty Rossmore	**2.18**	Eire Og Anacarty	**0.16**	Seamus Delaney
26/07/2020	Stadium	Nenagh Eire Og	**1.19**	Holycross Ballycahill	**0.11**	Sean Lonergan
Group 3						
Round 1						
25/07/2020	Holycross	Thurles Sarsfields	**1.19**	Kilruane MacDonaghs	**1.13**	Michael Kennedy
25/07/2020	Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney	**1.22**	Moycarkey Borris	**0.17**	Mark Jordan
Group 4						
Round 1						
26/07/2020	Nenagh	Toomevara	**1.18**	Borris Ileigh	**0.21**	Fergal Horgan
26/07/2020	Dolla	Upperchurch Drombane	**0.21**	Burgess	**0.16**	Conor Doyle
Group 1						
Round 2						
09/08/2020	Cloughjordan	Kiladangan	**2.19**	Roscrea	**0.14**	Peter Carroll
09/08/2020	Stadium	Drom and Inch	**2.16**	JK Brackens	**1.15**	John Dooley
Group 2						
Round 2						
09/08/2020	Clonoulty	Holycross Ballycahill	**0.23**	Eire Og Anacarty	**1.18**	John O Grady
09/08/2020	Stadium	Clonoulty Rossmore	**1.22**	Nenagh Eire Og	**1.16**	Kevin Jordan
Group 3						
Round 2						
07/08/2020	Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	**2.28**	Loughmore Castleiney	**0.25**	Fergal Horgan
08/08/2020	Stadium	Kilruane MacDonaghs	**3.21**	Moycarkey Borris	**2.19**	Sean Everard
Group 4						
Round 2						
08/08/2020	Nenagh	Borris-Ileigh	**3.23**	Burgess	**1.14**	Philip Kelly
08/08/2020	Stadium	Upperchurch Drombane	**3.17**	Toomevara	**1.23**	Michael Kennedy
Group 1						
Round 3						
15/08/2020	Stadium	Kiladangan	**4.15**	Drom and Inch	**0.18**	Fergal Horgan
15/08/2020	Nenagh	JK Brackens	**1.17**	Roscrea	**0.20**	Mark Jordan
Group 2						
Round 3						
15/08/2020	Boherlahan	Holycross Ballycahill	**1.20**	Clonoulty Rossmore	**2.17**	Peter Carroll
15/08/2020	The Ragg	Nenagh Eire Og	**2.20**	Eire Og Anacarty	**1.14**	John Lillis
Group 3						
Round 3						
16/08/2020	Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney	**2.14**	Kilruane MacDonaghs	**2.12**	Michael Kennedy
16/08/2020	Holycross	Thurles Sarsfields	**1.25**	Moycarkey Borris	**0.19**	Paddy Ivors
Group 4						
Round 3						
16/08/2020	Stadium	Borris-Ileigh	**1.20**	Upperchurch-Drombane	**2.10**	Sean Lonergan
16/08/2020	Nenagh	Toomevara	**3.19**	Burgess	**1.15**	Seamus Delaney

Quarter Finals

29/08/2020	Stadium	Kiladangan	**3.16**	Toomevara	**0.18**	Kevin Jordan
29/08/2020	Stadium	Nenagh Eire Og	**3.12**	Thurles Sarsfields	**1.08**	Michael Kennedy
30/08/2020	Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney	**2.21**	Clonoulty Rossmore	**0.20**	Conor Doyle
30/08/2020	Stadium	Drom and Inch	**4.19**	Borris Ileigh	**1.28**	Fergal Horgan

Drom and Inch win after extra time and penalties.

Semi Finals

05/09/2020	Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney	**1.22**	Nenagh Eire Og	**1.12**	Fergal Horgan
06/09/2020	Stadium	Kiladangan	**1.21**	Drom and Inch	**0.09**	Michael Kennedy

Final

20/09/2020	Stadium	Kiladangan	**1.28**	Loughmore Castleiney	**3.20**	Michael Kennedy

After extra time.

16 teams completed for the Dan Breen Cup. These were played with 4 groups of 4 teams with 3 rounds in each group. The four group winners plus the 4 group runners up moved into the quarter finals, with first in a group playing second in a group. A team could not play a team from their own group. There were no preliminary quarter finals as the divisions did not play into the county championship.

Kiladangan emerged as winners of the Dan Breen after a memorable final which went to extra time. A goal in the last few seconds of the extra time from Kiladangan man Bryan McLoughney took the game from the grasp of Loughmore Castleiney who had just gone into the lead by one point from a John McGrath sixty-five. It was Kiladangan's first county senior final win. Kiladangan went through the championship unbeaten. They did draw one game in the group stages and of course had the extra time in the final.

It was a senior championship to remember. The semi finals maybe were a bit disappointing, but after coming off a breath-taking round of group games and some great quarter finals, they had a lot to live up to. The Drom and Inch v Borris Ileigh quarter final provided us with a near hearth stopping game. This game went to extra time and penalties before Drom and Inch came out on top and put out the county and munster champions. This championship has left us seeking more and we await 2021 with great expectation. Paul Flynn from Kiladangan received the John Quirke sponsored man of the match award.

We cannot leave the senior hurling without congratulating Borris-Ileigh. In last year's report we saw that Borris-Ileigh won the Munster final. In early January they defeated St Thomas's of Galway by 1.21 to 1.14 in the All Ireland semi-final. They then came up against that power house from Kilkenny in the guise of Ballyhale Shamrocks in the final, but ended up on the wrong side of a 2.24 to 2.19 score.

County Senior Hurling Relegation 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
29/08/2020	Drombane	Roscrea	**2.19**	Eire Og Anacarty	**1.14**	John Dooley
29/08/2020	Templederry	Moycarkey Borris	**1.24**	Burgess	**1.22**	John Lillis
Final						
12/09/2020	The Ragg	Eire Og Anacarty	**1.17**	Burgess	**0.16**	Kevin Jordan

The bottom team in each of the four groups of the senior hurling championship were put in for an open draw competition. The two winners saved their Senior status with the two losers playing each other and the loser relegated to Seamus O Riain for 2021. Burgess were the unfortunate loser in that game.

Seamus Ó Riain Cup 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1						
Round 1						
25/07/2020	Clonmel	Ballingarry	**2.17**	Carrick Swans	**0.18**	Keith Delahunty
26/07/2020	Littleton	Killenaule	**0.23**	Cashel King Cormacs	**1.17**	John Dooley
Group 2						

Round 1

26/07/2020	Dolla	Portroe	**0.22**	Kiladangan	**0.14**	Philip Kelly
26/07/2020	Toomevara	Thurles Sarsfields	**1.24**	Lorrha Dorrha	**1.20**	Sean Everard

Group 3

Round 1

25/07/2020	Templederry	Newport	**3.21**	Clonakenny	**1.13**	Phil Ryan
25/07/2020	Cashel	Mullinahone	**1.22**	Sean Treacys	**1.13**	John O'Grady

Group 4

Round 1

24/07/2020	Kilcolman	Templederry Kenyon's	**0.19**	Silvermines	0.**14**	Peter Carroll
26/07/2020	Cappawhite	St. Mary's	**2.16**	Ballina	0.**18**	Paddy Ivors

Group 1

Round 2

08/08/2020	Clonmel	Cashel King Cormacs	**2.18**	Ballingarry	1.**17**	Sean Lonergan
09/08/2020	Clonmel	Carrick Swans	**0.23**	Killenaule	**0.13**	Noel Cosgrave Dooley

Group 2

Round 2

07/08/2020	Borrisokane	Lorrha Dorrha	**5.19**	Kiladangan	**1.15**	Conor Doyle
09/08/2020	Dolla	Thurles Sarsfields	**0.14**	Portroe	**0.14**	Phil Ryan

Group 3

Round 2

08/08/2020	Golden	Newport	**4.13**	Mullinahone	**2.15**	Fergal Horgan
09/08/2020	Templederry	Clonakenny	**2.22**	Sean Treacy's	**2.16**	Tom McGrath

Group 4

Round 2

08/08/2020	Nenagh	Ballina	**1.17**	Templederry Kenyon's	**1.13**	Kieran Delaney
09/08/2020	Dundrum	Silvermines	**2.18**	St.Mary's	**0.18**	Mark Jordan

Group 1

Round 3

15/08/2020	Clonmel	Carrick Swan	**4.19**	Cashel king Cormacs	**1.14**	Tom Loughnane
15/08/2020	Stadium	Killenaule	**1.21**	Ballingarry	**0.08**	Kieran Delaney

Group 2

Round 3

15/08/2020	Cloughjordan	Lorrha-Dorrha	**5.18**	Portroe	**4.16**	Michael Murphy
15/08/2020	Dolla	Thurles Sarsfields	**0.15**	Kiladangan	**0.10**	John Butler

Group 3

Round 3

16/08/2020	Littleton	Mullinahone	**2.17**	Clonakenny	**0.13**	Phil Ryan
16/08/2020	Dolla	Newport	**2.15**	Sean Treacy's	**1.14**	John Dooley

Group 4

Round 3

16/08/2020	Cashel	Templederry Kenyon's	**1.23**	St Marys	**1.21**	John O Grady
16/08/2020	Newport	Silvermines	**0.21**	Ballia	**0.21**	Alan Tierney

Quarter Finals

29/08/2020	Clonmel	Mullinahone	**1.18**	Carrick Swans	**0.13**	John O'Grady
30/08/2020	Cashel	Killenaule	**3.12**	Thurles Sarsfields	**0.23**	Kieran Delaney
30/08/2020	Nenagh	Newport	**1.29**	Silvermines	**0.09**	Sean Lonergan
30/08/2020	Cloughjordan	Lorrha Dorrha	**4.21**	Templederry Kenyon's	**2.22**	Peter Carroll

Semi Finals

05/09/2020	Stadium	Mullinahone	**1.22**	Newport	**1.21**	Seamus Delaney
06/09/2020	Stadium	Killenaule	**2.13**	Lorrha-Dorrha	**3.20**	Mark Jordan

Final

19/09/2020	Stadium	Lorrha-Dorrha	**2.19**	Mullinahone	**4.18**	John Lillis

The Seamus O Riain cup provided us all with some great competition and finished with a wonderful final after two good semi-finals previous with Mullinahone v Newport a real classic. Just one team would be promoted to the senior hurling championship for 2021. Mullinahone was the team that prevailed in a titanic struggle with Lorrha Dorrha. Eoin Kelly relived

his youth when scoring 2.05 in the final. Four groups of four teams made up this competition with one to be relegated for 2021. Good luck to Mullinahone in the senior hurling championship in 2021. There will be some competition in the Seamus O Riain cup next year. There are some good teams and I am really looking forward to it. Sean Curran from Mullinahone received the John Quirke sponsored man of the match award.

Seamus Ó Riain Cup Relegation 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
30/08/2020	Cahir	St Marys	**0.19**	Sean Treacys	**0.17**	Tom Loughnane
30/08/2020	Templetuohy	Kiladangan	**0.26**	Ballingarry	**1.23**	Phil Ryan
Kiladangan win after extra time and penalties						
Final						
05/09/2020	Cashel	Sean Treacys	**2.27**	Ballingarry	**2.17**	Sean Everard

The bottom four teams in each of the four groups of the Seamus O Riain cup played in the semi-finals. There was an open draw to ascertain the games. The two losers then played a final. Ballingarry were the team to lose out when they were defeated by Sean Treacys who had been promoted to the Seamus O Riain cup in 2019.
One of the semi finals provided us with our first penalties competition after finishing level after extra time. Kiladangan came through this nerve tingling part of the game.

County Intermediate Hurling Championshhip 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1						
Round 1						
25/07/2020	Drombane	Ballinahinch	**1.20**	Moyle Rovers	**0.17**	Padraig Skeffington
26/07/2020	Templemore	Moyne Templetuohy	**3.17**	Drom and Inch	**1.15**	Michael Murphy
Group 2						
Round 1						
24/07/2020	Golden	Knockavilla Kickhams	**2.18**	Galtee Rovers	**1.16**	Noel Cosgrave
25/07/2020	Templetuohy	Borrisokane	**0.19**	Carrick Davins	**1.14**	Tom Loughnane
Group 3						
Round 1						
24/07/2020	Sean Treacy's	Ballybacon Grange	**1.17**	Cappawhite	**0.17**	David Ryan
25/07/2020	Borrisoleigh	Shannon Rovers	**0.12**	Boherlahan Dualla	**0.12**	Gerry Treacy
Group 4						
Round 1						
25/07/2020	Ballingarry	Gortnahoe-Glengoole	**2.15**	Kilsheelan Kilcash	**0.12**	Paul Guinan
25/07/2020	The Ragg	Moneygall	**3.20**	Golden Kilfeacle	**2.12**	John Lillis
Group 1						
Round 2						
08/08/2020	Templederry	Drom and Inch	**1.21**	Ballinahinch	**2.15**	Alan Tierney
08/08/2020	Littleton	Moyne Templetuohy	**2.21**	Moyle Rovers	**1.13**	Paul Guinan
Group 2						
Round 2						
08/08/2020	Kilcommon	Borrisokane	**4.22**	Galtee Rovers	**0.12**	John Lillis
08/08/2020	New Inn	Carrick Davins	**0.15**	Knockavilla Kickhams	**1.24**	Tom Loughnane
Group 3						
Round 2						
09/08/2020	Newport	Cappawhite	**0.24**	Shannon Rovers	**2.11**	Philip Kelly
09/08/2020	Cahir	Ballybacon Grange	**0.18**	Boherlahan Dualla	**1.13**	John Butler
Group 4						
Round 2						
09/08/2020	Cashel	Golden Kilfeacle	**1.14**	Gortnahoe Glengoole	**0.17**	Padraig Skeffington
09/08/2020	Holycross	Moneygall	**3.16**	Kilsheelan Kilcash	**1.15**	Paddy Ivors

Group 1
Round 3

16/08/2020	Boherlahan	Drom and Inch	**1.14**	Moyle Rovers	**2.09**	Padhraic Greene
16/08/2020	Borrisoleigh	Ballinahinch	**1.19**	Moyne Templetuohy	**0.21**	Gerry Treacy

Group 2
Round 3

15/08/2020	Clonmel	Carrick Davins	**0.21**	Galtee Rovers	**2.14**	Paul Guinan
15/08/2020	Borrisoleigh	Borrisokane	**1.24**	Knockavilla	**2.21**	Kevin Jordan

Group 3
Round 3

15/08/2020	Clonoulty	Boherlahan Dualla	**1.21**	Cappawhite	**0.21**	Conor Ryan
15/08/2020	Templetuohy	Shannon Rovers	**3.19**	Ballybacon Grange	**2.17**	Sean Everard

Group 4
Round 3

16/08/2020	Templemore	Gortnahoe Glengoole	**2.22**	Moneygall	**2.07**	Philip Kelly
29/08/2020	New Inn	Kilsheelan Kilcash	**3.21**	Golden Kilfeacle	**1.19**	Keith Delahunty

Quarter Finals

29/08/2020	Borrisoleigh	Gortnahoe-Glengoole	**1.14**	Ballinahinch	**0.15**	Gerry Treacy
29/08/2020	The Ragg	Boherlahan Dualla	**0.22**	Borrisokane	**0.16**	Seamus Delaney
30/08/2020	Bansha	Knockavilla Kickhams	**1.14**	Ballybacon Grange	**0.14**	Paddy Ivors
30/08/2020	Templemore	Moyne Templetuohy	**0.22**	Moneygall	**1.16**	Noel Cosgrave

Semi Finals

13/09/2020	Littleton	Moyne Templetuohy	**0.23**	Boherlahan Dualla	**2.09**	Kieran Delaney
13/09/2020	Holycross	Gortnahoe Glengoole	**4.16**	Knockavilla Kickhams	**2.14**	Peter Carroll

Final

27/09/2020	Stadium	Gortnahoe Glengoole	**2.19**	Moyne Templetuohy	**0.19**	Kieran Delaney

16 teams completed for the Michael Maher cup. These were played with 4 groups of 4 teams with 3 rounds in each group. The four group winners plus the 4 group runners up moved into the quarter finals, with first in a group playing second in a group. This was run by open draw but a team could not play a team they played in the group stages. There were no preliminary quarter finals as the divisions did not play into the county championship. Semi finals were also by open draw.
Gortnahoe Glengoole came out on top in this championship, and it was their first win in the intermediate final since 1988. They were unbeaten in the championship, but just like Kiladangan in the senior, one of their group games ended in a draw. The intermediate championship was very competitive, you could not pick the winner as the group stages progressed and every score was so important due to score difference. The best of luck to Gortnahoe Glengoole in the Seamus O Riain cup in 2021. Kian Hayes Gortnahoe Glengoole received the John Quirke sponsored man of the match award.

County Intermediate Hurling Relegation 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
30/08/2020	Boherlahan	Cappawhite	**2.21**	Moyle Rovers	**1.17**	Philip Kelly
12/09/2020	Sean Treacy Pk	Golden Kilfeacle	**1.19**	Galtee Rovers	**0.14**	Paddy Ivors
Final						
26/09/2020	New Inn	Moyle Rovers	**2.20**	Galtee Rovers	**1.16**	John Dooley

The bottom four teams in each of the groups played in the semi-finals which were open draw. Galtee Rovers who won the final of the relegation in 2019 were not as fortunate this year as they lost out in this year's final.

County Minor 'A' Hurling Championship (Sean Treacy Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
29/08/2020	Dundrum	Thurles Sarsfields	**5.17**	St. Marys	**1.19**	Alan Tierney
29/08/2020	Holycross	Cashel King Cormacs	**4.14**	Ballina	**2.17**	Sean Everard
Final						
06/09/2020	Holycross	Thurles Sarsfields	**1.20**	Cashel King Cormacs	**0.13**	Alan Tierney

A good Thurles Sarsfields team emerged as the winners of the minor championship. They were much stronger than the other teams that had qualified. Things look good for them in the years to come at the older levels with a stream of players coming through. The three other teams that qualified for the semi-finals were quite competitive but were in hard luck that they came up against such a strong team. Well done to all.

County Minor 'B' Hurling Championship (Broderick Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
29/08/2020	Kilcommon	Arravale Rovers	**1.21**	Silvermines	**0.15**	John Butler
02/09/2020	Clonoulty	Moycarkey Borris	**1.18**	Cahir	**1.10**	Paul Guinan
Final						
06/09/2020	Dundrum	Arravale Rovers	**1.17**	Moycarkey Borris	**0.19**	Noel Cosgrave

Arravale Rovers made up for their loss in the final in 2019 by going one step more this year and taking the Broderick cup home by the slenderest of margins. Moycarkey Borris put up one big battle but to lose by one point can be hearth breaking. They will come back and be stronger as time moves on. Arravale Rovers will now need to make the step up to the next level over the next couple of years in u/20.

County Senior Football Championship (O'Dwyer Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1						
Round 1						
17/07/2020	Cahir	Loughmore Castleiney	**1.16**	Ballyporeen	**1.06**	Sean Lonergan
19/07/2020	Cashel	Moyne/Templetuohy	**0.10**	Ardfinnan	**0.09**	Paddy Russell
Group 2						
Round 1						
18/07/2020	Dundrum	JK Brackens	**3.11**	Aherlow	**0.10**	John Butler
19/07/2020	New Inn	Kilsheelan/Kilcash	**0.13**	Upperchurch-Drombane	**1.06**	Derek O'Mahoney
Group 3						
Round 1						
18/07/2020	Ardfinnan	Clonmel Commercials	**4.12**	Cahir	**2.10**	Derek O'Mahoney
19/07/2020	Golden	Galtee Rovers	**0.15**	Killenaule	**1.07**	Tom Loughnane
Group 4						
Round 1						
17/07/2020	Clonoulty	Moycarkey Borris	**2.09**	Eire Og Anacarty	**0.14**	David Grogan
18/07/2020	New Inn	Moyle Rovers	**0.16**	Arravale Rovers	**0.11**	Sean Everard
Group 1						
Round 2						
01/08/2020	Templemore	Loughmore Castleiney	**0.13**	Moyne Templetuohy	**1.17**	Tom Loughnane
02/08/2020	Cahir	Ardfinnan	**1.13**	Ballyporeen	**1.08**	Seanie Peters
Group 2						
Round 2						
01/08/2020	Dundrum	Upperchurch-Drombane	**1.11**	Aherlow	**0.03**	Michael Duffy
02/08/2020	Cashel	JK Brackens	**0.11**	Kilsheelan-Kilcash	**0.11**	Brian Tyrell

Group 3
Round 2

01/08/2020	Clonmel	Killenaule	**1.07**	Cahir	**0.0**	Sean Lonergan
02/08/2020	New Inn	Clonmel Commercials	**1.16**	Galtee Rovers	**0.06**	David Grogan

Group 4
Round 2

01/08/2020	Bansha	Arravale Rovers	**1.07**	Eire Og Anacarty	**1.07**	John Butler
02/08/2020	Golden	Moyle Rovers	**2.17**	Moycarkey Borris	**1.05**	Derek O'Mahoney

Group 1
Round 3

23/08/2020	Cashel	Ballyporeen	**1.14**	Moyne/Templetuohy	**1.09**	Seanie Peters
23/08/2020	Boherlahan	Loughmore Castleiney	**4.11**	Ardfinnan	**0.07**	Paddy Russell

Group 2
Round 3

23/08/2020	New Inn	Kilsheelan-Kilcash	**3.20**	Aherlow	**1.08**	Tom Loughnane
23/08/2020	The Ragg	JK Brackens	**0.14**	Upperchurch-Drombane	**1.10**	Philip Kelly

Group 3
Round 3

22/08/2020	Monroe	Clonmel Commercials	**2.13**	Killenaule	**0.03**	Sean Lonergan
22/08/2020	New Inn	Cahir	**5.14**	Galtee Rovers	**0.14**	Brian Tyrell

Group 4
Round 3

23/08/2020	Cahir	Moyle Rovers	**1.19**	Eire Og Anacarty	**1.07**	Derek O'Mahoney
23/08/2020	Dundrum	Arravale Rovers	**0.06**	Moycarkey Borris	**0.13**	David Grogan

Semi Finals

05/09/2020	Ardfinnan	Clonmel Commercials	**0.12**	Kilsheelan Kilcash	**0.06**	Seanie Peters
12/09/2020	Boherlahan	Loughmore-Castleiney	**0.18**	Moyle Rovers	**1.11**	Derek O'Mahoney

Final

27/09/2020	Semple Stadium	Clonmel Commercials	**1.16**	Loughmore Castleiney	**1.15**	Sean Lonergan

The county senior football championship had 16 teams taking part in which they played in four groups of four. The top team in each group made their way to the semi-finals. There were no quarter finals.
The four teams that made the semi finals would probably have been what was expected when the championship started, or at least three of the teams anyway. JK Brackens last year's finalists were probably the team that lost out where they might have envisaged getting to the semi-finals. They lost no match in the league system but lost out on score difference to Kilsheelan Kilcash who lost no game either. They played a draw when they played each other. That group went down to the last round before we were clear who came out on top in the group.
Clonmel Commercials and Loughmore Castleiney were the two teams that were successful in the semi-finals. They did not get it easy but still had clearly enough in hand to come out victors.
The final was one of the best finals in recent years. The quality of the football and the tight finish was something that will live with all who saw it in the ground or on the live stream. It was a toss up who was going to come out on top. Clonmel Commercials eventually emerged as winners and held on to the O' Dwyer cup. One would have to feel sorry for Loughmore Castleiney who the previous week lost the senior hurling final, but managed to get themselves together for another high-octane match, only to come out second best again. No doubt they will rise again.
Michael Quinlivan received the John Quirke man of the match award.

County Senior Football Championship Relegation 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
06/09/2020	New Inn	Aherlow	**2.09**	Ardfinnan	**0.08**	Sean Lonergan
06/09/2020	Sean Treacy Pk	Eire Og Anacarty	**1.06**	Galtee Rovers	**0.08**	David Grogan
Final						
19/09/2020	Cahir	Ardfinnan	**0.15**	Galtee Rovers	**1.10**	Tom Loughnane

The bottom team in each group went into the relegation semi finals by means of an open draw. Aherlow and Eire Og Anacarty escaped the dreaded drop. Galtee Rovers were the team that find themselves in intermediate in 2021 after losing out to

Ardfinnan. Both these teams could in another year have expected to be taking part in the top end of the championship, but not to be this year. I am sure Galtee Rovers stay out of senior will not be too long.

County Intermediate Football Championship (Barrett Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1						
Round 1						
19/07/2020	Monroe	Rockwell Rovers	**3.09**	Clonmel Commercials	**1.05**	Sean Lonergan
19/07/2020		JK Brackens	**W/O**	Cashel King Cormacs	**Con**	
Group 2						
Round 1						
18/07/2020	Killenaule	Clonmel Og	**4.12**	Loughmore Castleiney	**1.07**	Paul Guinan
19/07/2020		Moyle Rovers	**W/O**	Borrisokane	**Con**	
Group 3						
Round 1						
18/07/2020	Boherlahan	Fethard	**1.11**	Golden-Kilfeacle	**0.11**	Joe Leahy
18/07/2020	Bansha	Father Sheehys	**0.09**	Clonoulty/Rossmore	**0.09**	Padraig Skeffington
Group 4						
Round 1						
18/07/2020		Drom and Inch	**W/O**	Kiladangan	**Con**	
18/07/2020	Cloneen	Grangemockler Ballyneale	**3.12**	Mullinahone	**0.10**	Paddy Ivors
Group 1						
Round 2						
01/08/2020		Clonmel Commercials	**W/O**	Cashel King Cormacs	**Con**	
02/08/2020	Holycross	Rockwell Rovers	**1.09**	JK Brackens	**0.08**	Tom McGrath
Group 2						
Round 2						
01/08/2020	Cloneen	Moyle Rovers	**0.11**	Clonmel Og	**0.08**	Richard O'Connor
02/08/2020		Loughmore	**W/O**	Borrisokane	**Con**	
Group 3						
Round 2						
31/07/2020	Cahir	Fethard	**2.13**	Fr Sheehys	**0.09**	Michael Kennedy
02/08/2020	Sean Treacy Pk	Golden-Kilfeacle	**1.09**	Clonoulty/Rossmore	**2.06**	Paddy Russell
Group 4						
Round 2						
02/08/2020		Mullinahone	**W/O**	Kiladangan	**Con**	
02/08/2020	Ballingarry	Grangemockler Ballyneale	**1.13**	Drom and Inch	**1.08**	Paul Guinan
Group 1						
Round 3						
22.08.2020		Clonmel Commercials	**Not Played**	JK Brackens		
22.08.2020		Rockwell Rovers	**W/O**	Cashel King Cormacs	**Con**	
Group 2						
Round 3						
22/08/20		Clonmel Og	**W/O**	Borrisokane	**Con**	
22/08/2020	Ballingarry	Loughmore-Castleiney	**1.06**	Moyle Rovers	**0.10**	Paddy Ivors
Group 3						
Round 3						
23/08/2020	Bansha	Fethard	**2.10**	Clonoulty Rossmore	**2.09**	Richard O'Connor
02/09/2020	New Inn	Golden Kilfeacle	**0.15**	Father Sheehy's	**2.06**	John Butler
Group 4						
Round 3						
22/08/2020		Grangemockler Ballyneale	**W/O**	Kiladangan	**C/O**	
23/08/2020		Drom-Inch	**Not played**	Mullinahone		

Semi Finals

05/09/2020	Cahir	Rockwell Rovers	**7.16**	Moyle Rovers	**2.11**	Tom Loughnane
05/09/2020	Clonmel	Grangemockler Ballyneale	**2.17**	Fethard	**0.04**	Brian Tyrell

Final

19.09/2020	Clonmel	Rockwell Rovers	**2.10**	Grangemockler Ballyneale	**0.09**	Sean Lonergan

16 teams contested the intermediate championships in 4 groups of four. The top team in each group completed in the semi-finals by means of an open draw.
There is no doubt that this championship needs a complete overhaul. We ended up with three teams not playing any game in the league section and pulling out of the championship. My belief is that there are too many teams in intermediate football championship. Twelve teams to my mind is what should be taking part. These twelve would have 100% interest in it. There is no point in having teams taking part that only have a passive interest, and that only when their hurling teams are finished in the hurling.
Rockwell Rovers finally delivered on a competition that they have chased over the last number of years. They have reached their dream of completing in senior championship for 2021.
Grangemockler Ballyneale done their bit in trying to reach their dream of winning on the 100-year anniversary of the killing of Michael Hogan, but it was not to be. Well done to both teams.
Alan Moloney Rockwell Rovers received the John Quirke man of the match award.

County Intermediate Football Championship Relegation 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
06/09/2020	Clonmel	Fr Sheehys	**2.12**	Cashel King Cormacs	**3.07**	Martin Doyle

The four teams that finished at the bottom of each group of the championship would complete in an open draw semi-final with the two losers playing each other and the loser playing junior A for 2021.
Only one game was played with Fr Sheehys, the only one of the four teams taking part in the relegation, to have completed in the league section of the championship. Fr Sheehys defeated Cashel King Cormacs after extra time in that game. Kiladangan was to play Borrisokane in the other semi final but they withdrew and stated that they would self-relegate.

County U-21 'A' Football Championship (Shelly Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
02/10/2020	Borrisoleigh	Arravale Rovers	**1.13**	Kilruane MacDonaghs	**0.05**	Sean Lonergan
03/10/2020	New Inn	Grangemockler/B	**1.11**	Thurles Sarsfields	**0.09**	Michael Duffy

The u/21 football championship must be one of the most drawn out championships in living memory. It would have commenced in January and now seems that it will not be complete until February 2021. We had reached the finals when the GAA withdrew the playing of club competitions due to Covid 19.
Arravale Rovers and Grangemockler Ballyneale will contest the final.

County U-21 'B' Football Championship (Sean Mockler Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
04/10/2020	Templederry	Ballina	**1.11**	Galtee Rovers	**2.05**	John Butler
04/10/2020	Cashel	Upperchurch/D	**2.09**	Mullinahone	**0.07**	David Grogan

Like the u/21 A, the u/21 B must wait until 2021 to have a final played. Ballina and Upperchurch Drombane will contest the final after coming through the semi-finals.

Championship from 2019 that was not complete for the County Convention report 2019

County U21 'A' Hurling Championship (Jimmy Doyle Cup) 2019

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
15/12/2019	Templetuohy	Kiladangan	**1.17**	Ballingarry	**2.10**	Seamus Delaney
15/12/2019	Boherlahan	Holycross Ballycahill	**0.18**	Clonoulty Rossmore	**1.10**	Philip Kelly
Final						
22/12/2019	Templederry	Kiladangan	**2.18**	Holycross Ballycahill	**1.17**	John McCormack

Kiladangan made up for their loss in the senior hurling championship by winning the U/21 final. They had it all to do against Ballingarry in the semi-final and had to work hard to overcome Holycross Ballycahill in the final. They finish the year on a high note and look forward to 2020 with hope.

County U21 'B' Hurling Championship (Brophy Cup) 2019

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
15/12/2019	Golden	Gortnahoe Glengoole	**0.18**	Treacys/Emly	**1.12**	Keith Delahunty
15/12/2019	Cashel	Borrisokane	**1.15**	Grangemockler/B	**1.10**	John McCormack
Final						
22/12/2019	Templetuohy	Gortnahoe Glengoole	**0.17**	Borrisokane	**1.11**	Noel Cosgrave

Gortnahoe Glengoole won both their semi-final and final by three points. This championship could have gone anywhere this year as Treacys/Emly and Grangemockler Ballyneale put up a very credible performance in their semi-finals. Well done to Gortnahoe Glengoole who seem to have some young talent coming through their ranks.

County Hurling League Division I (Johnny Ryan Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Division 1						
Group 1						
Round 1						
08/03/2020	Toomevara	Toomevara	**1.09**	Roscrea	**0.12**	John Cleary
08/03/2020	Anacarty	Borris Ileigh	**3.13**	Eire Og Anacarty	**0.19**	Fergal Horgan
08/03/2020	Clonakenny	Clonoulty Rossmore	**1.12**	Clonakenny	**1.06**	Tom McGrath
08/03/2020	Castleiney	Drom and Inch	**1.16**	Loughmore Castleiney	**1.15**	Seamus Delaney
Group 2						
Round 1						
08/03/2020	MacDonagh Pk	Nenagh Eire Og	**1.14**	Kilruane MacDonaghs	**1.13**	Michael Murphy
08/03/2020	O Field	Portroe	**3.10**	Thurles Sarsfields	**0.18**	Kieran Delaney
08/03/2020	Puckane	Kiladangan	**4.15**	Lorrha Dorrha	**2.17**	Ger Fitzpatrick
10/03/2020	Littleton	Upperchurch Drombane	**1.14**	Moycarkey Borris	**2.09**	Kevin Jordan

County Hurling League Division 2 (Jim Devitt Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Division 2						
Group 1						
Round 1						
01/03/2020	Templederry	Templederry Kenyon's	**2.15**	Killenaule	**1.18**	Paddy Ivors
08/03/2020	Newport	Drom and Inch	**1.13**	Newport	**1.12**	Conor Doyle
08/03/2020	Cashel	Cashel King Cormacs	**1.18**	Shannon Rovers	**2.13**	Paddy Ivors

08/03/2020	Kilcolman	Burgess	**1.13**	Mullinahone	**0.15**	Tp Sullivan
Division 2						
Group 2						
Round 1						
07/03/2020	Davin Park	Carrick Swans	**3.17**	Knockavilla Kickhams	**0.16**	Michael Kennedy
08/03/2020	Templemore	J K Brackens	**0.19**	Holycross Ballycahill	**0.19**	John Dooley
08/03/2020	Ballina	Ballina	**0.17**	Shannon Rovers	**1.14**	Philip Kelly
08/03/2020	Golden	St Marys	**1.14**	Golden Kilfeacle	**0.14**	Tp Sullivan

County Hurling League Division 3 (Dr Fogarty Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Division 3						
Group 1						
Round 1						
08/03/2020	Kilsheelan	Ballingarry	**4.19**	Kilsheelan Kilcash	**1.16**	Keith Delahunty
08/03/2020	Kilcommon	Sean Treacys	**0.16**	Cappawhite	**1.06**	John McCormack
08/03/2020	Borrisokane	Borrisokane	**6.20**	Lattin Cullen	**0.05**	Padhraic Greene
Division 3						
Group 2						
Round 1						
06/03/2020	Templetuohy	Moyne Templetuohy	**2.23**	Arravale Rovers	**0.08**	Tom Loughnane
07/03/2020	Puckane	Kiladangan	**2.08**	Ballinahinch	**0.13**	Peter Carroll

County Hurling League Division 4 (James Holohan Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Division 4						
Group 1						
Round 1						
08/03/2020	Cahir	St Patricks	**2.17**	Cahir	**3.13**	David Grogan
08/03/2020	Boherlahan	Boherlahan Dualla	**0.11**	Ballybacon Grange	**0.08**	Peter Carroll
Division 4						
Group 2						
Round 1						
08/03/2020	Goatenbridge	Upperchurch Drombane	**1.13**	Ballybacon Grange	**1.09**	Andrew Purcell
08/03/2020	Ballylooby	Moyle Rovers	**11.15**	Ballylooby Castlegrace	**0.06**	John O'Grady
08/03/2020	Newcastle	Newcastle	**0.16**	Moycarkey Borris	**2.10**	Martin Doyle

County Hurling League Division 5 (The Bannon Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Division 5						
Group 1						
Round 1						
08/03/2020	Littleton	Loughmore Castleiney	**W/O**	Moycarkey Borris	**Con**	
08/03/2020	Duneske	Skeheenarinky	**2.17**	Cahir	**1.08**	Sean Bradshaw
Division 5						
Group 2						
Round 1						
08/03/2020	Ned Hall Pk	Clonmel Og	**2.06**	Thurles Gaels	**1.08**	Cathal Boyle
08/03/2020	Lorrha	Lorrha Dorrha	**3.13**	Ballingarry	**2.07**	Tommy Ryan

County Football League Division 1 (Dr Clifford Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Division 1 Group 1 Round 1						
01/03/2020	Templemore	JK Brackens	**4.10**	Clonmel Og	**1.06**	Sean Everard

County Football League Division 2 (Tipperary Mans Cup) 2020

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Division 1 Group 1 Round 1						
07/03/2020	Clogheen	Rockwell Rovers	**3.06**	Fr Sheehys	**1.05**	Seanie Peters

Finally

I wish to thank the following for their help during this unusual year:

- All our gate men and women. All the caretakers at all the venues, and all the people that acted as covid officers. To all the stewards that did such an important job during the year
- All the county board officers. Especially vice chairman Joe Kennedy who finishes in his role as chairman of the CCC this year. Joe handled his brief over the last three years with a calm maturity that he is known for and I wish him well in his new role as county chairman.
- Michael Power our county treasurer who apart from his county role as treasurer, is also on the CCC. Michael preforms a seriously important role in the organising of the gates for our games, and dealing with the overall financing of the county which our games play a very important part. This year Michael's role was intense with games coming on a weekly basis, but it provided little difficulty to him.
- County secretary Tim Floyd who keeps an eye on the workings of the committee. Tim had the extra responsibility of dealing with the new initiatives of streaming and ticket distribution.
- Thanks to all the club secretaries for their help during the year. These people shoulder a major amount of the work in the GAA and are always very courteous to me in my transactions with them.
- Compliments to John Devane for his time over the last three years. John moves on from his role as county chairman and we wish him well.
- Our PRO Joe Bracken who through his weekly column on the county papers informs the public of the fixtures among other things. Joe is also moving on from the role and I wish him well.
- Lisa Stapleton our IT officer was quite a busy person this year, dealing with the changes with regards to the new ticketing system and streaming. Social media is also dealt with by Lisa and this is so important to any organisation.
- Thanks to Gerard Corbett our programme editor. Gerard's work was slightly reduced this year as there was not as many programmes, but he still was ready for our county finals and produced high quality programmes at short notice when 200 people were allowed to attend at short notice. The public were not allowed to attend earlier and programmes were going to be on line before the change in attendance. Seamus O'Doherty as usual helps out Gerard with little pieces of info and we thank him for that.
- The three county papers and the two county Radio's deserve our praise. It was difficult for the media this year and I suppose the print media in particular.
- A number of CCC members will step down this year. Joe Kennedy, Marian Minehan, Michael Flynn, Jonathan Cullen, Michael McCarthy, Hugo Browne. That's almost 50% of the committee, a large amount in one year. I wish each of them good luck in their future endeavours and thank them for the last three years and the last five years for Marian Minehan and Michael McCarthy.
- The referee's committee under its chairman John Ryan. John took up the role this year and even though the year was short, it was intense for the time it did run.
- To the referees, themselves and their families for the time they put into their role. I said it earlier in the report that they were under pressure during the playing time frame with the number of matches to be played at both senior and juvenile level, but they responded greatly and I thank them for this.
- Siobhan, Karen, Maggie and Bernie in Lar na Pairce. They all deal with different parts of the CCC's work and I thank them for that.
- Thanks to Pat O'Callaghan in Morris Park. Pat was busy during the county championships as Morris Park was constantly in use for warm ups
- Lastly, to Aine and the rest of my family for their help.

Happy Christmas to one and all and a very prosperous and hopefully changed New Year.

Thomas O Meachair *Runai,* Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí an Chontae.

County Tipperary Competitions Winners over last four years - 2017 to 2020

Competitions	Trophy	2017	2018	2019	2020
Senior Hurling	Dan Breen Cup	Thurles Sarsfields	Clonoulty Rossmore	Borris-Ileigh	Kiladangan
Seamus Ó Riain	Ó Riain Cup	Toomevara	Burgess	J K Brackens	Mullinahone
Intermediate Hurling	Michael Maher	St Marys	Thurles Sarsfields	Sean Treacys	Gortnahoe Glengoole
Junior 'A' Hurling	D.P.Walsh Cup	Ballybacon Grange	Boherlahan Dualla	Carrick Davins	
Junior 'B' Hurling	Tim Maher Cup	Thurles Sarsfields	Boherlahan Dualla	Drom and Inch	
U/21 'A' Hurling	Jimmy Doyle Cup	Kiladangan	Clonoulty Rossmore	Kiladangan	Competition Canceled
U/21 'B' Hurling	Brophy Cup	Moycarkey Borris	Cappawhite Gaels	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Competition Canceled
Minor 'A' Hurling	Sean Treacy Cup	Roscrea	Moycarkey Borris	Drom and Inch	Thurles Sarsfields
Minor 'B' Hurling	Broderick Cup	Borrisokane	Drom and Inch	Borris Ileigh	Arravale Rovers
Division '1' Hurling Lg	Johnny Ryan Cup	Borril Ileigh	Nenagh Eire Og	Drom and Inch	Competition Canceled
Division '2' Hurling Lg	Jim Devitt Cup	Toomevara	Loughmore Castleiney	Lorrha Dorrha	Competition Canceled
Division '3' Hurling Lg	Dr Fogarty Cup	Silvermines	Knockaville Kickhams	Drom and Inch	Competition Canceled
Division '4' Hurling Lg	James Holohan Cup	Cappawhite	Drom and Inch	Carrick Davins	Competition Canceled
Division '5' Hurling Lg	The Bannon Cup	Ballybacon Grange	Grangemockler/B	Ballylooby Castlegrace	Competition Canceled
Division '6' Hurling Lg	Pauline Coonan Plaque	Boherlahan Dualla	Ballingarry	Solohead	Competition Canceled
Senior Football	O Dwyer Cup	Clonmel Commercials	Moyle Rovers	Clonmel Commercials	Clonmel Commercials
Tom Cusack Cup	Tom Cusack Cup	No Competition	No Competition	Killenaule	Competition Canceled
Intermediate Football	Barrett Cup	Kiladangan	Moyne Templetuohy	Moycarkey Borris	Rockwell Rovers
Junior 'A' Football	John Burke Cup	Loughmore Castleiney	J K Brackens	Mullinahone	
Junior 'B' Football	Dr Marsh Cup	Cashel King Cormac's	Solohead	Killenaule	
U/21 'A' Football	Shelly Cup	Moyle Rovers	J K Brackens Og	J K Brackens Og	
U/21 'B' Football	Sean Mockler Cup	Clonoulty Rossmore	Upperchurch Drombane	Kilsheelan Kilcash	
Minor 'A' Football	Hogan Cup	Moyle Rovers	J K Brackens Og	Grangemockler/B	
Minor 'B' Football	Hugh Kennedy Cup	Kilruane MacDonaghs	Knockaville Kickhams	Kilsheelan Kilcash	
Division '1' Football Lg	Dr Clifford Cup	Moyle Rovers	Moyle Rovers	Clonmel Commercials	Competition Canceled
Division '2' Football Lg	Tipperary Man's Cup	Clonmel Og	Cahir	Clonmel Og	Competition Canceled
Division '3' Football Lg	Board Shield	Mullinahone	Killenaule	Killenaule	

1920 B100DY SUNDAY 2020

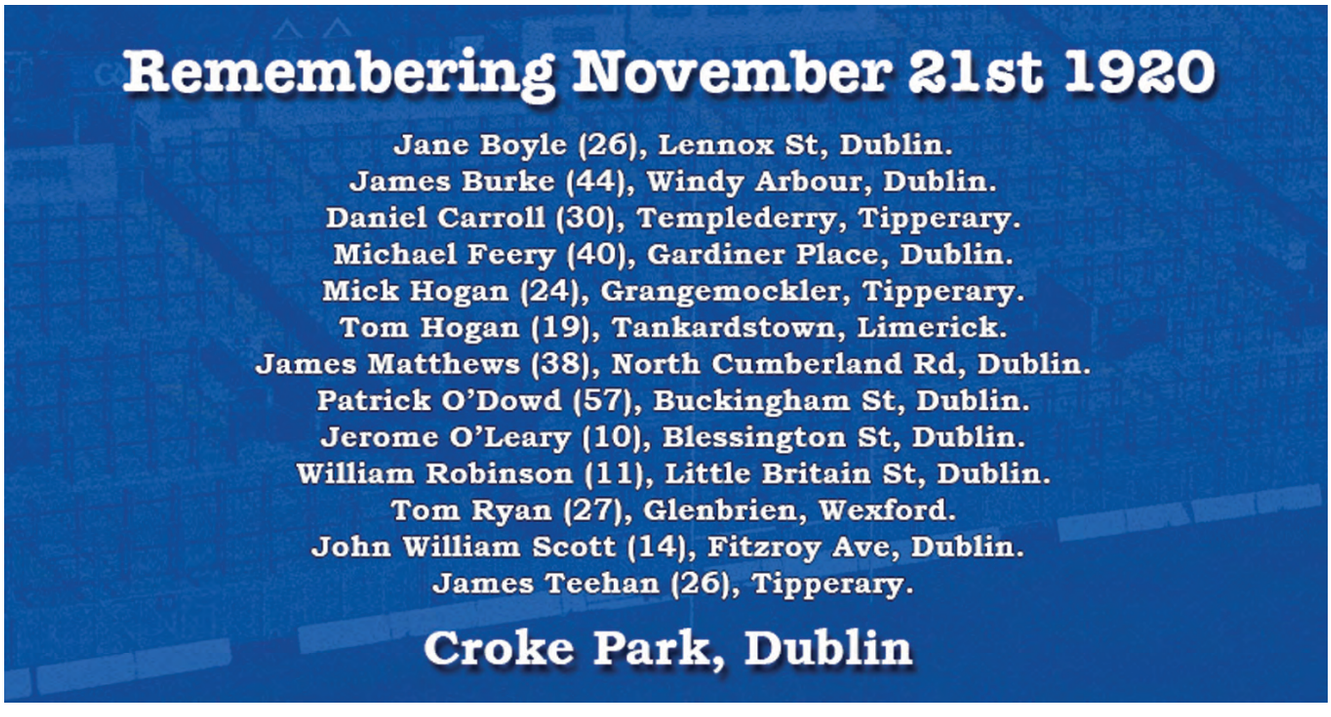
Scoil Ailbhe re-enact Blood Sunday

1920 BLOODY SUNDAY 2020

At 3.15pm on Sunday, November 21st, 1920, the sun shone over Croke Park, warming the crowd of 15,000 gathered to watch Tipperary play Dublin in a game of football, a rare and precious thing in a time of war. Talk had rumbled through the city all morning, all the way into the dressing rooms that afternoon, about attacks by the IRA on men in their beds believed to be spies, but Michael Hogan from Grangemockler, was thinking only of Frank Burke, the dancing, dazzling Dublin forward he was sentenced to mark. He asked his fellow defender Bill Ryan to swop, but he couldn't as Bill had lost his boots in a fight with some soldiers on the train up from Tipperary the previous day, and these new ones were loose. Michael Hogan returned to his bag and found a lace, for Bill to tighten his boots. A simple act of kindness from one team mate to another, and a memory Bill would cherish for the rest of his life. By 3.25pm Michael Hogan was on the ground beside Frank Burke as bullets were sparking off the walls of Croke Park. The pitch was being shredded by gunshots and Police were pouring into the ground. People were falling all around them, shot, trampled, crushed. In 90 seconds, 14 people lay dead and mortally wounded on the field and banks of Croke Park and on the streets outside.

The date of 21st November 1920 is forever etched into GAA history and the calendar anniversary fell before the Leinster final in 2020 which saw an event built around remembering and paying tribute to the 14 who went to a match that day and never came home. It was marked by scores of clubs throughout the country who switched on their floodlights and flew flags at half- mast and was also marked by individuals who responded to a call from Uachtarán John Horan for members to light a candle that evening and join in the torch lighting ceremony staged at Croke Park. Actor Brendan Gleeson was present in Croke Park to read a specially prepared script written by Bloody Sunday author Michael Foley. As Brendan read each name and remembered each victim, there were 14 torches symbolically lit up on Hill 16 and a pillar of light sent from the stadium. The location for this ceremony, just in front of gate 43 at the front of Hill 16 is the spot where Tipperary corner back Michael Hogan was fatally shot as he crawled from the field and gunfire that day. Joining them in the colors of 1920 were Dublin's three-time All-Ireland winning footballer Alan Brogan and two-time Tipperary football all-star Declan Browne.

THE 14 INNOCENT LIVES LOST IN THE BLOODY SUNDAY MASSACRE AT CROKE PARK 1920 WERE REMEMBERED IN THAT SPECIAL CENTENARY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY HELD AT CROKE PARK.



Remembering the Tipperary Team that played in 1920

In 1920, Tipperary's footballers were as heralded and successful as the county's hurlers, but it all changed afterwards. 1920 was quite a year in Ireland as the War of Independence was ongoing throughout the country and the GAA's playing fields staged their own dramatic episodes, with the Tipperary football team at the centre of it. As the team claimed the All-Ireland title of 1920, the county's footballers reached heights they have not been reached since. Tipperary has been considered a stronghold since the first years of the GAA. The association itself was established in Thurles in 1884 and there is evidence of centuries of Gaelic games in the county and matches were more widespread in Tipperary than any other part of the country. Tipperary were the first team to do the double of senior All-Ireland titles in capturing both the hurling and football titles of 1895 at the first All-Ireland finals held in Croke Park. As well as being a GAA fortress, Tipperary was also renowned as a rebel county in the War of Independence, mainly because of the large number of IRA activists that the county produced. 1920 was a particularly bloody year in Tipperary, with 52 people killed, 29 of which were police or military Crown Forces. When Tipperary took on the Clare footballers in Clonmel in August, 30 soldiers with bayonets entered the field and caused spectators to scatter away from the grounds with some being knocked down. There were no injuries reported and the cause of the sudden charge is unknown. Regrettably, the Tipperary footballers would experience another match in 1920 which was interrupted by military personnel. Crown Forces opened fire during a challenge match between Tipperary and Dublin in Croke Park and 14 people lost their lives. One of the victims was Tipperary footballer Michael Hogan, who died after sustaining a gunshot as he crawled to safety towards the corner of the grounds. Hogan was buried in his teammate Jack Kickham's Tipperary jersey and his coffin rested on the shoulders of his fellow footballers as he was laid to rest in his home village of Grangemockler. The Sunday after Bloody Sunday was deemed to be a 'blank day' in Hogan's memory by the South Tipperary Board, with all fixtures postponed. Due to the turbulence of the War of Independence and subsequent Civil War, it would be some time before the Tipperary footballers would play together in a championship match. The 1920 and 1921 All-Ireland football finals were not played until 1922 and 1923 respectively and normality was only restored to the schedule in 1926. In the 1920 championship, Tipperary beat Waterford and Kerry, followed by a victory over Mayo in the semi-final. This was 19 months after Dublin had qualified in the other semi-final and so the 1920 All-Ireland final in June 1922 saw a repeat of the Bloody Sunday fixture with Dublin facing Tipperary.

With Dublin as firm favourites, the Tipperary team made rigorous preparations and trained in Mullinahone, staying in houses nearby for the fortnight before the final. Every day, there was a regimen of football, running and sprints. *The Freeman's Journal* described the All-Ireland final of 1920 as 'one of the best and most exciting' in the 33 year history of the GAA.Tipperary beat Dublin by 1-6 to 1-2, with Ned O'Shea singled out as an outstanding player. After this 'glorious victory', the Tipperary footballers paid tribute to their teammate Michael Hogan by gathering at the spot on the field where he was shot as the CJ Kickham Band played a musical tribute. After enduring the distress of Bloody Sunday and seeing their teammate perish on the field of play, it is remarkable that Tipperary team would rise to the pinnacle of Gaelic football shortly afterwards. It is because of that fateful day in Croke Park in November 1920 and a gallant All-Ireland victory while the memory of Michael Hogan was clear in their minds, that the footballers of Tipperary will be forever embedded in GAA history.

Coiste Éisteachta Contae Thiobraid Árann

County Hearings Committee Report 2020

(Diarmuid Ó'Rinn, Rúnaí, Coiste Éisteachta Tiobraid Árann)

The Committee dealt with twenty-three requests during this extraordinary year. It is obvious that abuse of officials was the most common infraction reported. This was a concern. Also in some cases the preparations for the Hearing of the Disciplinary Action left much to be desired and led to too much toing and froing between the hearings secretary and the parties, despite the process being clearly laid out in the Treóraí Oifigiúil.

I wish to thank the Chairman and all the members of the Hearings Committee for their cooperation and dedication during 2020.

Date	Name	Report	Decision
24/01	Aherlow v West Board	Failure to field SFC	Insufficient Notice
10/02	Ballingarry Club Team Management v Co CCC	Threat to match Fourth official	Offender not named, €200 club fine
6/03	Clonmel Óg -Transfer refused by Co.CCC	Adam Tobin Transfer from Clerihan	Transfer granted.
26/07	Cathal Heney, Kickhams v WestBng	U12H Striking with hurley	Out of order, time, and no parental consent provided despite request for same.
4/08	Odhran Mac Murchaidh Templederry v Co. CCC	striking with hurley, minimum force	1 Match Suspension imposed
1208	Joe Higgins St Marys v SouthBng.	Attempting to strike with head	1 Match suspension following an additional clarification from Referee.
12/08	Dónal Foley Moyle Rvs v Co CCC	Team official Abuse of referee.	Accepted proposed suspension 4 Weeks suspension imposed
12/08	Borrisokane v Co.CCC	Failure to field	Fine €500 imposed
12/08	Cashel v Co.CCC	Failure to field	Fine €500 imposed
12/08	Kildangan v Co. CCC	Failure to field	Fine €500 imposed
12/08	Somhairle Ó'Peatáin, Borrisileigh vNorthBng	U16HC striking with hurley, minimum force	withdrawn
12/08	Clonoulty/R v West	Failure to field	Fine €400 imposed and award of game
12/08	Darragh Ó'Coinneáin Lorrha v North Bng CCC	U16H striking with hurley	Referee clarification ,Mitigated infraction to rough play
14/08	Cathal Scully JK Brackens v Co.CCC	striking with hurley, with force	2 Match suspension imposed
30/08	J. P.Stakelum Holycross/B v Mid CCC	Abusive language towards referee	Appeal withdrawn on 29/08 - 4 Weeks suspension imposed
	Borrisoleigh v Mid		withdrawn

02/09	Moyne/T v MidBng CCC Disciplinary Report invalid.	Cian Ralph –not transferred to Moyne/T	Moyne/T. appeal request out of order as MidBng - not comply with T.O. 7.3(h)
10/09	Eamon Fogarty Moyne/T v Mid CCC	Misconduct considered to have discredited the Association	4 Weeks imposed
10/09	Robert McKelvey –Supporter Silvermines v North CCC	Disruptive conduct and Abusive language towards referee	12 Weeks imposed
17/09	Jake Morris Éire Óg (N) v Co.CCC	striking with hurley, minimum force	Referees Report rebutted by video evidence. No Penalty
17/09	Meadhbh Maher Gortnahoe/G v Mid CCC	Disruptive conduct by supporters	Dissent Rule was deemed to be more appropriate.
17/09	John Cullinan Moyle Rvs v SouthBngCCC	Abuse of Referee by supporter	12 Weeks Suspension imposed
17/09	James Mackey Thurles Sarsfields v Mid CCC	Abuse of Referee by Team Mentor	4 Weeks Suspension imposed
17/09	Anthony O'Keeffe Holycross/B v MidBng CCC	mentor, challenging authority of referee	2 Weeks Suspension
Defer	Kilsheelan IHC v South	Failure to field	

Co Hearings Committee 2020. Front row: James O'Donnell, Jerry Ring (Secretary), Ger Slattery (Chairman), Dan Kennedy, TF Stapleton, Back row: Martin Everard, Mick Maguire, Anthony Purcell, William Nagle. Absent from photo: Liam Hennessy

Coisde Ríarachán na Réiteoirí - Contae Tiobrad Árann Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2020

RECRUITMENT
As a difficult year draws to a close, we would like to again emphasise the ongoing need to continuously recruit new referees. I would like to appeal to ALL clubs to approach current and retired players to volunteer as a Referee. Those that have recently finished competitive action with their respective clubs may wish to continue in an active way and this is where the role of a Referee may suit them.

For several years some clubs have not supplied Referees to the County and perhaps this group might look to potential candidates within their resources. Encouraging their participation and supporting these candidates will be a major benefit to both Club and County alike.
Currently our Referees number exactly 100, and this year while some have decided to retire from active participation, it is pleasing to note some former Referees have re-joined our ranks. Allied to this we again recruited only 4 new referees and wish them well in their new area of participation.

ABUSE
Despite the downturn in attendance at games, a few hardy "Hurlers on the Ditch" or "Know-alls" are still to be distinctly heard launching tirades of foul mouthed abuse at our Officials. It is obvious that these abusers are clearly not Rule Book aficionados, but have their own personal biased interpretation of the rules. It is no wonder that the younger members of this Association are not interested in taking up the whistle, when they are witness to ongoing abuse, bullying, intimidation and threats to personal safety. Clubs have a major role to play within their resources in curbing this shameful practice and the time to act is now upon us all.

COVID IMPACT
Due to COVID 19 lockdown impacting severely on movements, we were unable to carry out our annual Fitness Assessments and Rules Test. However we had already completed our In Service with al Divisional Referees and it is fitting to acknowledge that our volunteer Referees maintained a high level of fitness throughout the barren spell, and on resumption, were able to hit the field running, for what proved to be a very entertaining Championship. Going forward, we are currently undertaking a review of requirements to enable fuller participation with the 2021 fixtures.

THANKS
Thanks to County Chairperson John Devane, Secretary Tim Floyd and Treasurer Michael Power for the support and assistance through a very difficult year. A special thanks to Joe Kennedy, Tom Maher and all the CCC for their co-operation and support. We also thank the Referees, Divisional Administrators, Umpires, and Referees Advisors for their assistance and commitment, which ensured the continued success of all Tipperary Referees in the County and Nationally. It's very satisfying to see our referees officiating at the highest level. Míle bhuíochas.

Beir bua is Beannacht,
Seán Ó Riain
Cathaoirleah
Seamus Ó Seághdha
Runaí

Captains Paul Flynn (Kiladangan) and Andrew Ryan (Toomevara) greet with referee Kevin Jordan.

Tipperary County Football Committee 2020

Tipperary retain their Division 3 status
David Power, in his first year in charge, entered this year's league campaign with the hope of, at a minimum, retaining our Division 3 status while at the same time getting the opportunity to blood new players into the panel.

Allianz National Football League - Division Three

Round 1: Tipperary 0-10 Down 0-10
26th Jan '20 - Tipperary Senior Footballers first match was in Clonmel when Down provided the opposition and at full time, both teams were left with very mixed feelings as there was disappointment that a win was left behind, while at the same time huge relief that they did not lose as they drew 0-10 apiece. Tipperary played this encounter with fourteen men for 40 minutes and yet such was the work ethic it appeared that they and not Down had the numerical advantage.

Tipperary: Evan Comerford, Alan Campbelly, John Meagher, Colm O'Shaughnessy, Emmet Moloney, Robbie Kiely, Dáire Brennan, Steven O'Brien, Conal Kennedy, Bill Maher, Jack Kennedy, Kevin Fahey, Liam Boland, Conor Sweeney, Brian Fox.

Substitues: Kevin O'Halloran for Kevin Fahey (HT), Jason Lonergan for Liam Boland (58); Tommy Nolan for Conal Kennedy (65); Colman Kennedy for Bill Maher (66).

Scorers for Tipperary: Evan Comerford (0-2), Liam Boland (0-1), Jack Kennedy (0-1), Steven O'Brien (0-1), Conor Sweeney (0-5)

Round 2: Louth 1-7 Tipperary 0-11
2nd Feb '20 - For their next game that had to travel to Drogheda and for a long time it looked as if Louth were going to prevail as their well-organised defence put the Tipperary attack under severe pressure and it wasn't until the final stages of the game, when Tipperary outscored their opponents 0-4 to 0-1, that the momentum swung in the Premier's favour as the experience of both Alan Moloney and man of the match Brian Fox ensured late points sealed the win.

Tipperary: Evan Comerford, Alan Campbell, John Meagher, Colm Shaughnessy, Emmet Moloney, Kevin Fahey (0-1), Daire Brenna, Steven O'Brien, Conal Kennedy, Bill Maher, Jack Kennedy (0-1), Jason Lonergan, Liam Boland (0-1), Conor Sweeney (0-3), Brian Fox (0-2).

Subsitutes: Kevin O'Halloran (0-1) for Lonergan, Rian Quigley for Bill Maher, Alan Moloney (0-2) for C Kennedy, Colman Kennedy for Boland.

Referee: John Hickey (Carlow).

Round 3: Derry 0-10 Tipperary 0-6
9 February 2020 - Tipperary travelled to Celtic Park on a wet and miserable weekend and came away with a result that reflected the weather, a four-point defeat at the hands of the home side. In what was a dour and forgettable encounter, Tipperary found themselves down to twelve men at one stage in the second half as the Oak Leafers were full value for their win on a pitch that was only passed playable ninety minutes prior to throw-in.

Tipperary: Evan Comerford, Alan Campbell, John Meagher, Colm O'Shaughnessy, Emmet Moloney, Robbie Kiely, Daire Brennan, Steven O'Brien, Conal Kennedy, Kevin Fahey, Jack Kennedy, Brian Fox, Liam Boland, Conor Sweeney, Kevin O'Halloran.

Subs: Colman Kennedy for C Sweeney (B/S, 15mins, rev 16mins); Joseph Nyland for R Kiely, HT; Riain Quigley for L Boland, HT; Alan Moloney for C Kennedy, HT; Colman Kennedy for K O'Halloran, 61mins; Tadhg for K Fahey, 72mins;

Referee: Jerome Henry (Mayo)

Round 4: Tipperary 0-21 Cork 3-13
22nd Feb '20 - 875 spectators made their way to Semple Stadium for their fourth game, this time against Cork, and witnessed a brilliant match as Tipperary played exciting, brilliant and attacking football which had the crowd enthralled until the final whistle. Scoring 21 points and with four players making their debuts there were huge positives to take however goals win matches and the Rebels managed three which ultimately proved to be the difference between the sides as they held on for a one-point win.

Tipperary: Evan Comerford (0-1), Alan Campbell, John Meagher, Tadhg Fitzgerald, Kevin Fahey, Robbie Kiely, Bill Maher, Steven O'Brien (0-2), Jack Kennedy (0-5), Emmet Moloney (0-2), Colman Kennedy (0-1), Brian Fox (0-1), Riain Quigley (0-2), Conor Sweeney (0-4), Sean O'Connor (0-1).

Substitutes: Liam Boland (0-2) for C Kennedy, Liam Fahey for K Fahey, Kevin O'Halloran for Quigley, Jason Lonergan for O'Connor, Jospeh Nyland for K Fahey.

Referee: Brendan Cawley (Kildare)

Round 5: Longford 3-12 Tipperary 3-7
1st March 2020 - Following on from the confident showing against Cork last Saturday night Tipperary entered this game in confident form but against a dogged and determined home side they just could not get into their stride and disappointingly lost out by five points. Late goals from Conor Sweeney and Kevin O'Halloran gave Tipperary hope but Longford managed to pull away with two late points.

Tipperary: Evan Comerford, Alan Campbell, John Meagher, Tadhg Fitzgerald, Padraic Looram (0-1), Robbie Kiely, Bill Maher, Steven O'Brien, Conal Kennedy, Emmet Moloney, Jack Kennedy, Brian Fox, Conor Sweeney (2-4), Sean O'Connor (0-1), Rian Quigley.

Subs:- Liam Boland (0-1) for C Kennedy, Philip Austin for P Looram, Kevin O'Halloran (1-0) for S O'Connor, Jack Harney for B Maher, Alan Moloney for R Quigley.
Referee: Niall McKenna (Monaghan).

Round 6: Tipperary 1-16 Offaly 0-16
18th Oct '20 - Following the outbreak of Covid-19 Tipperary had to wait seven months for their next league match, this time against Offaly.

A first-half penalty goal from Conor Sweeney proved pivotal as an assured Tipperary took a big step towards survival in Division 3. Offaly were in danger of getting sucked into a relegation battle and worked tirelessly to get back in the match but Tipperary held firm with our backs in particular in a defiant mood repelling numerous Offaly attacks.

Tipperary: E. Comerford; A. Campbell, J. Feehan, C. O'Shaughnessy; B. Maher, K. Fahey, R. Kiely; S. O'Brien (0-01), L. Casey (0-02); J. Kennedy (0-03), M. Quinlivan (0-02), P. Austin; K. O'Halloran (0-01), C. Sweeney (1-05, 1 penalty, 2 frees,) C. Ryan

Subs: B. Fox for O'Brien 23, R. Quigley for Ryan, L. Boland (0-02) for Austin 45 mins, J. Lonergan for O'Halloran 52, E. Moloney for Maher 64mins.

Referee: D. Murnane (Cork).

Round 7 Leitrim 0-15 Tipperary 2-11
25th Oct '20 - Two goals, one each either side of the half time break from Kevin O'Halloran and Liam Casey, were the difference between these opponents in Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada in what was a winner takes all encounter as David Power's Tipperary side retained their Division 3 status for 2021.

Leitrim were determined to give themselves every chance of survival and in the ninth minute of the second period they edged two ahead, 0-12 to 1-7 but Liam Boland kicked two points to level proceedings with further points coming from Brian Fox and Conor Sweeney before Cahir's Liam Casey scored a bullet of a goal to secure Division 3 status for 2021.

Tipperary: Evan Comerford; Alan Campbell, Jimmy Feehan, Colm O'Shaughnessy; Bill Maher, Kevin Fahey, Robbie Kiely; Liam Casey (1-00), Conal Kennedy (0-01); Jack Kennedy (0-02, 0-02 frees), Michael Quinlivan (0-01), Brian Fox (0-02); Kevin O'Halloran (1-00), Conor Sweeney (0-03, 0-03 frees), Rian Quigley.

Substitutes: Liam Boland (0-02) for Quigley (40), Colman Kennedy for Conal Kennedy (56), Jason Lonergan for O'Halloran (56), Alan Moloney for Fox (60), Emmet Moloney for Casey (70+4).

Referee: Padraig Hughes (Armagh)

Munster Senior Football

Q/F: Tipperary 2-11 Clare 1-11
Tipperary qualified for the Munster football semi-final after seeing off Clare in what only be described as an error-ridden quarter-final. Goals at the beginning of either half from Conor Sweeney and impressive half-back Bill Maher provided the Premier men with a buffer on the scoreboard that they never relinquished. Following Bill Maher's goal 44 seconds after the restart, Tipperary's lead was never less than six points until a Jimmy Feehan own goal three minutes into second-half stoppages left four between them, 2-11 to 1-10. A Gary Brennan mark subsequently made it a one-score contest, but no second green flag could the Banner locate. The three-point margin of defeat will have Clare minds wondering what might have been had David Tubridy not seen his 68th-minute penalty saved. Then again, Tipp left a barrel full of scores behind them late on. David Power's charges hit three wide right before Tubridy's penalty while Conor Sweeney somehow failed to convert a mark 20 meters from goal in injury time. They should have won by far more than they did. Overall, it was a disappointing game of football, ruined by the wet and greasy conditions. The Clare and Tipp stats men would have run out of paper long before the finish such was the vast number of turnovers on either side. A dour first-half ended with Tipperary 1-6 to 0-5 in front, the home side having had the backing of the breeze in the opening 35 minutes. The Tipperary goal was the game's first score, Conor Sweeney capitalizing on a mistake deep in the Clare half. Sweeney subsequently added two frees and when he was fouled on 16 minutes, Jack Kennedy converted the resulting placed ball to put Tipp 1-3 to 0-1 in front. Clare, who were guilty of so many unforced mistakes, enjoyed their brightest spell of the half thereafter, two Eoin Cleary frees sandwiching a Jamie Malone point to pare the margin back to two.No further would the Banner come, though, Tipperary kicking three of the last four points of the half, which included an outstanding effort from the left boot of Liam Casey. Maher's goal followed after the restart, with Tipperary keeping their noses in front all the way to the finish line.

Scorers for Tipperary: C Sweeney (1-4, 0-2 frees); J Kennedy (0-3, 0-3 frees); B Maher (1-0); L Casey (0-2); L Boland, E Moloney (0-1 each).

Tipperary: E Comerford; A Campbell, J Feehan, C O'Shaughnessy; B Maher, K Fahey, R Kiely; S O'Brien, L Casey; Jack Kennedy, Colman Kennedy, Conal Kennedy; M Quinlivan, C Sweeney, J Lonergan.

Subs: B Fox for Lonergan (34); L Boland for O'Brien (49, inj); E Moloney for Conal Kennedy (50); P Looram for Maher (72); K O'Halloran for Casey (74).

Munster Senior Football
Semi-Final: Tipperary 1-15 Limerick 2-11 (AET)
Followers of this Tipperary team have learned over the years that they should never be written off. Numerous times they have come from behind, from what appeared to be an impossible position, to snatch victory and yet again, that belief must have been severely tested at the break as The Treaty led 2-6 to 0-5 having dominated the first half. Whatever was said by David Power and his management team at half-time worked as Tipperary exploded into the second half and reeled in the Limerick lead which culminated with a stunning Conor Sweeney equalizer deep in stoppage time.

But the drama did not end there as the Power's Tipperary had once again to come from behind to not only level but go in front

when Brian Fox kicked over what proved to be the winning score, when a dreaded penalty shootout loomed, to send the Premier to the Munster final on the same weekend as the 100th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. However, despite the heroics, Tipperary have a lot to do if they are to land a first Munster senior crown since 1935.

Conor Sweeney settled any early nerves with a pointed free in the fourth minute and at the water break the sides were level 0-4 apiece with Tipperary coming closest to a goal when a punched Michael Quinlivan effort was brilliantly tipped over by Limerick netminder Donal O'Sullivan. From here to the break however, Limerick dominated and kicked two goals through Seán McSweeny and Cillian Fahy to give them a deserved 2-6 to 0-5 lead.

The introduction of Liam Boland and Brian Fox added bite to the Tipperary attack while the defense held Limerick scoreless up to the second water break. Points from Jack Kennedy, Conor Sweeney (3), Kevin Fahey, Liam Boland reduced the deficit to the minimum before Liam Casey pounced to fist home a crucial goal to give Tipperary a two-point lead.

It looked as if Tipperary would push on to secure the win but Limerick weren't about to lie down. Having won the McGrath Cup and the Division 4 league title earlier this year the home side were not lacking in confidence and by the 41st minute were leading by one before Conor Sweeney landed one of the finest points you'll ever see to send proceedings to extra time.

Liam Boland pointed to give Tipperary an early lead in injury time however this was wiped out by two McSweeney and O'Sullivan scores for Limerick. Robbie Kiely ventured forward to level the sides before Brian Fox secured the win with a fine point.

Scorers for Tipperary: Conor Sweeney 0-7 (5 frees); Liam Casey 1-0; Liam Boland, Jack Kennedy (frees) 0-2 each; Kevin Fahey, Robbie Kiely, Michael Quinlivan, Brian Fox 0-1 each.

Tipperary: Evan Comerford; Alan Campbell, Jimmy Feehan, Colm O'Shaughnessy; Bill Maher, Kevin Fahey, Robbie Kiely; Conal Kennedy, Liam Casey; Jack Kennedy, Colman Kennedy, Emmet Moloney; Jason Lonergan, Conor Sweeney, Michael Quinlivan.

Substitutes: Brian Fox for Lonergan (HT); Liam Boland for Colman Kennedy (HT); Riain Quigley for J Kennedy (60 inj); Kevin O'Halloran for Moloney (66 inj); Tadhg Fitzgerald for O'Shaughnessy (70); Padraic Looram for O'Halloran (ET); Colman Kennedy for Quigley (7 ET); Paudie Feehan for Fahey (12 ET); Kevin O'Halloran for Boland (18 ET).

Ref: Maurice Deegan (Laois).

Terrific Tipp end 85 year wait for Munster title

Munster SFC Final: Tipperary 0-17 Cork 0-14

On days like this it's easy to believe to believe in destiny.

The Tipperary footballers have won their first Munster title since 1935 and they have done it on the anniversary weekend of Bloody Sunday when one of their own, Mick Hogan, was murdered by Crown forces in Croke Park.

To mark the occasion the Tipperary players wore the same white and green-hooped jerseys that their forebears had worn on that fateful day 100 years ago. And on the sleeves of those jersies was an image of Mick Hogan himself.

Who knows how much the Premier County players were inspired by that history, but they have certainly done it proud with this achievement.

That Tipperary team of the 1920s was renowned for their brave, attacking brand of football, and those same qualities imbued a stirring victory over Cork. Making a nonsense of their status as underdogs, it was Tipperary who showed far more conviction throughout the match. This was a complete performance. They defended with substance and attacked with style.

They took Cork on where they were strongest, in the middle third, and by winning that battle were able to exploit the edge in class that Michael Quinlivan and Conor Sweeney gave them in attack.

Tipperary made a statement of their intent from the off, scoring the first three points of the game in the first three minutes.

Team captain Conor Sweeney led by example as he claimed and converted a mark and then landed a second from play via that sweet left peg of his.

Michael Quinlivan had been relatively quiet by his very high standards in the wins over Limerick and Clare, but now he too gave us the first clue he was in zone by landing Tipperary's third of the day. Cork had little option other than to pull their socks up, and thanks mainly to the effort of Ian Maguire in the middle of the field they started to get to grips with the Tipperary challenge.

Luke Connolly landed their first of the day, and for the next few minutes Tipperary struggled to get out of their half because Cork briefly held sway in the middle third of the field.

Frees from Connolly and Mark Collins drew Cork level, but that didn't signal a significant shift in the flow of the game. Steven O'Brien, Liam Casey, and Colin O'Riordan upped their work-rate in the middle third to quell Cork's dominance there, and once again Tipperary had some good go-forward ball. Conor Sweeny landed their fourth of the day, and though Cork went ahead for the first time in the thanks to a converted free and '45 by Connolly, that's as good as things would get for them in the first half.

Tipperary dominated the second quarter, outscoring Cork by seven points to two, as they pulled them apart with surging runs from deep, ambitious support play, and intelligent runs from their forwards. Michael Quinlivan, especially, really roared into the game now, as he kicked a fine free and then landed a terrific point from open play to edge Tipp two clear. You could see the confidence of the Premier County's players really blossom now as they were urged on from the sidelines by their very vocal management and substitutes. They landed two more fine score in the space of a minute through Sweeney and buccaneering centre-back Kevin Fahy. And though John O'Rourke gave Cork a much needed boost with their first score for 10 minutes, it was Tipp who had the final say of the half when that man Quinlivan slung over another outrageous point to put his team 0-11 to 0-7 ahead at the break.

The started the second half exactly like they had started the first – with a pointed mark by Conor Sweeney after he was picked out by Colin O'Riordan, who excelled in his first game for his county since his switch to the AFL at the end of 2015. Two minutes later they very nearly landed a knock-out blow when Liam Casey cut through the Cork defence and squared for Steven O'Brien who fisted the ball off the crossbar.

The rebound was bundled to the net, but referee Maurice Deegan ruled it was by foul means and Cork had a temporary reprieve.

When the Rebels scored the next two points of the match you figured they were building up a head of steam, but Tipperary showed a lot of resilience to defend in numbers and slow them down again. Ten minutes went without a score as Cork struggled to make any headway against the tenacious Tipp tacklers, and then they were back to square one again when the Premier County hit them for two quickfire points through Casey and Sweeney.

Three points in a row for Cork – two Mark Collins frees and a point from play from Sean White – narrowed the gap briefly to three points, but Tipp found a response again. Evan Comerford pinged over a long range free, and then Michael Quinlivan intercepted a kick-out from Micheál Martin and his attempted lob clipped the cross-bar on the way over for another point.

A Cathail O'Mahony free made it a one score game again, but then the evergreen Philip Austin came off the bench for Tipp and scored with his very first kick to settle jangling nerves. John O'Rourke reduced Cork's deficit to three points injury time, but they never looked like scoring the goal they needed to pull the game out of the fire.

The final whistle eventually blew, and the Premier County were crowned Munster Senior Football Champions for the first time in 85 years. It's been a long time coming, but all the sweeter for it.

Scorers for Tipperary: Conor Sweeney 0-7 (2 marks, 2f), Michael Quinlivan 0-5 (1f), Liam Casey 0-2 (1 mark), Kevin Fahey 0-1, Philip Austin 0-1, Evan Comerford 0-1 (f)

Scorers for Cork: Mark Collins 0-4 (4f), Luke Connolly 0-4 (2f, 1 '45), John O'Rourke 0-2, Colm O'Callaghan 0-1, Brian Hurley 0-1, Sean White 0-1, Cathail O'Mahony 0-1 (f).

Tipperary: Evan Comerford; Alan Campbell, Jimmy Feehan, Colm O'Shaughnessy; Bill Maher, Kevin Fahey, Robbie Kiely; Steven O'Brien, Liam Casey; Conal Kennedy, Michael Quinlivan, Colin O'Riordan; Brian Fox, Conor Sweeney, Colman Kennedy

Subs: Liam Boland for Colman Knnedy (51), Paudie Feehan for Kevin Fahey (54), Emmet Moloney for Brian Fox (61), Padraic Looram for Robbie Kiely (63), Philip Austin for Liam Casey (71)

Cork: Micheál Martin; Kevin O'Donovan, Maurice Shanley, Paul Ring; Tadhg Corkery, sean Meehan, Mattie Taylor; Ian Maguire, Killian O'Hanlon; John O'Rourke, Colm O'Callaghan, Rúairí Deane; Mark Collins, Brian Hurley, Luke Connolly

Subs: Cathail O'Mahony for Luke Connolly (ht), Sam Ryan for Paul Ring (40), Sean White for Colm O'Callaghan (44), Mark Keane for Killian O'Hanlon (59), Michael Hurley for Mattie Taylor (65),

Ref: Maurice Deegan (Laois)

Under 20 Football 2020

Tipperary U20 Footballers brought home silverware by winning the League in January. Unfortunately defeat in Championship to Limerick was a disappointing end for a team that had promised so much. In total 7 challenge games were played v Westmeath, Clare, Offaly, Wicklow (x2), CIT & UCC as well as some meaningful in house games v Senior Team.

In total over 40 players were given trials, practice games and great effort was put in by all the panel in playing for Tipperary. It was unfortunate that the U20 competition was pushed back into the February time slot however in the year of 2020 it proved to be the only underage competition that Tipperary were able to complete in.

It was heartening to win silverware in January and while championship victory eluded the team a better guide to the teams progress is to see how many of the team progressed to the senior panel with many players seeing game time in 2020 with the Senior team. Silverware is important but player development should be the key factor and the cooperation between the senior management and U20 management made for a very enjoyable experience. It must also be acknowledged the cooperation shown by the U20 hurling management which enabled so many players being able to experience the joy of representing their county at both disciplines which is next to impossible at senior level but thankfully still happens at U20 grade in Tipperary.

Management also acknowledge support of Football Board throughout the season and to the County Board officers John Devane, Tim Floyd, Joe Bracken Joe Kennedy and Michael Power.

Management 2020 - Tom McGlinchey (Newport), Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Liam England (Roscrea) S&C Paddy Lowry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Logistics Adrian Condon (Ardfinnan), Physio Vivienne Glynn.

Andrew Corden Cup

3 January 2020: Tipperary 1-15 Waterford 0-7 (Venue: St. Mollerans)
12 January 2020: Tipperary 3-18 Wexford 0-4 (Venue: Monroe)

Final
18- January -2020: Tipperary 1-12 Carlow 0-13 (Venue Netwatch Carlow Centre)

On a cold January evening Tipperary collected the Andrew Corden Cup, a trophy named after the Carlow and O'Hanrahan's full back who captured Leinster senior club football title in 2000. Kyle Shelly and Riain Quigley scored early points for the Premier in a first-half that was nip and tuck until Jack McCullagh was black carded approaching the break and Tipperary kicked 1-1 in a spell that proved to be the difference between the sides. After a brilliant passing movement down the right-hand side of the pitch Kyle Shelly kicked the only goal of the game and this was followed by a Seán O'Connor point to leave it 1-7 to 0-6 at the interval. Shortly upon the resumption Tipperary had extended the lead out to five points with O'Connor and Adam McGrath cancelling out Cian Doyle's effort. Carlow did close the gap and in the frantic closing minutes lay siege to the Tipperary goal but try as they might, they could not get the green flag which would have sealed them the win.

Tipperary: Kuba Beben; Brian McKeown, Darragh O'Leary, Paul Devlin; Mark O'Meara, Martin Kehoe, Shane O'Connor;

Eanna McBride, Kevin Grogan (0-1); AJ Willis, Adam McGrath (0-2), Conor Ryan; Rian Quigley (0-4, 1 free), Sean O'Connor (0-2), Kyle Shelly (1-3, 0-3 frees). Subs: Eoghan Power for Ryan (48 mins), Christy English for Willis (50 mins).

Referee: Paddy Smith (Waterford).

Championship Match Report

U20 Tipperary Munster Quarter Final Limerick 0-7 – 0-6

Tipperary lost out in the quarter-final of the Munster U20 FC to an injury time winner by Limerick in a rain soaked Mick Neville Park in Rathkeale, Co Limerick on Wedneday 19th February 2020.

Barry Coleman proved to be Limerick's hero with the winning score three minutes into added time and they progressed to face Kerry in the semi final.

Tom McGlinchey's Tipperary men made the brighter start to a game that was played in dreadful conditions throughout. A well-taken score from Conor Ryan was followed up by a Kyle Shelly free to give the travelling side an early advantage.

James Cummins popped over Limerick's first point of the game, but a superb Mark O'Meara effort from the right wing saw Tipperary two clear once more after 13 minutes. However, Limerick went in at the break with the minimum between the sides thanks to a well-taken Eoin O'Mahony mark.

Tipperary held a one-point lead at the break, but Limerick were much better in the second half and levelled the game through Brian Foley, before an individual Rory O'Brien effort gave the Jerry O'Sullivan trained home team the lead for the first time. Limerick kicked four unanswered points early in the second half to lead by three going into the final 10 minutes.

The Premier responded with three points on the bounce to level the game going into added time - Ryan landed his second point and a Kevin Grogan free put just one between the teams on 57 minutes before an opportune Sean O'Connor score looked to have forced extra-time. Alas Limerick had one final attack in them and it proved to be deadly.

A swift attack through the heart of the Tipperary defence saw Barry Coleman get a yard of space, and that's all he needed to set up the semi-final clash with Kerry.

Tipperary had a couple of goal chances in the dying embers, but Limerick's resolute defence led by full back Craig Carew and centre back and captain Adam Shanagher held firm.

Limerick Scorers: E O'Mahony 0-2 (2m), J Cummins, B Foley R O'Brien, J Hayes (1f) and B Coleman 0-1 each.

Tipp U20F Management 2020 - L-R: Liam England (selector), Niall Fitzgerald (selector/coach), Paddy Lowry (S&C), Adrian Condon (logistics), Tom McGlinchey (manager), Vivienne Glynn (physio).

The Friends of Tipperary Football 2020

(Trish Gavin Secretary Friends of Tipperary Football)

Committee – 2020 for the Friends started with a changing of the guard at the top table. Having completed his term of office, Michael Power, Moycarkey, stood down and was succeeded by JJ Crowley, Ballyneale. JJ brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role and we all wish him every success during his term. The U20's got the year off to a flying start for Tipperary Football by winning the Andrew Cordon cup in January. With the first championship game pencilled in for May 9th, hopes were high!

Outdoors – thankfully we had fine weather during the summer and that allowed us to hold our meetings outdoors as the work of the Friends continued regardless. October was the new date for our annual Golf Tournament and as always it was a hugely successful 2 day champagne scramble. We are truly indebted to all of those who sponsored the various aspects of this event – without your support it would be a very different outing. To all the teams that took part and enjoyed the days out, we thank you also and hope to see you again in 2021.

Vision – "O'Brien's 2020 vision for Tipperary football looking less fanciful now" – Headline from the Irish Independent April 22 2015. As long as I have known Barry O'Brien, he has always spoken of his vision that Tipperary should be winning All Ireland football titles at all levels by 2020. 5 years ago it was considered by many to be nothing more than a fanciful notion. Who's laughing now?

Ideas - it was at one of our outdoor meetings that the original idea of starting a Euromillions Lotto Syndicate was mentioned. Admittedly there was a bit of head scratching at the start but once it was fully explained to us we all rowed in behind it and saturated social media and our individual contacts lists with the temptation of nearly 1,960 chances of winning the Euromillions and all for the fantastic value of €20. If you weren't quick enough to join it this year, don't worry you can always join up next year.

Dreams – On Saturday November 21st Declan Browne had the honour of being the Tipperary flag bearer in Croke Park at a ceremony honouring 14 innocents who were killed 100 years previous on Bloody Sunday. This was merely the start of a truly memorable weekend. The very next day, wearing the green and white of Grangemockler, Tipperary Senior Football team took to the field in Páirc Uí Chaoimh and put and end to 85 years of waiting. Driven by David Power on the sideline and led by Conor Sweeney on the field, the determination to be successful and prove that we can compete was clear to all who watched the 2020 Munster Football Final. The outpouring of sheer joy and raw emotion at the final whistle was something that will live for ever in the memories of all involved. Tipperary are Munster Senior Football Champions for 2020. And it's not over yet! It starts with a dream.

Add faith, and it becomes a belief.
Add action, and it becomes a part of life.
Add perseverance and it becomes a goal in sight.
Add patience and time, and it ends with a dream come true. ***(Doe Zantamata)***

Friends of Tipperary Football Golf classic results Oct 2020
Overall winners on 110pts, Conor Gleeson, Peter Kennedy, Tony Lacey, Marguerite Friday.

FRIENDS OF TIPERARY FOOTBALL ACCOUNTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the financial year ended 31 October 2020

		2020		2019
	€	€	€	€
Income				
Membership		11,831		14,477
Donations		1,020		600
Euro Millions Lotto		41,875		-
Golf Classic		21,310		28,570
Prize Bonds		50		-
John Kissane Sevens		-		2,000
		76,086		45,647
Administrative expenses				
Donations	400		950	
Meetings	255		280	
Promotion Development and Coaching	26,780		35,017	
Advertising, Stationary and Postage	2,628		352	
Golf Classic	3,770		3,590	
John Kissane Sevens	50		2,210	
Bank charges	779		405	
General expenses	1,370		120	
		(36,032)		(42,924)
Net surplus		40,054		2,723

FRIENDS OF TIPERARY FOOTBALL ACCOUNTS

Friends of Tipperary Football
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 October 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
Current Assets			
Debtors	2	10,797	8,423
Cash at bank and in hand		66,012	23,025
		76,809	31,448
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	3	8,807	3,500
Net Current Assets		68,002	27,948
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		68,002	27,948
Capital Account		68,002	27,948

FRIENDS OF TIPERARY FOOTBALL ACCOUNTS

Friends of Tipperary Football
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the financial year ended 31 October 2020

1. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	€	€	€
Cost			
At 31 October 2020	4,746	2,112	6,858
Depreciation			
At 31 October 2020	4,746	2,112	6,858
Net book value			
At 31 October 2020	-	-	-

2. DEBTORS

	2020	2019
	€	€
Other debtors	10,780	8,423
Prepayments and accrued income	17	-
	10,797	8,423

3. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	€	€
Accruals	8,807	3,500

4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts were approved by Friends of Tipperary Football on 7 December 2020.

Coaching & Games Development 2020

(Dinny Maher, Co. Games Manager)

Dinny Maher,
Co Games Manager

2020 started as normal with an annual plan presented to cover all areas of games development. January saw the reopening of schools after the Christmas break and the recommencement of the primary schools coaching scheme. Games Development Administrators supplemented this with various activities including a very successful indoor hurling program. One hundred and thirty-nine schools are included in the coaching scheme which is now in its twentieth year. GDA visits and work continued until the first restrictions and lockdown were enforced in March. On the return to schools in September a very different situation was in place. Stringent Covid-19 protocols and procedures were in place to allow sporting activity in schools. GDA's commenced the work of recommencing the coaching scheme in this new environment. GAA and school policy combined and thankfully many schools opened their facilities, and the scheme was able to restart. Approximately ninety per cent of schools are availing of the scheme at this point with some deferring to January 2021. The feedback from participating schools has been very positive and the opportunity to play hurling and football in the schools has been greatly appreciated by teachers and children. School's coaches underwent the prescribed protocols of Covid-19 advisory course and health questionnaire requirements. Many new coaches were trained and inducted into the scheme. As stated already the scheme is running now since 2000 and it has been a very successful project over the years. However, it is now in need of restructuring and a realignment of purpose. Games Development intend to start this process in its upcoming planning phase in December. All stakeholder units will be asked for an input and Games Development will be in touch to this end.

Like primary schools, the post primary sector re-opened in January. Internal leagues were organised, and further TY courses were delivered with the intention of utilising participants in primary coaching and blitz organisation. Unfortunately, these activities fell when restrictions were put in place. Fast forward to September and activities have recommenced. While mainstream competition is on hold, Games Development organised internal leagues in many schools. Transition year courses were again commenced in conjunction with "Future Leaders" in some schools. "Future Leaders" is a relatively new concept developed by National Games Development. It incorporates many aspects of GAA development. The "Future Leaders Transition Year Programme" is a joint initiative from the GAA and the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). It is a cross-curricular programme comprising of a series of modules designed to encourage maturity, initiative, responsibility, and leadership skills in pupils. The Programme gives pupils the knowledge and skills to support all roles required in the effective staging of Gaelic Games. As part of the Programme students are challenged to organise and run both on-field and off-field events for younger students.

The Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) are GAA partners in this programme and will be providing training and development to the teachers involved in this initiative. The PDST have been involved in the preparation of the Future Leaders programme providing advice on curriculum links, ensuring alignment with the TY programme, embedding the core concept of Physical Literacy, developing educational resources and delivering training to the participating schools. The PDST are Ireland's largest professional development support service for teachers and the teacher training programme they have designed for the Future Leaders project complement curriculum and assessment practices in the TY classroom relevant to the modules listed below. The six modules meaningfully relate to several curriculum areas, promoting the development of Physical Literacy in particular, and encompassing the key skills taught at Junior Cycle.

GAA Future Leaders Modules

- Future Leaders Event Management & Sports Administration Module
- Future Leaders FMS & Coaching of Hurling/Football Module
- Future Leaders Refereeing Module
- Future Leaders Sports Journalism Module
- Future Leaders Performance Analysis Module
- Future Leaders Nutrition Module
- Future Leaders Wellbeing Module
- Pupils will receive an e-Certificate for each completed module.

Club preparation and games was severely interrupted during the lockdown. The initial series of Go Games was cancelled. GDA's however came up with very inventive virtual activities for clubs and children. One such activity was a county wide skills challenge for U12 players. There was a great uptake over a 6 week period with club winners emerging. The GDA's have outlined below all their activities.

Once the restrictions were lifted in July work immediately commenced in clubs. One of the great successes of the summer was the running of a "Kelloggs Cul Camp" program. Under guidance from a national health expert group, and leadership from Charlie Harrison, national coordinator, a stringent protocol was implemented to facilitate the safe running of camps. Thirty-Five clubs hosted camps across the four divisions and over three thousand children attended. This was a major undertaking and achievement by all concerned. Firstly, clubs are to be thanked and commended for taking the difficult decision to host a camp, and in particular the club coordinators who put in trojan work to ensure camps ran smoothly in all clubs. County GDA's took on the task of coordinating and training staff to man the camps. Three days of training took place to cover every aspect of running the camps including, coaches training and upskilling, completion of all garda vetting and child protection requirements as well as all training and protocols around Covid-19. Most importantly parents and children are to be thanked for their cooperation. Health questionnaires were completed for each child and temperatures checked each morning of camps. All children were excellent in adhering to hand washing and sanitizing. The result was a very successful camp program with no virus cases recorded. A sincere thanks to all for their cooperation. It was intended to run a series of Halloween Camps in October. Twenty eight clubs had signed up and preparations were well under way when the restrictions hit again and the project had to shelved.

As July progressed clubs gained in confidence and training and games commenced. In cooperation with club personnel Games Development Administrators in each division put together a very thorough "Go Games" fixtures program. A lot of organisation went into the fixtures to ensure compliance and safety around Covid-19. Numerous venues across the county were used on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Sincere thanks to the clubs who took part. Feedback was very positive from parents who were delighted to see the children out playing again.

Unfortunately, further restrictions in October brought a pre-mature end to the completion of the fixture program. Games Development Administrators continue to work with clubs and are considering areas where they can be of help during tis restrictive times. One project is a county feile skills competition in conjunction with Board na noG.

In January, the Academy winter program continued in LIT Sports Lab. All players got through their program in full. The "Smartabase" recording system was implemented with all squad players included on the system. Again, the restrictions severely hindered the progress of this system. A series of Webinars was ran for all squads. There was a great uptake from all players and parents over a six week period during the initial lockdown. A physical development program was undertaken on Monday night led by Cairbre, County Senior Hurling lead strength and conditioning coach. On Wednesday nights a questions and answers series took place with county players and managers. Seamie Callanan, Conor Sweeney and Liam Cahill among others took part in what was very beneficial advise and encouragement for all academy players. Also a nutrition course was delivered by Amy McGuire, nutritionist with Tipp Senior Footballers. We were delighted to be able to host these events for the benefit of our young academy players and they were all very appreciative with feedback very positive.

A Youth conference was organised just before the lockdown for club and academy youth coaches. This took place in LIT Conference centre and had a full attendance. Guest speakers were Michael Bevans, Michael Dempsey and Oisin McConville who covered topics related to coaching youth players including, player pathways, coaching sessions and health and wellbeing topics. Very worthwhile day for all involved.

During the lockdown in April and May the GDA's undertook many virtual projects to keep players engaged in GAA activity. One of these was a very successful skills challenge for U12 club players. This was very popular project where players sent in video demonstrations of skills and drills. These were adjudicated and prizes were awarded for winners. Hundreds of video material was received by the GSA's and major work carried out to examine all the material received. Thanks to all the clubs, parents and especially the players for their interaction.

The past year has been very challenging for everyone in all aspects of life. In GAA terms the loss of games and training was sorely felt by all GAA units and supporters. The Games Development Administrators in the county did trojan work to keep our young players occupied with GAA activity and engagement. I would like to sincerely thank them for their enormous effort. This was done in an environment where salaries were cut and pay restricted. They showed great commitment to Tipperary GAA at great financial loss to themselves.

I would also like to record my thanks to Tipperary GAA Board Officers and executive for their commitment to Coaching and Games Development, and in particular the GDA's for both financial and practical support during a very tough time. It is very much appreciated by all.

Mid Tipperary Coaching & Games Report 2020

Andy Ryan, Mid Tipperary Games Administrator

Andy Ryan
Mid Tipp GDA

In a year there has been like no other it has been so difficult to say the least for players, mentors, teachers, club and board officers and parents. Credit has to be given to all involved in Mid Tipperary Coaching and Games and Boards with the challenges faced with COVID-19 , they carried on and fought it to the best of their ability, whether it was on the field (contact or no contact) or virtual everybody did their best to keep our young players busy and motivated through a very tough time.

Below is a short report on the ongoings and activities that took place and that are taking place in Mid Tipperary Coaching and Games in 2020.

Primary Schools:

On March 12th when schools broke up with our first lockdown schools in Mid Tipperary where in the process of preparing for Cumann na mBunscoil hurling competitions. Most schools were also taking part in our Club – School Link the coaching scheme when a local coach visits the school to coach and promote our games on a weekly basis. I would like to acknowledge all the coaches who take time our of their week to go and coach our school children as this is valuable to our players and to our clubs.

Several schools in the division had started rolling out the GAA 5 Star Centre progamme in their schools. This programme works with one class in the school completing a program of six modules over 26 weeks and all other classes will do at least one hour a week for six weeks. The modules include the following "Have a Ball", "Fun and Run", "Strike It", "Catch and Kick"," Go Games Skill Challenges" and "Go Games Blitzes".

Since schools returned in September many schools have resumed Club – School Link. One advantage of school coaching this year it is giving our young players a chance to catch up on all the coaching they missed during lockdown in our clubs and schools.

Since beginning of October I have rolled out a number of ABC sessions for the junior classes. These sessions are run over 5 visits over 5 weeks covering the fundamental movements needed to play our games which include Agility, Balance, Coordination, Running Jumping Throwing , Catching and Passing. The following schools have now completed this programme with me Ballinahinch NS, Clonmore NS, Templetuohy NS, Gortnahoe NS, Gael Scoil Bride Durlas, Moycarkey NS, Littleton NS, Holycross NS and Boherlahan NS.

During lockdown, a number of teachers from our schools took part in online coaching courses and GAA webinar which were held on a regular basis.

Going forward it is vital for all clubs to stay in touch with your local schools as they will promote our games and club. In a year that our children missed so many games and training they will be able to catch up with the help of the wonderful teachers we have in our region. I urge all the clubs to help the schools in anyway the can whether it is coaching, supplying some gear for games but its vital to keep that link going as we all know that the Primary school is the bedrock of our club as this is the place where players get the first taste of GAA.

I would like to thank all involved in our schools, Principals, Teachers and Board of Managements for the work they do to promote our games and long may this continue.

Post Primary Schools:

As like Primary schools it has been a very difficult time for Post Primary schools as well. Some competition were ran before lockdown in March with all schools in the region taking part. Since the return to schools in September some schools have ran internal 1st Year leagues which prove to be a great success in getting students into the GAA scene in the school and settling into new school life which can be a big change in their life.

Apart from this it has being quite enough on the playing fields of Post Primary schools. All schools are doing their best with the current restrictions to do some of sort of training with their teams.

It is hoped with the help of our Post Primary School committee when restrictions are lifted, we will try run some competitions hopefully in the new year. Off the field Post Primary schools are doing GAA TY Coaching courses. These courses are being run online and when completed I will visit school to do practical session with students.

I thank all personnel involved in my region for all their trojan work in promoting Gaelic Games also to Tom Maher and his Post Primary committee for all their work in organizing games. And hopefully not before too long we will all be back playing and enjoying games.

Camps:

Back in March when the pandemic hit Ireland camps were as good as wrote off in a lot of people's eyes. But with fantastic research and planning by several stakeholders in Cul Camps led by National Coordinator Charlie Harrison camps were given the go ahead in August.

Several changes were made with the running of camps to get them to take place these included detailed staff training, all coaches , Drop off and pick up areas for parents, smaller pods of players, shorter days , shorter and staggered breaks.

In Tipperary all coaches got top training prior to camps commencing which included online training, practical sessions, child welfare courses ran by Owen Doody and Sinead Butler. After training all coaches were aware of the measure which had to be taken in dealing with Covid 19 and the problems they may face.

In this region we 10 clubs who ran Cul Camps with each camp having great coordinators as usual to help with the running of the camps and I thank them sincerely for all their help and making 2020 Cul Camps a really special year for them .

The camps and coordinators that took place in this region are as follows:
Boherlahan Dualla (Maria Gleeson)
Clonakenny (Edel Treacy)
Holycross Ballycahill (Tomas Slattery)
JK Brackens (Caroline Broderick)
Loughmore Castleiney (Yvonne Doyle)
Moycarkey Borris (Mary Shelly)
Moyne Templetuohy (Regina Ely & Mindy Ryan)
Thurles Gaels (Aisling Cotter)
Killenaule (Kevin Shelly)
Sean Treacys (Angela O Dwyer)
All camps this year had several helpers available if needed and thanks to them.

In Mid Tipp region 36 coaches were employed from the various clubs and I would like to thank them all for the way they carried their duties in such a professional manner. Some of these coaches have now taken up the role of school coaching in their local schools.

It was planned to have Halloween Camps in the following clubs Clonakeny, Drom Inch , Durlas Og, Holycross Ballycahill , Moycarkey Borris, Moyne Templetuohy, Thurles gaels, Ballinahinch and Killenaule but with level 5 restrictions put in place these camps had to be cancelled. Hopefully we will be able top run some camp for these clubs when restrictions are lifted.

To all involved in Camps in 2020 I thank you all in which was a very tough year in running camps but with the great help of us all we made them a very special year for camps. Well Done to All

Go Games:

As like other years Tipperary Coaching & Games had a Go Games Blitz Programme set out for Under 6s 8s and 10s these included blitzes in both hurling and football on a regular basis ran on county and divisional basis. Due to Covid 19 restrictions only the early stages of the programme were ran, this was to the disappointment of all involved, especially our young players.

When restrictions were lifted it was decided to run a Go Games Programme in Tipperary which worked within the guidelines and restrictions provided by the HSE and GAA.

We in Mid Tipperary region ran our programme with North Tipperary and I would like to thank North GDA Paudie Malone and all the clubs in North Tipperary for their cooperation in running these games.

The games were running with each age group playing hurling and football every second week, football being held on a Friday night and hurling on a Saturday.

All clubs must be thanked for their participation in these games and it was very warming to see most clubs from both divisions taking part in both codes.

Id like to thank all clubs that provided pitches and coordinators on the day of games without these clubs we would have no games.

It is important we keep running games for our player and I would urge clubs when restriction are lifted again to maybe look at running some games through the coming months that are often called our closed season , I would love of any help to run these games.

Lastly I want to thank one man who is always a great help to us in running Go Games and that is Pat O Callaghan our caretaker in Dr Morris Park who is always there to help opening and closing the gates and having the pitches in top condition for us.

Club Development:

In a year that was so difficult for anyone involved with clubs I have to say I am so proud the way all Clubs and members took on the challenges we faced with Covid 19 and working within the guidelines giving to us by HSE and GAA. Whether it was on the field or online all clubs did their upmost to keep all players active.

Before our lockdown started all clubs were working very hard for year ahead of them with coaching sessions, Go Games, mini games, and coaches attending Foundation and Award 1 courses. Once lockdown started it was all new to us and we had to come up with what we are going to do for our players. Before long clubs had started various activities online skill tests, zoom coaching sessions, zoom meetings.

With the help of the clubs, the Mid Bord na Og , the Mid Senior Board and Tipperary Coaching and Games all stakeholders put the shoulders to the wheel to keep the GAA active in our clubs by running different activities which I will mention below.

The following are some of the activities ran by clubs, boards and Coaching and Games during lockdown

Freestyle Hurling /Football: This was a competition ran on Tipperary Coaching & Games Facebook where players would send of a short

video of players showing their skills in different environments which included back gardens , trampolines ,hoverboards, horse back to name a few. Winners from this region included Robbie Ryan (Holycross Ballycahill)in hurling who's video had a huge 56332 views on our Facebook page also The Shelly Family (Moycarkey Borris) who won the family category. Thanks to Tipperary County Board for sponsoring the prizes for this competition.

GAA Obstacle Course: This competition was kindly sponsored by Elys Centra in Thurles. Players sent in video of assault course which had to include GAA activities. We got a huge response for this competition with entries from the four provinces of Ireland. All the entries can be seen on Tipperay Coaching & Games Facebook. Winners from this region included Conor & Rory Shelly Killenaule, Maria & Caoimhe Doyle Moyne Templetuohy, Eoghan Kennedy Boherlahan Dualla, Eoghan Shelly Clonakenny. Thanks again to Ronan & Cathal and all in Centra Thurles for their kind sponsorship.

Mid Lockdown Challenge: This lockdown challenge was a huge success which was run by Mid Tipperary Bord na Og and Mid Tipperay Coaching & Games. It was run on a team basis where a prominent adult player from the division would set a challenge for each age group to perform. This challenge brought great excitement to all clubs. I would like to thank the following players for challenging our players over the 5-6 weeks of the competition Seamus Callanan , John Meagher, Paudie Greene, Paddy Creedon, Conor Bowe, Ronan Maher, Tommy Nolan, Paddy Caddell, Dean McEnroe, Brian McGrath, Emmet Moloney, Bryan O Mara and Kyle Shelly. Winners and runners up of the various age groups were as follows :

Under 12 Tie between JK Brackens and Moycarkey Borris

Under 14 Holycross Ballycahill and Drom Inch were runners up

Under 16 Moycarkey Borris and JK Brackens were runners up.

Thanks to all club coordinators with all age groups who had to send in videos and scores to divisional coordinators on a weekly basis. Also, to our board and divisional coordinators Michelle Mckelvey and Mark Dunne for looking after the Under 14 and 16 age groups.

Going forward to all involved I would urge all to keep the great work going on in our clubs as we all know we have after this year a bit of catching up to do and if I can be any help to your club please don't hesitate to get in touch with me for any assistance or help.

In the next couple of months, I will be rolling out a new Munster Club Development Plan to clubs in the region who I'll be in touch with details very shortly.

Development Squads:

On a quieter year than usual for development squads due to Covid 19. Divisional football was ran earlier in the year and Mid Tipperary competing well in all competitions. With the hurling Inter Divisional at the final stages when proceedings were stopped due to Covid 19. I think its an awful shame if these competitions are not finished and give young players a chance to represent their division and hopefully push on to play for Tipperary development squads.

I'd like to thank all who helped in anyway in Development squads with Mid Tipperary we are very lucky to have such good quality people involved. I would urge more people to get involved in Development Squads in both codes the commitment is not for a long period and can be very enjoyable working with players.

One of my highlights of the year gone by was on May 2nd when the Divisional Under 14s 15s and 16s took each other on in a wall ball competition. Players had 12 hours to hit as many balls as they could. This really got what the GAA was about with everybody involved players, officers , parents and we even had some grandparents hit some balls. The atmosphere over the day was electric with message videos, chants going over and back the division through all our phones. In total a massive 157,980 balls were pucked that day with the Mid Under 14 running out winners with hitting 89267 balls. Well Done to all who got involved and to Lar Corbett Sports for sponsoring several prizes throughout the day.

Mid Tipp Cul Camp

Coach Education:
We have held some foundation courses in early 2020 on division level and Award 1 and 2 courses on a County basis. It very important that all our coaches have completed at least a minimum of foundation level before they get involved in coaching in your club. We will be running online foundation courses in the near future and holding practical sessions once restrictions are lifted.

Early on in the year a number of coaches from Mid Tipperary attended Tipperary Coaching & Games Conference. On the day speakers included Mikey Beavens , Michael Dempsey and Oisin McConville. This was a very worthwhile conference and was great to see so many coaches from our clubs.

GDA's Main Area of Work
The role of the GDA has changed considerably in recent times and there must be a realisation and acceptance that this role will change even further as Tipperary GAA continues to evolve, change and be proactive in tackling the many challenges facing our organisation. The original employee worked mainly as a Primary School Coach. While this is still an important part of his work schedule, the duties have broadened considerably to the extent that the modern GDA is now very much an organiser, coordinator, and educator, as well as a coach. Flexibility and mobility is very important as the GDA continues to support the large volunteer sector working on the ground. While most of the employee's work is within their allocated area, at times they are required to assist with county/provincial events and activities. With Croke Park, Munster GAA and County Board investing heavily in this area, it is vitally important that a thoroughly professional approach is taken by all concerned, thus ensuring the best possible product is delivered. The quality of delivery by the GDAs is vital to the success of all programmes. The GDA's work can be categorised under one or more of the following National Key Areas: 1. Games Opportunities (Child) 2. Games Opportunities (Youth) 3. School Initiative 4. Camps 5. Talent Academies 6. Learning & Development.

Conclusion:
I would like to thank my fellow colleagues our Games Manager Dinny Maher fellow GDAs Kevinn Halley , Paudie Malone and Tom Fitzgerald who has joined us this year in South Tipperary for all their help throughout the year which was quite challenging on us all at times.

To my senior divisional officers Jonathon and Catherine and our Bord na nOg officers Michael and Michelle for all their help both boards were a great help with anything we ran in the division throughout the year. To our County Board Officers John, Tim and Michael and juvenile officers Martin and John for all their help.

To two officers I owe to so much this year is County IT Officer Lisa Stapelton and Mid Bord na Og PRO Mark Dunne. Mark and Lisa were so important when it came to promoting all the lockdown activities on social media.

Thanks to Siobhan, Maggie, and Karen in Lar na Pairce who are always so helpful to me.

To all the teachers in our Primary and Post Primary schools a big thank you for all you're coaching and promoting of our games in our schools, this is so vital to Tipperary GAA and long may your support continue.

To my wife Martina and the lads thank for your continued patience and support

Finally, and most importantly a big thanks to all our players and parents in all ages for all their hard work throughout the year. Credit must be given to the parents for bringing their children to games, training sessions and development sessions. To the players I would say keep up the hard work and keep GAA your number one games as we enter very exciting times for Tipperary GAA on our playing fields at all ages.

I would like to thank everybody who helped out in the division in anyway throughout the year, I'd like to wish you all and your families a Happy and Safe Christmas and hopefully we will all have a good 2021 compared to the year just gone.

North Tipperary Coaching and Games Activity 2020

(Paudie Malone, North Tipperary Games Development Administrator)

Introduction
First of all I would like to start off by thanking all the clubs, schools, teachers and Bord Officers of North Tipperary for all their help throughout the season, a special mention must go to all the sectaries that take my texts/calls about different activities throughout the year without you my job would be next to impossible the work you do is very much appreciated. The following is my report for 2020:

Paudie Malone

Primary Schools
The main focus since the schools reopened in September was to ensure that the 36 primary school in North Tipperary had access to a GAA coach. Our primary school coaching scheme for the most part has been a successful programme that encourages the local club to find a coach to coach in their local schools. This year however with everything that is going on around Covid 19 some clubs were finding it hard to fill this position. In fact for some clubs they have been finding this role difficult to fill over the past number of years with the improving economy, people having much busier lives etc.

This year however I saw an opportunity with the majority of colleges moving to online learning I sought to offer work to Cul Camp coaches who were currently in college who would have worked in our camps this summer. I contacted all the coaches that would have worked under me this year to see would any of them have an interest in coaching in primary schools? Four of them expressed an interest and offered their services to coach in the schools. This was an excellent development as all these coaches were recently trained by us and had experienced coaching in the current environment.

In August i went about contacting all the clubs in my area to see where each one of them was with a coach for 2020. The clubs looked into it and some had their coach in place and some clubs needed my help in filling positions in one or all their schools. I think its important to note here that our scheme in Tipperary is all about creating a club – school link which is such an important part of forming a strong GAA community in our parishes. I feel that some clubs over the past couple of years may have taken their eye off the ball when it comes to the promotion of our games in their local school. We need to rectify this and ensure going into the future that we have a strong bond with our

primary school and offer support around equipment or personal wherever possible. As a GDA I'm here to assist you in finding a new coach or to approach a school about the possibility of getting in a coach something which I'm happy to do when called upon.

Any club that came back to me looking for help I have contacted their local schools and have looked into getting one of my coaches in there. This can be a slow process with all the paperwork that needs to be filled out and also trying to organise a workable day and timetable for the coach coming into the school. In the new year I hope to get a Fundamental Movement programme ran in schools that are interested for Junior and Senior Infants, I hope to work with a work placement student from LIT around the design and delivery of this programme and it should be on stream by the end of January. I also hope to run off a couple of my big blitzes that I run each year in football, hurling and indoor hurling. This of course is dependent on where we are as a country around Covid 19.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and principles in schools that have welcomed us back in what is a different year to say the least!! We at coaching and games really appreciate it and hopefully we can reward ye all with some events in the New Year. Special thanks also has to go to our coaches currently coaching in our schools, this is the hardest coaching job in Tipperary make no mistake about it!! It takes a lot of energy and patience so a huge thank you to all of those club members and students who provide this service for all the children in Tipperary.

Post Primary:

I currently look after 6 post primary schools in the division which are Nenagh College, Nenagh CBS, Roscrea Pobail Scoil, Cistern College, Borrisokane College and Borrisoleigh Post Primary. I'm currently in the process of running a Young Whistlers and Coaching Courses in each school for the TY students. This year we have piloted the theory part of these courses online, this will be rolled out over the next few weeks coinciding with a visit to the school to deliver the practical coaching elements. In the New Year I will run 1st and 2nd Year Hurling blitzes in the schools outlined above and again these will be refereed by the TY students in the school who have completed the Young Whistlers Course, with the winning team from the blitz getting Munster GAA t-shirts. Many thanks to the principals, teachers and students for all the schools for their cooperation and hard work throughout the year.

Clubs

2020 has been a difficult and challenging year for all clubs throughout the country. It has also highlighted the important role of GAA clubs in the community. If Covid 19 has thought us nothing else it is that thought us the importance of volunteerism and community spirit. The clubs in Tipperary have been fantastic from fundraising money for local and national causes, to helping the elderly in their community to opening up their grounds in such a professional and safe manor. To all the covid officers, board members, coaches and players who followed all the protocols and insured that we had a season for our adult and juvenile players this year a massive thank you.

During the first lockdown I decided to run a '14 Day Lockdown League' for U14 players in North Tipp. The league was run as follows I would contact a Tipperary Intercounty Footballer/Hurler to set a skills challenge for the day, they would then go away video themselves doing the challenge send it back to me and I sent it on to all the coaches of the participating clubs on a whats app at 9am each morning. The clubs would then put this video into there own players/parents whats app groups and the players would have 10 hours to practice the skill or routine and send back in there best attempt via video to their club coach. From there the club coach would send me in at 7pm each night the total score and the name and video of their player of the day from the club. I want to take this opportunity to thank our county players the league would not have been the success it was without these players giving of their own time to set these challenges. The following are the list of players which contributed to this programme Niall O Meara, Robert Byrne, Brendan Maher, Liam Sheedy, Kevin O Halloran, Dan O Meara, Jake Morris, Willie Connors, Alan Flynn, Jason Forde, Craig Morgan, Jerome Cahill, Barry Heffernan and Cian D'Arcy. Congratulations to Newport Division 1 Champions and Borrisoleigh Division 2 Champions. The final standings in each division

Division 1

1. Newport (Club Rep Shane Gavin)
2. Kilruane (Club Rep Brian England)
3. Ballina (Club Rep Eamon Power)
4. Roscrea (Club Rep David Dooley & Tony Hoctor)
5. Toomevara (Club Rep Bernard Hackett)
6. Nenagh (Club Rep Willie O'Brien)

Division 2

1. Borrisoleigh (Club Rep Jody Boyle)
2. Kiladangan (Club Rep Paddy Gallagher)
3. Borrisokane (Club Rep Seamus Moriarty)
4. Moneygall (Club Rep Paddy Whyte)
5. Lorrha (Club Rep Paddy Reddin)
6. Portroe (Club Rep Shane Mcllroy)
7. Ballinahinch/Templederry (Club Rep Neil Ryan)
8. Shannon Rovers Gaels (Club Rep Jack O'Sullivan).

A huge thank you to all the club coaches listed above with their teams, without you the players would not have had a league to partake in during lockdown. Its important that parents, players and people in our community recognise the effort that these people give to the club and the joy they bring to young people in the locality.

Once the country opened up after lockdown we ran a very successful Cul Camp Programme. We trained over 150 coaches in the county in all aspects of child coaching and protocols around Covid 19. Total of six camps were ran in the division. The last camp was ran in Nenagh Eire Og GAA grounds on the last official week of camps. The clubs that did camps were as follows Roscrea, Shannon Rovers, Kiladagan, Lorrha, Knockshegowna and Nenagh Eire Og. My role during the camps was rostering coaches to each venue, ensuring that the coaching standard was at the required level and ensuring that all the Covid 19 protocol was carried out each day. Total number of children that attended camp in North Tipperary was 507. We also employed 27 young coaches in the area for the 5 weeks of camps. A huge thank you to the clubs for agreeing to run a Cul Camp in what was an uncertain time and to all the brilliant club coordinators who are the reason why these camps run so smoothly each year.

After we completed our camp programme we looked at putting together a Go Games blitz calendar targeting U8s and U10s in the county. Andy Ryan (Mid Tipp GDA) and I ran a very comprehensive North/Mid Go Games Programme for U8s & U10s for a 4 week period on

Friday nights and Saturday mornings in September and October.

Go Games Schedule 2020
• Friday 18th September U8 Football Blitz
• Saturday 19th September U10 Hurling Blitz
• Friday 25th September U10 Football Blitz
• Saturday 26th September U8 Hurling Blitz
• Friday 2nd October U8 Football Blitz
• Saturday 3rd October U10 Hurling Blitz
• Friday 9th October U10 Football Blitz
• Saturday 10th October U8 Hurling Blitz
Theses blitzes and games proved to be a great success with all my clubs many thanks to all the clubs that hosted and that travelled to different venues throughout the 4 week block.

Development Squads:
Big thank you to all the players, mentors, bord members and parents who were involved with and/or helped with our development squads in the year just gone. It was a pleasure to work with Joe and Philip and all the mentors this year i know the players really enjoyed the year and that stemmed from the great work done by all our mentors and the effort put in by all our players and the patience and cooperation of all the parents! Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 we did not get the opportunity to finish out our hurling competitions which I know all the players and mentors were disappointed with. However we hope to restart our Divisional and County Academy Squads in the new year, all things going well.

U13 Football Mentors:
• Paul O'Brien (Moneygall)
• Shane Connolly (Nenagh)
Paudie Malone (GDA)
U14 Football Mentors:
• George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers)
• Mike Donnellan (Portroe)
• Willie Lennox (Shannon Rovers)
U15 Football Mentors:
• Shane Hodgins (Knockshegowna)
• Billy Donnellan (Portroe)
U14 Hurling Mentors:
• Paudie Malone GDA
• Liam Dunphy (Roscrea)
• JP Grace (Burgess)
• Shane Connolly (Nenagh)
U15 Hurling Mentors:
• Philip Delaney (Borrisoleigh)
• Philip Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh)
• Michael Murphy (Toomevara)
• Donie Kennedy (Templederry)
U16 Hurling Mentors:
• Eamon Power (Ballina)
• David Shanahan (Silvermines)
• Adrian King (Ballina)

A big thank to all the clubs and schools for the use of their facilities as without clubs generosity in allowing us the use of their facilities putting on training sessions especially over the winter months would be next to impossible. A special mention to all the clubs who allow the use of their facilities for Development Squad Training we would be in huge trouble as a division in preparing our teams without this help, the clubs are always very accommodating and allow the use of their facilities whenever possible.

Summary
Just to conclude I would like to say a massive thank you to Joe McCarthy and Philip Delaney in particular for the help they have given me this year in North Tipperary I have found working with them an absolute pleasure. In total I have 42 schools and 17 clubs to look after along with Development Squads at both county and divisional level, so I want to take this opportunity to thank people for the patience in waiting to see me, i will get around to all of you and will do my very best to help where I can. I would like to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year and the very best of luck in 2021.

West Tipp Games Development

Kevin Halley Games Development.

Kevin Halley West Games Development Administrator

Like every other year, 2020 started off for us all in the association full of hopes and dreams, planning for the year ahead, clubs getting mobilised, assigning mentors, training up coaches and most important, ensuring all our young players had the platform to play games, be it in a non-competitive Go Games environment or a competition run at youth level. Primary and Post primary school pitches and yards were busy with a hive of GAA activity as is the norm with all years. However, 2020 had other plans in store for everyone. On March 12th 2020 just as West Tipperary was about to kick start the year with U14 football, normal life was about to be challenged, "the new normal" was to become a reality as Covid-19 hit home and a full lockdown was enforced by the Government and the world pausing all GAA activity for the forceable future. Initially it was thought this was for a week period, but the reality was to be very different

Clubs and GAA personnel did their best to keep players engaged, interested and active, WhatsApp groups became a very important forum for keeping the lines of communication open in clubs between mentors, players and parents. Each day on various social media platforms, club pages were busy with challenges of various kinds, all with one goal – to keep players engaged and active during the lockdown. As the months rolled on, March into April and early May, player interest was dwindling when it became apparent that there was no let-up in restrictions, a plan was devised to reignite the passion and interest of clubs and players. West Tipperary came alive again in May and June 2020 with our Lockdown Challenges for U 12 and U14 players.

A glimmer of hope of some normality beckoned when Croke Park gave us the instructions to start the organisation of Covid19 friendly GAA Cúl Camps to start in July across the Country. Covid19 case numbers reduced and camps kicked off which was very much welcomed by parents and players. Soon after this the divisional hurling kicked off, giving our players the chance to showcase their newfound skills developed during lockdown and at camps. The Hurling conclude in September 2020 and football commenced, unfortunately at time of writing this we have not completed all finals, due to a second national lockdown. We in Tipperary have high hopes that the few remaining games can be concluded before the end of 2020 pending an easing of restrictions in December 2020.

The following is a quick overview of each of the key areas of development during 2020.

Club/School Primary Coaching Scheme.

The primary school coaching scheme in Tipperary has received many compliments throughout the country, the scheme was introduced initially over twenty years ago in the form of a Fás work Scheme and has grown immensely in those years. It has manifested itself into a huge collaboration between Divisions, Clubs and the County Board. The primary objective is to ensure young players, of any age and ability are exposed to Gaelic Games within their local school. Every club in Tipperary has at least one primary school affiliated with the club, in some cases there can be up to three or four. Nourishing and protecting this Coaching Scheme is crucial to our clubs and to the physical and mental wellbeing of all who take part. Apart from the introduction of skills, the importance of the physical activity this scheme is providing to young people can't be emphasised enough, keeping in mind, it is also covering some strands of the school curriculum including fundamental movements and games. In a recent HSE report it was found that 1 in 5 primary school going children are considered overweight, a worrying statistic. It also found that movement skills between the ages of four and ten were at an all-time low, a lot of this is

West U 15 Football Shield winners
Back l-r: Paul Ryan Arravale,Tommy Landers Kickhams, Eoin Doocey,Arravale, Cian O'Dwyer Galtee Rvs, Jack Lonergan Golden Kilfeacle, Liam Corcoran Cashel kc, Ben Ryan Arravale Rvs, Brian Bourke Emly, Daniel Ryan Arravale Rvs, Caolan Halligan Arravale rvs, Michael Furlough Eire og Annacarthy, Eoghan Doyle Rockwell Rvs, JP McCarthy Galtee rvs, Tomas O'Donoghou Lattin Cullen, Front l-r: Diarmuid Kinnane Kickhams, Podge Quinlan Rosegreen, Jim Ryan (c) Clonoulty Rossmore, Liam Carew Aherlow Neill O'Shea Aherlow, Cormac Sheedy Sean Traceys Adam O'Dwyer Eire og Annacarthy Ronan Connolly Cashel kc.

West U 14 Football Cup Finalists
Left to right back row: Liam Finane -4 Conall Grogan -25 Ciaran McCarthy -11 Triston stokes -13 Tyler Barry -26 Oisin Fawl -10 Kieran O'Dwyer-19 Brian Furlong -7 Joseph O'Dwyer-20 Marcus Kinane -1 Andrew Irwin -15 Sean cannon -12 Michael Gleeson-17 Rory McCaul -23. Front Row left to right: Conor ODwyer -2 Joe O'Callaghan -6 Ryan McKnight -9 Eoin Byrnes -24 Diarmaid Carr -8 Evan Carrie -14 Peter Heaney -5 Richard Ferncombe -3 Jack Crowe -21 Jack Bergin -18 Evan Kennedy -22

dictated by lifestyle and the ever increasing reliance on technology, the latest lockdown has meant children have remained in school and as a result have access to this scheme. Now more than ever it is so important to have our school going children active. The impact it has on all aspects of live both physical and mental wellbeing is so important.

The coaching is being provided in West Tipperary by eight coaches covering over thirty schools. A plan and monitoring process is in place ensuring continuity of learning and development across all schools. With schools being forced to implement new Covid19 policies each coach wears a mask when necessary on the training area, completes a daily health questionnaire, along with following the rigorous sanitation process in place in the school and by the GAA . Over 90% of schools have returned to school coaching activity, this is getting the children out of the classroom for fresh air and is proving very beneficial for students and teachers and for their physical and mental wellbeing. Running the scheme is not without a financial impact on divisional boards and clubs especially this year with a lack of gate receipts and challenges to fundraising for clubs, however the positives far outweigh the negatives and with County Board help, I have no doubt a plan can be devised to keep this scheme in place for many more years. Any alteration or reduction to the Primary School Coaching Scheme would have a devastating impact on the very foundation of GAA in Tipperary.

Post Primary Schools.

Similar to our primary schools, the post primary sector plays a very important role in the development of our players. GAA activity for Club Players is provided in schools for up to five or six months of the year. Some clubs are very aware of this statistic, in particular the clubs serving Cashel Community School. As part of a Support Group affiliated to the school, club player involvement at post primary school level is very much monitored and encouraged. There is a cohort of club players not playing in schools. It is important to highlight that fact. Post primary schools are very conscious of providing games and training to all players regardless of ability. Communicating with the U14 and U16 player is important to ensure they are active at post primary level, this in turn will have a positive impact on your Clubs development. The Abbey CBS and Cashel Community School provide additional coaching with the work of Richie Lohan in the Abbey CBS and Paul Hayes in Cashel Community School, we thank the two lads for this work and wish Paul well in his travels oversees this year.

I believe the post primary sector is key to further development at Youth Level in Tipperary and beyond. In a recent study by Croke Park, it identified the post primary school level to be a tool in reducing players contact with academy squads at night or at weekends by incorporating the post primary training into the Academy Winter programmes, this work can be done at lunch time or after school, subject to having the correctly qualified personnel and infrastructure, which our post primary sector has in abundance. In turn it could help to combat mental and physical burnout of players with a reduced need for additional training sessions plus it will cut back on a lot of travel time that dedicated parents spend on the road during the winter months. During the Lockdown, the use of technology came to the fore, its utilisation in this could be of major benefit. Streaming live or recorded Strength, Conditioning and mobility sessions in to schools via Microsoft Teams could be a way to provide continuity of training within schools and ultimately the academy squads, while being monitored by the assigned Teacher / P.E teacher or Games Development personnel. This approach would also be of huge benefit to the club players in the school, as well as students that may not play sports outside of school for various reasons this may reignite their interest , it also keeps our young people active, healthy and shows a pathway for school players to academy squads in Tipperary - a win/win situation.

A special word of thanks to all Teachers and GAA personnel who give freely their time to coach and develop Gaelic games at Post Primary Level, it is very much appreciated by all concerned.

Cúl Camp 2020.
During the Summer months, Cúl Camps played an important role in providing normality in our young players lives, 10 clubs ran very successful camps in West Tipperary. This provided a great break for the players and parents and a return to normality. 5 Clubs that were scheduled to run camps in early July decided to postpone the camp for this year, which was totally understandable given the current circumstances, a number of these were scheduled for Halloween camps but unfortunately Lockdown resumed before these could be run. Hopefully in 2021 we can look forward to where running an Easter and Summer Cúl camp can become the norm again.

Coach Education.
Prior to Lockdown, coach education was progressing well, Award 1 Youth/Adult Hurling and Football courses were completed. Three Foundation courses were finalised. Our online facility of education kicked off during the lockdown, whereby coaches completed the online aspects and followed up with practical sessions when it was deemed safe to do so. Training of the Cúl Camp coaches this way proved very successful. Over the next few weeks we will be auditing all clubs as to your necessity for courses, in turn we can get the ball rolling for 2021, again the online courses will play an important role and follow up with practical sessions and certification. We look forward to welcoming old and new faces to these courses.

Go Games.
During a six-week window in August and September 2020, clubs got a chance to get a program of games for U8 & U10. Games were scheduled where clubs visited each other on a weekly basis and played matches. Due to the restrictions, bringing many clubs together was not viable or safe. Feedback from clubs was very positive, each club got seven weeks of activity, it ultimately proved a successful model, at some points during the year, any form of on-pitch activity looked very unsure so we were thrilled to be able to do this. Next year the Go Games age grade is heading to U7and U9 the viability of running the U11 in the current Go Games blitz concept could be a retrograde step. A structured games program with two official goals and a trained referee to oversee proceeding is required to ensure development continues at the correct rate. The hybrid of the current u12 could be used in a non-competitive environment where all clubs and players find their grade and level of ability. If we put U11s on to pitches with poles for goals and smaller pitches trying to facilitate a blitz format, as said before, this will be retrograde step and will not be conducive to the development of players at the correct rate. The coming together of the County Board, Divisional Bord Na Nóg and Games Development is required to ensure we do not miss the boat here.

Lockdown Challenges.
In conjunction with the West Tipperary GAA Juvenile Board, we came up with a very novel and exciting way of keeping clubs and players active and engaged during this Covid-19 pandemic. The initiative is based around individual skill development at home on a weekly basis. At the start of each week, Clubs are set a skill challenge by a current or former county player from the division and overseen by me throughout the week. The aim from a development perspective is total inclusion while encouraging Clubs to run their own Club skill challenge based on our weekly hurling and football videos which I sent to the club official via WhatsApp. Giving players best practice by using our County players was very important when setting the challenges thus hoping players will continuing practising throughout this very challenging time and aspire to someday follow in the footsteps of those setting the challenges by wearing the blue and gold in either football or hurling at county level, but most importantly to just get them out practising on a weekly basis albeit remotely.
The Clubs returned the player efforts by Thursday evenings, videos were assessed, an overall weekly winner was announced on Friday afternoon in both football and hurling. We were delighted to have a sponsor for this initiative also which was HR Accountants based in Kilsheelan. Proprietors John Ryan and Aoife Halley are big advocates of GAA Development and encouraging children to be active and get involved in GAA activity as they also sponsored the County Tipperary Primary School skills competition last year. A specially designed commemorative jersey was sent to the winners along with a special trophy which will be presented at the Bord Na Nóg medal presentation later in the year or possibly next year depending on restrictions. The initiative proved to be a major success, over 70 entries were received on a weekly basis. We also ran a very successful U14 Lockdown league over five weeks, a special thanks to John O Keeffe for setting weekly physical and skill challenges for these young players. John is a formed GDA and Inter County Player, he is always willing to help with development in any way he can. I would like to acknowledge the mentors that played a vital role in coordinating the U14 league also which included, Sean O Donoghue, Jason Connolly, PJ Mooney Cashel KC, Denis O Mahoney, Billy Ryan Arravale Rovers, Thomas Costello Cappawhite, Cormac Ryan, Gerry Heenan Rockwell Rovers, David Byrne Emly, Denis O Shea, Steven Chapman Aherlow, Lar Roche Galtee Rovers and Daren O Neill Knockavilla Kickhams.
U14 proceedings were looked after on a weekly basis by West Board Chairman, Conor English, who did a fantastic job. Conor is stepping down this year after completing a very successful run as Chairman. I would like to thank Conor and wish him well in future roles.
A special word of thanks also to our West Tipperary players that set the challenges for our under 12 competition on a weekly basis, players included, Conor Hammersley, Dylan Quirke Clonoulty Rossmore, Liam Fahey, Alan Moloney Rockwell Rovers, David Butler, Devin Ryan Knockavilla Kickhams, Niall Heffernan Golden Kilfeacle, Adam Mcgrath Galtee Rovers, Eoghan Connolly Cashel KC, Paddy Dalton, Johnny Ryan Arravale Rovers and Brian Fox Eire óg Anacarty.
Under 12 and 14 West Tipperary Lockdown skills challenge winners 2020.

This year marks my fifteenth year in Games Development, on reflection, an interesting statistic I read recently indicated West Tipperary is very much on par over the last seven or eight years with North and Mid Tipperary in relation to players in our County Academy Squads at Youth Level, ultimately feeding players on to County Minor panels. Take this year alone at Minor Hurling level, 10 players from West Tipperary are on the panel, with a few very unlucky to miss the cut, a fantastic achievement for our Juvenile clubs and a real reflection to the work our clubs are putting in. For these players, the real work starts now though, if they have the ambition to progress on to Senior Intercounty level, knowing all these young lads I am confident they do. However, from a developmental perspective, are these young players from eighteen to twenty-four years old going to get the necessary support and development within our division to make it to the top level. All this will depend on the Adult Club structures and support or the potential of a college team to help their cause, in particular Fitzgibbon Hurling or Sigerson in the football. Our County and Club Minor age are now under seventeen, with under twenty being the next age grade at adult club level. The transition of these new age grades will take time to adjust, but unfortunately due to fixtures restraints the under twenty

will be confined to the start and end of the year, where is the development in this? Is it time to look at some form of U19 - U21 development elite squads at divisional level? Who runs them? Would the divisional board have input? Who carries the cost? Coaching Personnel? All question that need consideration, however, the benefit would outweigh the concerns, in particular for those 10 West minor hurling players dreaming of someday wearing the Blue and Gold Senior Hurling jersey for Tipperary. Rookie player development squads in West Tipperary could potentially play a very important development role in both codes.
Munster Games Development, in conjunction with GDA's are currently rolling out, a new juvenile club development program incorporating seven strands including,

- Coaching and Games Development
- Health and Wellbeing
- Communication and P.R
- Finance and Fundraising.
- Social and Community.
- Organisation and structures.
- Volunteering and recruitment.

I am sure all clubs, inclusive of adult club section would appreciate the concept of development here. By having these seven pillars of your club vibrant, it will no doubt serve your club and most importantly your players well, whether they play at club level or progress on to intercounty. It will be important that clubs across all levels buy into this new development initiative, with particular emphasis on U17 to U24 year olds in West Tipperary. We are now at a crossroad in West Tipperary, we can produce quality players at youth level, we have proven that. Can we think outside the box to give these young West players a better chance to reach their full potential at the highest level, collectively I believe "now is the time".

West Tipperary Development squads.
We completed our interdivisional football at the start of 2020 but unfortunately restrictions put a halt to the hurling. A special word of thanks to all mentors and players that worked hard to represent West Tipperary. Below are the three squads that competed.

Finally, I would like to thank all who have worked tirelessly over the year. A year full of unknowns, lockdowns, concerns and anxiety. One thing will remain in the history books, West Tipperary Clubs stayed active, engaged, and interested when a pandemic made us lock our club gates. The spirit of our clubs and its people could not shine any brighter than it has done in these challenging times, the work all our GAA clubs put in fundraising for charities, doing deliveries etc for older and more vulnerable people in our society should also be commended, this will ultimately keep all our communities going and get us all back to our pitches as players, coaches or supporters in 2021, hopefully with that illusive Covid-19 vaccine.

Happy Christmas to all and best wishes for 2021.
Kevin Halley
Games Development Administrator.

U 13 West Football Cup finalists: Back row left to right: Ciaran Byrnes, Michael Bowes, David Bergin, Sam Hall, Oisin Cummins, Paddy Kennedy, Colm Kennedy, Shane Quigley, Colin Bourke, Faolán Doyle, Donnchadh Cleary, Sean Lewis, Cian O'Brien, Tommy Costello. Front row left to right: Pat Colville, Oisin O'Donoghue, Paddy Chapman, Seanie Bourke, Seán O'Mahony, Evan O'Neill, Colm Ryan, Cillian Barlow, Emment Bonner, Eoghan Dunne, Philip O'Neill.

South Tipperary Coaching & Games Report 2020

by Tom Fitzgerald, South Tipperary GDA

Tom Fitzgerald South Games Development Administrator

2020 was a challenging year for everyone but I would like to take the chance thank all clubs , schools and Bord Officers of South and County Bord for their help and support in my first year in the role as GDA for South Tipperary.

Primary Schools

- Coaching is taking place in schools on a weekly basis with approximately 60/70 hours a week. The Primary School Coaches Scheme creates a great link between club and school and is essential for recruitment of players.
- Most schools in south Tipperary are taking part in Cumann na mBunscoil competitions. For smaller schools which haven't the numbers to compete in competitions take part in Go Games Blitzes organised by Tipperary Coaching Games. These Blites have proven very successful and gives kids a chance to represent their school.
- I ran indoor hurling blites in Scoil Ruain and Dr O' Callaghan sports hall, Clonmel in February which proved to be a big success with 20 primary schools taking part and 600 children playing our games. The highlight of the day for the kids in Clonmel was the visit of Liam McCarthy Cup.
- I'm am currently running Fundamental ABC program through fun games in nine schools which is proving to be huge success.
- I would urge clubs to appoint school liaison officers and strengthen the link between club and schools, a help to promote our games in schools'

I would like to thank all coaches, principals and teachers for their continuous work promoting Gaelic Games in schools throughout South Tipperary.

Post Primary

• All schools in south division are taking part in Tipperary and Munster competitions .
• I ran a number of Primary School Go Games Blites which were refereed by TY young whistlers.

Ardfinnan Cul Camp

• I'm currently in the process of organising Young Whistlers and Coaching Foundation Courses in schools for TY students.
• Big thanks to the principals, teachers and students for all their help. It's been a big challenge for schools and students in the current covid restrictions so hopefully in 2021 we can complete all our games and blitzes.

Coach Education

- "Educating the next generation of club coaches"

Coach Education & Club Development is considered to be essential to both sustaining and improving the quality of coaching. There will be an upcoming Foundation and Award 1 courses that will be taking place over the next few weeks. The Foundation Award is aimed at beginner coaches which will help them to assist a coach in the organisation of activities and to develop hurling or football. It will be taking place online.

Camps

- 11 Kellogg's Cul Camps ran in the division 1,070 kids taking part. All camps ran very well and club coordinators completed the mandatory Covid-19 online course to familiarize themselves with best practice for the week of the camp. The club coordinators must especially be thanked for their cooperation.
- 36 coaches were in employed in the south division over the summer months.
- I would like to thank all club co-ordinators and coaches for their help and support.
- I would encourage all clubs promote and help in recruitment of coaches for Easter and Cul Camps.

Clubs

- I ran U12 lockdown league during first lock down in April this gave clubs a chance to compete against each other in hurling and football. Skills challenges were set by county players within the division. 13 clubs took part with St Marys/ Clonmel Commercials winning Division one and Ballylooby Castlegrace winning division two. I would like thank all U12 mentors in club for their help.
- We got are chance in September to run a very successful U8 and U10 Autumn Go Games Program. We teamed up with the West Division and clubs got a chance to play home and away over a six week period. I would like to thank clubs and mentors for hosting blitzes throughout this period.
- I am currently running U14 Feile Skill Competition in Hurling and Football within the division. This competition is to provide players with a opportunity for some outdoor activity in the absence of club matches during the current restrictions. 11 clubs have signed up for this competition. A winner will be put forward from each club for representation at divisional level.

Development Squads

- Well done to all the players who represented South Tipperary this year in hurling and football. Big thanks to all the mentors and bord members who were involved and helped out with each team.
- I would also like to thank Maura Grogan for all her help in the running of all squads.

A special thanks to the clubs and who allow us to use their facilities for training and matches.

Conclusion

- Thanks to Games Manager Dinny Maher and fellow GDA's Andy, Paudie and Kevin for making feel very welcome and apart of the team from day one. Big thanks to Co Chairman and John Devane and Co Secretary Tim Floyd for all the advice especially in the first few months of the job. Thanks to South Secretary Maura Grogan for all her help and all the staff in Lar na Pairce. I would like to wish ye all Happy Christmas and New Year.

South Tipperary Under 15 Football Squad

County Tipperary Coiste na nOg

Chomhdhail Bhliaintuil 2020.

On Wednesday 8th December 2020 at 8pm.

Tuarascail an Runai

I am pleased to present the 2020 annual report to County Convention as secretary of Coiste na nOg, Tiobráid Árann.

It was an eventful year with the covid pandemic and a lot of our competitions were not finished

Acknowledgement: I wish to acknowledge the much appreciated, co-operation of all divisional and club secretaries throughout the four divisions.

To all the referees and their officials a very special thanks for officiating with such professionalism. A special thanks to the chairman of the county referees Bord, John Bob Ryan and Jim O Shea for their patience and understanding when there was a change of venue or time.

To all our selectors and coaches of both codes sincere thanks for your time and commitment during the past 12 months.

Having our games recorded in photographic format is greatly appreciated both by the clubs and officers alike. Special thanks to Michael Boland who is always available to capture those precious moments for all our young players.

To my senior Bórd colleague Timmy Floyd many thanks for your co-operation and advise during the year. To John Devane Senior chairman for the encouragement given to our activities, thank you.

Officer Board. To PRO Morgan Lanigan thanks for your commitment to the Bórd and producing the various match programmes.

To our Treasurer Ann McGrath for your work in getting gate checkers for all the games and keeping the Bord finances in order.

Our chairman Martin Bourke who is in his final year has conducted the affairs of the Bord with fairness and understanding, it has been a pleasure to work with him over the last three years who was always at the end of the phone late at night or early morning to sort out issues, I wish him the best of luck in whatever roll he decides to carry on in GAA and life itself

Sympathy; On behalf of the Bord my sympathy to the families that suffered bereavements during the year.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish all G.A.A. friends and their families a Happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous 2021.

Buiochas libh go léir.

Seán Ó Sithigh

Coiste na nÓg Tiobraid Árann Report 2020

Coiste na nOg Officers 2020

Chairman	Martin Bourke	Boherlahan/Dualla
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West Secretary	John Whelton	Aherlow
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Rep to Coiste na nOg	Matt Geraghty	Rosegreen

County Finals Reports

County U16 'A' Hurling Final: Durlas Óg 1.27; Cappawhite Gaels 0.12: Ref: David Ryan

Durlas Óg made it an incredible four in a row u16 A county titles with another commanding performace. Once they hit their stride there was no doubt as to who would claim the Colm Phelan Memorial trophy.

The opening exchanges was everything you'd expect as both teams gave their all to grab a foothold in the game. The free taking from both Tommy Maher & James Quinlan was exceptional and played a big part in the first quarter. An early two point lead thanks to a Tommy free and Dara Minogue point from play was cancelled out by two James Quinlan frees. The game was still tight rucks and tough tackling with the water break looming Cappawhite Gaels took the lead thanks to three more James Quinlan frees. It wouldn't last long Tommy Maher, Ficahra O'Gorman and a Daniel Rossiter inspried point as dropped deep to win posession setting up Robbie Stapleton.

Cappawhite were playing with what wind was there but still couldn't breath life into their attacking play. Durlas Óg squezzed the life out of it. Kieran Woodlock was dominanting play with halfbacks Kieran Purcell, Odhran Donaghy & James Alaryian marking very tightly. Twenty four minutes passed before a Gaels point from play at the other end Jock Fogarty was causing a lot of trouble. A four point lead had been established before a brilliantly

taken goal. It started with Kieran Woodlock through Tommy Maher finding Fiachra O'Gorman who rolled his marker brfore firing home. The game was starting to open up Gaels best spell hitting two fom play to go in for half time score 1.13 - .10

This Durlas Óg team have no weakness the manner in which they took Cappawhite Gaels apart is no slight on the runners up. It's a credit to the worlk the players and mentoors have put in. The game was well beyond saving before a next Gaels point with time almost up. In that time Durlas Óg hit twelve points leading the way was Captain Tommy Maher, Philip Hayes got his name on the scoreboard. A highlight was James Alaryian purple spell he caught two puck outs in a row, the second he ran on to fire high over the bar for a rousing score. A celebratory tone to the applause and cheer. Even Aidan Stakelum in goal played his part when a 21 yard free was fired goal bound, he dived to block. Such high standards have never been seen four u16 A titles in a row will never be matched. A lot of the boys watching on as Tommy Maher collected the trophy from Chairman Martin Bourke will hope to make it five and who would bet against them.

Durlas Óg: Aidan Stakelum, Emmet Ralph, Kieran Woodlock, Conor Wall, James Alaryian, Odhran Donaghy, Kieran Purcell, Philly Hayes, Tommy Maher, Jock Fogarty, Dara Minogue, Fiachra o Gorman, Daniel Rossiter, Michael Anthony McCarthy, Robbie Stapleton, Niall Dunne, Alex Moloney Eoin Stakelum, Scott Brennan, Cian Forrestal, Joe Cornally, Aaron Moore, Paul Noonan, Dan Carroll, Evan Callanan, Mikey Lawlor, James Woodlock, Jack Condon, Stephen Dwan, Daniel Mockler, Michael Keogh, Stephen O Mara, Nathan Twomey, Eion Carew, Michael McCormack, Aidan Butler, Padraic Collins.

Mentors: Tony Lanigan(Manager) Tommy Maher(Coach) Andy Ryan Danny Ruddy Michael Russell Cian Treacy

Cappawhite Gaels Panel: Faolan Doyle, Tommy Costello, Cian O'Carroll(C), Jamie Buckley, Stephen Dee, Leon McCarthy, Tristan Stokes, James Quinlan, Sam Carmody, Kyle Walshe, Caoimhin Doody, Conor Martin, Brian Buckley, Thomas O'Mahony, Conor Gantley, Oran Kelly, Conor Ryan, Darragh O'Hora, Josh Fahey, Michael English, Sean Hayes, John O'Donnell, Kian O'Donoghue, Denis Collins O'Dwyer, Sean O'Shea, Sean Togher.

Management: Adrian Carmody, Joe Carmody, Owen Doody, Thomas Martin, Liam Ryan, Rory O'Farrell, Martin Caulfield, Christy McLoughlin, Philip Delaney.

County Under 16 B Hurling Final
Boherlahan 1-16; Knockmealdown Gaels 1-15: Referee: Paddy Russell

This final was not for the fainthearted as these two formidable and unrelenting teams went at it hammer and tongs during over 60 minutes of quality hurling in a balmy Golden on Saturday. The majority of the spectators opted to stay out of the stand and on the Cashel side to catch some of the overzealous rays of sunshine that were beaming down on the September afternoon.

Despite the heat, a swirling wind was blowing on the pitch. Boherlahan got off to a fast start despite going two points to nothing down in the opening two minutes after scores from Knockmealdown Gaels' Dylan Morrissey and a free from Oisin Ryan.

Boherlahan turned that deficit around quickly and after eighteen minutes led seven points to three after scores from Ross Darcy (two points), Dylan Fogarty (65 and a free), Sean Bourke, Conor O'Dwyer, Dean Mulcaire. Knockmealdown didn't panic though as Oisin Ryan et al chipped away at the lead as he and Boherlahan's Dylan Fogarty exchanged frees and 65s while Boherlahan's Paddy Gahan got two super points from play within seconds of each other after 25 minutes. Chris O'Donnell, who was superb for Knockmealdown, also chipped in with a great point on 26 minutes as the south Tipperary team rallied - with the help of a point of the match from Cathal English on 28 minutes following the early onslaught from Boherlahan.

Knockmealdown went in at half-time on eight points to Boherlahan's ten and it was clear that this game would go down to the wire.

With just over a minute gone in the first half Evin Hyland found the net for Knockmealdown Gaels but Boherlahan hit back straight away through Paddy Gahan who buried the ball in the net thirty seconds later at the other end to bring the scores to 1-10 to 1-08 in favour of Boherlahan. The teams again exchanged scores but Knockmealdown had closed the gap and after the water break they came out with a real belief that they could drive on and win the game. Their roar coming out of the huddle was heard all around the grounds. Something had shifted in their mindset. Knockmealdown Gaels went from drawn at 1-11 to 1-11 at the water break fifteen minutes into the second half to going 1-15 to 1-12 up with eight minutes remaining in the game.

Dylan Fogarty had been overheard telling his teammates at half-time that the first score of the second half would be very important. But it was the last four scores of the game that would come to matter and Boherlahan would score all of them.

It was very much a cometh the hour, cometh the men moment as Boherlahan trailed by three points with just a few minutes remaining.

It started with a captain's score, Dean Mulcaire stepped up to slot a point. Then Dylan scored two supremely difficult frees - one from inside is own 65 and a second free from the village side of the pitch 45 yards out. It didn't seem to matter where he was hitting them from, as he put the sides all square and heading towards extra time. No one, however, had accounted for Boherlahan substitute Tommy Breen, who came on to the field with fifteen minutes to go. The son of Conor and Kate, he had had enough of Boherlahan's near-misses and valiant defeats. Today was a day to bring the cup home to the village.

He snapped up the ball on the Knockmealdown 21-yard line after a zippy pass from the omnipresent Jake Canny.

Tommy deftly turned to his right to give himself some room and slotted it straight between the posts and landed the ball somewhere in Bansha. It was all over as Boherlahan clinched the crown at the death, on a full-time score line of 1-16 to 1-15.

It was heartbreak for Knockmealdown Gaels but they will be back again. There is certainly a county title in that talented team. In a day when both teams were heroes to a man, it is worth noting one individual in particular.

The left corner back for Boherlahan, John Trainor, played an outstanding game and hoovered up a huge amount of ball.

It is a thankless position and the result could have been very different were it not for John's effort at times during the game.

At a very young age, he appears to have mastered the art of being a corner back. He is a young talent worth keeping an eye on.

Cormac Gleeson in goals for Boherlahan also deserves a special mention and play brilliantly throughout the game.

After the match, Martin Bourke, a Boherlahan native and chairman of Coiste na nÓg in Tipperary, described the U16 B County Hurling title as one which had eluded the parish for a long, long time. A Boherlahan team had never won the the Corn na Banban Arna Bhronnadh Cup in the club's history. Martin Bourke presented the cup to Boherlahan captain, Dean Mulcaire

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MOYNE-TEMPLETOUHY U16 COUNTY HURLING CHAMPIONS 2020

County Tipperary U16'C' Hurling Final
Moyne Templetuohy 2-17, Emly 3-12
By Mark Dunne

Two periods of extra time were required to separate the hurlers of Moyne Templetuohy and Emly, in a pulsating and thrilling affair in Dundrum on Saturday morning last in the County 16C Hurling Final.

A good opening attack from Moyne saw Brian Campion fouled with Guilfoyle scoring the resultant free. Moyne Templetuohy were on top during the opening exchanges and Deegan doubled their lead shortly after. Emly had chances but their initial shots each drifted across the goal and wide. Oisín Fawl finally settled Emly with a good free from 45m out. 0-02 to 0-01. Guilfoyle added one more following good link up play between himself and Cormac Deegan. 0-03 to 0-01 14mins on the clock. Colin Murphy clawed one back following a super run up the field. 0-03 to 0-02. Peter Heffernan then scored a tight free to see the team's level at the water break. Emly took control after the water break and dealt a killer blow when Diarmuid O'Carroll netted to give Emly their first lead 1-03 to 0-03. Colin Murphy added one more to extend the lead to four. Cormac Deegan brought the difference back to three after he was fouled and pointed the resultant free himself. The gap was then reduced to two when Brian Campion also pointed from a placed ball. 1-04 to 0-05 the half time score.

Emly restarted the game the brightest. Captain Brian Burke scored a long range free to extend his teams lead to three. Oisín Fawl extended this to four with a free of his own, 1-06 to 0-05. Game beginning to get going. Brian Campion continued his good form in the opening half to reduce the gap to three, Diarmuid O'Carroll's goal the difference. Cormac Deegan narrowed this further again with a monster point from the middle of the field. However, on the tenth minute mark of the second half Emly dealt Moyne another huge blow when a long ball in found its way to Peter Heffernan who netted, 2-06 to 0-07. Finn Jones got closest soon after, but the ball bounced straight across the goal and wide. Brian Campion got a decisive point just before the water break as his team began to get into the game 2-06 to 0-08. Deegan pointed a free just after the break to bring three points between the sides. Both sets of supporters now getting behind their team. Peter Heffernan of Emly added one more following good build up play by the Emly forwards. 2-07 to 0-09. Deegan returned the point to leave only a goal between the sides. Moyne Templetuohy searched hard for the goal and to their credit it did come. A long ball into the square pulled across by Deegan and pulled again by Guilfoyle. Draw game 2-07 to 1-10. Both teams searched desperately for the winning score, but it never came.

Extra Time begun with the same ferocity as normal time. Scores may have been difficult to come by in the early stages, but both sets of players have to be complimented on the intensity that they brought. Peter Heffernan broke the deadlock with another long range free to give the black and amber a one-point lead. Heffernan added to his total with another free this time from a tight angle. 2-09 to 1-10. Cormac Deegan pointed just before the interval with a superb score off his left out on the far side-line. 2-09 to 1-11. Deegan pointed again after the restart 2-09 to 1-11. Teams level again. Peter Heffernan raised another wide flag from a free shortly afterwards to send Emly a point to the good. Time ticking away. 2-10 to 1-12. Another blow to come for Moyne Templetuohy, a Heffernan free was hit in, found its way to Oisín Fawl who rattled the net, 3-10 to 1-12. Moyne Templetuohy responded well through a Deegan free, 3-10 to 1-13. Moyne Templetuohy now desperately in need of another goal, searched for the decisive score and once again it came. Deegan fouled, 25m out, stepped up to take the free, bounced it in front of a packed line. Goal! 3-10 to 2-13. Draw game once more. That man Deegan pointed soon afterwards to send the green and gold a point up with time up! However, Emly were not finished and up stood their Captain, Diarmuid O'Carroll who pointed to bring the teams level once again. There was not time for anything else and extra time finished level. 3-11 to 2-14

Two further periods of 5mins were decided upon. With both sets of players tiring scores were going to be hard to come by. Diarmuid Campion pointed the opening score for Moyne before Peter Heffernan responded with a score of his own. 3-12 to 2-15. Cormac Deegan pointed another placed ball, and this was quickly followed by another Diarmuid Campion point to give Moyne Templetuohy a two-point lead. There were to be no more scores in the game and scenes of joy greeted all those present as referee Richard O'Connor blew the full-time whistle. Joint Captains Brian Campion and Cormac Deegan collected the County U16C Trophy from County Bord Na nÓg Vice Chairman Tommy Landers.

Scorers: Moyne Templetuohy: Cathal Guilfoyle (0-01 free, 1-01 play), Cormac Deegan (0-04 play. 1-06 free), Brian Campion (0-01 free. 0-02 play), Diarmuid Campion (0-02)

Emly: Oisín Fawl (0-02 Free, 1-00 play), Colin Murphy (0-02), Peter Heffernan (0-04 free, 1-02 play), Diarmuid O'Carroll (1-01), Brian Burke (0-01 free)

J. K. BRACKENS COUNTY U14 A CHAMPIONS 2020

County U14 A Hurling Final
JK Brackens 1.11; Mullinahone 0.10: Ref: Padhraic Greene

JK Brackens secured a first ever U14 A title in Boherlahan, Sean Purcell's goal was vital to keeping Mullinahone at bay.
Early on both teams tried to find the loose man, Brackens nudged in front points from Jamie Ormond, Ciaran O'Shea. Mullinahone kicked into gear key was Darragh Linnane launching attacks, spells in the opposition half, drawing fouls. A quickly taken free caught Brackens off guard Sam Rowen's shot flew over, point. Sam added the next three, two free's and a '65' the pick of the free's tight to the twenty-one and side-line. The hard running from Mullinahone was the main talking point during the water break.

Brackens upped the work rate drawing level minutes after the restart. Jamie Ormond converted a central free he won followed again by Ciaran O'Shea point thanks to an excellent assist from Tom Corcoran. End to end both centre backs were in fine form Dylan Quinlan watched as his clearance ended with a Jamie Ormond over the shoulder point. The reply was quick Sam Rowen from the puck out started a move that was halted illegally Adam Doyle converting. Half time approaching Cian Sheedy hit a high ball across, Sean Purcell pulled first time clipping the post on the way in a vital goal halftime 1.06 - .05

Mullinahone gave everything and if Alex Britton's first minute goal bound kick hadn't been instinctively saved this could've been their day. Further attacks yielded nothing Brackens thanks to Sean Purcell & Ciaran O'Shea won a free which Jamie pointed. A telling opening five minutes the next five were all Brackens. Jamie free's book ended a superb Cian Sheedy effort and a forth point from play for Ciaran O'Shea.

Eight points ahead Brackens began to drop deeper the Mullinahone charge never let up. They hit four unanswered points from play Sam Rowen two, Adam Doyle & Ned O'Meara one each. There were chances for goal, a twenty-one-metre free was saved by Cormac Bourke and cleared by Dylan Quinlan. Another more difficult angle attempt was sent wide. This steeled Brackens resolve as they held on for a most memorable vistory. This is another step forward for one of Tipperary's form GAA clubs.

Captains Cormac Bourke & Dylan Quinlan collected the John Flanagan trophy from PRO Morgan Lanigan to scenes of jubilation.

JK Brackens: Cormac Bourke (J/C), Billy Collier, Robert Campion, Dayle Hogan, Robert Lee, Dylan Quinlan (J/C), Tom Corcoran, Josh Quinlan, Jack Marnell, Jamie Ormond, Kyle Whelan, Sean Purcell, Aodhna Barrett, Ciaran O'Shea, Cian Sheed. Sean Walsh, Padraig O'Shea, Tommy Burle, Niall Delaney, Jack Burke, Shane Leahy, Cian Broderick, Kieran Martin

Mentors: Anthony Marnell, PJ Corcoran, Shane Scully, Neill Quinlan, Tom Murphy, Caroline Broderick & Willie Whelan First Aid - Arther Kelly

Mullinahone: Dylan Morrissey, Shane McGrath, Finn Morrissey, Liam Hogan, Eoin Treacy, Darragh Linnane,Cillian Direen, Adam Doyle, Cillian O'Halloran, Matthew Direen, Sam Rowen, Ned O'Meara, Philip Dunne, Alex Britton, Liam Doyle, Nathan Treacy, Brian O'Dwyer, Pearce Vaughan, Colin O'Brien, Luke Duggan, Jack Dunne, Luke Maher, Oisin Maher, Adam Houlihan, Patrick Phlean, Sean Moore, Philip Lynch, Dillan O'Rourke, Joe O'Gorman, Ewen McGrath. Mentors: Aidan Morrissey, Joey O'Meara, Enda Keane, Colin Shelly & Michael Dunne

County U14 B Hurling Final
Roscrea 1.08; Cappawhites Gaels 0.10: Ref: John Lillis

Roscrea made a first half switch that saw them open up a gap that they rightly managed to hold on to claiming the U14 B title.
This was a very tense match as Roscrea lined up with a stiff breeze behind them. However, they had a hill to climb after a brilliant first quarter from Cappawhite. Roscrea launched numerous attacks but found no way through. Cappa Gaels had three different scorers sharing four points. Billy Hayes hit two frees while Josh Fahey showed his skill setting up the excellent Denis Collins before bombing over a long distance free. It took everything they had to make that lead. Roscrea had a superb tight angled side-line point from Sam Dooley that would grace any level of hurling. It was the move of Leigh Loughnane into full forward that opened this game up. The supply route was set up, the ball low in front and let Leigh loose. Inside two minutes he had 1.01 to go ahead. Another brilliant Sam Dooley for the Ros to extend the lead. Backs Cathal McDonald & Josh Loughnane were stopping everything with Sean Synnott launching attacks. Three more points two for Leigh, one for Sean to go in 1.07 - .04 at the break.

Cappawhite Gaels gave the winners a lot to worry about a first minute Sean O'Shea free put wind in their sails. Sean added a point from play again they started hooking, blocking and harrying everyone in possession. It was Harry Loughnane that would be key a seven-minute miss hit free was destined for a Cappa goal that was desperately needed, Harry saved. Roscrea attacks came thanks to some brilliant Billy Hayes footwork

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yet yielded nothing. A Cappa double from Faolin Doyle left that dangerous two-point lead for Roscrea to defend. That lead would be halved when second half sub Cathal Martin pointed. All that before the water break which was in contrast to the final quarter. No lack of effort the mid-day sun sapped the energy from the players efforts. It would take something special to win this Aaron Moloney picked and passed to Sam Dooley to point what was the winner. Cappa launched long balls in a Sean O'Shea free brough it back to one point. Pressure on Harry Loughnane was the calmest personified dealing with two very tricky attacks to seal a hard-fought win.

Captain Sean Synnott collected the trophy from County P.R.O Morgan Lanigan as roars of the Ros rang around Boherlahan.

Roscrea: Harry Loughnane, Luke Toher, Cathal McDonald, Conor Hoctor, Daithi Mulvey, Josh Loughnane, Oisin O'Shea, Sean Synnott, Declan Walsh, Sam Dooley, Leigh Loughnane, Darrach Fletcher, Aaron Moloney, Billy Hayes, Jack Moloney, Matthew Moore, Corey Moloney, Bobby Lynch, Sean Nolan, Eoin Moore, Michael Loughnane, Patrick Moloney

Mentors: Damien Synnott, Tony Hoctor, Pat Lee, Colm Nolan, David Dooley, Enda Moloney, Kevin Moloney

Cappawhite Gaels: Morgan O'Conor, Mikey Barry, Conor Ryan, Michael English, Conor Gantley, John O'Donnell, Tommy Costello, Sean O'Shea, Josh Fahey, Darragh O'Hara, John Kelly, Brian Buckley, James Barry, Faolain Doyle, Denis Collins. Subs: Josh O'Dwyer, Sean Hayes, Kian O'Donoghue, Darragh Moloney, Gavin Nugent, Dylan McCarthy, Cathal Martin, Jack Ryan, Conor McCarthy, Jamie Renehan, Ciaran Downey, Eoin Ryan, Darragh Hayes, Patrick O'Conor, Thomas Collins.

County U14 'C' Hurling Final
Ballylooby/castlegrce 3.05
Golden Kilfeacle 0.07
Ref: Richard O'Conor

Ballylooby/Castlegrace claimed the first county hurling title in a year that will never be forgotten. It brought an end to a very successful competition with more players playing against teams they may not have ever played.

The game began at a fast pace with both teams having chances to score. The early morning start did certainly didn't bother Cathal Tobin with his back to goal he fired to the top corner for a seventh minute goal. Golden responded with a Cairan Byrne free just before the first water break. Again Balltlooby/Castlegrace were quickly out of the blocks and a great point by Filip Miklaszewski was quickly followed by a great individual goal by Cathal Tobin who after a mazy run tapped the ball into the back of the opposition net. Golden responded with three points, Ning Brennan & Jamie Moloney from play from play the other a Ciaran Byrne free to leave the halftime score Ballylooby/Castlegrace 2-01 Golden/Kilfeacle 0-04.

With a stiff breeze at our backs and all to play for it was Golden/Kilfeacle who started the better in the third quarter. However, they found a determined South midfield fighting for every ball like their lives depended on it. Two further Golden/Kilfeacle frees made it a one-point game. A score at this stage was badly needed and Greg Nugent gladly obliged from a free to leave two between the sides again. The game was on a knifes edge when that man stepped up again Cathal Tobin's goal just after a point from play gave his team a bit of breathing room. Golden/Kilfeacle attacked again and scored another point but two super long-range strikes by Filip Miklaszewski fittingly brought the scoring to an end.

Daniel Burke and Filip Miklaszewski as joint captains received the Cup from Juvenile County Chairman Martin Bourke.

Facilitating such competitions has to be the way forward it's a lot of work for coaches to keep players involved to organising of games. It certainly makes it easier when they're playing for their own club. Huge thanks to all the teams for make this a success in the main. Not every game was played but certainly a lot more than if it didn't go ahead. A memorable win for all involved it was both clubs first teams where there may have been combo's in the past.

Ballylooby/Castlegrace: Daniel Burke, Cathal Butler, Shane O Brien, Geroid Hurley, Luke Morrissey, Kieran Proven, Greg Nugent(.01 free), Filip Miklaszewski(.03), Shane Ahearn, Calum Doyle, Jack Owens, Cathal Tobin (3.01), Maurice Tobin, Leigh Murphy, Kilian Tobin

Selectors: Michael Hurley, Paul Nugent, Tony Morrissey

Golden Kilfeacle: Cian Ryan, Daniel Dwyer, Kevin Hogan, Charlie Hall, James McLaughlin, Sam Hall, Cian Lonergan, Ciaran Byrne (C), Ian Ryan, Ning Brennan, Sean White, Killian Burke, Harry Fogarty, Jamie Maloney, Conor Murnane, Eoghan White, Max Crowe, Barry Molumby. MENTORS: John Colohan, Shane O'Connell, Niall Fogarty, Brian Fogarty, John Currivan, Brian Leamy

BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE U14C COUNTY HURLING CHAMPIONS 2020

County U12 'B' Hurling Final
Silvermines 2.10
Cahir 2.04
Ref: John Flynn

Silvermines dashed any hope of Cahir making it two in a row with a brilliant performance creating enough chances to win two games. Conor Ryan put on some display to lead the way.

There were key players throughout but it was the battle between Conor & keeper Euan McGee that stood out. Conor was sharp from the off he found Euan was just as sharp stopping on no less than seven occasions. Both are destined to star for their clubs and who knows where their journey will take them.

The teams traded points to get things going Eoin Grace from play and Travis McLoughlin for Cahir. Eoin controlled things in a minute spell he set up Paul Shanahan & Conor Ryan as well as a missed chance. Cahir relied on frees Travis McLoughlin would hit two of the next three scores to keep in touch. Silvemines finished the half very strong added two points to his tally and saw two further shots saved for '65's which Eoin Grace pointed. During that spell Paul Shanahan pointed while the wide count began to rise sharply, .08 - .03 halftime

At no point did the Cahir challenge wain even after it received a killer blow. Conor Ryan fired through a crowd Euan again saved the parry landing in the path of the other Conor Ryan for a goal. The number ten followed that with a point from play. Nine-point gap inspiration was needed and when Travis lined up a free it was a big ask, he fired low, goal. Great cheer gave hope the reality was with Conor Ryan around it wasn't going to last long. A long range free was dropping the only player active was Conor who batted home. The Silvermines boys could be forgiven for thinking it was job done. Not just yet, Will Burke fired home a wonder goal and moments later Tiernan Power ripped a shot goal wards that flew over the bar. The gap wouldn't get any closer Eoin Grace pointed a free to bring to a close an end to end second half. Captains Mark Hoare & Eoin Grace rounded off their performance with fine speeches after Chairman Martin Burke presented the trophy.

SLIVERMINES COUNTY U12 B HURLING CHAMPIONS (1)

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Silvermines Robert Ryan, Mark Hoare, Daniel McKelvey (JC), Jack Quirke-Jones, Charlie Moran, Eoin Grace (J/C)(.04 – 2'65's, 1 free), Oisin Ryan, Paul Shanahan(.02), Ethan Connolly, Conor Ryan(1.04), Jimmy Timmons, Conor Ryan(1.00), Colin Whelan. Mentors: Noel Shanahan, Denis Kenneally, Robert McKelvey, Paddy Ryan, Declan O'Meara

Cahir: Euan Magee (C), Sean Lonergan, Conor Burke, Will Burke(1.00), Kevin O'Dwyer, Garry Hanrahan, Liam Kelly, Tiernan Power(.01), Travis McLoughlin(1.03 frees), Eoin Kirby, Ben Hennessy, Darragh Hickey, Billy Molan, James O'Sullivan, Thomas O'Donovan

Mentors: Martin Hanrahan, Derek Davis, Michael Hickey, Jonathan McLoughlin, Mary McLoughlin, Eamon Burke

County U12 C Hurling
Clerihan 2.08
Portroe .01
Ref: Patrick Murray

Clerihan made it two in a row with a commanding performance Shane Cooney leading the way for a memorable win.

The game played with a freshening wind going towards the scoreboard corner. Got off to a fast start with keeper Callum Condon called into action straight away. Portroe had another attack that was stopped Shane Cooney involved. Moments later he would have Clerihan's first shot at goal, it came back off the post. He would get the game's first score surrounded he side stepped before cleverly scooping the ball over the bar. Another man causing problems all day was Roan Hally he was fouled Shane pointed. Next Roan was the link man for a vital score, Michael Dempsey passing to Roan who put Shane through, goal.

Portroe's Tristan Howard was doing his best to get his team going. His catch and strike for a point while a joy to watch would be their only score. Stephen Ryan and Tommy Odwyer had goal chances just missed at either end. The half was just drawing to a close when Shane Cooney now play8ing deeper sent a high ball in Roan Hally smartly flicked to the net to give his team an unrsumountable seven point lead.

The second half saw Portroe up their game but couldn't find a way past Harry Hickey & Michaeal Dempsey. On at the break Iarlaith Conroy got on plenty of ball but no break through. The game had to wait until the thirty-sixteenth minute for another score it was of course Shane Cooney. This time pointing a free he had won. The next score was a reflection of why the second played out. Key man Tristan Howard now marking Shane, Tristan tried to clear Shane blocked him down the ball came to Tommy O'Dwyer whose hand pass gave Roan Hally plenty of time to point. This put an extra pep in Clerihan's step as they added four more points all from the hurl of Shane Cooney.

A most unique achievement to win back to back U12 C titles after a first ever last year. Captain Harry Hickey collected the trophy from Chairman Martin Burke. Making it a happy journey down South, credit to the Portroe boys who will forever be North Champions 2020.

Clerihan: Callum Condon, Harry Hickey (C), Michael Dempsey, Cian Dunne Clarke, Darragh Mc Cully, Shane Cooney(1.07, 5-frees), Zach Palmer, Roan Hally(1.01), Jack O'Dwyer, James Ahearne(v/c), Tommy O'Dwyer, Matthew Mc Elroy, Finn Hogan. Mentors: Garrett Condon, Seamus Hally, Aran Harrigan, Steve Hickey, Gavin O'Dwyer, Gerry Horan

Portroe: Shane Quinn, Daniel Lyons, Robert Seymour, Oisin O'Driscoll, Tristan Howard (C)(.01), Sam Gallahue, Kevin Finn, Shaun Murphy, Adam O'Callaghan, Stephen Ryan, Robert Horan, Iarlaith Conroy, James Seymour, Oilleog O'Driscoll, Craig Mckenna

Mentors: Tom Gallahue, manager, Pa Conroy, Mackey Mckenna, James Seymour snr, Adrian Murphy, Colm Gleeson, Oisin o Connor, Ben o Connor

CLERIHAN COUNTY U12 C HURLING CHAMPIONS (1)

DOM BROWN UNDER 13 FOOTBALL IN DUNDRUM

Round	Team and Scores		Referee
Round 1	Mid 3-05	North 2-08	Kieran Barret
	South 3-10	West 2-05	John Dooley
Round 2	South 5-06	North 0-03	Philip Kelly
	West 2-10	Mid 3-05	James Lees
Round 3	West 2-10	North 2-04	Richard O'Connor
	South 3-12	Mid 1-06	Kieran Barrett
Cup Final	South 3-09	West 1-10	John Butler
Shield Final	Mid 4-08	North 4-07	Sean Bradshaw
	Captains Cup: Sam Rowan Mullihahone		
	Shield: Tadhg O'Donnell, Boherlahan.		

Dom Browne Cup Final: South Tipp 3.09; West Tipp 1.10 The South continued their form to capture the title they won so convincingly last year. A full panel performance marking it as a real success. Goals either side of the break from Matthew Direen gave them a very healthy lead and was just reward for their dominance of the game. His first half goal afforded them a six point lead half time lead. That came after a patient start with scores not easy to come by. Evidence of the quality of the South team could be seen on the list of scorers. They had four points before a West score. A Jack Bourke free got the ball rolling before Darragh Leanne, Adam O'Connell & Keelan Hartigan pointed. The West have a very good side Oisin O'Donoghue hit most of their scores they managed two points before the lead was extended thanks to that Matthew Direen goal. The second half and a good West start frustratingly resulted with a wide from a score able free. The South had no such issues from that kick out the ball was moved up field Jack Bourke pointing adding another moments later. Cian O'Brien was key to the West putting up a fight to the final whistle he pointed before the South hi killer blows. Two goals one each for Milo McNamara & wing back Shane Ryan giving them an eleven point lead. More players got to taste the action as the West hit scores thanks mostly to Oisin O'Donoghue & Cian O'Brien. Oisin hit a goal and watched as other chances were missed. Emmet Bonner was playing well his point only offered to put a good look on the scoreboard. Credit to the South players who made it two Dom Browne titles in a row with this win.

South Panel: Shane Ryan Ballingarry, Jamie O'Keeffe Clonmel Commercials, Jack Norris Kilsheelan, Cian McCarthy Moyle Rovers, Shane Ryan Ardfinnan, Michael O'Reilly Moyle Rovers, Billy Tierney Clonmel Commercials, Darragh Landers Clonmel Commercials, Keelan Hartigan Kilsheelan, Sam Rowan Captain Mullinahone, Darragh Leanne Ballingarry, Liam Freaney Kilsheelan, Adam O'Connell Ballingarry, David Coyne Newcastle, Jack Bourke Grangemockler, Mark Neville Fethard, Milo McNamara Clonmel Commercials, Matthew Direen Mullinahone, Michael Connellan Clonmel Commercials, James Power Clonmel Commercials, Oisin Ryan Fethard, Cillian Fahey

Clonmel Commercials, Finn Morrissey Mullinahone, Paudie Ryan Moyle Rovers. Mentors: Trevor Creed, Tommy Murphy, John Owens, Kevin Shelley.

Dom Browne Shield: Mid Tipp 4.08; North Tipp 4.07

This was a highly entertaining match up with Mid-Tipp having to overcome a two point deficit at the break. They held the lead as North efforts lay siege on the goal when the final whistle blew. On a cold morning we had three quick fire goals to grab our attention Ronan O'Brein set up the first fro Finn Jones before scoring himself. The North did reply Charlie Grace netting. The North hit the next two scores Tadgh Whyte was key to his team challenge pointing. Continued North pressure forced Eoin Collins to make a great save to deny a goal. It was end to end the Mid had missed chances before Jamie Ormond's two points to extend the lead. However they wouldn't hit another before the break, the North did. Tadgh Whyte pointed a free Cathal McSherry followed that with a point of his own. The comeback was completed when Charlie Grace hit a second goal to send his team ahead at the break. The teams opened with a point a piece frees from Jamie Ormond & Tadgh Whyte just as the tables turned. Finn Jones fired home a penalty, with points from Cathal Guilfoyle & Keith Loughnane. A three point lead for the Mid boys didn't last long Tadgh hit 1.01 from dead balls. A truly exciting game had one more twist Jamie Ormond dangerous throughout converted a penalty won by the clever Tom Ryan. Jamie hit the three points that would put them beyond the North's best efforts. The North pushed all the way every player will have gained a lot from this experience, credit to both set ups and best wishes to all in the hurling.

Mid-Tipp Panel: Eoin Collins (JK Brackens), Bobby Power (Boherlahan Dualla), Tadhg O'Donnell (Captain) (Boherlahan Dualla), Mark Fox (Moyne Templetuohy), David Costigan (Moycarkey Borris), Josh Quinlan (JK Brackens),, Jack Lahart (Holycross Ballycahill), Patrick Gahan (Boherlahan Dualla), Evan Morris (Holycross Ballycahill), Sean Purcell (JK Brackens), Jamie Ormonde (JK Brackens), Cathal Guilfoyle (Moyne Templetuohy), Charlie Ryan (Boherlahan Dualla), Ronan O'Brien (Durlas Óg), Finn Jones (Moyne Templetuohy), Keith Loughnane (Durlas Óg), Dylan Quinlan (JK Brackens), Tom Ryan (Moycarkey Borris), Shane Leahy (JK Brackens), Oisin O'Dwyer (Clonakenny) , Cormac Cahill (Drom/Inch), Conor O'Sullivan (Holycross Ballycahill), Cathal Ryan (Loughmore Castleiney), Cormac Foy (JK Brackens), Robert Lee (JK Brackens), Mikey Ryan (Loughmore Castleiney), Paudie Griffin (Upperchurch Drombane), Daniel Hayes Moycarkey Borris, John Broderick (Durlas Óg), Ciaran O'Shea (JK Brackens), Injured: Sean Lloyd (Durlas Óg) Louis Coghlan (Moycarkey Borris)

North Panel: James Morris Borrisokane, Eoin Garrigan Nenagh Eire Og, Patrick Sheehy Moneygall, Cathal England Kilruane, Billy Collins Ballina, Cillian Ryan Ballina, Sean Lyons Ballina, Cathal McSherry Silvermines, Eoin Boyle Borrisoleigh, Sean Synott Inane Rovers, Michael Ryan Burges, Tadgh Whyte Moneygall, Charlie Grace Ballina, Richard Cullinan Kiladagan, Michael Moylan Nenagh Eire Og, Sam Dooley Inane Rovers, Sean Hough Shannon Rovers, John O'Dwyer Shannon Rovers, Aaron McGrath Shannon Rovers, Darragh Treacy Silvermines, Leigh Loughnane Inane Rovers, Cathal Murphy Borrisokane, Luke Power Ballina, Ronan Cunneen Silvermines, Sam Carey Moneygall, Aaron Mulready Inane Rovers

MICK FRAWLEY UNDER 14 FOOTBALL IN EMLY

Round	Team and Scores		Referee
Round 1	North 4-06	Mid 2-02	James Lees
	West 3-08	South 3-07	Patrick Murray
Round 2	West 2-15	West 3-07	James Lees
	South 3-08	Mid 0-06	Pat O'Mahony
Round 3	West 2-15	Mid 1-00	Seanie Peters
	South 1-10	North 1-02	David Grogan
Cup Final	South 4-13	West 1-02	Sean Bradshaw
Shield Final	North 2-08	Mid 2-07	Richard O'Connor
	Captains Cup: Oisin Ryan, Fr. Sheehys		
	Shield: Josh Chadwick		

The Mick Frawley Cup: South Tipp 4.13; West Tipp 1.02

This was some achievement for the South Tipp footballers having won their competition last year. This saw some twenty players involved with Tipp development squads and yet they had more than enough to take the title. Last year they kept two teams for the hurling that extra-time with those players certainly didn't do any harm. Congrats to all involved from players, parents, coaches and administrators:

South Tipp Panel: Darragh Landers - Clonmel Óg, Thomas Ryan – Killenaule, Alex McSharry – Commercials, Adam Zorgotti - Clonmel Óg, Cormac Lynch – Commercials, John Paul Phelan (V C) Moyle Rovers, Oisin Ryan (Capt)- Fr Sheehys, Charlie English – Ballyporeen, Adam Cooney – Commercials, Nathan Barrett – Killenaule, Ben Carey – Ballylooby, Julian Kerton - Clonmel Óg, Darragh O'Connor – Commercials, Paddy O' Keeffe - Moyle Rovers, Alex Greene - Clonmel Óg, Mark Hickey – Commercials, Luke Ryan – Killenaule, Matthew Coen – Fethard, Jake Forristal - Moyle Rovers, John Paul English - Fr Sheehys, Ruairi Kelly – Kilsheelan, Niall Deely – Commercials, Eoin Condon - Clonmel Óg, Robbie Noonan - St Pats. Adam Hennessey Cahir (injured)Mark Corcoran Clerihan, Ben Doyle Ballylooby, Cillian McNamara Commercials

Mentors: Tommy Sheehan Fethard, Tomas Fitzgerald Killenaule, Richie McGrath Fr Sheeehys, Sean Quirke Clonmel Óg, John McNamara Clonmel Commercials, Maura Grogan Admin.

West Tipperary Panel: Marcus Kinane - Arravale Rovers, Conor O'Dwyer - Cashel King Cormacks, Richard Ferncombe – Clonoulty Rossmore, Liam Finnane - Galtee Rovers,Peter Heaney – Rockwell Rovers, Joe O'Callaghan - Galtee Rovers, Brian Furlong – Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams, Diarmaid Carr - Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams, Ryan McKnight – Golden, Oisin Fawl – Emly, Ciaran McCarthy – Galtee Rovers, Sean Cannon - Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams, Triston Stokes – Solohead, Evan Carrie – Arravale Rovers , Andrew Irwin – Cashel King Cormacks, Tyler Barry – Golden, Michael Gleeson - Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams, Jack Bergin – Golden, Kieran O'Dwyer - Cashel King Cormacks, Joseph O'Dwyer - Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams, Jack Crowe - Galtee Rovers, Evan Kennedy - Galtee Rovers, Rory McCaul - Arravale Rovers, Eoghan Byrnes – Galtee Rovers, Conall Grogan – Galtee Rovers.

Mick Frawley Shield: North Tipp 2.08; Mid Tipp 2.07

The North played two shield finals happily taking home the Mick Frawley for their efforts. After suffering defeat at the hands of the South earlier in the day they regrouped to end on a high before attention turns to the hurling.

Mid Tipp Panel: James Woodlock - Durlas Og, Liam Doyle - Holycross Ballycahill, Daniel Joyce - J K Brackens, Connor Gleeson - Gortnahoe Glengoole, Patrick Hickey - J K Brackens, Evan Callanan - Durlas Og, Eoin O Connell - Loughmore Castleiney, Joe Cornally - Durlas Og, Michael Cahill - J K Brackens, Diarmuid Coffey - Boherlahan Dualla, Emmet Ralph - Durlas Og, Ned Delaney - J K Brackens, Mikey Lawlor - Durlas Og, Bill Flanagan - Moycarkey Borris, Paul Noonan - J K Brackens, Cormac Kiely - Moyne Templetuohy, Seanie Mc Grath - Holycross Ballycahill, Stephen Dwan - Durlas Og, Eugene O Dwyer - Boherlahan Dualla, Liam Corcoran – Moycarkey Borris, Michael Keogh - Durlas Og, Diarmuid Campion - Moyne Templetuohy, Thomas Larkin - Loughmore Castleiney, Bill Brolan - Moyne Templetuohy, Shaun Jordan - J K Brackens,Michael Coffey - J K Brackens, Michael Carroll – Moycarkey Borris,Adam Jones - Moyne Templetuohy, Jim O Dwyer - Upperchurch Drombane, Yeats - Upperchurch Drombane.

Tom Collum Cup: Mid Tipp 1.06; South Tipp 1.04

A re-run of last years final where the Mid came through with a last minute winner this time they hit the front earlier with some brilliant scores. This came from pressure on the South kick outs. A South lead at the break thanks mainly to Conor Parker hitting 1.01 while Jack O'Neill pointed. The Mid had scores of their own Fiachraq O'Gorman hit a goal to go with a Paul Mullen point. Paul would be key to the win. The second half saw the Mid take control Philip O'Connell pointed quickly followed by a Liam Hayes point after catching the kick out, top class effort. Two more Mid points extended the lead and a sense that the result was all but guaranteed, Fiachra O'Gorman & Paul Mullen pointed. The South didn't give up two Conor Parker points did give hope the excellent Liam Hayes hit his and the Mids final point. This was these young players last year of football Interdivisional competition. Congrats to all who made this possible.

Mid Tipperary Panel: Alex Tully (Moycarkey/Borris), Paul McCahey (Loughmore Castleiney), Seán Collier (JK Brackens), Kevin O'Halloran (Moycarkey/Borris), James Ryan (JK Brackens), Cameron Fleming (Clonakenny), Tadhg Gould (Holycross/Ballycahill), Mikey Delaney (JK Brackens), Liam Hayes (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Liam O'Meara (Moycarkey/Borris), Paul Mullin (Drom/Inch), Mikey Griffin (Upperchurch/Drombane), Phillip O'Connell (Loughmore/Castleiney), Fiachra O'Gorman (Durlas Óg), Stephen Maher (Holycross/Ballycahill), Jack Meehan (Upperchurch/Drombane), David Madden (Clonakenny), James Ilyiran (Durlas óg), Shane Tarrant (Boherlahan/Dualla), Ned Walsh (JK Brackens), Corey Moore (Durlas Óg), John Traynor (Boherlahan/Dualla, William Maher (Moyne/Templetuohy), Killian Crosse (Holycross/Ballycahill), Aaron Hickey (Loughmore/Castleiney, Dan Quaid (Boherlahan/Dualla), Kevin Allen (JK Brackens), Aidan Prout (JK Brackens), Richard Delaney (Boherlahan/Dualla), Bill Ryan (Loughmore/Castleiney), David Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane)

South Tipperary Panel: Shane Ryan, Sean Leahy, Eoin Walsh, Francis McDonagh, Dylan Murphy, Cian O Brien, Jack Morrissey, Jack O Neill, Ben Ruttle, Michael Freaney, Conor Neville, Cian O Reilly, Conor Parker, Luke McGuire, Oisin Lyons, Sean Ivors, Eoin Fitzgerald, Josh Kiely, Oisin Lavin, Eoin Byrne, Alex Millea, Paul Murphy, Paddy Boyle, Sean Moroney. MENTORS: Michael O Loughlin, Johnny Cummins, Christopher Ryan, Carol Gibbs.

Tom Collum Shield: West Tipp 2.05; North Tipp 2.04

A very tense finish here as the West applied pressure to a North panel that had put everything into trying to get the win. They were down to fourteen players and could do little as West missed chances before pointing a last minute free. That completed a second half comeback from four points down the North only managed a single point during that second half. Brian Bourke, Ben Ryan, Ronan Connolly, Daniel Ryan & Niall O'Shea all lead the way congrats to all involved.

West Tipperary: Eoghan Doyle - Rockwell Rovers, Podgh Quinlan – Rosegreen, Jim Ryan - Clonoulty Rossmore (Capt), Daniel Ryan - Arravale Rovers, Eoin Doocey - Arravale Rovers, Niall O'Shea – Aherlow, Cian O'Dwyer - Galtee Rovers, Caolan Halligan - Arravale Rovers, Brian Bourke – Emly, Jack Londregan - Golden Kilfeacle, Ben Ryan - Arravale Rovers, Liam Carew – Aherlow, David Bourke - Cashel KC, Ronan Connolly - Cashel KC, Cormac Sheedy - Sean Tracey's, Liam Corcoran - Cashel KC, Michael Furlong - Eire Óg Annacarty, Adam O'Dwyer, Diarmuid Kinnane - Knockavilla Kickhams, Luca Fitzgerald - Rockwell Rovers

North Tipperary: David Toohey, Daniel Farrell, Stephen Mc Cormack, Adam Stanley , Darren Gleeson, Diarmuid O Riordan (Cpt), Lee Ryan, Dayle Collins, Jack Gleeson, Eoin Carroll, Donnacha O Meara, James Carroll, Michael Kennedy, John Donovan, Michael Fitzgerald, Diarmuid Mc Loughlin, Ted Evans, Harry Gould, Jamie Conlan, Josh Doran, Scott Kelly, Liam Grace, Aaron Lee, Mentors: Tom Gallue, R Ory O Farrell, Martin Caulfield, Christy Mc Loughlin, Philip Delaney.

Coiste na nOg Thiobraid Arann Championship Results 2020
UNDER 12A, B, C, D HURLING SEMI-FINALS, FINAL

Round	Team and Scores		Venue and Referee
Group A	St Mary's 2-07	Knockavilla Donaskeigh 1-07	Annacarty, Andrew Purcell
Semi-finals	Durlas Og 507	Newport 2-13	Ballyloody, Cathal Boyle
Final	Durlas Og 6-09	St Mary's 1-01	Littleton, Gerry Treacy
Group B	Silvermines 9-11	Moyne Templetuohy 3-06	Borrisoleigh, TomMcGrath
Semi-finals	Cahir 4-05	Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-06	Clonoulty, Tom Dawson
Final	Silvermines 2-10	Cahir 2-04	Borrisoleigh, John Flynn
Group c	Clerihan 5-06	Rosegreen 2-03	New Inn, David Ryan
Semi-finals	Portroe 2-07	Durlas Og 1-04	Templederry, Ger Morris
Final	Clerihan 2-08	Portroe 0-01	Borrisoleigh, Pat Murray
Group D	Ballina 7-09	Boycarkey Borris 1-02	Toomevara, Patrick Murray
Semi-finals	Mullinahone 4-03	Cappawhite 2-00	Cashel, Michale Heffernan
Final	No final played to date.		

Coiste na nOg Thiobraid Arann Championship Results 2020
UNDER 12A, B, C, D FOOTBALL SEMI-FINALS, FINAL

Round	Team and Scores		Venue and Referee
Group A	JK Brackens 4-08	Ballina 0-06	Borrisoleigh, Martin Ryan
Semi-Finals	Mullinahone 4-12	Arravale Rovers 3-10	Leahy Park Casheld, P. Skeffington
Final	JK Brackens 1-11	Mullinahone 0-10	Boherlahan, Padraic Greene
Group B	Roscrea 3-13	Moycarkey Borris 1-08	Nenagh, Christy McLoughlin
Semi-finals	Cappawhite 2-18	Ballybacon, Newcastle 2-14	Bansha, Richard O'Connor
Final	Roscrea 1-8	Cappawhite 0-10	Boherlahan, John Lillis
Group C	Ballylooby 2-09	Clonmel Og 0-04	Ballylooby, Kieran Barrett
Semi-finals	Golden Kilfeacle 3-10	Borrisokane 2-12	Ballycahill, Tom McGrath
Final	Ballylooby-Castlegrace 3-05	Golden Kilfeacle 0-07	Bansha, Richard O'Connor
Group D	Kilruane MacDonaghs 4-5	JK Brackens 0-05	Templemore, Tom McGrath
Semi-finals	Fr. Sheedy 6-11	Carricks Davis 0-03	Clogheen,Richard O'Connor
Final	No final played to date		

Coiste na nOg Thiobraid Arann Championship Results 2020
UNDER 16A, B, C HURLING SEMI-FINALS, FINAL

Round	Team and Scores		Venue and Referee
Group A	Durlas Og 1-23	Toomevara 1-10	Templederry, Padraic Greene
Semi-finals	Cappawhite Gaels 2-09	Carick Swans 1-10	Ballylooby, Philip Keane
Final	Durlas 1-27	Cappawhite Gaels 0-12	Baoherlahan, David Ryan
Group B	Boherlahan Dualla 2-17	Lorrha 1-16	Borrisoleigh, PJ Nolan
Semi-finals	Knockmealdown Gaels 2-14	Cashel King Cormacs 015	New Inn, Richard O'Connor
Final	Boherlahan Dualla 1-16	Knockmealdown Gaels 1-15	Golden, Paddy Russell
Group C	Emly 1-16	Ballyporeen-Skeheen 2-08	Emly, David Grogan
Semi-finals	Moyne Templetuohy 3-16	Shannon Rovers Gaels 1-12	Templetuohy, James Lees
Final	Moyne-Templetuohy 2-17	Emly 3-12	Dundrum, Richard O'Connor

Winning Clubs / Captains 2020: Football winners 2020

GRADE		CLUB/DIVISION	CAPTAIN
Tom Collum Cup	U16	Mid Tipperary	Mikey Delaney, JKB/Liam Hayes GG
Tom Collum Shield	U16	West Tipperar	Jim Ryan, Clonoulty Rossmore
Mick Frawley Cup	U15	South Tipperary	Oisin Ryan, Fr. Sheehys
Mick Frawley Shield	U15	North Tipperary	Josh Chadwick
Dom Brown Cup	U14	South Tipperary	Sam Rowen, Mullinahone
Dom Brown Shield	U14	Mid Tipperary	Tadhg O'Donnell, Boherlahan
Feile na nOg A	U14		
Feile na nOg B	U14		
Feile na nOg C	U14		
Under 12 A			
Under 12 B			
Under 12 C			
Under 12 D			
Under 14 A			
Under 14 B			
Under 14 C			
Under 16 A			
Under 16 B			
Under 16 C			
Skills Winner			

Contae Tiobraid Arann, Coiste na nOg, C.L.G.

Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st October 2020

	2020	2019
	€	€
Income		
Gate Receipts	1,330	25,695
Tournament Entry Fees	2,900	2,200
Programme Sales	800	1,927
Sponsorship	-	2,000
Tipperary Draw	200	300
Fines	320	300
Tournament Refunds from Croke Park	7,102	-
Other Income	-	150
	12,652	**32,572**
Administrative expenses		
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	1,059	2,521
Referees and Gatecheckers Expenses	5,234	9,666
Bord na nOg Officers Expenses	2,500	2,500
Postage and Telephone	300	464
Feile & Peil Contributions	-	1,300
Computer Costs	117	1,337
Catering Expenses & Room Hire	1,357	4,861
Juvenile County Teams Expenses	-	2,351
Donations to Clubs re Tournaments	-	2,400
Bank Interest and Charges	220	263
Medals, Trophies and Presentations	3,835	6,988
Munster Council (Referees)	-	750
Contributions to Divisions	-	4,000
Accountancy	750	850
Tipperary Draw	-	250
Miscellaneous	-	150
	15,372	40,651
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	**(2,720)**	**(8,079)**

Contae Tiobraid Arann, Coiste na nOg, C.L.G.

Balance Sheet
as at 31st October 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
Current Assets			
Debtors		15,568	9,166
Bank Current Account		58,513	64,500
		74,081	73,666
Current Liabilities			
Creditors & Accruals		(7,285)	(4,150)
		(7,285)	(4,150)
Net Current Assets		66,796	69,516
Net Assets		**66,796**	**69,516**
Financed By:			
Reserve Account	1	66,796	69,516
		66,796	**69,516**

Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Report 2020

By: **Michael Delaney**, Secretary.

When we rang in a new decade on January 1st with all of our resolutions, hopes and dreams for the year to come, one could scarcely imagine the year that would ensue. As we watched Covid-19 creep closer and closer each evening on the news, bringing with it trepidation, fear and speculation, little did we think that by March 12th all of our schools would close their doors and would not reopen for six months.

Every organisation would face challenges like never before. It has been no different for everybody involved with Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. Our football season concluded successfully during the Winter of 2019 and early Spring of 2020. We were busy preparing for our camogie/hurling season when Covid-19 struck on March 12th, 2020. Nevertheless, there were some positives for us to take away from 2020. Schools kept very busy during this time and there was huge engagement across the county with so many of our schools engaging with the Official GAA Primary challenge activities which were posted to various social media channels. Our County Colours Fundraising Day last January was a massive success and we were very grateful to be able to host the National Cumann na mBunscol Awards which took place in the Anner Hotel, Thurles only a few days before 'Lockdown' was imposed on the whole country.

We look forward with hope to what 2021 will bring as we long for the day all our school teams officially return to the playing fields. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

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Public Relations We in Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to our long-serving P.R.O., John Manley, principal of Dualla NS, on his election as P.R.O. of the National Cumann na mBunscol committee. This is a just reward for the work that he has done and continues to do. It is a fantastic source of pride for us in Tipperary CnmB to have a representative on the national committee. We wish him every success in his new role.

All information on Allianz Cumann na mBunscol-related matters can be checked out on the website, and in John Manley's weekly

Officers of Tipperary Cumann na mBunscoil with guests at the National Awards Function held in the Anner Hotel in March 2020.

column in all Tipperary Newspapers. We are also on Twitter where we relate Allianz Cumann na mBunscol news to nearly 2,500 followers.

Equipment Scheme Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol again operated a very successful equipment scheme this year. Our equipment collection day took place outdoors and socially distanced in Holycross GAA field. This was once again organised by our treasurer Gerry McDonnell, who managed to successfully run the equipment day despite the many added complications which lockdown brought. Approximately 1,400 helmets and 2,000 hurleys are subsidised annually. The volume of the equipment subsidised and distributed by Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is by far the highest in the country.

A full range of equipment useful to coaching within schools is offered to all primary schools in the county, with an updated list becoming available each year. Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is very grateful to the Tipperary County Board for the grant it gets annually from them. We are also very grateful to the Croke Park Helmet and Hurley Scheme, for the money we receive from them annually.

Football Championship Our football championships were played as normal between September and December of 2019 and produced many great matches. Although, inclement weather conditions did lead to some games being postponed until after Christmas, with the U11 'A'Ladies Football final bringing the games to a close on February 28th.

(* U11'B' Ladies Football final between Gaelscoil Durlas and New Inn GNS was not played due to bad weather and Covid19 closure).

TIPPERARY ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL FOOTBALL FINAL RESULTS 2019

(W in brackets denotes winners)

Under 13 A Football St. Colmcille's, Templemore (W) v Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles
Under 13 B Football Fethard (W) v Carrig NS
Under 13 C Football Ballylooby (W) v Clerihan
Under 13 D Football Upperchurch (W) v Moyglass
Under 13 E Football Toomevara (W) v Moyne
Under 13 F Football Dunkerrin (W) v Cloneen
Under 13 G Football Poulacapple (W) v Ballytarsna
Under 13 H Football Skeheenarinky (W) v Killea
Under 13 A Ladies Football St. Joseph's, Templemore (W) v Sisters of Charity, Clonmel
Under 13 B Ladies Football St. Joseph's, Tipperary (W) v Gaelscoil Durlas
Under 13 C Ladies Football Upperchurch (W) v Ballylooby
Under 13 D Ladies Football Lissenhall (W) v Newcastle
Under 13 E Ladies Football Cloneen (W) v Rossmore
Under 13 F Ladies Football Poulacapple (W) v Mount Bruis
Under 11 A Football Powerstown (W) v Ballina
Under 11 B Football Newport BNS (W) v Gaelscoil Clonmel
Under 11 C Football Rosegreen (W) v Upperchurch
Under 11 D Football New Inn (W) v Kilsheelan
Under 11 E Football Thomastown (W) v Moyne
Under 11 F Football Dualla (W) v Rossmore
Under 11 G Football Poulacapple (W) v Gurtagarry
Under 11 A Ladies Football St. Joseph's, Templemore (W) v Our Lady of Mercy, Cahir
Under 11 B Ladies Football Gaelscoil Durlas v New Inn Girls School (Final was not played)
Under 11 C Ladies Football Upperchurch (W) v Ballylooby
Under 11 D Ladies Football Boherlahan (W) v Thomastown
Under 11 E Ladies Football Littleton (W) v Bansha

Additional Competitions (Second teams)

UNDER 11 FOOTBALL
A1: Tipp CBS (W) v St. Peter and Pauls
B1: Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan (W) v Gaelscoil Cluain Meala
F1: Dualla (W) v Cloneen

Gerry Mc|Donnell was presented with a Special Service Award at the National Awards Function in March.

U11 LADIES FOOTBALL

A1/B1: Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan (W) v St. Joseph's, Templemore

Acknowledgements I would again like to thank all the teachers in Tipperary for their great work and co-operation over the past year. Rarely was the cooperation of our primary schools more evident than on Friday November 20th last, when we asked schools to host a Tipperary colours day, to support all of our county teams in all codes who have provided us with so much enjoyment during these most trying times, while also remembering the terrible events of Bloody Sunday in such a respectful and poignant manner. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.

I would like to sincerely thank Dinny Maher, the Tipperary Games Promotion Manager, and the GDAs who have continued their work in schools as soon as they reopened in September. We look forward to working with the GDAs, and Dinny Maher, over the next 12 months.

I'd like to thank the referees, umpires, linesmen and caretakers who facilitated the smooth running of our football championships earlier in the year. Thank you to the teachers who acted as coordinators of the various football blitzes we ran this year.

We would like to say thank you to Cumann na mBunscol sponsors Allianz for their generous sponsorship over the years. We greatly appreciate everything they have done for us.

I wish to sincerely thank the Tipperary County Board for the support it has given, and continues to give, to Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. We greatly appreciate their assistance and help. Without their support we wouldn't be able to function as well as we do. Thank you to Secretary Tim Floyd, Chairman John Devane and all in the County Board, for the tremendous work that they do in promoting our games.

Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol wishes everyone in the Tipperary County Board a healthy and happy 2021.Le cúnamh Dé beimid ar ais ag imirt ár gcluichí chomh luath agus is féidir.

Finally, I want to extend the congratulations and good wishes of everyone involved in Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol to our heroic footballers on their recent Munster Final victory and wish them all the best in the All-Ireland semi-final. Their achievements have inspired the next generation of footballers all over the county.

Michael Delaney *Secretary.*
Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol.

Semple Stadium Review 2020

Con Hogan (Chairman Semple Stadium Management Committee)

In common with GAA stadiums nationwide, 2020 was an extremely difficult year at Semple Stadium with only a few League games played before the Covid 19 lockdown. Since then all games, both County championship and Inter County have been essentially behind closed doors, with none of the normal field rent accruing to the venue. And because there were no spectators there was no commercial income from advertising or food and beverage sales. But for a drawdown of €175,000 from the Munster Council, which was designated for capital works within the County, some additional financial support from the County Board, and a grant from Covid funds to the GAA of approximately €70,000, the Stadium could not have been able to keep going.

2019 was also a bad year income-wise due to a small number of games overall and very low income from Central Council games. The draft accounts for the year show a deficit of €180,520 before depreciation and €316,831 when depreciation is taken into account. Current assets were €174,310 while current liabilities were €429,244.

Added to this is the projected cashflow for 2020, which is predicting a loss of approximately €275,000. The Society does not have any cash reserves; it has overdraft facilities of €160,000 from AIB and has been operating mostly on its overdraft throughout the year.

We do not know what 2021 will bring but even if there are games in the Stadium in the first half of the year, there is unlikely to be any field rental income and it is not at all certain how much spectator capacity will be permitted as the year progresses.

Semple Stadium is an old venue with very high overhead and running costs, averaging in excess of €700,000 per annum. The Kinnane Stand is over 50 years old and the O'Riain Stand and terraces almost 40, requiring maintenance input of €200,000/300,000 per annum to keep them functioning.

The trading situation that Thurles Gaelic Sportsfield Society now finds itself in is extremely difficult, with heavy losses in 2019 and 2020 and serious difficulty with preparing a budget for 2021. It is clear that the Society's major shareholders, namely Central and Munster Councils, together with the County Board will need to meet early in 2021 to plan a restructuring of the Society's finances and to introduce revised management and governance structures that are fit for purpose and supportive of Semple Stadium's traditional and central role as a major GAA venue.

Thurles Gaelic Sportsfield Society Ltd.

Summary Income and Expenditure Account

for the Year Ended 31st December 2019

	Schedule	Year Ended 31/12/2019 €	Year Ended 31/12/2019 €
Income	1	490,089	863,107
Expenditure (Excluding Depreciation)	2	670,609	827,079
Surplus / (Deficit) Before Depreciation		(180,520)	36,028
Depreciation for Year		136,311	143,827
Net Surplus/(Deficit) For Year		(316,831)	(107,799)

All recognised gains and losses have been included in the above Revenue account. There are no movements in shareholders' funds other than the recognised gains and losses for both the current period and prior year.

The financial statements were approved by the Governing Body on 14th July 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

_____ Chairman

_____ Treasurer

Flashback: 2001 All-Ireland SFC quarter-final - Kerry v Dublin
Maurice Fitzgerald's sensational last gasp sideline kick forced a draw at Semple Stadium.

Thurles Gaelic Sportsfield Society Ltd.

Income Account Year Ended 31st December 2019

Schedule 1	Note	Year Ended 31/12/2019 €	Year Ended 31/12/2018 €
Income	3		
Munster Council Rent		239,337	255,507
Tipperary County Board Rent		10,030	13,907
Leinster Council Rent		-	75,759
Croke Park Rent		8,920	155,074
National League Rent		1,074	25,353
Advertising Income		85,660	88,410
Bar & Catering Franchise Income		85,673	159,507
Dome Income		35,511	52,443
GAA Grants		-	-
Feile Classical		23,884	37,147
		490,089	863,107

_____ Chairman

_____ Treasurer

Date: 14th July 2020

Flashback: 2001 All-Ireland SFC quarter-final - Kerry v Dublin

Managers Tommy Carr and Paudie O'Shea patrol the sideline.

Thurles Gaelic Sportsfield Society Ltd.

Revenue Account Year Ended 31st December 2019

Schedule 2	Note	Year Ended 31/12/2019 €	Year Ended 31/12/2018 €
Expenditure and Depreciation			
Wages & Salaries		120,692	201,985
Rates		61,344	60,447
Insurance		50,000	50,000
Light & Heat		69,565	59,819
Postage, Telephone, Printing & Advertising		10,405	11,782
Audit & Accountancy		10,640	8,900
Maintenance of Field & Repairs		231,728	342,203
Bank Interest & Charges		2,670	4,215
Loan Interest		9,275	9,988
Room Hire & Administration Expenses		2,690	844
Sundry Expenses		3,683	1,944
Dome Expenses		27,051	31,938
Computer Cost		1,278	2,813
Licence		500	500
Security		2,181	1,771
Bad Debts		-	-
Match Day Gardai		4,635	15,792
Management Commission		59,272	22,138
Legal Fees		3,000	
		670,609	827,079
Depreciation	1		
Enclosures and Embankments		1,542	1,598
Equipment and Machinery		8,914	9,241
Old Stand		14,971	16,635
New Stands and Terracing		97,988	101,542
Office Fixtures & Fittings		1,943	2,220
First Aid Equipment		511	639
Dome & Equipment		3,586	4,482
Depreciation Catering Equipment		5,294	5,517
Depreciation Audio Visual Equipment		1,562	1,953
		136,311	143,827
Total Expenditure & Depreciation		806,920	970,906

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A Decade of Growth & Change - Moving Tipperary GAA forward

Lisa Stapleton, County I.T. Officer and Secretary of Communications Committee

LISA STAPLETON
County IT Officer
and Committee Secretary

2020, a year none of us could have seen foreseen panning out the way it has.

In the midst of the pandemic, communication and I.T. offerings in our daily lives have spiked to new levels. Our various social media platforms continue to change and adapt their pace in conjunction with national trends. Keeping in contact with others, whether by a simple phone call, text, email, or through the various platforms such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams have been vital to each and every one of us as an era of social distancing measures took hold.

Like aspects of life, the GAA felt the full impact of the lockdown in clubs and various activities across the country. Clubs showed massive resilience and positivity in the numerous fundraising initiatives and unique ideas which came to the fore. Social media continues to play an ever increasing and important role in the organisation and promotion of our games and activities. It provides an engaging forum through which the Tipperary GAA community can connect and as we live through this pandemic, it will become ever more central to daily life and keeping connected.

The official Tipperary GAA Instagram account was only opened in the latter end of 2017 and had 845 followers, we now have approaching 12,000 followers and luckily we have the marketing and advertising capability to use, due to passing the 10,000 mark for verification. Both Twitter and Instagram are predominantly used during our games through live tweeting of scores as well as Instastories for video and photographic content.

Daily traffic to the Tipperary GAA Website, Twitter and Facebook demonstrates that all our communications platforms are continuing to thrive and grow. (See summary table below of our number of followers on the various Official Tipperary GAA Social Media Platforms).

The following table depicts the year-on-year increase in social media activity and the growth in followers and page supports of Tipperary GAA.

Ongoing Supports

The ongoing club administrative issues such as email problems, password resets, spam emails continue to be dealt with and issues resolved as they arise.

I.T. supports and advice to Tipperary Coaching & Games was also extended during the year, especially with the lockdown challenges. Assistance was also provided on compiling a number of surveys during the year.

Ongoing I.T. support was also provided for the successful online set up for the Tipperary Clubs Draw and the integrated aspect to the GAA website and the tailored campaign across all Tipperary GAA social media pages.

Year	Twitter Followers	Facebook Followers	Instagram Followers
2010	600	5000	
2011	5,600	5,831	
2012	10,600	6,662	
2013	16,600	7,493	
2014	20,600	8,324	
2015	28,668	10,199	
2016	38,859	15,245	
2017	47,219	17,220	845
2018	52,288	18,557	4,044
2019	58,800	20,802	10,200
2020	62,200	21,758	12,250

Streaming & Ticketing

The streaming of our FBD club championships was a huge highlight and benefit this year, not only in Tipperary but on a global level also. It was a critical that the service be of a high professional standard, which supports the Tipperary GAA brand and reputation.

Extensive I.T. support was required for both the streaming and ticketing offerings, including the creation of the various matches and packages for each weekend's games.

Various offerings were explored and with the expert assistance of StreamSport and InPlayer, the streaming offering created a huge opportunity for supporters to follow the games live. The quality of streaming service, combined with Tipp FM commentary was appreciated by the many thousands of viewers who logged on to view over the course of the championships. Robert Healy Video also assisted in providing a super service to allow supporters follow more games live, such was the number of games taking place in the timeframe.

The work done to offer free streaming and align season tickets with club plus, match passes and concessionary passes was extensive. We are very conscious that not everyone has strong broadband or casting ability to televisions, but unfortunately there is nothing we can do to help on that front.

Future Ticketing were brought on board to develop a ticketing system and whilst it was a pressurised environment and people were unhappy that they could not get to games with the 200 people restriction, public health had to be to the forefront, at all times. There simply was not enough tickets to cater for the high interest and demand. The ticketing system however is a clean way forward and cuts out the cash exchanges on the gates and is certainly a welcome addition to the future of our games. Significant coding was required to ensure the correct roll out of this system.

Thanks

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Joe Bracken, outgoing PRO for his friendship and support and congratulate him on a superb term of office. Thanks also to fellow Co. Board officers and Lar na Páirce staff for their support to me during the year and over the last eight years. Finally, thanks to all the clubs and their officers, who I have communicated with on a regular basis on various matters.

Go raibh míle maith agat go léir,
Eibhlís Nic an Ghaill

Communications Committee Report 2020

JOE BRACKEN
County PRO

On the face of it, the book on 2020 started, as all years do, with a wonderful sense of excitement and expectation as we all looked forward to the next chapter in our GAA sporting lives. The index had been updated in minute detail as we all made note of where we hoped to be as the season unfolded.

The tried and tested inter-county Allianz League campaigns would fill the early chapters where each supporter would catch glimpses of magic to maintain sufficient interest, before giving way to the club, where a chance to draw one's breath could be taken if required.

Then in May, the championship was intended to set fire pages of script with stories of unbridled skill and passion fanned by the flames of action once our Gaelic warriors marched in the footsteps of former legends. New heroes, we expected would rise, while more established players would reach even greater heights on the road to the legends realm.

Unfortunately, the ink was still wet on the vellum when proceedings ground abruptly to a halt due to Covid-19 and with it our early hopes and dreams.

But in such adversity sprung hope and positivity, as GAA clubs the length and breadth of the country wrote chapters of their own, in some of the greatest communication of unity between club and parish community in recent times. Actions, we are told, can speak louder than words and Tipperary clubs were to the fore as they helped lead the charge in support of front line workers and assisting the most vulnerable in their community.

Charity events were undertaken, many novel in their approach and where social media and GoFundMe pages were to the fore. The collective platforms detailed with huge positivity the outpouring of joy and engagement by all involved in these activities and kept accurate tabs on funds raised.

With so many giving such tremendous generosity of time, support and goodwill, the opportunity to reap that harvest is perhaps the next chapter to be embraced by clubs.

When news that training and games could return, the communication of same was led from the top and tremendous credit is due to Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael John Horan and Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan who articulated the message in a relaxed and clear manner. The relaxed nature of their messaging was certainly a microcosm of how the country was feeling at that time.

It is quite evident from their body language that our top men were keen to channel positivity to the greater community. In doing so they became dealers in hope as they gave a lifeline to the Association members and the wider community that all was not lost for 2020 and that the desire to return to play in safety for players and spectators was paramount in their thoughts.

Perhaps, it might have been too relaxed as some inter-county mangers initially sought clarity on the proposed date of return to training at inter-county level and if any penalty would ensue for those returning quicker. Any misunderstanding was quickly cleared up as both men remained confident training and games could and would happen.

And happen they did. Tipperary, like all counties, set about fixture scheduling and with great co-operation from its clubs, completed the FBD Insurance senior & intermediate championships before a cessation to activities at club level, by the Government, were introduced once again.

The senior inter-county scene was allowed to continue and this was badly needed. The hope expressed earlier was most certainly required to be maintained as a source of comfort to a population heading into darkness where the broader light of hope was flickering ominously.

Speaking of darkness, Bloody Sunday 1920 was the darkest day in GAA history. One hundred years on as the GAA and the country commemorated the centenary, no one could have envisaged the outpouring of joy that the flame of success would radiate when Tipperary claimed the Munster senior football title after an eighty five year gap. The win illuminated the Tipperary and national landscape as the underdog roared loudest of all after Tipperary's famous victory. Next up is an All-Ireland semi-final berth, and regardless of that result, the light of Munster success will continue to sparkle like the stars that made it happen.

Despite a tremendous effort, the hurling sunset arrived earlier than desired for our hurlers as their chapter closed on the same Bloody Sunday weekend. In relinquishing their crown they did so as the proud champions and leaders they are. A new dawn will arrive where they will look to set alight the hurling arena once more with creative magic and mastery to brighten all our lives.

So, with the inter-county championships reaching their finale in the weekends leading into Christmas, 2020 was a tough year all round for everyone and will certainly be a year to remember in one sense and forget in another, for a variety of reasons. Whatever our reason, we got through it safely. Others were less fortunate and we remember them and their families at this time also.

COMMEMORATIVE JERSEY: As mentioned, Tipperary and the GAA commemorated the anniversary of Bloody Sunday with great dignity and honour. With many of the events planned in advance having to be scaled back, held virtually or temporarily cancelled, the one highlight that did take place was the wearing of the 1920 commemorative jersey of green and white on Munster senior football final day.

The Tipperary players were honoured to wear the jersey and equally honoured was Tipperary sponsor Teneo and its CEO and chairman Declan Kelly. The Portroe native fully endorsed and supported the commemorative jersey in memory of those one hundred years ago.

The huge positivity in the jersey, not alone within Tipperary but globally, shows the power of commercial unity between Tipperary Co. Board and Teneo and enormous credit goes to Declan and his team on that front.

NEW WAYS OF DOING THINGS: Not that we went looking for them, virtual platforms invaded our space as the way we

Michael Quinlivan receives the Man of the Match award from sponsor John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir.

communicate progressed and developed in a year of adaptation. Thankfully the use of Zoom, Microsoft Teams and streaming, among other social media formats, ensured contact and communication was maintained and these became the go to platforms of choice for many in an era of social distancing measures.

TEAM TIPPERARY: On May 6th, a short Team Tipperary video message was posted on social media platforms as Tipperary's hurling and football players together with Tipperary camogie and ladies Gaelic football players reached out to all as the Covid-19 pandemic continued to take hold in our country. It was tremendous to have the three organisations come together at a time when we were, and still are, all in this together. Thanks to all for their co-operation with this initiative and to Damien Young for the production of the video clip.

PRESS BRIEFINGS: For the promotion of the inter-county championships, MS Teams proved to be an ideal platform as it enabled managers and players to hold press briefings with any number of journalists from the comfort of their own homes. The health and wellbeing effect of this is enormous as the pressure of deadline to be at a particular venue at a given time was removed and it allowed for a more relaxed discussion between the interviewee and the interviewer.

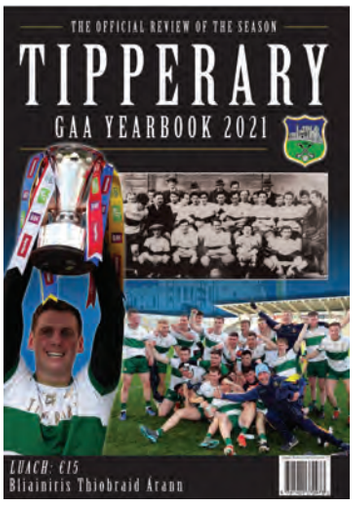
STREAMING: Without doubt the streaming of our FBD Insurance club championships was a huge highlight and benefit this year. Frequently mooted in the past, the pros and cons seemed at times more laborious than necessary, resulting in perhaps the unintentional side lining of the process without further investigation, quite often due to time constraints.

It's amazing how quickly we adapt when needs must and full credit goes to Co. Secretary Tim Floyd in particular and the staff in Lár na Páirce for creating and developing a package with Streamsport to stream our championships. With the inclusion of Robert Healy Video this welcome streaming development created the opportunity for supporters to follow the action live and to see how players and teams were shaping up. The quality of the streaming content combined with Tipp FM commentary brought the games in all their glory not only into the homes of the Premier County but globally as well and was very much appreciated by all.

GAA SCENE: While most of the print sports pages lay dormant for the middle third of the year, club activities and Covid-19 pandemic updates enabled the GAA Scene to continue each week as the goings on across the county were documented for the benefit of our clubs and supporters.

Compiling the GAA Scene each week is a team effort at times and I wish to thank those who have helped me along the way with items for submission, with special mention and thanks to Seamus O'Doherty, GAA historian and bearer of all things factual.

LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE: As always Tipperary Co. Board is indebted to our local media for their continued support and reporting of our games and activities. Having come through probably the toughest months the industry has seen in generations, the print media have hopefully weathered the storm and require the continued support of all the community to ensure their survival and renaissance. Provincial newspapers are and have been the lifeblood of news in rural Ireland for over a century. While advances continue to be made in online technology, there still has to be a place for the printed word in the conversation. If all else was to metamorphose and disappear the hard copy of print would still survive as it has done for centuries.



MATCH PROGRAMMES: Much sought after by collectors, match programmes became something of a rarity this year. The early home rounds of the Allianz hurling and football leagues book ended the year with programmes for the FDB Insurance county senior hurling & football finals. A special word of appreciation to programme editor Ger Corbett and his team for their continued dedication throughout this stop start year.

TIPPERARY GAA YEARBOOK: The Tipperary Yearbook commands great prestige at the end of each year and despite the uncharacteristic shape of the past twelve months, the yearbook committee led by chairman Seamus J. King have pulled out the stops to make sure the 2021 Yearbook will be available before Christmas.

Though some of the regular features won't be included, for the obvious reason that the events didn't take place, there is still plenty of material from a surreal year to make it an ideal Christmas present for all Tipperary supporters.

FUTURE: As the GAA landscape continues to evolve the time is coming I feel that the phraseology of 'County PRO' needs to be reconfigured into something like a Communications Officer perhaps. With the ever increasing workload of content and the continued expansion of social media, it is certainly challenging to keep all formats updated in an era of instant news. It is something that has been discussed at higher level and if pursued further it would, I feel, certainly assist and benefit the next PRO. For example, if a small cohort team could be assembled on championship match days in an environment where there was sufficient access granted it would certainly help promote and expand our games coverage.

Thankfully, I had the wonderful assistance of Lisa Stapleton, Tipperary Co. Board IT Officer to share the workload of social media in my time and I really appreciate and thank Lisa for that.

CONCLUSION & THANKS: So, as I come to the end of my term as PRO for Tipperary Co. Board I wish to thank most sincerely everyone that has helped and guided me along the way since late January 2015 when I stepped in as 'acting PRO' before convention elected me later in the year. It has been a wonderful honour to serve as a Tipperary Co. Board Officer and I will always cherish it and be indebted to all our clubs and every Tipperary person, and those outside the county, for the wonderful friendship, support and gratitude shown to me over the years. There are far too many individuals and groups to individually mention.

However, I wish to thank especially my fellow officers, John Devane, Tim Floyd, Joe Kennedy and Michael Power and officers I served with previously, the county management committee, Co. Board delegates, the staff in Lár na Páirce and Semple Stadium, for all your steadfast support, encouragement and assistance.

I hope he won't mind, but I want to single out our Co. Secretary Tim Floyd for the warmth of his friendship and full support. He is a superb administrator with a personality to match and is on top of his game 24/7. Extremely knowledgeable and efficient in all areas of the Association, it was a pleasure to work alongside him.

I express my best wishes and continued success to Joe Kennedy, incoming Co. Chairman and his board of officers for the years ahead, and in particular the newly elected PRO, to whom I will be there to support and assist in any way I can.

To the previous PRO's for your backing and guidance along the way, with a special word of thanks to the lady who set the template for us all, Liz Howard, a wonderful friend with a gentle and reassuring word at all times.

I have had the irrefutable privilege to be PRO at a time of great success for Tipperary. So, to all the managers and management teams, players and backroom staff that I served with, words cannot express my thanks to you all, for your work ethic and commitment, your trust and bond and above all your friendship.

I thank also Tipperary Games Development Manager Dinny Maher and his GDA team for their help and support and to thank them for their brilliant efforts during the earlier lockdown. They reached out wonderfully to all children by keeping activities and challenges alive in a virtual arena.

To all in my club Moycarkey-Borris, I thank you. Following two previous club men in the position of County PRO were not going to be easy shoes to fill, but with the tremendous support of successive club chairmen and the club executive that task was made all the easier.

I thank my friends and colleagues in Mid Tipp Coiste na nÓg where I first cut my teeth at this gig, it was there the foundation stone was laid which gave me the platform to do what I loved doing during my tenure.

And of course, I couldn't let the opportunity pass without a big thank you to Pat O'Callaghan in Dr. Morris Park.

In conclusion, I wish to thank most of all my family, especially my wife Tina, James and Ciara, and my brothers and sisters. They have collectively travelled the road with me every step of the way and it was as proud a journey for them as it was for me. I dedicate it all in memory of our late parents.

Go raimh mile mhait agat go léir,

Seosamh Ó Breacáin

Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw Report 2020-21

We had just held the final draw of 2019/20 on the 6th March 2020 in the Halfway House, Rathronan, when Covid 19 hit the country and we were all told to restrict our movements as we entered the first lockdown. The Draw Committee met via ZOOM and decided after much discussion and examining various options, that we would postpone the new 2020 -21 Draw to the 18th September. This was an extremely difficult decision to make as there were so many unknowns about when any activity could be resumed. We did not want to put any Club members, co-ordinators, or promoters at risk by asking them to promote the new draw at a time when everyone was restricting their movements.

Notices were circulated via every possible channel to inform clubs and indeed our existing 16,134 members as to what the position was. Thankfully, we got 100% co-operation from everyone involved.

Work then got underway to have the maximum publicity and exposure possible for the new start date in September. A special effort was made to promote the draw on-line and via social media. I want to thank Lisa Stapleton and Jane Marks for the wonderful work they did in conjunction with Siobhan Mackey and Maggie Fahey in Lar na Pairce office. Videos were produced and circulated on all social media platforms to get the message out there that the Tipp Clubs draw was about to start and the excellent value for money involved.

The work of all our co-ordinators and promoters on the ground really paid dividends this year as we managed in a most difficult year to increase our membership of the draw to 16,607. This despite having a few significant losses including St Patricks GAA Club in Connecticut U.S.A. who decided to discontinue the draw in the current circumstances in which they found themselves due to the pandemic.

Several clubs really came up trumps this year with substantial increases in their overall membership. Every club will lose some members each year for various reasons, so we must always bring in some new members just to hold our own. This year a number of clubs made an all out effort to increase their membership of the Tipp Clubs draw significantly to provide much needed income for their day to day running costs and also in many cases for new activities and developments planned for their club.

I want to thank all my fellow committee members for their contributions to making this year another great success for the Tipp Clubs Draw. My sincere thanks to Siobhan, Maggie, and Marian for their work on the administration of the draw which is always done so professionally. Our Co Board Secretary Tim Floyd continues to be the real driving force behind this draw, and I want to compliment him once again on how effectively and efficiently he manages this draw. My thanks to the Co Board Officers and especially our Co Chairman John Devane for their support and commitment.

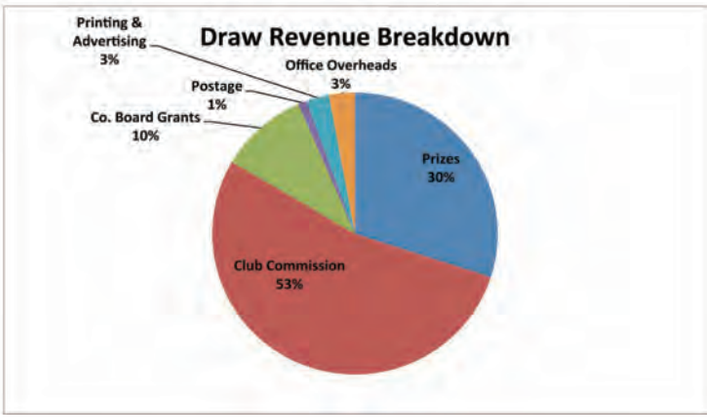
Covid 19 restrictions mean that the draw must be held remotely with minimum number of officials present. It is being covered live by Tipp FM from the GAA offices in Thurles and my thanks to Tipp FM and in particular to Stephen Gleeson who presents the programme so well. Indeed, I might add that Covid 19 has given Tipp FM an excellent opportunity to bring a good news programme to its listenership every 3 weeks as they can listen in to over €40-€50,000 in prize money being given away to members of the Tipp Clubs Draw.

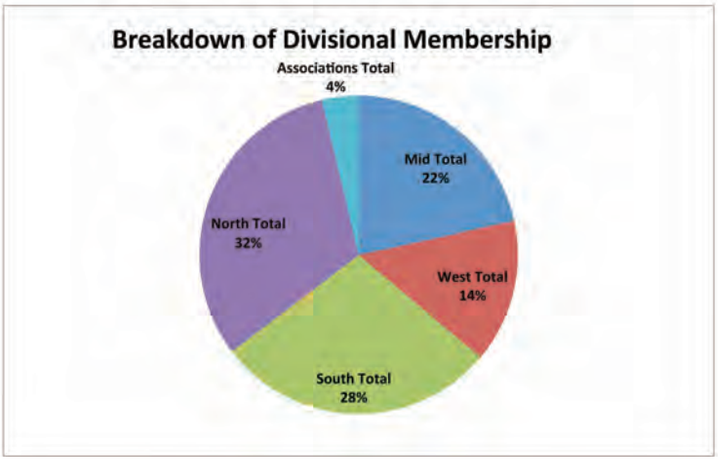
Finally, my sincere thanks to every single member of the Tipp Clubs Draw for your fantastic support – many of you continuously for the last 32 years. The real drivers of the draw are the many promoters and co-ordinators who do such an excellent job selling the draw and collecting the subscriptions. I know from personal experience in our club how important the Tipp Clubs draw is to our finances and I am sure it is the same in every club throughout the county. I thank all Club officers for their support and wish you all continued success in keeping your clubs active in the community during such a difficult time for everyone. We need to work together and help each other more now than ever. Thank you one and all for your commitment.

Tipp GAA Clubs Draw committee: Peter Byrne (Chairman, Micheal Egan, John O'Donovan, Ger Gavin, Noel Murray, Helen Hawe, Dan Costigan, John Carew, Michael Martin, Michael Devlin, John Devane (Co Chairman) Power, and Tim Floyd (Co Secretary). Administrators: Maggie Fahey, Siobhan Mackey, and Marian Graham. Drum master: Micheal Egan who performs this very important function at every draw.

Draw Revenue Breakdown

Total Draw Sales	**€1,600,000**
Prizes	480,000
Club Commission	855,000
Co. Board Grants	161,000
Postage	15,000
Printing & Advertising	42,000
Office Overheads	47,000
Total Income Breakdown	**1,600,000**





Breakdown of Divisional Membership

Mid Total	3,596
West Total	2,413
South Total	4,743
North Total	5,261
Associations Total	619
Total Members	**16,632**

North winner: John O'Dwyer, Templederry won a Renault Kadjar in the Sept 2020 Draw and Draw Chairman Peter Byrne presented him with keys.

Mid winner: Margaret Kennedy, Thurles Camogie won €15,000 in the October Draw and Co Secretary Tim Floyd presented her with her cheque.

West winner: Thomas Ryan (R) Sean Treacys, won €15,000 in October 2020 and he received cheque from Co Secretary Tim Floyd.

South winner: Mark Rovers Moyle Rovers won €15,000 in the February 2020 Draw and he received his cheque from Draw Chairman Peter Byrne.

Tipperary County Board Draw Accounts

2019/2020 DRAW. (No. 32)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD 1st May 2019 TO 31st OCTOBER 2020

	Draw No. 32 2019 / 2020 Period to 31-Oct-20	Draw No. 31 2018 / 2019 Period to 31-Oct-19
Income		
Ticket Sales - Monthly Draw	1,603,811	1,627,050
Expenditure		
Commission to Clubs / Promoters	869,795	869,570
Prizes	441,557	465,300
Print & Stationery	28,658	30,595
Advertising	13,617	11,125
Postage	14,500	14,432
Telephone	500	2,264
Office Light & Heat	5,000	4,480
Bank Charges	3,977	2,613
Launch & Draw Expenses	2,630	5,669
Administration Charges	28,120	29,215
Accountancy	3,198	3,198
Total Expenditure	**1,411,552**	**1,438,459**
Excess of Income over Expenditure	**192,259**	**188,591**
Allocation of County Board Grants	209,710	150,000
Surplus / (Deficit)	**- 17,451**	**38,591**

Tipperary County Board Draw Accounts

2019/2020 DRAW. (No. 32)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER 2020

	Note	31-Oct-20	31-Oct-19
Assets			
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments		46,366	23,920
Bank		26,133	113,835
Total Current Assets		**72,500**	**137,756**
Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors & Accruals		73,083	120,888
Total Current Liabilities		**73,083**	**120,888**
Total Net Current Assets /(Liabilities)		**- 583**	**16,868**
Represented By:			
Surplus / (Deficit) Brought Forward		16,868	- 21,723
Surplus on 2019 / 2020 Draw		- 17,451	38,591
Accumulated Surplus / (Deficit)		**- 583**	**16,868**

On behalf of the Committee

Peter Byrne — CHAIRMAN

Tim Floyd — COMMITTEE MEMBER

DATE: 7th December 2020

Tipperary County Board Draw Accounts

2019/2020 DRAW. (No. 32)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1. The amounts shown in the Income and Expenditure Account relate to the Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw held from May 2019 to April 2020 – Draw No. 32.

Balances on Bank Current Account are used for interest set-off purposes against County Board borrowings.

The bank account balances shown on the Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2020 do not reflect transactions of the 2020/2021 draw – Draw No. 33.

Note 2. GRANTS ALLOCATED BY TIPPERARY G.A.A CLUBS DRAW 2019/2020

Tipp GAA County Board	121,710
Coaching	80,000
County Camogie Board	2,000
County Handball Board	2,000
County Bord na nOg	2,000
Ladies Football	2,000
Tipp GAA – Contribution to Capital Works (Kinane Project)	75,000
	209,710

Note 3. ACCOUNTS APPROVAL.

The Accounts were approved on 7th December 2020.

County Development Committee Report 2020

This past year has presented many challenges across a range of GAA activities. The pandemic took its toll on development activities with planned events being cancelled and proposed events unable to take place. With the traditional "meeting" where people gather to share experiences and knowledge and learn a non-runner presently and for the foreseeable future for Club Officer Training and Club Strategic Planning we will have to embrace technology and new ways of doing things.

In conjunction with Development Officers across the country Croke Park are working on ways of facilitating club and officer development. These programmes will be rolled out for 20/21. These will be accessed using the GAA Learning Portal.

Club Leadership Development Programme

The Club Leadership Development Programme offers a range of supports for Club Officers across all the specific officer roles such as Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers and PRO's. Broader modules offer development opportunities in areas such as Membership, IT, A Healthy Club, Recruiting Volunteers, Developing a Coaching & Games Plan among others.

Pre-Christmas training opportunities via remote webinars focused on IT Training, Membership and Finance.

Detailed documentation and a webinar on running a club AGM under pandemic restrictions was circulated to all clubs.

In the New Year modules on Specific Club Roles, Using the Club Management System, Healthy Club, Recruiting Volunteers, Creating a Safe Club, and Data Protection will be available. All of these will be via online modules and webinars.

A club survey will assess the training needs in clubs across the county.

Strong and effective clubs mean a strong and effective Tipperary and I would encourage all clubs and officers to avail of the Club Leadership Development Programme in 20/21.

Club Strategic Planning

Many GAA clubs across the country have already successfully participated in the Club Strategic Planning process setting out club goals in five key areas namely Coaching & Games, Club Management, Finance & Fundraising, Club Development & Facilities and Community, Culture & Public Relations.

In early 2020 four Tipperary facilitators attended Munster Council training and will be available to support clubs who wish to engage in this process. They are Mark McLoughlin (Roscrea), Jackie Meagher (Toomevara), Bob Hall (Killenaule) and Conor O'Dwyer (Upperchurch Drombane).

With restrictions on people gathering for the foreseeable future we may have to look at using technology and other methods to facilitate club planning.

Munster Council Grants

Munster Council Development Grants have been an important source of funding for clubs further developing their facilities. Tipperary clubs have been very successful in recent years in accessing this funding. Unfortunately with games being played behind closed doors and the knock-on lack of revenue Munster Council has not been in a position to pay development grants this year.

However it is imperative that all clubs who have carried out works retain all relevant documentation and receipts to facilitate applications in the future.

Insurance

Former Development Officer P.J. Maher continues to be available for advice on any insurance issues.

All clubs are required to have a Health & Safety Statement and should have a Health and Safety Officer. Clubs are encouraged to do their utmost to ensure their premises are maintained and kept in a safe manner reducing possible exposure to public liability claims. All contractors carrying out works on club grounds must have their own independent insurance.

Congratulations to all clubs who have begun or completed developments in the past year.
Clubs seeking advice or support on any of the issues covered in this report can contact me at developmentofficer.tipperary@gaa.ie or 087-2755019.

Le gach dea-ghuí don bhliain atá romhainn,

Mark McLoughlin, County Development Officer.

Tipperary GAA to the fore with Development

Borris-Ileigh's New Sports Complex and pitches.

Clonakenny's New Dressing Rooms

Moneygall's new second pitch now complete.

Thurles Sarsfields New Pitch on the Racecourse Road.

Kiladangan's impressive new clubhouse.

Kilruane MacDonagh's Astro Turf and Ball Wall.

Sean Treacys Club Facilities

Tipperary Co. Handball Report 2020

After a great start to Handball in 2020 with Cumann na mBunscoil & Juvenile 40x20 Championships little did we know what was to lie ahead.

From Mid March most Handball activity came to a standstill for Clubs in Tipperary. We are still out of action as we wind down from what has been a very difficult year for us and indeed for all sports.

Cumann na mBunscoil

The Tipperary Cumann na mBunscoil finals were hosted by Youghalarra & Nenagh Clubs on Saturday 4th January. We had entries from 14 Schools with 68 players taking part and 38 games of Handball. The Supporters turned out in large numbers with both galleries packed to capacity.

The Schools that competed were – Carrig, St Mary's Nenagh, Gaelscoil Nenagh, Ardcroney, Silvermines, Lissenhall, Kilruane, Newport, Youghalarra, Ballina, CBS Carrick On Suir, Gaelscoil Carrick on Suir, Burgess & Cloughjordan.

Ardcroney won 4, Lissenhall 2,Youghalarra 1 & CBS Carrick On Suir 1.

Finals Results:

Cailíní Fé Singil 11: Saoirse Ryan Ardcroney Bt Ailbhe O'Keefe Youghalarra 22-17

Buachaillí Fé 11 Singil: James Gould Ardcroney Bt Hugh Slattery Youghalarra 15-14

Cailíní Fé 11 Dúbla: Aislinn Slattery & Caragh Cooney Youghalarra Bt Grace Ní Chlérigh & Máire Ní Chraobhach Gaelscoil Aonach 21-21 and tie break 11-9

Buachaillí Fé 11 Dúbla: Oileag Kelly O Drioscoll & Robert Ryan Lissenhall Bt Oisín Carroll & Paul Williams Ardcroney 22-14

Cailíní Fé 13 Singil: Clodagh Shinnors Ardcroney Bt Áine Grace Burgess 22-6

Buachaillí Fé 13 Singil: Ronan Redmond CBS Carrick On Suir Bt Cian Hannon Carrig 22-8

Cailíní Fé 13 Dúbla: Katie Mulcahy & Aoife Williams Ardcroney Bt Ailbhe Treacy & Charlotte Ryan Lissenhall 22-5

Buachaillí Fé 13 Dúbla: Conor Ryan & Daniel Mc Kelvey Lissenhall Bt Billy O'Brien & Evan Comerford Ardcroney 22-18

The Games Co-Ordinator Paddy Collins presented the Winners & Runners Up medals to the players and thanked both Clubs & Officials for hosting the games. He thanked all who helped out with refreshments and especially all who refereed games on the day. He wished all the winners the best of luck going forward to represent the County in the Munster finals on the 16th. February .

Munster winners will go forward to the National CNB Day in the New Handball Centre in Croke Park on the 7th. March Full results of all games are on the Tipperary Handball website CNB page.

The Munster Cumann na mBunscoiul were hosted by Tipperary with Nenagh and Kilcoleman Courts used. Despite the bad weather we had a big turnout and some great games of handball.

Tipperary were represented in the girls in Nenagh by U11S Saoirse Ryan Ardcroney N.S., U13S Clodagh Ryan Ardcroney N.S. & Katie Mulcahy & Aoife Wiulliams Ardcroney N.S.. After some very close contests the final outcome saw 4 counties coming out on top with Amy Brosnon from Ballydesmond in Cork winning the GU11S, Ella Shinnors & Tara Lucas from Toonagh in Clare winning the GU11D, Orlaith shanahan from Scoil Naomh Iosef in Dromcollogher in Limerick winning Girls U13S & the U13D was won by Katie Mulcahy & Aoife Williams Ardcroney N.S. Tipperary.

The boys games were in Kilcoleman and Tipperary were represented by U11S James Gould Ardcroney, U11D Oileag Kelly O Drioscoll & Robert Ryan Lissenhall N.S. U13S Cian Hannon Carrig N.S. & Conor Ryan & Daniel Mc Kelvey Lissenhall in BU13D. With games going to Tie breaks this was a very hard fought competition with Clare & Cork taking 2 titles each. U11S Sean Considine Clooney N.S. Clare, U11D Bobby Vaughan& Dylan ward Ballydesmond N.S. Cork, U13S Jack Madden Scarriff N.S. Clare & U13D Ryan Lenihan & Thomas Myers Ballydesmond N.S. Cork.

A big thanks to Martin Spain Willie Percy & Breda Conroy who looked after the Nenagh Games & Pat O Flaherty Paddy Collins & David Kyne who looked after the Kilcoleman Games.

40x20 Juvenile Championships

The North Tipperary 40x20 Juvenile finals were hosted by Nenagh & Youghalarra Clubs . The winners went forward to the County Finals which will also be hosted by Nenagh & Youghalarra.

Results: BU10S Luke Slattery Youghalarra Bt Justin Griffin Nenagh 22-11

BU10D David Mulcahy & Michael Grey Youghalarra Bt Karl & Daniel Boland Nenagh 22-12

BU11S Josh Moroney Ballina Bt Micheál Grace Youghalarra 22-9

BU12S Dean Carey Ballina Bt Aiden Kyne Youghalarra 15/2, 15/6

BU12D Daniel McKelvey & Conor Ryan S/Mines Bt Micheal Kennedy & Shane Gleeson Nenagh 15/6, 15/1

BU13S Billy O Brien Nenagh Bt Evan Comerford Lahorna 15/5, 15/5

BU14S Charlie Grace Ballina Bt Kevin Liston Nenagh 15/1, 15/0

BU15S Evan Carey Ballina Bt Ryan Gillick Lahorna 15/10, 4/15, 15/1

U15D Conor Cooney & Micheal Kyne Youghalarra Bt Killian English & Taylor McGill Newport 15/3, 15/2

U16S Brian Bourke Ballina Bt Jack Flaherty Youghalarra 21/2, 21/1

GU11S Saoirse Ryan Silvermines Bt Hannah Clancy Nenagh 11/4, 11/1

GU12S Clodagh Shinnors Lahorna Bt Ruby Power Youghalarra 15/0, 15/0

GU12D Sarah Williams & Sophie O Meara Lahorna Bt Tara McTiernan & Máire Creagh Nenagh 15/2,15/1

GU14S Christine Percy Lahorna Bt Cassandra Jones Nenagh 15/3, 15/2

At the National CNB Awards held in the Anner Hotel in March 2020 Paddy Collins, PRO Tipperary Handball received an award for his huge contribution in promoting Cumann na mBunscoil Handball within the County & Province

Sinéad Meagher won the Ladies Open shield where she beat Ciara Mahon from Kilkenny.

After a very competitive Juvenile Championship & trials the following players went on to represent Tipperary in the Munster Juvenile 40x20 championships in 2020.

Boys
U12S Dean Carey Ballina
U12D Daniel McKelvey/Conor Ryan Silvermines
U13S Stefan Tobin Carrick on Suir
U13D Ronan Redmond & Lucky Matis Carrick on Suir
U14S Charlie Grace Ballina
U14D Conal Moloney &Eoghan Dunne Cashel
U15S Evan Carey Ballina
U15d Anthony Walsh & David McGrath Cashel
U16S Brian Bourke Ballina
U16D Shane O'Connell/Cian Molloy Ballina
U17S John Ryan Newport
U17D Nathan Lenihan/Stephen Coffey Ballinahinch
Girls
GU12S Clodagh Shinners Lahorna
GU12D Sarah Williams/Sophie O Meara Lahorna
GU13S Stephanie Grey Youghalarra
GU13D Katie Mulcahy/Aoife Williams Lahorna
GU14S Christine Percy Lahorna
GU14D Ali O Kelly/Lucy Gould Lahorna
GU15S Emma Williams Lahorna
GU15D Danielle Kyne/Casandra Jones Youghalarra&Nenagh
GU16S No entry
GU16D Hannah Grace/Leanne Gould Lahorna
GU17S No entry
GU17D Ciara Morris/Avril Dooley Nenagh

Cork hosted the Munster Juvenile Finals and we had girls contesting 4 grades in Mallow & 1 Boys in Ballydesmond. The girls won 3 out of 4 Munster titles.

G14S: Christine Percy (Tipp) Dftd Ella Collins (Clare) 15-5 15-4 G15S:Aine Lenihan (Clare) dftd Emma Williams (Tipp) 15-9 15-7 G15D: Fina Close/Eimear Rodgers (Clare) dftd Danielle Kyne/Cassandra Jones (Tipp) 15-1 15-1 G16D: Hannah Grace/Leanne Gould (Tipp) dftd Aoife Dooley/Jennifer Nicholas (Clare) 21-18 21-3. In Ballydesmond Evan Carey was beaten by David Considine Clare 15/1, 15/2 in U15S. In Girls U17D Ciara Morris & Avril Dooley got through to All Ireland Semi Finals

In the Juvenile Semi Finals V Connaught in Girls U 16Doubles Hannah Grace & Leanne Gould continued to impress with a very tough game against Eadaoin Nic Donnacha & Sky O Maille . They won the first 21/19 but Galway ran away with the second 21/4. In a nailbiting tie break game the Tipp girls edged it 11/7 to reach the All-Ireland Final.

In the Girls under 14 Singles and Girls U17 Doubles Tipperary had to settle for second best against very strong opponents.

GU14S Roscommon (Shauna Corrigan) dft Tipperary (Christine Percy) 15-9, 15-13

GU17D Galway (Brona Ni Cheallachain/Orlaith Ni Churraoin) dft Tipperary (Ciara Morris/Avril Dooley) 21-2, 21-3

The Juvenile 40x20 Finals 2020 were postponed due to Covid19 and hopefully will be rescheduled.

Adult Grades 40x20

After a very competitive Munster Championships Tipperary players lost out in Semi finals and finals with only Rory Grace in Minor Singles & Niall Quinn in Junior B singles winning Munster titles & going forward to represent Munster against Connaught in the All Ireland Semi finals. Rory Beat Tieran Slattery from Clare 21/13, 21/16 to record a first minor Munster title for the Lahorna Club. Niall Quinn Beat Glen Murray from Clare 21/11, 21/4.

Rory Grace travelled to Monaghan Harps where he was beaten in the Minor singles by Eoin Mc Ginnity from Monaghan 21/4 , 21/5.

In Junior B Singles Niall Quinn travelled to Bawn in Monaghan and was beaten by Oran Kiernan Monaghan 21/18, 21/12.

The 40x20 Doubles Munster Championships were not finished due to Covid19 while the All-Ireland Semi Finals and Finals were postponed also.

In Senior Singles 40x20 Ger Coonan reached the last 16 where he was beaten by Peter Funchian from Kilkenny 21/7, 21/4.

In the Ladies Senior Singles Sinead Meagher was beaten in the

Quarter Final by Aishling Reilly Antrim 21/14, 21/6.

60x30 Championships

Juvenile 60x30 2020

The Juvenile 60x30 Championships was confined to singles only and the following players represented Tipperary

BU14S Stefan Tobin Carrick
BU15S Evan Carey Ballina
BU16S Brian Burke Ballina
BU17S Adam Fogarty Ballina
GU14S Lucy Gould Lahorna
GU15S Christine Percy Lahorna
GU16S Hannah Grace Lahorna

In the Munster Finals Tipp Players only progressed to All Ireland semi-finals in Boys U14Singles, Stefan Tobin & Girls U15 Singles Christine Percy

Final: BU14S: Tipperary (Stefan Tobin) Bt Cork (Tomas O' Connor) 15/7, 15/5

Final: BU15S: Tipperary (Evan Carey) was beaten by Cork (Hayden Supple) 15/5, 8/15, 15/4

Final: BU16S: Tipperary (Brian Burke) was beaten by Cork (Eoghan Daly) 15/4, 15/7

Final: BU17S: Tipperary (Adam Fogarty) beaten by Waterford (Charlie Treen) 15/3, 15/4

Final: GU14S: Tipperary (Lucy Gould) was beaten Cork (Carmel Kelleher) 15/5, 15/4

Final: GU16S: Tipperary (Hannah Grace) lost to Clare (Leah Minogue) Clare 15/7, 4/15, 15/14

GU15S: Tipperary (Christine Percy)

The Juvenile All Ireland 60x30 Semi -Finals was postponed Due to Covid with Stefen Tobin down to play Eoghan Carthy from Roscommon in St. Comans Roscommon & Christine Percy V Karley Cooney Sligo in Ballymote in Sligo.

The Adult 60x30 had a much depleted programme with only the Minor & Senior Championships in Both Mens and Ladies taking place.

In the Senior Singles Kevin Dempsey reached the last 32 but was beaten by Michael Gregan from Wicklow 21/2, 21/5. Ger Coonan reached the last 16 where he was beaten by Barry Goff Wexford 21/13, 21/14.

Tournaments

Aughagower in Connaught hosted the She's Ace Championships.

In the Minor Singles Rory Grace Lahorna had a great run in Munster beating Keelan Murphy from Cork in Cullen in the final and went on to contest the All Ireland final but was beaten by Billy Drennan Kilkenny 21/12, 21/5.

Leanne Gould and Hannah Grace were honoured by the United Sports Panel for their achievements in Handball representing Lahorna, Tipperary and Munster throughout the 2019 season. They collected their Annerville Award at the presentation night held in January 2020 at the Clonmel Park Hotel.

Christine

Percy reached the G13 Final where she was beaten by Carmel Kelleher from Cork .

Awards

The Cumann na mBunscoil annual Cornmarket National Awards were hosted by the Tipperary Cumann na mBunscoil committee in the Anner Hotel in Thurles. Chairman Paddy Kelly & his committee put in immense work in organising the event which only comes around every 32 years to each County. Guest speaker Liam Sheedy Tipperary Hurling manager got a standing ovation for his passionate & inspiring speech. County GAA Secretary Tim Floyd had the Liam Mc Carthy Cup, the James Nowlan Cup & the Mary Quinn Memorial Cup on display.

Bereavements

Sympathy is also expressed to the Handball families who suffered bereavements throughout 2020.

FINANCE

Tipperary GAA Board again has been most supportive to the Handball Organisation and their financial contribution is of vital importance. The Board also supplies playing shirts for our Inter County Players both Adult and Juveniles. We wish to thank Tim Floyd County Secretary and the County Chairman John Devane for their continued support.

Appreciation

We again wish to thank all our Club Secretaries and Club officers who promoted handball during the year. We hope all our Players, Coaches and Supporters will keep safe and well and hopefully we will see a full return to play in 2021.

Ken Conway, Secretary,
Pat O'Flaherty Chairman,
Paddy Collins PRO.

Tipperary Supporters' Club 2020 Report

Prior to the start of the season, it was announced that 2010 All-Ireland winning captain Eoin Kelly was to join the Tipperary back-room team with Eamon O'Shea taking up the role of Performance Director for the team. Stalwart defenders James Barry and Donagh Maher announced their retirement from inter-county hurling and we wish them all the very best for the future. Go raibh mile maith agaibh, James and Donagh, as an méid atá déanta agaibh do Tiobraid Árann thar na blianta.

2020 had a good start with the 33rd AGM of the Tipperary Supporters Club, which saw a great gathering of Tipperary Supporters in the Anner Hotel, Thurles on 30th January with members travelling from all parts of Tipperary and from far and wide in Limerick, Cork, Laois, Carlow, Clare, Kilkenny and Dublin. Supporters were delighted to see the Liam McCarthy Cup and the Under 20 Munster and All Ireland Cups. Also on display were the perpetual Tony Reddin Cup, kindly presented to the Tipperary Supporters Club by Mrs Maura Reddin, awarded to Seamus Callanan as Tipperary Senior Hurler of the Year 2019 based on a vote by Tipperary Supporters Club members along with the beautiful annual Tipperary Crystal award, kindly sponsored by John Quirke, Jewellers, Cahir.

Bryan Maher, Assistant Treasurer, presented the detailed audited accounts for the year to 31st October 2019 which resulted in grants of over €93,000 to expenses connected with the Intercounty Hurling panels including training camps, medical treatment, specialist training, travel and accommodation. Major sources of income were membership, golf classics in Tipperary and Dublin and sponsorship/donations. Expenses such as the cost of membership gifts and postage of membership packs had been kept to a minimum. The financial year end is 31st October and expenditure incurred after that date brought the total contribution to team expenses for the 2019 calendar year to over €120,000. The Club held a very successful Stars in their Eyes event in November 2019 which took place after the financial year end.

In addition to the activities of the Tipperary Supporters Club, John Tierney, member of Tipperary GAA Commercial Board and committee member of the Tipperary Supporters Club, gave details of fund raising conducted by the Commercial Board including a celebration of Tipperary Hurling in the Mansion House, Dublin, on April 10th, 2019. The dinner, organised in association with Tipperary GAA's official sponsor Teneo, was a great celebration of the 27 All Ireland Hurling Championships won by Tipperary throughout the years, with eight living captains honoured on the night. The Commercial Board made a contribution of €185,000 to Tipperary GAA during the season along with a further donation of €50,000 towards the holiday fund for the Senior Hurling panel.

In his report to the AGM as Secretary Billy Coman summarised the highlights of the Club's activities. In his address as Chair Terry O'Neill thanked all the Tipperary Supporters for their generosity in supporting the fund-raising efforts of the Club including Club members, sponsors, funders, committee members, County Board officials, team management and of course the players.

John Coman, Public Relations Officer, reported on a record year with 2,565 joining as adult members, and asked all members to make a special effort to encourage extra members to join up and to ask existing members to re-join using the direct debit facility. Members paying by direct debit for the first time will enjoy a special discounted membership rate of €30 for 2020. He reported that many members had already joined for 2020 with the member's gift of the commemorative Tipperary Supporters dual trolley token proving very attractive. John especially thanked Membership Officer Jim Reidy and committee member Danny O'Connell for their long hours of work on the membership efforts. John also thanked ex-Tipperary player Mark O'Leary and his company Irish Web HQ for their great support during the year.

The following officers were appointed: Terry O'Neill, Chair; Billy Coman, Secretary; Michael Power, Treasurer (automatic re-appointment); Bryan Maher, Assistant Treasurer; John Coman, PRO; and Jim Reidy, Membership Officer.

Terry O'Neill invited John Devane, Chair of the County Board to address the meeting. John Devane thanked the Supporters Club for being a vital element in the Tipperary Hurling set up. He commented on the great co-operation between the County Board and the Tipperary Supporters Club in their work. Michael Fenton on behalf of Liam Myles, President, Tipperary Association Dublin (who could not be present) also congratulated the Club and assured it of every support from the Tipperary Association, Dublin. Also present at the meeting were Joe Kennedy, County Board Vice-Chair; Michael Power, County Board Treasurer; Tim Floyd, County Board Secretary; and Joe Bracken, PRO, County Board.

Chair Terry O'Neill welcomed Liam Sheedy and Brian Hogan to the meeting. Liam Sheedy, Senior Team Bainisteoir, addressed the meeting and thanked the Tipperary Supporters Club for their invaluable help which was an integral part of the Tipperary team's preparation. Liam emphasised the importance of the team being closely connected with the Tipperary Supporters and that the Tipperary Supporters Club

Tipperary senior hurling coaches Eoin Kelly, Eamon O'Shea and Darragh Egan.

had a key role to play in that. Liam said he was delighted to launch the Tipperary Supporters Club Membership 2020, see details below, and he urged all Tipperary Supporters to join up.

Early in the year, Tipperary supporters were closely following the fortunes of County Senior Champions, Borrisileigh, who won a thrilling Munster Championship and went all the way to the All-Ireland Final in Croke Park where they were beaten by Ballyhale Shamrocks after a brilliant campaign.

March began to see the curtailment of GAA activity as the impact of Covid-19 was felt across Ireland. As a result, it was decided that the knock out stages of the Allianz Hurling League would be confined to just a Final, which was postponed until the Autumn with Limerick defeating Clare in a match which was also the Munster Championship Quarter Final.

The Munster and All-Ireland Championships were also postponed and many of the usual Tipperary Supporters Club activities had to be cancelled for public health reasons including the golf classics in Tipperary and Dublin. With hopes of an effective vaccine being available in 2021, we hope to resume those activities next year when it is safe to do so.

Following defeat by Limerick in a rain-sodden Munster Championship Semi-Final on 1 November, Tipperary got back to winning ways against Cork in the All Ireland Qualifiers to reach the All Ireland Quarter Final against Galway. Unfortunately, Tipperary bowed out of the Championship after a narrow two point defeat.

Liam Sheedy in full concentration at the Cork match.

2020 had also seen many plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. At time of writing, Tipperary had beaten Clare, Limerick and Cork to win the Munster Senior Football Championship for the first time since 1935. The win was made all the more memorable as it occurred on the day after the 100th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and while wearing the special commemorative Tipperary jersey. At the time of writing, Tipperary are due to face Mayo in a repeat of the 1920 All-Ireland Championship Semi-Fina and we wish them every success.

The Tipperary Supporters Club would like to express our sympathy with the friends and families of all those connected with Tipperary hurling who passed away during the year. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nanamnacha dílis.

The Club would like to thank all those who helped in its activities during the year including members, sponsors, County Board officials, team management and of course the players who gave generously of their time for Club events. You can keep in touch with all the news and events for 2020 by logging on to www.tippsupportersclub.com and all members are kept up to date on draws, prizes etc by regular email newsletters. This year we continued the very popular text service for current members giving them immediate information on the team selections for both Senior Championship and Allianz Hurling League.

Special thanks are due to Jim Reidy, Membership Officer, and Committee member Danny O'Connell for all their work, especially on memberships.

Tipperary Supporters Club Membership 2021

The 2021 Tipperary Supporters Club Membership is now available and, in addition to the membership gift of the special Tipperary Supporters dual face mask pictured here,other features of membership are a special car sticker, membership card and draws for 5 pairs of stand tickets to each of Tipperary's Munster and All-Ireland SH Championship games as well as entry in the Team Mascot competition for Home matches in the Allianz Hurling League and a vote to decide on the Tipperary Senior Hurler of the Year. Details of all prize winners are on tippsupportersclub.com and many members joined on line there. The direct debit payment option is encouraged by the committee, which saves greatly on administration and costs, a major point for any organisation which relies totally on voluntary effort. Just log on to tippsupportersclub.com/join/ to get the direct debit form.

Members are entitled to a selection of great discounts. Louis Fitzgerald has kindly provided a very attractive 10% discount on accommodation at the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin for Tipperary Supporters Club members, log on to www.tippsupportersclub.com for further details on this and other discounts. Another very popular feature of the membership package is the use of social media, email and texting of team announcements as soon as they are made which means that Tipperary Supporters Club members get the team news in to their hand wherever they are in Ireland or abroad. If joining by post please send a cheque or postal order for €40 payable to Tipperary Supporters Club to Jim Reidy, 13 Castleknock Close, Dublin 15.

We want to extend the membership base further and we would urge all supporters to join our Team Tipperary fund raising effort by making contact with Supporters Club Membership Officer, Jim Reidy on 086-3580718 or by email at info@tippsupportersclub.com. Also, we would like to make a special appeal to Tipperary Supporters living abroad who could connect us to other supporters in places like London, Dubai, Australia, USA and Canada or elsewhere to contact us. This is the direct link to join on line: http://www.tippsupportersclub.com/join/adult-members/

Ar aghaidh le Tiobraid Árann!

John Coman
Public Relations Officer
Tipperary Supporters Club

Supporting Tipperary Hurling

Mark O'Meara's day as Tipperary Supporters Club Mascot for Tipperary v Waterford, Allianz Hurling League Division One, Semple Stadium Thurles on 1st March, 2020:

I was really lucky to be chosen as the mascot for the Tipp v Waterford Hurling match on Sunday 1st March in Semple Stadium. I met John Coman near the tunnel where the players run out at 1.30pm. I was really excited. John gave me some Tipperary supporters club hats, some match programmes and mini radios. We were allowed onto the pitch once the referee and the lines men went out. I got a sliotar signed by the referee, Sean Stack. Seamus Callanan and Pauric Mahony signed it for me also. Then I got my photo taken with them.

Once the game started, John brought my Mum and me up to the Tipp FM commentary box. I had a great view of the game from up here. I met Ken Hogan and I got a photo taken with him. Stephen Gleeson from Tipp FM interviewed me at half time. It was cool as I got to wear radio head phones.

Then I went back to my seat for the second half. Tipperary won so it was a great day overall.

I really enjoyed my day in Thurles. The best part was going on to the pitch for the toss because I met Seamus Callanan.

Thanks very much to John and the Tipperary Supporters Club for making the day really enjoyable.

From Mark

Mark O'Meara was Tipperary Supporters Club mascot for Tipp v Waterford Allianz match in March 2020.

Tipperary Supporters' Club

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2019

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Income			
Membership subscriptions	2	77,025	77,226
Golf Classics	3	56.421	54,180
Miscellaneous income		150	(366)
Fundraising - Fun Run		-	2,593
		133,596	133,633
Expenditure			
Administrative expenses	4	(8,644)	(12,300)
Surplus before Team support payments		124,952	121,333
Tipperary Hurling Team Support			
Team support payments	5	(93,353)	(120,850)
Donations and Sponsorship	6	(3,115)	(1,300)
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		28,484	(817)
Accumulated Surplus brought forward	10	28,159	28,976
Accumulated Surplus carried forward		56,643	28,159

Tipperary Water bottles labelled for each team member.

Tipperary Supporters' Club

Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31 October 2019

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Current Assets			
Prize Bonds		12,700	12,700
Debtors	7	27,040	8,240
Prepayments	8	8,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		16,782	14,735
		64,522	35,675
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year			
Fundraising	9	2,000	-
Holiday Fund	9	3,899	-
Accruals	9	1,980	7,516
		7,879	7,516
Net Current Assets		56,643	28,159
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		56,643	28,159
Accumulated Funds	10	56,643	28,159

11. TIPPERARY COMMERCIAL GAA BOARD

Funds raised for Tipperary by the Tipperary Commercial GAA Board are transferred to a Tipperary Supporters Club Bank account. This account is designated for the sole purpose of holding the funds on behalf of the Tipperary Commercial GAA Board. The funds in this bank account are beneficially owned by the Tipperary Commercial GAA Board.

The agreed arrangement in place between Tipperary Supporters Club and Tipperary Commercial GAA Board is as follows:

- Tipperary Supporters Club holds funds in its No.2 account for the beneficial ownership of Tipperary Commercial GAA Board.
- Tipperary Supporters Club makes disbursements out of this account on behalf of Tipperary Commercial GAA Board upon approval from the Tipperary Commercial Board.

In the financial year to October 31st 2019, Tipperary Supporters Club disbursed €185,725 re Tipperary Senior Hurling team support on behalf of Tipperary Commercial GAA Board. The balance of funds held on behalf of Tipperary Commercial GAA Board on October 31st 2019 was €57,153.

Scór 2019-2020

Seosaimhín Ní Chathail (Cathaoirleach)

Reflecting back over the year it seems extraordinary that our last real Scór celebration –Scór Sinsear took place in Newport on March 7th 2020 just a few short days before our country went into lockdown and that our expectations of Munster and All Ireland participation were still very much alive in our hearts and minds. The wonderful Scór na bPáistí competitions, parish ,divisional and County were all to be deferred and again it was our earnest hope that these would somehow take place at "a later date " which unfortunately has not materialised . Of primary importance was the Health and Safety of all involved and it was with heavy hearts that decisions were made to cancel arrangements and circulate that decision to the Scór Community .As always our thanks must be extended to parish, divisional and county committees for their sterling work not only at grassroots level but in the organisation and promotion of all things Scór and all those who in any way contribute to the cultural events that we celebrate throughout the year . Notwithstanding the Covid-19 pandemic we had an extremely busy and successful Scór na nÓg competition before and after Christmas and I'm sure so many will have fond memories of these highlights in Holycross, Ovens Co. Cork and Killarney . Agus an Coróinvireas buailte go dona linn ní mór dúinn bheith ar an airdeall i gcónaí agus cloí le Comhairle na nudarás sláinte .Seans go mbeidh comórtas fioriúil againn amach anseo ach idir an dá linn bímis slán sabhailte i gcomhluadar a cheile.

Scór na nÓg Craobh an Chontae 2019-2020

The County Final of Scór na nÓg 2019 -2020 took place on Sunday 1st of December 2019 in Holycross Bean an tí for the afternoon was Caoimhe Ní Chradóg- Cailín líofa deisbhéalach a bhfuil an cur amach aici ar chúrsaí Scór agus dhein sí na himeachtaí a chur i láthair go brea socair. Our judges for the afternoon- Katherine Hyland and Robert Kelly were extremely impressed with the standard of performance, though participation levels at Scór na nÓg continue to fall in the County despite a wonderful few years of Scór na bPáistí. Notwithstanding this all competitors gave of their best and represented their clubs with pride .The Cathaoirleach Seosaimhín Ní Chathail expressed her thanks to all involved and wished the winners Ádh mhór in the Munster Finals in Ovens Co .Cork on January 5th 2020. She also thanked Bridget Long and the local committee for their warmth and hospitality in hosting the event in their lovely Community Hall . Seo liosta de na buaiteoirí.

Munster Final of Scór na nÓg 2020 - 4 Titles for the Premier County

Provincial Champions

1 Rince Foirne (Corn Chontae Phortlairge) Newcastle

2 Amhránaíocht Aonair(Corn Chontae Chiarraí) Cailín Nic Tréinir Portroe

3 Aithriseoireacht(Corn Chomhairle na Mumhan) Canice Ó Riain Seán Treacy's

4 Nuachleas (Corn Luimní) Borrisoleigh

The Munster Final of Scór na nÓg 2020 took place in Ovens, Co Cork on Sunday January 5th 2020 . As all 6 counties were participating competition was extremely keen and the reinstatement of three judges to judge each competition was extremely welcome. The Trath na gCeist preliminary rounds took place at 12 and all counties then went on to a stage performance after the break .Congratulation to a very brave young Moyne Templetuohy team that represented us so well and will no doubt bring their experience to bear to future battles of wills in Scór . Míle buíochas to Cathal , Éanna,Bláthnaid agus Máirtín and their hard working mentors .Dhein sibh éacht .

Nuachleas Borrisoleigh Harry Groome, Niamh Ryan, Nicole Colgan, Will Cooney, Kaylyn Treacy, Conor Kinane, Emily Treacy, Daniel Groome

Mhol an Fear an Tí - Fionnán Mac Gearailt na hiomaitheoirí uile as dul ar an stáitse agus a ndícheall a dheanamh sna comórtaisí éagsúla. He spoke eloquently to those taking part of the importance of taking part and

representing club and county in their chosen disciplines 'Our culture and heritage is such an important part of who we are and long may it flourish' a dúirt an Cathaoirleach nuair a labhair sí leis na sluaite.

Tipperary were represented in 6 of the on stage disciplines and one can only imagine the joy and excitement when Tipperary were announced winners in no less than four of these. Competitors, mentors, families and supporters were hopeful but each announcement was greeted with cheers and tears of happiness as our winners went to the stage to collect their cups and medals. Bhí lúcháir is riméad ar na sluaite gan dabht . Our Bailéad ghrúpa and Rince seite troupe performed beautifully on the day but they will no doubt share in the joy of the occasion and know that they too have brought honour to family, club and county .A sincere Míle buíochas from Coiste an Chontae was expressed for all the hard work and effort

Just a few hours earlier the Borrisoleigh senior hurlers had emerged victorious in the All Ireland Club Finals with a victory over St Thomas' and for all those involved in the Nuachleas it was a wonderful double for the Club. Many of those involved had close connections to the team and victory on stage was all the more precious .Maith sibh go léir .

Amhránaíocht Aonair: Cailín Creamer Portroe

Craobh na hÉireann Scór na nÓg 2020 Cill Áirne
All Ireland Finals Saturday 1st February was the date for the All Ireland finals to take place in the INEC Killarney

The All Ireland Finals of Scór na nÓg took place in the INEC Gleneagle Hotel Killarney on Saturday February 1st 2020 at 3 o clock in the afternoon. Little did we think then in our excitement and anticipation that all further provincial and National competitions for 2020 would not take place because of lockdown. With all 32 counties having battled for places in The All Ireland we were hopeful that we would participate well and be proud of our performances on the national stage. Tipperary colourful supporters were many and vocal and had so much to be proud of as we showcased the best of Tipp on stage. Newcastle's Rince Foirne, Borrisoleigh's Léiriú, Canice Ryan's (Seán Treacy's) Aithriseoireacht and Cailín Nic Thréinir (Portroe) Amhranaíocht Aonair brought honour to club ,county and province with wonderful performances. However the National accolades went to Newcatle in the Rince Foirne and our loyal supporters brought the house down as the announcement was made .Clara Inglis, Sarah Inglis, Emma Wyse, Niamh Ní Fhearghail, Ellie Nic Chonamara, Amy Ní Dhuibhir, Orlaith Ní Dhaltúin,and Abbie Ni Laoire danced their way to the stage to be presented with their national trophy and meet with their wonderful mentor and dance teacher Kathy McGrath to share the excitement and jubilation . As always all Tipperary supporters celebrated both victory and defeat into the late evening in the Glen Eagle and the "Lady of Loughrea" , "What sort of an eejit are you ?" and "Where we all belong" were not forgotten .

Aithriseoireacht: Canice Ryan Seán Treacy's

A special mention to all the performers, their mentors, families, friends and supporters for giving so much of themselves from divisional, club, county, province and All Ireland levels and holding the flag of Scór on high with pride and appreciation of culture. Ár mbuíochas dóibh siúd a chabhraíonn leis an aos óg agus iad ag glacadh páirte in imeachtaí Scór i gcoitinne .

Scór Sinsear an Chontae 2020

A great night of entertainment took place in Newport's community centre on Saturday night 7th March 2020 at the County Final of Scór Sinsear. Bhí ard oíche siamsaíochta againn i gCraobh an Chontae san Ionaid Phobail i dTulach Seasta oíche Dé Sathairn . Anthony Floyd- Chairperson of the North Scór committee was the eloquent and deisbhéalach fear an tí who welcomed one and all to this excellent venue .

Rince Foirne: Newcastle - Ciara English ,Emma Wyse, Ellie Mc Namara, Orlaith Dalton, Sarah English, Niamh Ó Farrell, Amy Ó Dwyer, Abbie Ó Leary . Rince Seite: Newcastle Ciara English, Emma Wyse, Ellie McNamara, Orlaith Dalton, Sarah English, Niamh Ó Connor, Amy Ó Dwyer, Abbie Ó Leary

Our judges and all present were very pleased and delighted with the standard of the performances and a great sense of fun and enjoyment permeated the proceedings. Though the numbers participating in Scór Sinsear have been decreasing in recent years the standard of excellence remains and the night's entertainment was a treat for all present.

Earlier in the evening the Tráth na gCeist took place in the local Primary School with Jim Enright ó Chontae an Chláir as Fear na gCeist and Mark Dunne as his able assistant. Jim has a passion for this discipline and delights in bringing the competitors along with him. After 10 rounds of 8 questions only one mark separated the teams with all teams beating the 70 mark. The Moyne Templetuohy team of Jim O Meara ,Paddy Moran ,Tom Collier and Francis Cleere lifted the Trophy with Seán Treacys a close second .A word of appreciation was expressed by Josephine Cahill for the hospitality and céad mile fáilte from the Newport Community who looked after all so well on the night.

County Champions

Tráth na gCeist –Moyne Templetuohy
Amhranaíocht Aonair –Siobhán Egan –Newport
Aithriseoireacht-Noel Joyce J .K. Brackens
Rince Seite – JK Brackens
Nuachleas –Newport
Ceol Uirlise –JK Brackens
Bailéad Ghrúpa –Upperchurch Drombane

Munster Final

The Munster Final of Scór Sinsear set for Cappamore on March 28th and The All Ireland Final set for Killarney on April 25th were casualties yet again of the corona virus .

With heavy hearts we also had to cancel all our Scór na bPáistí activities, an event that is truly one of the flagships of Scór an Chontae .Beidh laethanta órga eile againn le cúnamh Dé.

All Ireland Scór na nÓg Champions 2020: Newcastle Rince Foirne and their supporters. Clara Inglis, Sarah Inglis, Emma Wyse, Niamh Ní Fhearghail, Ellie Nic Chonamara, Amy Ní Dhuibhir, Orlaith Ní Dhaltúin,and Abbie Ni Laoire

Scór Income and Expenditure Accounts 2020

Income		**Expenditure**	
Grant Co. Board	€1,000.00		
Scór na nÓg			
Door	€618.00		
Raffle	€180.00		
Scór Sinsear			
Door	€601.00		
Raffle	€240.00		
Total Income	**€2,639.00**		

Expenditure			
Bank Fees	€54.22	**Scór na nÓg**	
		Hall	€150.00
Scór na nÓg	€1,076.00	Adjudicators	€250.00
Scor Sinsear	€1,380.00	Teas	€70.00
Miscellaneous	€180.00	Photos	€60.00
Sec Expemses	€180.00	Caretaker	€30.00
		Raffle Tickets	€20.00
Total Expenditure	€2,870.22	Medals	€256.00
Total Income	€2,639.00	Programmes	€40.00
		Amplification	€150.00
		Bean Atí	€50.00
Deficit for year	-€231.22	**Total**	**€1,076.00**

		Scór Sinsear	
Opening Accounts		Adjudicators	€400.00
Deposits Accounts	€227.15	Teas	€150.00
Current Account	€963.38	Photos	€60.00
		Programmes	€70.00
Closing Accounts		Medals	€270.00
Deposits Account	€227.15	Amplification / Hall	€150.00
Current Account	€732.16	Video	**€100.00**
		Raffle Tickets	€20.00
		Caretaker	€30.00
		Total	**€1,380.00**
History of Scór	**€1,803.81**		
Deficit For Year	€231.22		

Health & Wellbeing Committee Report 2020

Introduction,

The GAA Health & Wellbeing Mission empowers the Association to enrich the lives of members and the community they serve. The GAA association continue to supports the development of its communities by helping to foster the all-inclusive "Where we Belong". While we work within our community, respect our culture that promotes the very essence of being part and amongst the local community and beyond.

Some of these activities include supporting local charities, helping the community organise fundraising events and functions, running talks on topics such as Gambling Awareness / Addiction, making information available on helpline services, running social events for all the community, making facilities available for local schools and Community Games to host events.

Training: On the 12th February the HCC provided Critical incident training to clubs seeking advice and guidance for their club participation, this training was provided to Healthy Club Officers, (photo attached) training was facilitated by the Tipperary HC Committee in association with Collette Coady (National Health & Wellbeing Administrator) Croke Park.

The role of the H&W Committee and Healthy Club Officer are to enable club and communities members closer to their club and communities taking the LOGO **"Healthy Mind Healthy Body Healthy Club"** as the desired outcome.

Communication: The continued communication within the Tipperary GAA Community is greatly enhanced by our current Tipperary Website and IT Officer Lisa Stapleton along with PRO Joe Bracken through the Tipperary GAA Scene. Each club can avail and promote their Health Club initiatives by circulating events they are organising through the information networks.

Tipperary now have five (5) recognised Healthy Clubs that have attained the recognise threshold for national Healthy Club criteria.

1. Nenagh GAA
2. JK Brackens GAA
3. St Patricks Drangan GAA
4. Newport GAA
5. Lorrha- Dorrha GAA

Phase 4 programme-: Tipperary have four new clubs included to the National Healthy programme, these clubs are Ardfinnan, Ballina, Cahir & Kilruane Mac Donaghs, these clubs were included as part of Phase 4 programme for National Healthy Club Project, this was announced at the National Healthy Club Orientation Day held in Croke Park on February 1st.

Health & Wellbeing Stand at Coaching Seminar in LIT March 2020

Summary of Tipperary GAA Health and Wellbeing activities 2020

The onset of Covid 19 restricted many events that Tipperary HCHC and clubs considered organising during the year. A brief synopsis of coordinated activities during this period include-

Green Prescription: In February the committee represented Tipperary GAA at a meeting hosted by the HSE to discuss the possibility of clubs being encouraged to participate and promote The Green Prescription. This is a programme based on the theory that outside physical activity also called green exercise, results in positive outcomes for both physical and mental health. A Green Prescription is written advice from your doctor to become more active. Green Exercise is any physical activity that improves your quality of life through outdoor activity. Going forward the HSE would envisage working with local GAA clubs in supporting people in their communities engage in exercise within the community setting.

Coaching & Games Seminar: On March 7th Health & Wellbeing took a stand at the successful Coaching & Games

Attendance at Critical Incident Plan training in Lár na Pairce 12th March 2020

Seminar held in LIT Thurles, (photo attached) . We would like to thank Mick Collins HSE, Jigsaw Limerick and Aoife Reilly Croke Park Health & Wellbeing who provided information covering the supports their organisations provide for overall health and wellbeing.

TILDA

Unfortunately, due to lockdown restrictions we had to cancel what promised to be an interesting TILDA (The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing) presentation by Prof. Rose Anne Kenny of Trinity College which Tipperary was due to host on April 28th.

From April through to June committee members and clubs signed into the weekly webinars run by the GAA. Topics covered included Resilience & Wellbeing, Gambling Awareness, Substance Use, and Diversity & Inclusion.

Critical Incident Plan: During lockdown, The County Critical Incident Plan was prepared by the committee and passed at the August County Board Meeting.

Minding Your Wellbeing Programme: On November 3rd Healthy Club members attended the Webinar launch by the HSE of the Minding Your Wellbeing Programme. This programme is online based consisting of 5 video sessions. It can be accessed free online at yourmmentalhealth.ie Sessions focus on

1 Practicing Self Care
2 Understanding Our Thoughts
3 Exploring Emotions
4 Building Positive Relationships
5 Improving Our Resilience

Volunteer Ireland

One of the functions of the Healthy Club Project is involvement in helping local communities in their hour of need. When lockdown came in March clubs regardless of whether they were involved in the project or not sprang into action. Many members volunteered through organisations such as the HSE and Volunteer Ireland to help vulnerable and cocooning members of their community who were advised not to leave their homes. Clubs organised rotas to deliver groceries, medication, hot meals and run general errands. These regular doorstep drops proved invaluable as sometimes they were the only social engagement people staying at home could look forward. In some area's clubs helped save turf, cut lawns and if anyone

vulnerable had a household emergency the GAA club was the point of contact to have the problem solved. In these unchartered challenging times, the association has proved how it is moulded into local communities and how its members are willing to support their community in its time of need.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions Healthy Club Officers continued to be busy working on their project portals. They were instrumental in encouraging their clubs to become involved in various volunteering initiatives. They organised participation in the Sunrise Appeal for Pieta, prepared various policies for club implementation and participated in the weekly Webinars organised by the National Health & Wellbeing Committee. Healthy Club Committee members volunteered to act as COVID-19 Officers to enable Return to Play as restrictions eased. As the pandemic continues Healthy Club Committees are once again involved organising supports for their communities as there are concerns that feelings of social isolation could increase now that we are into long dark evenings.

A cross section of the activities from some of our Healthy Clubs participated in during 2020 below-

Ardfinan

- Completed Ireland Lights Up - 8-week programme.
- Participated in GAA Club Together to help local community.
- Created Club Board Game for families during COVID-19.
- Created and had club sign off on various policies such as Substances Abuse, Critical Incident, Smoke Free Grounds, Social Inclusion, Disability & Special Needs.
- Organised Gaelic for Dads & Lads.
- Promoted Day of Older Persons.
- Participated in Super Games.
- Arranged for Covid signage and dispensers.

Ballina

- Set up Community Volunteer Group to help with grocery deliveries during First Lockdown.
- Collaborated with Smith O'Briens GAA Club on various projects which included laptops for Nursing Home, visors for frontline workers.
- Participated in Sunrise Appeal for Pieta.
- Organised skills videos for players.
- Linked with Tidy Towns for clean-up and planting.

Cahir

- Members volunteered in community for deliveries and running errands during Lockdown.
- Organised donation from Juvenile Club of Hurley's to 1st class in Cahir Boys N.S.
- Healthy Club Committee acted as COVID-19 supervisors.
- Participated in Super Games.

Toomevara Healthy Club Walkers

Toomevara

- Participated in Operation Transformation which included regular well attended walks.
- Raised €6.895 for Pieta by club running a 48-hour relay.
- Participated in My Life Steps Challenge
- Participated in Wellbeing Webinars.

J K Brackens

The Healthy Club committee through consultations and support of the senior club committee are committed to support and maintain our official Healthy Club statues. Throughout the year we continued to organise several initiatives regardless of the challenges of COVID-19 restrictions. The Healthy Club motto of "Healthy Mind Healthy Body Healthy Club" is always considered throughout each year. This year's activities included the following –

- Addiction awareness talk for all Senior and Juvenile committee members.

- Club members participated in GAA Club Together initiative helping the local community by organising deliveries.
- During June participated in The Mid Tipp lockdown challenge coordinated by Mid Tipperary Coaching and Games.
- Encourages continued support in the implementation of the Best Practice Policy for all club members while coaching and working with underage groups.
- Supported and assist club executive to implement all the Health and Safety measures to ensure return to play and the opening of club grounds followed official guidelines.

Newport

- January participated in Ireland Lights Up weekly walks organised in Longhouse Field.
- No Smoking Policy adopted by club executive
- Encouraged rollout of Football for over 40's.
- Organised Drug & Alcohol awareness talk in conjunction with St. Marys Secondary School Newport. Guest speakers John Leahy HSE Drug & Alcohol Addiction Counsellor & Garda Inspector Padraigh Sutton Drug Unit Limerick.
- Club organised fun coaching videos for juveniles during lockdown.
- Participated in helping deliver meals & groceries during lockdown.
- Currently organising a Shop Local Campaign for Christmas.

National Health and Wellbeing Forum

The National County Health and Wellbeing Committee forum is scheduled for Friday 20th November 2020, time 7pm -830pm. This forum is organised in conjunction with the National Health and Wellbeing Committee in Croke Park , the format is via webinar link to all County Health and Wellbeing Committees, details from this forum will be report in the following year report.

Conclusion

This has been a year like no other. This pandemic has changed lives worldwide and as a society we have had to accept many restrictions and hardships for the wellbeing of each other. Christmas 2020 will also test our resilience as many of us with family overseas are now realising, they may not make it home for the festivities due to travel restrictions and the fear of spreading the virus. However, the GAA family is still here for everyone and communities can be assured that their local club will step in and volunteer when asked.

On behalf of the County Health & Wellbeing Committee and Tipperary Healthy Clubs we would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy Christmas.

Is Mise, **Seamus O Dubhslainne**, Rúnaí
Cora Ni Mhaolruanaidh Cathaoirleach

Breda Fitzgibbon of Skeheenarinky Hurling Club, Tipperary, is presented with the Munster Award by Maolmhuire Tynan, Head of Public Affairs AIB, and Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael John Horan during the GAA President's Awards at Croke Park in Dublin held in February 2020.

Fixtures Analysts Report 2020

by Sean Ó Costagáin

John Costigan

In one of the most unusual years ever experienced by GAA administrators and GAA playing personnel at club and county level it is my privilege as Tipperary's Fixture Analyst to present my report to the different authorities.

It is incumbent on me as fixtures analyst and a member of the county CCC to monitor the years GAA activity within the county to analyze it, to report on it to the relevant bodies and to make whatever recommendations I deem necessary to improve our domestic competitions in order that the club players at different levels in both hurling and football, get the required number of games in properly, run competitions that's both meaningful, enjoyable and worthwhile.

I have to send a report to Tipperary Co. Board, Munster Council and Páirc an Chrocaigh on the workings of our domestic championships and leagues or subsidiary competitions to insure that our players in the respective grades of our competitions get sixteen games each year. If your club players participate in both codes at the same level or a step below it a total of 25 games will be adequate.

We as a county over the past decade or more have been promoting our games most effectively and efficiently. The Primary and Second Level game promotions have been excellent in both codes and we must continue to work to the same level. Bord Na nÓg is doing a wonderful job with high standard competitions being run efficiently. We are producing well prepared minor and Under-20 teams that are always competitive and are winning their share of silverware. The early years of the last decade had Tipperary playing minor and Under-21 Football to All Ireland standard. Let's hope that the early years of the next decade will witness similar performances.

At long last the domestic championships which are so important to the development of our players have come on a format to run our championships that proved during the 2020 campaign enjoyable, entertaining, and effective. I would like to compliment our officers led by John Devane who stood steadfast over the last few years of forming groups of sixteen that's very manageable to run. It gave every club in the county a chance to play themselves into whatever bracket their standard deserves and as a result no one can complain of being wronged.

This year's championships were one of the best in Tipperary's long GAA history. Everyone was graded as they should be and as a result, we had a series of excellent competitive games before the respective championships were decided. Every club in their competition got a respectable number of excellent games before they exited the championship and were then compelled to fight for their status for the 2021 campaign.

I am recommending that we retain the format for running the Dan Breen competition in its totality for 2021. I am similarly recommending that we run the Seamus Ó Riain and the Intermediate hurling championship as in 2020.

I further recommend that for 2021 we form another group of sixteen clubs, comprising of the quarter finalists of the 2020 Junior (A) divisional championship. This group of sixteen adopting the same system that applies to the Dan Breen, Seamus Ó Riain and Intermediate Championship.

I recommend that the format for the Senior Football Championship be as 2020 with quarter finals being restored for the 2021 campaign. I recommend the same for Intermediate football championship with sixteen teams involved but some serious sanctions need to be introduced to insure we don't have similar withdrawals as happened during this year's campaign.

I recommend that the Junior (A) and (B) football as well as the Junior (B) hurling be played at divisional level before proceeding to county semi-final and final stage.

It looks very likely now that the split season will be acceptable in 2022 if not in 2021 with all Irelands been played in July. The club season for championship purposes will commence in late July if one's county is not involved in the All Ireland series in either codes.

It is my recommendation then that our divisional championships commence in March. This will provide meaningful games for our Senior club players possibly excluding those on the Intercounty teams in the Spring and early summer.

It might be the wish of clubs to play the divisional championships after the completion of the county championships and if that is their wish so be it.

If that feeling prevails, it will be necessary to have meaningful leagues during spring and early summer.

As a result of a decision made at Congress 2019 the age levels for the underage players will be under 13, under 15, under 17 and under 20 for domestic competitions. Any diviation from that will reduce the status of those games to tournament level. I am therefore recommending to the county Board to introduce all county Minor (A) hurling and football championships. They will consist of groups of 16 In both codes with the grading committee allocating the places of the clubs based on their performances at under-age level during the proceeding years. The format that I would recommend is to have two groups of eight in both codes with each team having seven games. When the league format would be complete, I would have the top team in each group qualify for final with the second and third place teams playing a semifinal. I would run the (B) Minor championship in both codes at divisional level now until we see how the other recommendation works.

We are reaching a time of change and challenge within the association at both county and national level and I have no doubt, but our great county will be up for it.

Mise John Costigan, (Co Fixture Analyst)

County Tipperary Youth Committee Report 2020

The 2019 Co Final of the GAA Primary Schools Table Quiz was held in Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre on Sunday evening 26th November 2017
Winners Thomastown, Runners up Borrisoleigh A, Third Golden,
Fourth Scoil Ailbe Thurles, Fifth Borrisoleigh B.
Prizes were sponsored by Centenary Thurles Co Op.

The Co. Youth Committee would like to point out that it is now mandatory for all clubs to appoint Club Children's Officers and Club Designated Persons who will look after the following:

1) All clubs must appoint a Club Designated Person who will be responsible for dealing with all allegations of abuse within the club.
2) Clubs must also appoint a Club Children's Officer who will ensure the implementation of all best practices for dealing with children and young people within the club.
3) If a club does not appoint these officers the legal responsibility for implementing these policies and dealing with all allegations of abuse will lie with the Senior Club Chairperson.
4) All coaches and others in clubs who deal with players under 18 years of age must be Garda Vetted and must have attended a course dealing with the Code of Ethics for dealing with young people involved in sport and a Coaching course appropriate to the age group they are coaching i.e. Child, Youth or Adult.
5) All clubs are required to have a code of practice for dealing with under 18 players

Any Clubs or individuals with questions about these will find the information they need on the GAA website as follows:
Log into gaa.ie
Click on Clubzone
Click on Child Welfare & Protection

Information on Garda Vetting is also available on this website where the E Vetting form is available as anyone who wishes to be vetted must now complete it on- line. The old paper vetting system is no longer in operation for GAA members.
Anybody with a query on Child Welfare is welcome to contact Nicholas Moroney 0878369630

As the traditional Face to Face Course/Workshops cannot be held during the Covid Pandemic we ask all clubs to book on- line Workshops for their members. Your Club Childrens Officer has all the details and will make the necessary arrangements. Several clubs have already held on- line courses/workshops for their coaches/selectors.

Co Youth Committee Members 2020
Nicholas Moroney, Co Youth Officer
Cora Moroney, North Youth Officer
Owen Doody, West Youth Officer
Maura Grogan, South Youth Officer
P.J. Bowden, Mid Youth Officer
Catriona Maher, Post Primary Schools Representative
Aodhán Wrenn, Cumann na mBunscoil Representative
Andy O'Gorman
John Smith

County Post Primary Schools - School Year 2019/20

The year just past was a strange year for the Post Primary Schools as indeed it was for all units of the GAA. On the 13th of March the schools closed due to Covid 19 and were not to reopen until the end of August for the new academic year. A number of competitions remained unfinished at that stage. Munster and Tipperary PPs cancelled the remaining competitions and Coiste Bainistí ruled that competitions that were down to finals could be finished at provincial senior level, but the All-Ireland competitions would be cancelled.

At National level Cashel C.S had reached the u/19 B hurling final after defeating Calasanctius College Oranmore 4.22 to 1.11 in the semi-final, but that final fell with the ruling of Coiste Bainistí.

At provincial level most competitions were played, the exception was the u/15 hurling and the u/16.5 football. An exception to the u/16.5 football was the A which was finalised.

At county level All competitions were completed except for the u/17 hurling and the u/14 football. (Rockwell Blitz)

The annual review could not go ahead due to the school closures so the committee remained as per the previous year. Please God 2021 will be different and we can get back to normal.
The position of chairman and secretary are.
Chairman Shane Ronayne Colaiste Dun Iascaigh.
Secretary Kieran Hickey the Abbey C.B.S.

The following were the winners and runners up at provincial level
U/19 Hurling (B)
Cashel C.S 1.18 SNTN Doon 1.15
U/19 Football (B)
Patrician Academy Mallow 3.06 The Abbey CBS 0.07
U/16.5 Hurling (D)
Presentation Ballingarry 1.10 – Scoil Pol Kilfinane 1.09
U/16.5 Hurling (E)
Comeragh College 5.09 – Carrigtwohill C.C 1.05

The games at county level changed somewhat during the year. The u/15 hurling and football at B and C level was ran in a blitz format with a separate full game final. The A competition in both remained in knockout format as per previous years. This change was brought in at the annual review of April 2019. The reason for the change was to allow teachers more time in the schools. As the curriculum in the schools are changing, games and game times are been curtailed, hence the reason for this change. At this stage I must pay special tribute to the teachers in our school for the work that they put in. They are at all times doing their best for our games in their schools.

The following were the winners and runners up at county level

Corn Uí Cathain (A) First year hurling		
Winner Thurles CBS	Runner up	Our Ladys Templemore
Plata Uí Cathain (A) First year hurling		
Winner The Abbey CBS	Runner up	Nenagh CBS
Sciath Uí Cathain (B) First year hurling		
Winner St Josephs Borrisoleigh	Runner up	St Marys Newport
Plata Uí Cathain (B) First year hurling		
Winner Borrisokane	Runner up	The High School Clonmel
Croke Cup U/15 A hurling		
Winner Thurles C.B. S	Runner up	Cashel CS
Hennessy Cup U/15 B hurling		
Winner The Abbey CBS	Runner up	The High School Clonmel
U/15 C Hurling		
Winner Rockwell College	Runner up	Colaiste Mhuire Durlas

Corn Mhic Gabhann U/19 A football

Winner	The High School Clonmel	Runner up	The Abbey CBS

Corn Bhrathair Ui Dhaltuin U/19 B football

Winner	Colaiste Phobal Roscrea	Runner up	Carrick on Suir CBS

Cusack Cup U/15 A football

Winners	The Abbey CBS	Runner up	Thurles CBS

Cusack Shield U/15 B football

Winner	Carrick on Suir CBS	Runner up	Thurles CBS (B)

U/15 C Football

Winner	Comeragh College	Runner up	Colaiste Mhuire Durlas

- Finally, we must thank all the clubs that provided their grounds to the Post Primary Schools.
- Behind them clubs are their great groundsmen who strive to have their grounds in top condition for the games.
- Thanks also to the referees for all their help in making themselves available and sometimes at short notice.
- Thanks to the county G.D.A.'s, for their help in our games and also for the work they put into the schools, something the teachers are very thankful for.
- Thanks also to John Costigan who never lost his love for Post Primary Games and always fills in for me when I am away.
- Finally, to the county board and its officers. They back the schools with grants and the purchase of top-quality medals for our county games.

Tom Maher
County PPs administrator.

Our Lady's Templemore - Back row: Eddie Ryan (Borris-Ileigh), Kevin Maher (Borris-Ileigh), John Campion (Drom/Inch), James Corcoran (JK Brackens), Ciaran McCormack (Loughmore-Castleiney), Henry Fogarty (Thurles Sarsfields), JD Devaney (Borris-Ileigh), Patrick Hassett (Errill Co Laois). Kneeling: Paudie Kinane (Drom/Inch), Kenny Ryan (Toomevara), Conor Cadell (JK Brackens), Lorcan Roche (JK Brackens), Shane Lowe (Moyne/Templetuohy), Tony Cahill (Drom/Inch). Absent from photo: Cian O'Dwyer.

MID TIPPERARY BOARD ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 15th November 2020

15-Nov-19 €		15-Nov-20 €
	Income	
2,391	Affiliation and Registration Fees	3,487
40,066	Players Injury Scheme	6,900
970	Levies	300
20,850	Property Insurance	30,030
7,401	Co. Board Field Rent/Lights	16,225
-	Co. Board Unpaid League Fees, Fines etc.	1,100
900	Co. Board League Fee Refund	-
-	Contribution towards referees	1,080
8,725	Sponsorship	3,975
43,060	Gate Money	21,799
223,418	Tickets	-
140	Mid Primary Schools Quiz Night	-
3,020	Fines	-
150	Gaeltacht Scholarship	-
12,480	Season Tickets	3,672
-	Deposit Interest	-
-	Deficit for year	7,032
363,571		95,600

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 15th November 2020

15-Nov-19 €		15-Nov-20 €
	Expenditure	
2,391	Affiliation and Registration Fees	3,122
40,066	Players Injury Scheme	6,900
23,200	2020 Grants	5,400
223,465	Tickets	1,010
2,419	Advertising, Printing and Stationary	1,421
2,844	Medals and Trophies	1,613
331	Telephone, Postage & Computers	147
17,126	Field Rents + Scoreboards	22,353
2,794	Catering (Awards Dinner, PA System, Pipe Band etc.)	2,856
-	Live streaming expenses	650
10,068	Accountancy Fees and Administration expenses	5,979
6,720	Referees Expenses	5,400
3,625	Gatechecker's wages	6,314
2,884	Contributions (Order of Malta, Scór etc.)	350
1,050	Levies	925
20,850	Insurance	30,030
648	Bank interest and charges	459
-	Credit Union Cash Draw Deduction	-
300	Gaeltacht Scholarship	-
-	Referees Gear	125
267	Depreciation: Office Equipment	546
2,524	Surplus for year	-
363,571		95,600

MID TIPPERARY BOARD ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet as at 15th November 2020

15-Nov-19 €	15-Nov-19 €		15-Nov-20 €	15-Nov-20 €
		Fixed Assets		
2,674		Office Equipment : NBV	2,407	
-		Office Equipment : Additions during year	3,057	
(267)	2,407	Office Equipment : Depreciation	(546)	4,917
3		Shares Gaelic Weekly	3	
254		Shares Thurles Sportsfield	254	
127		Investment in Club Development Scheme	127	
37,451		Sundry Debtors	1,683	
23,347		Cash on Deposit	23,347	
1,694		Cash in Credit Union	1,694	
12,400		Cash in Bank	18,205	
2,400		Cash Floats (Gate Checkers)	2,400	
222		Cash/Coin held for Referees Rain Gear Fund	222	
300	78,198	Cash on Hands	250	48,184
	80,605			53,101
		Deduct :		
23,252		- Sundry Creditors	2,780	
-	23,252	- Bank Overdraft	-	2,780
	57,353			50,321
54,829		Opening Surplus	57,353	
2,524	57,353	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(7,032)	50,321

Mid Tipperary GAA Board
Year ended 15th November 2020
Analysis of Sundry Debtors

Sundry Debtors	15-Nov-20 €	15-Nov-19 €
Amount owed for Tickets	-	3,330
Amount owed for Season Tickets	-	22,560
Amount owed by Stripe UK for Gate Receipts	398	-
Sponsership due	800	2,500
Balance due re Primary Schools Quiz	-	140
Balance due from Co. Board re Field Rents	-	7,341
Balance due from Co. Board re League Refund	-	900
Amount due from Knock GAA (Paid 17/11/20)	65	105
Amount due from Killea GAA	-	15
Amount due from Thurles Gaels GAA	420	5
Amount due from Moycarkey GAA	-	135
Amount due from JK Brackens GAA	-	420
	1,683	37,451

Year ended 15th November 2020
Analysis of Sundry Creditors

Sundry Creditors	15-Nov-20 €	15-Nov-19 €
Player Injury Scheme payment due	-	5,350
Owed to County Board for Tickets	-	2,655
Spain, Fewer, Quinlan & Co.	1,199	1,199
Medals	1,320	2,640
Referees' rain gear fund	261	475
Amount owed re gatecheckers wages	-	1,492
Amount owed to Co. Board re Fines/Unpaid League Fees	-	1,200
Amounts owed to clubs re Field rents	-	7,341
Amounts owed to clubs re League Refund	-	900
	2,780	23,252

West Tipperary G.A.A. Board

WEST TIPPERARY G.A.A. BOARD

Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st October 2020

INCOME	2020	2019	EXPENDITURE	2020	2019
		€			€
Gates	6,530.00	27,830.00	Secretary	0.00	6,720.00
Affiliations etc.	-	375.00	Chairperson	0.00	-
Tickets	-	210,010.00	Gate Checkers	835.00	1,156.00
Injury Claims	-	13,480.00	P.R.O. Exps	0.00	500.00
Bank Interest	3.00	24.00			
Club Registrations		4,538.00	Injury Claims	0.00	13,480.00
Insurance	27,760.00	33,540.00	Referees Expenses	5,120.00	10,410.00
Medals	-	-	Medals	1,934.00	1,938.00
Handball Board	-	300.00	Public Liability & Property		
			Insurance	28,840.00	33,540.00
			Tickets	0.00	210,510.00
			Affiliations	750.00	375.00
			Club registration	696.00	4,538.00
Season Tickets	3,900.00	1,140.00	Rents & Quotas	0.00	12,377.00
			Handball & Camogie Club	600.00	300.00
Gate Checkers Float	-	-	Gaeltacht	1,200.00	
Sponsorship	3,250.00	6,500.00	Fines	2,900.00	-
			Bank Charges	93.00	137.00
			Streaming Matches	350.00	
			Gate Checkers Float	0.00	-
Co. Board Rent/Field	12,114.00	3,918.00			
			Audit Fees	861.00	861.00
					-
			Stationery	2,607.00	2,315.00
			Subs	100.00	250.00
			Divisional Coaching Levy	0.00	13,000.00
					-
					-
Excess Expenditure over Income		10,752.00	Excess Income Over Expenditure	6,671.00	
	53,557.00	**312,407.00**		**53,557.00**	**312,407.00**

West Tipperary G.A.A. Board

Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2019

LIABILITIES	2020 €	2019 €	ASSETS	2020 €	2019 €
Surplus at			Credit Union Shares	5,479.00	2,914.00
1st November 2019	41,314.00	52,066.00	Prize Bonds	381.00	381.00
			Credit Scheme	381.00	381.00
ADD:			**CASH AT BANK:**		
Excess Income over	6,671.00	-10,752.00	AIB Deposit A/C	23,393.00	23,390.00
Expenditure			AIB Current A/C	18,351.00	14,248.00
	47,985.00	**41,314.00**		**47,985.00**	**41,314.00**

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Back row: Tom McGrath (Loughmore), Anthony Cahill (Moyle Rovers), Tom Flatley (Templemore), Seamus McCarthy (Galtee Rovers), Gene McGrath (Commercials), Eugene Doherty (Templemore), Vinny O'Donnell (Galtee Rovers, RIP).
Front row: Michael McCarthy (Galtee Rovers), Johnny Cummins (Ardfinnan), Aidan O'Mahony (Ardfinnan), Tommy Harvey (Moyle Rovers), John O'Shea (Clonoulty), Eddie Webster (Loughmore), John Keane (Fethard) Paddy Morrissey (Galtee Rovers).

TIPPERARY NORTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 October 2020

	2020 €	2019 €
Income		
Gate Receipts	16,348	74,009
Championship Entry Fees	-	1,845
Sponsorship	750	3,750
Season Ticket Income	2,808	9,180
Club Affiliations	-	475
	19,906	**89,259**
Administrative expenses		
Clubs' Percentage of Gate Receipts	-	6,891
Field Rents	-	9,590
Referees and Gatecheckers Expenses	13,314	18,313
Referees Gear - County Board	125	-
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	5,207	5,897
Postage and Telephone	4,611	6,464
Bands and Amplification	100	250
Accountancy	3,146	3,813
Consultancy fees	1,694	2,337
Bank Interest and Charges	446	486
Medals, Trophies and Presentations	6,045	9,900
Catering Costs and Room Hire	970	4,011
Primary Schools Coaching Grant	-	14,800
Gaeltacht Scholarships	-	1,125
Tipperary County Board - Sponsorship	-	1,920
Servissport	250	500
Sean Ghael Awards	-	250
Sundries	-	149
	35,908	86,696
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	**(16,002)**	**2,563**

TIPPERARY NORTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet
as at 31st October 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
Fixed Assets	1	354	354
Investments	3	635	635
Loans to Clubs	4	57,800	28,550
		58,789	29,539
Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments		44,098	33,880
Floats on Hands		2,000	2,000
Bank Current Account		148,459	242,832
Bank Deposit Account		11,584	11,584
		206,141	290,296
Current Liabilities			
Creditors & Accruals		(16,660)	(50,956)
		(16,660)	(50,956)
Net Current Assets		189,481	239,340
Net Assets		**248,270**	**268,879**
Financed By:			
Reserve Account	2	248,270	268,879
		248,270	**268,879**

TIPPERARY NORTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st October 2020

1. Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided for on the straight line basis at rates estimated to write off the cost or valuation, net of capital grants, of the various fixed assets over the period of their expected useful lives.

The following annual rates used are as follows:

Office Equipment	20%

Tangible assets

	Cup	Equipment	Total
	€	€	€
Cost			
At 1st November 2019	353	16,248	16,601
At 31st October 2020	353	16,248	16,601
Depreciation			
At 1st November 2019	-	16,247	16,247
At 31st October 2020	-	16,247	16,247
Net book values			
At 31st October 2020	353	1	354
At 1st November 2019	353	1	354

TIPPERARY NORTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st October 2020

2. Movement on Reserves.

	€
Opening Balance at 1st November 2019	268,879
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(16,002)
Other movement on Reserves	(4,607)
Closing Balance at 31st October 2020	**248,270**

3. Investments.

Investments in the sum of €635 refer to the G.A.A. Club Development Scheme. There was no change in this figure during the period.

4. Loans to Clubs.

	€
Opening Balance at 1st November 2019	28,550
Loans advanced	59,000
Repaid during the year	(29,750)
Closing Balance at 31st October 2020	**57,800**

5. Contra Receipts and Payments.

	2020 Receipts €	2020 Payments €	2019 Receipts €	2019 Payments €
Accident Scheme Insurance Claims	9,844	9,844	49,138	49,138
Property & Public Liability Insurance	39,870	39,870	39,870	39,870
Club Registration	6,416	6,416	5,896	5,896
Affiliations	475	475	475	475
Tickets	-	-	307,095	307,095
Gaeltacht Scholarships	-	-	1,125	1,125
Championship Fines	1,200	1,200	400	400
Handball Board	380	380	380	380
County League Fees	-	-	100	100
Gates and Rents	(3,343)	(3,343)	(8,017)	(8,017)
Lights	(150)	(150)	-	-
	54,692	54,692	396,462	396,462

County Board Gates 2020

Date	Grade	Ref no			Team		Team	Venue	Gross	Exps
Nett	Rent Due									
					2019 End of Season Gates					
					Senior Football Championship					
9.11.19		Final	Clonmel Commercials	v	JK Brackens	Semple Stadium	11,035.00	450.00	10,585.00	1,103.50
					Tom Cusack Cup					
10.11.19	168	Final	Killenaule	v	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Clonmel	624.00		624.00	72.40
					Intermediate Football Championship					
10.11.19	60/119	Final	Clonmel Og	v	Moycarkey Borris	Cashel	2,940.00		2,940.00	304.00
					Junior A Football Championship					
10.11.19	4767	Final	Mullinahone	v	Portroe	Templetuohy	1,018.00		1,018.00	111.80
					Junior B Football Championship					
9.11.19	723/1325	Final	Killenaule	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Littleton	965.00		965.00	106.50
					IH Relegation					
10.11.19	5993	Final	Lattin Cullen Gaels	v	Galtee Rovers St Pecaun	STP	815.00		815.00	91.50
					Junior A Hurling Championship					
9.11.19	59/3818	Final	Carrick Davins	v	Arravale Rovers	Bansha	2,660.00		2,660.00	276.00
					Schools Dr Croke Cup					
12.11.19	324/251	Final	Thurles CBS	v	Cashel CS	Clonoulty	202.00		202.00	40.00
					Under 21 A Hurling Championship					
15.12.19	325/253/725/4970/4969	Semi	Clonoulty Rossmore	v	Holycross Ballycahill	Boherlahan	3,015.00		3,015.00	311.50
15.12.19	4769/1326/4768	Semi	Ballingarry	v	Kiladangan	Templetuohy	2,120.00		2,120.00	222.00
22.12.19	6832/6760	Final	Kiladangan	v	Holycross Ballycahill	Templederry	5,844.00		5,844.00	594.40
					Under 21 B Hurling Championship					
15.12.19	1210/3819	Semi	Sean Treacys/Emly	v	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Golden	1,150.00		1,150.00	125.00
15.12.19	61/5996	Semi	Borrisokane	v	Grangemockler Ballyneale	Cashel	1,280.00		1,280.00	138.00
22.12.19	4770/1327/254	Final	Gortnahoe Glengoole	v	Borrisokane	Templetuohy	2,980.00		2,980.00	308.00
					2020 Gates					
					Senior Hurling Championship					
					Dan Breen Cup					
					Group 1					
25.7.20		Rd 1	Drom Inch	v	Roscrea	Templemore	615.00		615.00	71.50
25.7.20		Rd 1	Kildangan	v	JK Brackens	Semple Stadium	600.00		600.00	60.00
9.8.20		Rd 2	Roscrea	v	Kildangan	Cloughjordan	600.00		600.00	70.00
9.8.20		Rd 2	JK Brackens	v	Drom Inch	Semple Stadium	584.00		584.00	58.40
15.8.20		Rd 3	JK Brackens	v	Roscrea	Nenagh	600.00		600.00	70.00
15.8.20		Rd 3	Drom Inch	v	Kildangan	Semple Stadium	596.00		596.00	59.60
					Group 2					
26.7.20		Rd 1	Eire Og Annacarty	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	Semple Stadium	592.00		592.00	59.20
26.7.20		Rd 1	Nenagh Eire Og	v	Holycross Ballycahill	Semple Stadium	600.00		600.00	60.00
9.8.20		Rd 2	Holycross Ballycahill	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Clonoulty	600.00		600.00	70.00
9.8.20		Rd 2	Clonoulty Rossmore	v	Nenagh Eire Og	Semple Stadium	594.00		594.00	59.40
15.8.20		Rd 3	Holycross Ballycahill	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	Boherlahan	596.00		596.00	69.60
15.8.20		Rd 3	Eire Og Annacarty	v	Nenagh Eire Og	The Ragg	600.00		600.00	70.00
					Group 3					
25.7.20		Rd 1	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Kilruane McDonaghs	Holycross	570.00		570.00	67.00
25.7.20		Rd 1	Moycarkey Borris	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Semple Stadium	600.00		600.00	60.00
7.8.20		Rd 2	Loughmore Castleiney	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Semple Stadium	570.00		570.00	57.00
8.8.20		Rd 2	Kilruane McDonaghs	v	Moycarkey Borris	Templemore	600.00		600.00	70.00
16.8.20		Rd 3	Moycarkey Borris	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Holycross	530.00		530.00	63.00
16.8.20		Rd 3	Kilruane McDonaghs	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Semple Stadium	610.00		610.00	61.00
					Group 4					
26.7.20		Rd 1	Toomevara	v	Borris-Ileigh	Nenagh	594.00		594.00	69.40
26.7.20		Rd 1	Burgess	v	Upperchurch Drombane	Dolla	588.00		588.00	68.80
8.8.20		Rd 2	Borris-Ileigh	v	Burgess	Nenagh	582.00		582.00	58.20
8.8.20		Rd 2	Upperchurch Drombane	v	Toomevara	Semple Stadium	600.00		600.00	60.00
16.8.20		Rd 3	Burgess	v	Toomevara	Nenagh	590.00		590.00	69.00
16.8.20		Rd 3	Borris-Ileigh	v	Upperchurch Drombane	Semple Stadium	611.00		611.00	61.10
29.8.20		QF	Kiladangan	v	Toomevara	Semple Stadium				40.00
29.8.20		QF	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Nenagh Eire Og	Semple Stadium				40.00
30.8.20		QF	Clonoulty Rossmore	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Semple Stadium				40.00
30.8.20		QF	Borris-Ileigh	v	Drom Inch	Semple Stadium				40.00
5.9.20		Semi	Loughmore Castleiney	v	Nenagh Eire Og	Semple Stadium				40.00
6.9.20		Semi	Drom Inch	v	Kiladangan	Semple Stadium				40.00
20.9.20		Final	Kiladangan	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Semple Stadium	1,800.00		1,800.00	180.00

County Board Gates 2020

Date	Grade	Ref no		Team		Team	Venue	Gross	Exps
Nett	Rent Due								
				SH Relegation					
29.8.20	Semi	Moycarkey Borris	v	Burgess	Templederry				50.00
29.8.20	Semi	Eire Og Annacarty	v	Roscrea	Drombane				50.00
12.9.20	Final	Burgess	v	Eire Og Annacarty	The Ragg				50.00
				Seamus O'Riain Cup					
				Group 1					
25.7.20	Rd 1	Carrick Swan	v	Ballingarry	Clonmel	600.00		600.00	70.00
26.7.20	Rd 1	Cashel King Cormacs	v	Killenaule	Littleton	590.00		590.00	69.00
8.8.20	Rd 2	Ballingarry	v	Cashel King Cormacs	Clonmel	744.00		744.00	84.40
9.8.20	Rd 2	Killenaule	v	Carrick Swan	Clonmel	573.00		573.00	67.30
15.8.20	Rd 3	Killenaule	v	Ballingarry	Semple Stadium	643.00		643.00	64.30
15.8.20	Rd 3	Carrick Swan	v	Cashel King Cormacs	Clonmel	660.00		660.00	76.60
				Group 2					
26.7.20	Rd 1	Portroe	v	Kildangan	Dolla	594.00		594.00	69.40
26.7.20	Rd 1	Lorrha Dorrha	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Toomevara	574.00		574.00	67.40
7.8.20	Rd 2	Kildangan	v	Lorrha Dorrha	Borrisokane	596.00		596.00	69.60
9.8.20	Rd 2	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Portroe	Dolla	560.00		560.00	66.00
15.8.20	Rd 3	Kiladangan	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Dolla	608.00		608.00	70.80
15.8.20	Rd 3	Lorrha Dorrha	v	Portroe	Cloughjordan	586.00		586.00	68.60
				Group 3					
25.7.20	Rd 1	Newport	v	Clonakenny	Templederry	596.00		596.00	69.60
25.7.20	Rd 1	Sean Treacys	v	Mullinahone	Cashel	590.00		590.00	69.00
8.8.20	Rd 2	Mullinahone	v	Newport	Golden	584.00		584.00	68.40
9.8.20	Rd 2	Clonakenny	v	Sean Treacys	Templederry	573.00		573.00	67.30
16.8.20	Rd 3	Mullinahone	v	Clonakenny	Littleton	552.00		552.00	65.20
16.8.20	Rd 3	Newport	v	Sean Treacys	Dolla	578.00		578.00	67.80
				Group 4					
24.7.20	Rd 1	Templederry Kenyons	v	Silvermines	Kilcolman	600.00		600.00	70.00
26.7.20	Rd 1	St Mary's Clonmel	v	Ballina	Cappawhite	582.00		582.00	68.20
8.8.20	Rd 2	Ballina	v	Templederry Kenyons	Nenagh	600.00		600.00	70.00
9.8.20	Rd 2	Silvermines	v	St Marys Clonmel	Dundrum	600.00		600.00	70.00
16.8.20	Rd 3	Silvermines	v	Ballina	Newport	660.00		660.00	76.00
16.8.20	Rd 3	St Mary's Clonmel	v	Templederry Kenyons	Cashel	600.00		600.00	70.00
29.8.20	QF	Carrick Swans	v	Mullinahone	Clonmel				50.00
30.8.20	QF	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Killenaule	Cashel				50.00
30.8.20	QF	Templederry Kenyons	v	Lorrha Dorrha	Cloughjordan				50.00
30.8.20	QF	Newport	v	Silvermines	Nenagh				50.00
5.9.20	Semi	Mullinahone	v	Newport	Semple Stadium				40.00
6.9.20	Semi	Killenaule	v	Lorrha Dorrha	Semple Stadium				40.00
19.9.20	Final	Lorrha Dorrha	v	Mullinahone	Semple Stadium	1,800.00		1,800.00	180.00
				S O Riain Relegation					
30.8.20	Semi	Ballingarry	v	Kiladangan	Templetuohy				50.00
30.8.20	Semi	Sean Treacys	v	St Marys Clonmel	Cahir				50.00
5.9.20	Final	Ballingarry	v	Sean Treacys	Cashel				50.00
				Intermediate Hurling Championship					
				Group 1					
25.7.20	Rd 1	Moyle Rovers	v	Ballinahinch	Drombane	327.00		327.00	50.00
26.7.20	Rd 1	Drom Inch	v	Moyne Templetuohy	Templemore	438.00		438.00	53.80
8.8.20	Rd 2	Ballinahinch	v	Drom Inch	Templederry	438.00		438.00	53.80
8.8.20	Rd 2	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Moyle Rovers	Littleton	404.00		404.00	50.40
16.8.20	Rd 3	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Ballinahinch	Borrisoleigh	411.00		411.00	51.10
16.8.20	Rd 3	Moyle Rovers	v	Drom Inch	Boherlahan	437.00		437.00	53.70
				Group 2					
24.7.20	Rd 1	K'villa D'keigh Kickhams	v	Galtee Rvs/St Pecaun	Golden	465.00		465.00	56.50
25.7.20	Rd 1	Borrisokane	v	Carrick Davins	Templetuohy	453.00		453.00	55.30
8.8.20	Rd 2	Galtee Rvs/St Pecaun	v	Borrisokane	Kilcommon	464.00		464.00	56.40
8.8.20	Rd 2	Carrick Davins	v	K'villa D'keigh Kickhams	New Inn	422.00		422.00	52.20
15.8.20	Rd 3	Galtee Rvs/St Pecaun	v	Carrick Davins	Clonmel	418.00		418.00	51.80
15.8.20	Rd 3	Borrisokane	v	K'villa D'keigh Kickhams	Borrisoleigh	464.00		464.00	56.40
				Group 3					
24.7.20	Rd 1	Ballybacon Grange	v	Cappawhite	STP	465.00		465.00	56.50
25.7.20	Rd 1	Shannon Rovers	v	Boherlahan Dualla	Borrisoleigh	385.00		385.00	50.00
9.8.20	Rd 2	Cappawhite	v	Shannon Rovers	Newport	461.00		461.00	56.10
9.8.20	Rd 2	Boherlahan Dualla	v	Ballybacon Grange	Cahir	447.00		447.00	54.70
16.8.20	Rd 3	Cappawhite	v	Boherlahan Dualla	Clonoulty	438.00		438.00	53.80
16.8.20	Rd 3	Shannon Rovers	v	Ballybacon Grange	Templetuohy	503.00		503.00	60.30
				Group 4					
25.7.20	Rd 1	Gortnahoe Glengoole	v	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Ballingarry	435.00		435.00	43.50

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Nett	Rent Due									
25.7.20		Rd 1	Moneygall	v	Golden Kilfeacle	The Ragg	462.00		462.00	56.20
9.8.20		Rd 2	Golden Kilfeacle	v	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Cashel	357.00		357.00	50.00
9.8.20		Rd 2	Kilsheelan Kilcash	v	Moneygall	Holycross	444.00		444.00	54.40
16.8.20		Rd 3	Golden Kilfeacle	v	Kilsheelan Kilcash	New Inn	369.00		369.00	50.00
16.8.20		Rd 3	Gortnahoe Glengoole	v	Moneygall	Templemore	429.00		429.00	52.90
29.8.20		QF	Gortnahoe Glengoole	v	Ballinahinch	Borrisoleigh				50.00
29.8.20		QF	Borrisokane	v	Boherlahan Dualla	The Ragg				50.00
30.8.20		QF	Ballybacon Grange	v	Knockavilla Kickhams	Bansha				50.00
30.8.20		QF	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Moneygall	Templemore				50.00
13.9.20		Semi	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Boherlahan Dualla	Littleton				50.00
13.9.20		Semi	K'villa D'keigh Kickhams	v	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Holycross				50.00
		Final	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Semple Stadium	1,300.00		1,300.00	130.00
					IH Relegation					
30.8.20		Semi	Cappawhite	v	Moyle Rovers	Boherlahan				50.00
12.9.20		Semi	Galtee Rovers	v	Golden Kilfeacle	STP				50.00
26.9.20		Final	Moyle Rovers	v	Galtee Rvs/St Pecaun	New Inn	470.00		470.00	57.00
					Junior A Hurling Championship					
		Semi		v						
		Semi		v						
		Final								
					Junior B Hurling Championship					
		Semi		v						
		Semi		v						
		Final		v						
					Under 21 A Hurling Championship					
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		Semi		v						
		Final		v						
					Under 21 B Hurling Championship					
		Semi		v						
		Semi		v						
		Final		v						
					Minor A Hurling Championship					
29.8.20		Semi	Thurles Sarsfields	v	St Mary's Clonmel	Dundrum				50.00
29.8.20		Semi	Cashel King Cormacs	v	Ballina	Holycross				50.00
6.9.20		Final	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Cashel King Cormacs	Holycross				50.00
					Minor B Hurling Championship					
29.8.20		Semi	Arravale Rovers	v	Silvermines	Kilcommon				50.00
2.9.20		Semi	Moycarkey Borris	v	Cahir	Clonoulty				50.00
6.9.20		Final	Moycarkey Borris	v	Arravale Rovers	Dundrum				50.00
					County Senior Football Championship					
					Group 1					
17.7.20		Rd 1	Loughmore Castleiney	v	Ballyporeen	Cahir	555.00		555.00	65.50
19.7.20		Rd 1	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Ardfinnan	Cashel	500.00		500.00	60.00
1.8.20		Rd 2	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Templemore	455.00		455.00	55.50
2.8.20		Rd 2	Ballyporeen	v	Ardfinnan	Cahir	623.00		623.00	72.30
23.8.20		Rd 3	Ballyporeen	v	Moyne Templetuohy	Cashel				50.00
23.8.20		Rd 3	Ardfinnan	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Boherlahan				50.00
					Group 2					
18.7.20		Rd 1	Aherlow	v	JK Brackens	Dundrum	570.00		570.00	67.00
19.7.20		Rd 1	Kilsheelan Kilcash	v	Upperchurch Drombane	New Inn	560.00		560.00	66.00
1.8.20		Rd 2	Upperchurch Drombane	v	Aherlow	Dundrum	483.00		483.00	58.30
2.8.20		Rd 2	JK Brackens	v	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Cashel	578.00		578.00	67.80
23.8.20		Rd 3	Kilsheelan Kilcash	v	Aherlow	New Inn				50.00
23.8.20		Rd 3	JK Brackens	v	Upperchurch Drombane	The Ragg				50.00
					Group 3					
18.7.20		Rd 1	Clonmel Commercials	v	Cahir	Ardfinnan	586.00		586.00	68.60
19.7.20		Rd 1	Killenaule	v	Galtee Rovs/St Pecaun	Golden	540.00		540.00	64.00
1.8.20		Rd 2	Cahir	v	Killenaule	Clonmel	556.00		556.00	65.60
2.8.20		Rd 2	Galtee Rvs/St Pecaun	v	Clonmel Commercials	New Inn	640.00		640.00	64.00
22.8.20		Rd 3	Killenaule	v	Clonmel Commercials	Monroe				50.00
22.8.20		Rd 3	Cahir	v	Galtee Rovs/St Pecaun	New Inn				40.00
					Group 4					
17.7.20		Rd 1	Eire Og Annacarty	v	Moycarkey Borris	Clonoulty	572.00		572.00	67.20
18.7.20		Rd 1	Arravale Rovers	v	Moyle Rovers	New Inn	576.00		576.00	67.60
1.8.20		Rd 2	Arravale Rovers	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Bansha	533.00		533.00	63.30
2.8.20		Rd 2	Moycarkey Borris	v	Moyle Rovers	Golden	544.00		544.00	64.40

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Nett	Rent Due									
23.8.20		Rd 3	Moycarkey Borris	v	Arravale	Dundrum				50.00
23.8.20		Rd 3	Moyle Rovers	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Cahir				50.00
5.9.20		Semi	Kilsheelan Kilcash	v	Clonmel Commercials	Ardfinnan				50.00
12.9.20		Semi	Loughmore Castleiney	v	Moyle Rovers	Boherlahan				50.00
		Final	Loughmore Castleiney	v	Clonmel Commercials	Semple Stadium	1,950.00		1,950.00	195.00
					Senior Football Relegation					
6.9.20		Semi	Eire Og Annacarty	v	Galtee Rvs/St Pecaun	STP				50.00
6.9.20		Semi	Aherlow	v	Ardfinnan	New Inn				50.00
19.9.20		Final	Ardfinnan	v	Galtee Rvs/St Pecaun	Cahir	600.00		600.00	70.00
					Intermediate Football Championship					
					Group 1					
19.7.20		Rd 1	Rockwell Rovers	v	Clonmel Commercials	Monroe	291.00		291.00	50.00
19.7.20		Rd 1	Cashel King Cormacs	v	JK Brackens	Holycross				
1.8.20		Rd 2	Clonmel Commercials	v	Cashel King Cormacs	Fethard				
2.8.20		Rd 2	JK Brackens	v	Rockwell Rovers	Holycross	247.00		247.00	40.00
22.8.20		Rd 3	Clonmel Commercials	v	JK Brackens	Holycross				
		Rd 3		v						
					Group 2					
18.7.20		Rd 1	Clonmel Og	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Killenaule	190.00		190.00	40.00
19.7.20		Rd 1	Borrisokane	v	Moyle Rovers	Templetuohy				
1.8.20		Rd 2	Moyle Rovers	v	Clonmel Og	Cloneen	489.00		489.00	58.90
22.8.20		Rd 3	Loughmore Castleiney	v	Moyle Rovers	Ballingarry				40.00
					Group 3					
18.7.20		Rd 1	Fethard	v	Golden Kilfeacle	Boherlahan	378.00		378.00	40.00
18.7.20		Rd 1	Fr Sheehys	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	Bansha	110.00		110.00	40.00
31.7.20		Rd 2	Fr Sheehys	v	Fethard	Cahir	253.00		253.00	50.00
2.8.20		Rd 2	Golden Kilfeacle	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	STP	165.00		165.00	50.00
2.9.20		Rd 3	Golden Kilfeacle	v	Fr Sheehys	New Inn				50.00
23.8.20		Rd 3	Clonoulty Rossmore	v	Fethard	Bansha	51.00		51.00	50.00
					Group 4					
18.7.20		Rd 1	Kildangan	v	Drom Inch	Borrisoleigh				
18.7.20		Rd 1	Mullinahone	v	Grangemockler B'neale	Cloneen	505.00		505.00	60.50
2.8.20		Rd 2	Drom Inch	v	Grangemockler B'neale	Ballingarry	226.00		226.00	40.00
22.8.20		Rd 3	Drom Inch	v	Mullinahone	Gortnahoe				
5.9.20		Semi	Rockwell Rovers	v	Moyle Rovers	Cahir				50.00
5.9.20		Semi	Fethard	v	Grangemockler B'neale	Clonmel				50.00
19.9.20		Final	Rockwell Rovers	v	Grangemockler B'neale	Clonmel	600.00		600.00	70.00
					Intermediate Football Relegation					
6.9.20		Semi	Cashel King Cormacs	v	Fr Sheehys	Cahir				50.00
11.9.20	not played	Semi	Borrisokane	v	Kiladangan	Ballingarry Nth				
		Final								
					Junior Football A Championship					
		Semi								
		Semi								
		Final								
					Under 21 Football A Championship					
2.10.20		Semi	Arravale Rovers	v	Kilruane McDonaghs	Borrisoleigh	350.00		350.00	50.00
3.10.20		Semi	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Grangemockler B'neale	New Inn	610.00		610.00	71.00
		Final		v						
					Under 21 Football B Championship					
4.10.20		Semi	Galtee Rvs/St Pecaun	v	Ballina	Templederry	430.00		430.00	53.00
4.10.20		Semi	Upperchurch Drombane	v	Mullinahone	Cashel	600.00		600.00	70.00
		Final		v						
					Minor Football A Championship					
		Semi		v						
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					Minor Football B Championship					
		Semi		v						
		Semi		v						
		Final		v						
							97,935.00	**450.00**	**97,485.00**	**13,334.00**

Breakdown of Gates per competition 2020

(4th November 2019 to 3st October 2020)

	Football	Hurling
Senior	11,421	16,022
Ó Riain/Cusack Cup	0	16,243
Senior Relegation	0	0
Intermediate	3,505	11,636
Int Relegation	0	470
Under 21 A	960	0
Under 21 B	1,030	0
Schools 2019	0	202
SFC 2019	10,585	0
Ó Riain/Cusack 2019	624	0
IFC 2019	2,940	0
Junior A and B 2019	1,983	2,660
Int Relegation 2019	0	815
Under 21 A 2019	0	10,979
Under 21 B 2019	0	5,410
Total Gates	**33,048**	**64,437**
Overall Total	**97,485**	

Breakdown of Gates per competition 2019

(1st November 2018 to 3rd Novmber 2019)

	Football	Hurling
Senior	21,444	196,582
Ó Riain/Cusack Cup	1,079	37,698
Senior Relegation	0	8,212
Intermediate	7,651	46,024
Int Relegation	0	1,155
Junior A	4,563	6,508
Junior B	1,825	3,270
Under 21 A	3,185	0
Under 21 B	1,638	0
Minor A	3,193	5,381
Minor B	2,559	4,248
Leagues	1,610	5,495
Schools	0	522
Schools 2018	75	160
SH Relegation 2018	0	1,030
Junior B 2018	1,950	2,330
Under 21 A 2018	0	11,380
Under 21 B 2018	0	5,400
Total Gates	**50,772**	**335,395**
Overall Total	**386,167**	

Michael Power, County Treasurer

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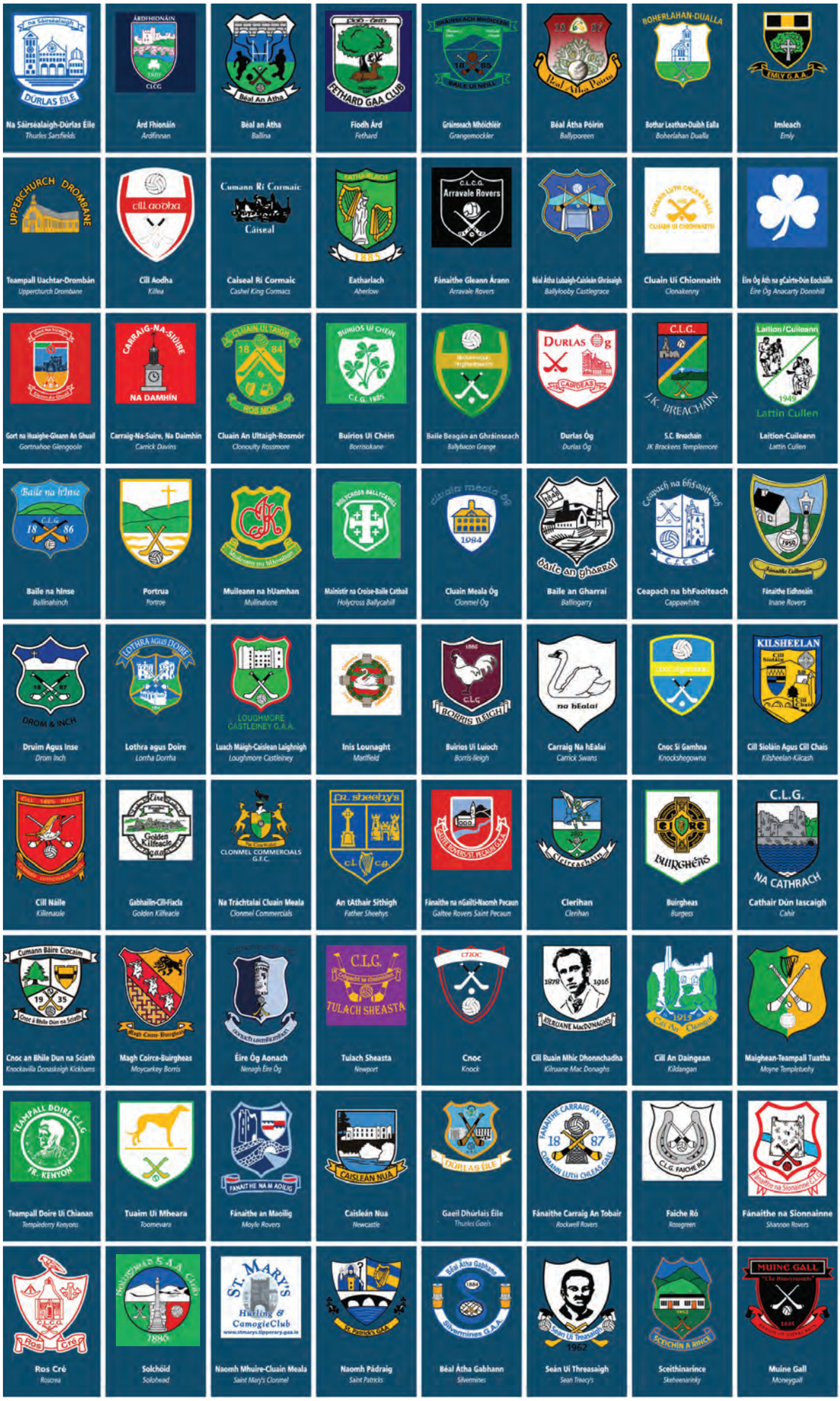

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