

Comhdháil Choitcheann Bhliantúil
Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann

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**The Annual Convention of
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann
will be held
on Monday 13th of December 2021 at 8.00 p.m.**

CLÁR [AGENDA]

1. Miontuairiscí. [Minutes]
2. Tuarascáil An Rúnaí. [Secretary's Report]
3. Tuarascáil 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] 2021

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

Nominations and Motions were received from the following 13 Clubs

North Kilruane McDonaghs Ballina	South Killenaule Carrick Swans Kilsheelan Kilcash Newcastle	Mid Upperchurch Drombane Holycross Ballycahill Thurles Gaels Loughmore Castleiney	West Eire Óg Anacarthly Cappawhite Sean Treacys
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Na Rúin (Motions for 2021 Co. Convention)

1.

Co Bye Law Amendments-----Playing Eligibility/Transfers/Gradings

7.1. Player Eligibility:

A person first becoming a member of the Association shall be restricted to becoming a member of the club in the Catchment area where he permanently resides (as determined by the County Committee under Rule 6.3 T.O.2021) or where the player has other relevant connections as defined below in 7.1 (iii).

- (i) For the purposes of this Byelaw, the Boundaries of the Catchment Area in Tipperary, as defined by County Committee, shall be the Roman Catholic Parish area (subject to County Boundaries) as per Rule 6.3 T.O.2021.
- (ii) For the purpose of this Byelaw, any proposed transfer applicant shall have permanent residence in the catchment area of the proposed new club. Permanent residence (for first members and those seeking transfers) shall be defined as the address at which a person normally resides for a minimum of 90 days and is likely to continue residing for a minimum of at least a further 12 months and is, if aged eighteen or over, registered for statutory purposes such as a bank account or credit union statement or a utility bill dated at least 60 days prior to the transfer application and if aged under eighteen, the address at which ones parents or guardians normally reside and are registered for statutory purposes such as a bank account or credit union statement or a utility bill dated at least 60 days prior to the transfer application.
 - a. In considering the authenticity of the identity of a claim to permanent residence in a specific area the Committee may require the submission by the member of documentary proof of such permanent address. Any data contained in the documents considered to be of a personal nature by the member may be redacted without interfering with the evidence supporting the claim.
 - b. Residence for the purposes of attending a Primary or Post Primary School, a Further or Higher Education College or where the individual is involved in part time temporary work shall not qualify as meeting the “permanent residency” definition for the purposes of these Bye Laws
- (iii) **Other Relevant Connections in the Context of Eligibility to Play for First Club:** For the purposes of these Byelaws, a member seeking registration to a First Club shall be considered to have a relevant connection with a particular Club if:
 - (i) The Members parents were, at the time of the member’s birth, permanently resident in the present Catchment Area of that Club
 - (ii) That Club was the First Club of either of his parents.

7.1.1

to 7.1 above, if no such club exists within the catchment area of that players residence, a player may, with the permission of the Competitions Control Committee play with the nearest Club to his place of permanent residence, or in exceptional circumstances, as directed by the County C.C.C.

7.2

Transfer Application Considerations: - As the GAA is community centered, based on the allegiance of its members to their local Club, the object of which is to promote the Association’s aims at local level, the transfer rules in An Treoraí Oifigiúil and these Byelaws reflect that ethos.

A player is considered to always owe allegiance and loyalty to the Club he first legally participated with in Club competition.

Transfers shall be dealt with in accordance with Rules 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 3.20 (ii) and 3.20 (iv) T.O.2021 and in accordance with these Byelaws.

7.2.1

The County CCC shall be responsible in the first instance, for making decisions on applications for transfers within the County as per Rule 6.5 T.O.2021. The County Hearings Committee shall adjudicate on appeals that may arise from decisions of the County CCC on applications for transfers.

The County Competitions’ Control Committee, when adjudicating on a transfer application in accordance with Rule 6.5 T.O. 2021 shall give due consideration also to Rules 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, & 6.4 T.O. 2021 and shall also give serious consideration to the following in reaching their determination: -

- i. The relevant rules of the Association applicable to a transfer request
- ii. The relevant sections of these Bye Laws relating to the catchment area definition as defined in 7.1 above and the allegiance of the player to his first club as enunciated in 7.1 above.
- iii. the response of his current Club to the proposed transfer
- iv. be cognisant of the role played by his current Club in nurturing and developing the player
- v. consider the potential impact of the transfer of the player on his current Club.
- vi. consider the potential impact of the transfer request on the promotion of the Association's aims
- vii. consider the case put forward by the individual seeking the transfer
- viii. give special consideration to clubs that are affected by demographic decline
- ix. be cognisant of the imbalance in player membership that generally exists between urban and rural clubs

7.2.2

MULTIPLE TRANSFERS & TRANSFER UTILISATION

Multiple transfers (either in an individual year or over a cumulative period of 5 consecutive years) from a Club shall not be approved pending consideration by County Management Committee and the presentation of a report thereon to the County Competitions Control Committee on the impact this would have on the club having regard to the criteria outlined in 7.2.1 above.

Utilization of the Transfer process to circumvent (intentionally or otherwise) a disciplinary process which has been initiated by a club against one of its members shall not be entertained by the CCC. It is considered that there are appropriate supports and processes within the GAA code which can be utilized to address any disciplinary issue as per the objective enunciated in Rule 3.1 T. O. ss

No transfer shall be granted unless it is properly before the meeting.

7.2.3.

Annually, the opening date for the receipt of transfer applications, at all ages, shall be the 1st January and the closing date shall be 5.30pm on the 3rd Friday in January and in accordance with Rule 6.5 T.O 2021 except in the case where the player seeking a transfer has not played in the previous calendar year such a player may apply for a transfer at any times during the year.

7.2.4.

An application shall be submitted and accepted only on the official inter club transfer form as currently approved by County C.C.C. & must be fully documented. The application shall be completed in the prescribed manner as indicated on the form and in accordance with An Treoraí Oifigiúil and this Byelaw. In the case of underage players (up to and including u17 grade) an application for transfer shall also be accompanied by an authorisation signed by the player's parent(s)/guardian(s). Documents submitted as proof of residence must be original and dated at least 60 days prior to the original date of application for transfer.

7.2.5.

The Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee (Adult / Juvenile as appropriate) shall forward the transfer application to the applicant's Club, which Club shall be required to respond in writing within ten (10) days of the date of receipt, indicating their position on the application.

A Club failing to so reply in writing, within ten (10) days will be deemed to have consented to the relevant Application. The Competitions Control Committee shall then notify the relevant clubs of the current status of the transfer application. Within three (3) days of this notification, if requested by any party involved, the committee shall give the applicant and the two Clubs concerned the opportunity of attending a convened hearing to outline their respective positions / observations on the application.

7.2.6.

The Competitions Control Committee shall make its decision in accordance with the relevant T.O. Rules 2021 and the County's Transfer Byelaws and any discretion available to it shall be exercised having regard to the submissions of the transfer applicant and his existing Club.

7.2.7

Exceptions to Transfer Eligibility Criteria

(i) Subject to Rule 6.8 (B) (C) T.O. 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) the two clubs must be adjoining parishes. (2) players from the clubs involved may play for one club only in hurling and football.

a. Subject to Rule 6.8 (D) Exceptions (1)(a)(b). Players whose own club does not field a 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.

- The application must be to the nearest possible club geographically.
- A Maximum of four players per club is recommended and anything more will be considered a group team.
- A personnel letter of application from the player (or Parent/Guardian if under 18 years old) must be sent to the County 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.)

Motion Passed at Congress 2021

2.

As a result of motions passed at Congress 2021, the following changes in red need to be made and be added to the Bye Laws of Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Arann at County Convention

2. In accordance with Rule 3.11, T.O. 2021 the County Convention shall elect the following: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for the Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Two Representatives on the Provincial Council and One Representative on the Central Council. It shall appoint a Children's Officer and a **Planning and Training Officer** recommended by the outgoing Co. Committee. It shall elect or authorize selection and/or election of delegates to Annual Congress and Provincial Convention in accordance with Rule 3.12. T.O. 2021.

3. In accordance with Rule 3. 18, T.O. 2021, the County Committee shall consist of Chairperson, Secretary(Non-Voting), Vice-Chairperson, Senior Administrator (Non-Voting), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, **Planning and Training Officer**, Coaching Officer, Officer for the Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, The Children's Officer, County Referee's Administrator, County Safety and Facilities Officer, Two Representatives on the Provincial Council and One Representative on the Central Council, The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the four Divisional Committees, one named Primary Schools Committee, one named County Handball Committee, one named County Post-Primary Schools Committee Representative, one named County Coiste na n-Óg Representative, and one named Representative from each Affiliated Club. (Subject to Rule 3.18(F), T.O. 2021.

6(A) County Management Committee:

It shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary (Non-Voting), Treasurer and Public Relations Officer of the County Committee, Chairperson of each Divisional Committee, Chairperson of the County Football Committee, **Planning and Training Officer**, Chairperson of the County Coaching and Games Development Committee, Provincial and central Council Representatives, Chairperson of County Coiste na nÓg plus two other members of the county Committee elected at its first meeting after County Convention.

6(D) County Safety and Facilities Committee:

It shall have six members including County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.20 (v) T.O. 2021.

6(P) Planning and Training Committee

It shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.

6(Q) Audit and Risk Committee

It shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member

Grading of Players

3.

Moyne Templetuohy GAA club propose that the listing of the 18 players for intermediate and senior championship should be re-examined.

(i) If one of the players listed on the 18 does not play on the named or first team, he can apply to the Co. CCC to be regraded. **(Moyne-Templetuohy)**

4. -To be added to Bye Laws Coiste Thiobraid Arann: In accordance with Rule 3.19(n), To allow U21-20-19 or younger grade players of clubs that are unable to field at those grades, Clubs may apply to County Committee for approval on yearly basis to form group teams. Group teams shall **NOT** be allowed field 2nd team in any grade. To avail of a provision of Rule 6.8 exception (i) (a) or (b). **(Thurles Gaels)**

Inter-County Panels

5. That the Tipperary Under-17 and Under-20 Hurling and Football panels be circulated amongst the clubs of the county at least 3 weeks, prior to that teams first championship game. The panel should consist of a maximum number of players as agreed with County Executive and Team Management and in accordance with official guide. Prior to the announcement of the official panel, clubs should be informed of trial game/training/challenge game dates involving their named players. (To be approved at Ballina AGM 26 Nov 2021). **(Ballina)**

6. Nenagh Éire Óg Hurling and Football Club propose that juvenile players on county panels would be available to play for their club for all club championship games **(Nenagh Eire Óg)**

Age Grades

7. Cappawhite GAA propose that Tipperary GAA play competition at U21 age grade in 2022 (agreed at Club meeting 03/11) **(Cappawhite)**

8. We propose that the County CCC organize competitions in both hurling and football at Under 19 and Under 21 age grades in 2022. **(Boherlahan-Dualla)**

9. We propose that the County CCC organize competitions in both hurling and football at Under 19 and Under 21 age grades in 2022. **(Upperchurch-Drombane)**

10. Sean Treacy's GAA club proposes that under 21 Football and Hurling Championship be played in 2022. **(Sean Treacys)**

Motions for Congress

11. That for any structural changes to our championship formats that are decided at a county committee meeting or at county Convention the method of voting shall be by the way of a show of hands and for the election of officers a secret ballot is the preferred method. **(Carrick Swans)**

12. That Tipperary will submit a motion to Congress to revoke rule 6.21(2) of the Official Guide 2021 which states that the maximum number of teams that may participate in an adult County Championship shall be 16. **(Carrick Swans)**



Marking the retirement of Liam Ó Donnchú as "The Voice of Semple Stadium"



Tipperary GAA Board officers 2020

Miontuairiscí na gComhdhála 15-12-2020

Minutes of Annual Convention held on Tuesday 15th December 2020.

The Annual Convention of C.L.G. Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann was held Virtually Via Zoom, on Tuesday 15th December 2020.

DELEGATES WHO RETURNED THE POSTAL VOTE

AN ROINN THUAIDH Tadhg de Flóid, Mike Flynn, Marian Minehan, Noel Maher, Mark McLoughlin

Eamon Finn, P J O' Loinsigh, Louise Ryan, [Baile na hInse]; Gerry Treacy, Mark Stapleton, T.F Stapleton, [Buiríos Uí Luíoch]; Diarmaid MacEochaidh, Ger McKeogh, Michael Sheehy [Béal An Átha]; William Cleary, Daryl O Sullivan, Brid Morris [Buiríos Uí Chéin]; Mike Carroll, Gemma Flynn, Mortimer Hogan [Buirgeas]; Donnacha Cody, Kate Delaney, John Hartnett, [Fánaithe Eidhneáin]; Cait Ní Ghliásáin, Claire Byrne, Seamus Quigley [Cill an Daingean]; Martina Cleary, Joe Williams Gilbert Williams, [Cill Ruain Mhic Dhonnchadha]; Joe Dolan, Maureen Guinan, Declan O Meara, [Lothra- Doire]; Eugene Ryan, Pat Sheedy, Kevin Maher, [Muine Gall]; John Tooher, Cath McTiernan, Jimmy Minogue, [Éire Óg Aonach]; Cora Moroney, Majella Coffey, James Collins [Tulach Sheasta]; Gus Ryan, Patrick O'Connor, Brendan Shanahan [Portrua]; Mark McLoughlin, Prionsias Loughnane, Mark O Meara, [Roscré]; Liam Hogan, Anne Tierney, Stephen Darcy [Fánaithe na Sionnainne]; Colm Maher, Tina Shanahan, John Sherlock, [Béal Átha Gabhann]; Alan Ryan, Michael Ryan, Philip Kennedy [Teampall Doire Uí Chianan]; Jackie Maher, Patrick Hanley, Donal Shanahan [Tuaim Uí Mheara]

AN ROINN MEANACH Seán Ó'Dubháin, Seosamh Ó Cinnéide, Marcus O Duinn, Jonathan Cullen, Catherine Dunne, Tomás Ó'Meachair, Seosamh O Breacháin, Liz Flanagan, Aodh O Cochlain, Martin Bourke, Johnny Doyle, Michael Bourke, John Kennedy, Lisa Stapleton, Johnny Ryan [Bothar Leathan- Duibh Ealla]; Walter Byrne, Jonathan Cody, John Ryan [Cluain Uí Chionnaith]; Máirtín O Fáthaigh, John Egan, Trevor Hassett, [Druim & Inse]; Sean Leahy, Aoife Percy, [S C Breachain]; Michael Cleary, William Coleman, Michael Egan [Gort na Huaigh- Gleann an Ghuaill]; Michael Ryan, Thomas Slattery [Mainistir na Croise- Baile Cathail]; Jim Hamill, Michael Duff, John Fogarty [Cill Aodha] Sean O Treasaigh, Eugene Stapleton, Maureen Connolly [Luachmágh- Caisleán Laighnigh]; Peadar O' Lanagáin, Thomas Callanan, John Cahill [Na Sairsealaigh Durlas]; John O' Donovan, Kieran O Dwyer, Pádraig O Flanagan [Dúrlas Éile Gaels]; Tim Bergin, Jim Ryan, Michael Troy [Maighéan Teampall na Tuaithe]; John O Connell, Liam McCarthy, PJ Bowden [Dúrlas Óg]; Joe Moran, Michelle McKelvey, John Hackett, [Magh Coirce Buirgeas]; Michael Griffin, Joseph Lowry, Donal Hayes [Teampall Uachtar Drombán]; Domhnall O Keefe, Robert Ryan, Adrian Delaney [Cnoch]

AN ROINN THÍAR Michael Ryan, Michael McCarthy, Michéal Ó Doibhilin, Tom Dawson, John Ryan (Bob), Pat Moroney, Joe Donovan, Thomas Peters [Eatharlach]; Jerry Ring, Billy Ryan, Fionnuala O Mahoney, [Fánaithe Gleann Árann]; PJ Dunne, Aodain Wrenn, Paddy Moloney [Caiseal Rí Cormaic] John O Dwyer, Niamh Julian, Willie Meagher [Ceapach na bhFaoiteach]; Kathleen Ryan, Michael O Dwyer, Michéal Ó Codhain [Cluain an tUaigh-Rosmór]; Patrick Sheehy, Michael Ring, Colm McGrath [Imleach]; Tom English, Eileen Ryan, John Quinn [Eire Óg Ath na gCairteDún Eochaille]; John Morrissey, John Peters, Michael Barry, [Fánaithe na nGailti] Billy O'Toole, Martin Ryan, John Carey [Seán Uí Threasaigh]; John Currihan, Brian Leamy, Michael Stapleton, [Gabhailín/Cill-Fiacla]; Noreen Marnane, Tommy Hayes, Pat McCormack [Cnoc an Bhile Dun na Sciath]; John Hally, Conor English, [Fánaithe Carraig an Tobair]; Catherine Hogan, Cait Hogan, Gerry Maguire [Laitéan Cuileann]; Pat Cummins, Jack Bourke, Richard Corcoran, [Faiche Ró]; Willie Dee, Jerry Dee, Philip Doherty [Sulchóid]

AN ROINN THEAS Gearóid Mac Domhnaill, Hugo Browne, Eddie McCarthy, Steven Fitzgerald, Nioclás Ó'Maolruanaidh, Michéal de Paor, Ken Conway, Barry O'Brien, Sean Nugent, Diarmuid Boyle, Aidan McNamara, William Nagle, [Árd Fhionáin]; Tomas O Leary, James English, Anthony Dillon [Baile Bheagan an Ghraínseach]; Tom Fitzgerald, John Lawlor, Pat Vaughan, [Baile an Gharraí] Michéal de Burca, Eamonn O Riain, Pat Morrissey, [Beal Atha Lubaigh/Caisleán Ghraisaigh] Thomas O Gorman, Mgt O Donoghue, Pádraig O Fearghail, [Beal Atha Poirin] Larry Queeny, Pat O'Brien, Tadhg Howard [Cathair Dún Iascaigh]; Alan Faulkner, Niall Ryan, Willie O Dwyer, [Na Daimhní, Carraig na Súire]; Seán O Séa, Jim Bourke, Bernard O'Neill [Na hEalaí]; Kieran Barrett, Louise English, [Cléireacháin]; Derek Williams, Anthony O Dwyer, George Barry, [Na Tráchtaláí Cluain Meala] Eddie Kearney Sean Quirke, David Barrett, [Cluain Meala Óg]; Michael O Connor, Michael Norris, Eamon O Gorman [An t-Athair Sithigh]; Patsey Laurence, PJ Ahearne, Stephen Fitzgerald [Fíodh Árd]; Eamon Phelan, Thomas Dineen, [Gráinseach Mhóicléir]; Roibeard de Hál, Anthony Purcell, Eilonóir Ni Labharhaigh [Cill Náile]; Sean Ryan, John Nolan, Declan Geoghan, [Cill Siolain/Cill Chais] Jim O'Brien, Catherine Mockler, Ciaran Mockler, [Naomh Pádraigh]; Tommy Campbell, Jean O Connor [Fánaithe an Maolig]; Dick Egan, Michael Walshe [Muileann na hUamhan]; Brian Moynihan, David O'Donnell, Ger Deely [Naomh Mhuire Cluain Meala]; Sharon O Dwyer, Donal O Loughlin, Mikey Nugent, [Caisleán Nua]; Breda Fitzgibbon, Declan Hickey Tom Maher [Sceichín na Rinne]

Total voting strength of Convention was 246 and 241 voted.

Convention commenced with Sean Dubháin, Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae, welcoming the delegates and media to the Annual Convention.

Standing orders were adopted. Proposed by Con Hogan and seconded by Declan Hickey.

1. Miontuairiscí (Minutes)

The Minutes of 2019 Convention were adopted; Proposed by Con Hogan and seconded by Peter Lanigan. **Nothing Arising**

2. Tuarascáil an Rúnaí (Secretary's Report)

The Secretary's Report was adopted; Proposed by Con Hogan and seconded by Joe Bracken. An Runaí went through his report and invited comments from delegates.

- Con Hogan said it was an outstanding report in a very disruptive year. He welcomed the possibility of an All-weather pitch in LIT Thurles and hoped it would take the pressure off Semple Stadium which was cutting up from winter games. The Stadium deteriorated during the

six months of lockdown and is no longer regarded as the No 2 pitch in the country. He was conscious it was now a drain on county finances and considering it cost half a million-euro p.a. to run it's becoming a real problem into the future. The appointment of a commercial advisor was a very good move at the present time.

- Cathaoirleach Sean O Dubhain complimented the Runaí and said it would serve as a great source of reference for history researchers.

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, agus Sean O Sé, Riaracháin 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 plus the 4 GDA's)
- 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 2019 (Spain, Fewer & Quinlan)
- Communications Committee (Joe Bracken, PRO)
- Tipperary Year-Book 2021 (John Smyth, Runaí)
- Co. IT Committee (Lisa Stapleton IT Officer)
- Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw (Peter Byrne Draw Chairman)
- Tipperary GAA Draw 2019/20 a/c's (Spain, Fewer & Quinlan)
- Co. Planning & Physical Development Committee (Mark McLoughlin Chairperson)
- Co Handball Report (Ken Conway Secretary)
- Tipperary Supporters Club (John Coman P.R.O.)
- Tipperary Supporters Club Accounts 2019 (Bryan Maher, Ass. Treasurer)
- Coiste Scór plus Scór Accounts 2020 (Máire De Búrca, Runaí) agus Seosaimhin Ni Chathail
- Fixture Analysts Robert 2020 (John Costigan)
- Health & Wellbeing Report 2020 (Cora Moroney, Chairperson H&W)
- 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 2020 (Michael Power, Cisteoir)
- All the Sub-committee reports were adopted – Pro. Martin Bourke, Sec. Sean Nugent

John Costigan, as Co Fixtures Analyst, expressed his satisfaction with the running of the 2020 Co Championships and complimented Co Board for sticking with 16 teams in each competition and asked clubs to heed the success of it. He praised Co Board Officials for the dignity and respect with which they dealt with the public in very difficult circumstances. He thanked John Devane and Joe Bracken for their excellent stewardship during their tenure and welcomed his past pupil Joe Kennedy as the Cathaoirleach nua.

Cathaoirleach concluded that it was important to highlight and showcase the work of our Committees.

4. Tuarascáil an Chisteora/Treasurers Report

Ronan Spain, Co Board Auditor commenced by reading the Auditors Statement on page 4 & 5 of the Financial Report. He also highlighted the section in the notes of the Accounts on page 17 under the heading "Going Concern". This outlined the disruption caused by the Covid 19 Pandemic and the Financial Support measures from the Irish Government, Via Sports Ireland Funding, Government Covid Resilience Funding and Wage Subsidy Schemes. This allowed the GAA and Tipperary Co Board operate as a going concern.

Cisteoir Michael Power took the delegates through the Financial Report and highlighted the reduction on all figures due to Covid Restrictions. Despite this, new initiatives were created with streaming and the partnership with Future Ticketing. Michael acknowledged the assistance from the Government and Croke Park which made our operation viable. He highlighted the main details of the report as follows;

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-Total Income for 2020	€2,184,320
-Total Expenditure for 2020	<u>€2,164,142</u>
-Surplus for 2020	<u>€ 20,178</u>

- Despite restricted attendances at our club championships sales of tickets brought in €97,485 in Gate Receipts.
- The new initiative of streaming games grossed €99,448 but this was reduced by €40K in operating costs.
- We were fortunate to receive our TENEO team sponsorship (200K), National League Share (€166K) and season ticket Income (€102K)
- Our Royalties from O Neills and Elverys also held up at €125K despite the retail shops being closed.
- Co Team Expenditure was down by one million euro but much of the 2020 Inter County Championship costs were not included due to the late finals after the books closed. Also Croke Park paid the player travel expenses from Sept 2020.

- Michael concluded by thanking clubs for their support in staging games during difficult times. He also expressed his appreciation to the gate checkers, the Lar Na Pairce Staff and his fellow Officers.
- In conclusion the Cathaoirleach Sean O Dubhain praised all involved in turning a deficit of €371K around to a surplus of €20K in twelve months. The Treasurers Report was adopted Pro Mark McLoughlin, Sec Johnny Doyle.

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

A chairde, 2020 will go down as probably the most difficult year many of us have ever known. The upheaval and anxiety that Covid-19 caused to so many people will never be forgotten. Sport might seem irrelevant and trivial when compared to the daily task of living and trying to cope with this deadly virus but for many of us, involvement in sport helped so many to cope. It was a welcome distraction from everyday life, whether at club, county or individual level. Whilst huge sacrifices were made, by players, officials, clubs and supporters, the joy of getting games played made it worthwhile. At intercounty level the highlight no doubt was a first Munster senior football championship in 85 years. Playing a fine brand of football, Conor Sweeney and his team defeated Clare, Limerick and Cork. And to crown it all, what better way to commemorate Bloody Sunday 1920 than to win the Munster crown on the weekend of the Centenary, wearing the white and Green of Grangemockler. Under the management of David Power, this team captured the hearts of Tipperary people everywhere and neutrals as well. Whilst the All Ireland semi-final against Mayo was a tough experience, it was part of a steep learning curve. At that level mistakes will be punished in full. Playing regularly at a higher level will solve that, so the priority has to be promotion out of Division three and get to Division one in next three years. Well done to team and management. Our senior hurlers unfortunately did not have a great year. Playing two of the three games in atrocious weather conditions was definitely of no help. In this shortened year, we were still most unlucky not to win our last game against Galway which would have put us back in Croke park for another crack at Limerick. Both our minors and U20 hurlers have spent most of the year wondering are games on or off and here we are in December still trying to get those competitions played. Likewise with our minor footballers. Our u20 footballers began the year with a useful win in the Andrew Corden cup, defeating Waterford, Wexford and Carlow and were most unfortunate to lose the Munster championship game to Limerick by one point in poor weather conditions in Rathkeale. Over the last three years, I've had the honour and privilege of serving as Chairman of this great county. It was not a position I ever really aspired to. Feeling that I had neither the ability or the time to give to this onerous role. But having been encouraged to get involved at Divisional level first and then to take the big step into County administration, I decided that if I was going to do it, it would be with as much energy as I could and by trying to solve the great fixture debate that has been with us forever. There is no doubt there are still many issues to solve, but the three-tier club hurling championship that we had this year is exactly what this county has needed for a long time. The shortened club season, brought about by the Covid restrictions, meant that we now had for the first time ever, sixteen team competitions with the top eight qualifying for the Quarterfinals with no link from the Divisional championships. All three were very competitive, every club graded by their performance over the previous year. All three finals were excellent, the winners, Kiladangan, CJ Kickhams Mullinahone and Gortnahoe-Glengoole were worthy winners with a special mention to that great dual club, Loughmore-Castleiney who were most unlucky in both senior hurling and football finals. Now I know many people still wish to retain the Divisional link and feel we should return to that. But I strongly believe there should be no going back, please let the best teams qualify on merit, not based on geography. The Divisional championships are still very important. I hear it said all the time how important they are. And I believe they should be played before county competition where possible. The football championships this year did not contain quarterfinals because of time constraints. This led to much criticism of unfairness. I don't believe this was the case. The CCC organised games from the last two weekends of July until last weekend of September with no space left idle. Preliminary quarterfinals were removed from hurling and quarterfinals from football to allow us to complete our competitions. Our hurling competitions have been revamped based on merit. The same does not apply to football. There are not sixteen teams of senior standard in Tipperary. And at Intermediate level, some clubs are there against their will. The winners of three of the four groups could be predicted well in advance in the senior championship. Would eight or ten or twelve be far better for both our clubs and our competitions. We did have, like the hurling, excellent finals, with Clonmel Commercials and Rockwell Rovers being victorious. To get all these games played required huge effort from so many people. County and Divisional CCCs drew up excellent programmes, clubs and officials cooperated fully and even more so this year with all the restrictions with numbers, venues were prepared and stewarded to maintain as far as possible the safety of everyone. Co board management assisted as Designated officers to help also and assisted the gate checkers in their work. Referees, linesmen and umpires often officiated at more than one game per day and often on both days of the weekend. New initiatives were the future ticketing system and live streaming of games. These are no doubt here to stay and can be expanded over the coming years. Secretary Tim Floyd deserves full credit for driving these initiatives. It took a lot of hard work but as we know he's more than capable. IT officer, Lisa provided valuable assistance. A sincere thank you to one and all. It is because there are so many people's willing to help that the GAA is such a great community organisation. Our Coaching and Games Development committee under games manager, Dinny Maher and our GDAs have provided a huge service this year. Our four GDAs, Andy, Kevin, Paudie and Tom continued to provide assistance to our young players throughout both lockdowns, despite severe restrictions and a financial loss to themselves. They are often the first link for our young players to our games. Their enthusiasm and dedication is second to none and having visited some of the Cul camps this summer, I saw at first-hand how important their roles are. Together with our clubs, Coiste na nOg, Cumann na mBunscoil, and our Post Primary committee, they continue to give our youth, opportunities to play and develop. There is no doubt with almost 70 clubs and almost 140 Primary schools throughout the county, there is need for more GDAs. A further 4 positions were planned but unfortunately have been delayed. Semple Stadium has had a difficult time with very little income coming and high maintenance costs necessary. Over my three years a figure of approximately a half million Euro has been invested from either Co Bord or Munster Council structural funds in various Stadium projects. This while at the same time making sure Dr Morris Park can continue to provide first class training facilities for many teams. We are grateful and acknowledge the help and cooperation from Con Hogan, David Morgan and Dave Hanley in giving us access to the stadium for training when necessary. Dr Morris Park is always busy. The three fields there are excellently maintained with Pat O'Callaghan the Boss there and John Ryan keeping a watchful eye for many years. The LIT All weather project is awaiting approval and when completed will at long last help provide a suitable and necessary all-weather surfaces. Mention of finance and first of all last year's accounts did not make pleasant reading. Thankfully we are in a much healthier position this

year whilst still trying to maintain the standards required. The County Bord draw has helped hugely, and great credit is due to all who help and support this financial lifeline for both club and county. Match streaming helped reduce our gate income loss. Sponsorship is vital, and our main sponsors, Teneo, deserve huge credit for their help and support. A special mention to Declan Kelly and Teneo for allowing us to wear the special Bloody Sunday Commemoration Jersey in the Munster football final without any sponsors logo. FBD, our championship sponsors, deserve great credit also for their support. As I reach the end of my term, I wish to thank most sincerely all the clubs of the county for their kindness and support, all the players on various teams who represented their county and the managements who put in such huge efforts to prepare the teams. The Divisional officers, members of Coiste na nOg and all the various committees, county management committees past and present have performed their roles excellently. At times we did not always agree, and anyone I offended along the way, I'm truly sorry. I was at all times trying to do what was best for Tipperary GAA. To my fellow officers, a sincere thanks. Best wishes to my successor, Joe Kennedy who has been an excellent vice-chairperson and will be even better as Chairman. Secretary Tim Floyd is the key figure and the most efficient and hard-working official in the county if not the country. Treasurer Michael Power goes about his business quietly and calmly as befitting an accountant. PRO, Joe Bracken established himself as one of the top PROs and secretary of the CCC, Tom Maher continues to deal with all fixtures and games as well as Post Primary school games plus also play a leading role on match days in Semple Stadium. A sincere thanks to one and all and every good wish and success to Tipperary for the future. Tiobraid Árann Abú.

Seán Ó Dubháin

6. Toghnachán Na nOifigeach (Election of Officers)

Officers for 2021 were elected as follows: -

President:	Matt Hassett	Honorary Position	
Vice President:	John Costigan	Honorary Position	
Chairperson:	Joe Kennedy	Proposed- Trevor Hassett	Seconded- Mark Dunne
Vice Chairperson:	Jimmy Minogue	Proposed- Jackie Meagher	Seconded- Brian Maudrant
Treasurer:	Michael Power	Proposed- Mark McLoughlin	Seconded- Derek Williams
Ass Treasurer:	John Donovan	Proposed- Kieran O Dwyer	Seconded- Mark Dunne
Development Officer:(Appointed)	Mark McLoughlin		
Coaching Officer:	Tom Dawson	Proposed- Eileen Ryan	Seconded- Brian Maudrant
Oifigeach Cultúir:	Marcas Ó'Duinn	Proposed- Tim Bergin	Seconded- Jim Ryan
Youth Officer: (Appointed)	Nicholas Moroney		
Public Relations Officer:	Jonathan Cullen	Proposed- Eugen Stapleton	Seconded- Michael Walshe
Central Council:	Michael Bourke	Proposed- Trevor Hassett	Seconded- Donal Hayes
Munster Council Delegate (1):	John Doyle	Proposed- ML McCarthy	Seconded- T.F Stapleton
Munster Council Delegate (2):	Sean Nugent	Proposed- Sean Ryan	Seconded- Tom Dawson

Elections

Voting for three positions took place in advance by postal vote. All votes were posted to a P.O. box number at Clonmel Post office and Ger Walsh of Tipperary Co. Co. was appointed returning officer. All votes were collected by Ger Walsh on the evening of the convention and the count began just as convention commenced. The four tellers/supervisors who were appointed by Tipperary Co Management Committee were present during the count. They were Philip Delaney (North), Eddie McCarthy (South), Catherine Dunne (Mid) and John Morrissey (West).

Vice Chairman: There were two nominations, Tom Dawson (Eire Og Anacarty) and Jimmy Minogue (Nenagh Eire Og). The total valid poll was 246 and 241 voted.

Result- Jimmy Minogue 157 votes

Tom Dawson 84 votes

Cathaoirleach declared Jimmy Minogue elected. Pro Jackie Meagher, Sec Brian Maudrant.

Assistant Treasurer

There were two candidates for election Michael Devlin (Eire Og Anacarty) and John Donovan (Thurles Gaels). The total valid poll was 240 and the result was as follows.

John Donovan-127 Votes

Michael Devlin-113 Votes

Cathaoirleach announced John Donovan as elected, Pro Kieran O Dwyer, Sec Mark Dunne

County P.R.O

There was four candidates for election; Jonathan Cullen(Loughmore Castleiney), Michael McCarthy (Cappawhite), Enda O'Sullivan (Nenagh Eire Og) and Lisa Stapleton(Boherlahan-Dualla). The total Valid Poll was 241 and the quota was 121.

1st Count – Jonathan Cullen-81

MI McCarthy-59

Enda Sullivan-60

Lisa Stapleton-41

2nd Count- (Lisa Stapleton was eliminated and her 41 votes distributed)

Jonathan Cullen +19=100

MI McCarthy +11=70

Enda O'Sullivan +7 =67
Non-transferable 4

3rd Count (Enda O'Sullivan was eliminated and his 67 votes were distributed)
(Final Count) Jonathan Cullen +20=120
ML McCarthy +43=113
Non-transferable 4

Cathaoirleach announced Jonathan Cullen as elected, Pro Eugene Stapleton, Sec Michael Walshe

• **Acknowledgments**

- Chairman of Moyne Templetuohy Tim Bergin congratulated Joe Kennedy and said it was a huge honour for his club. He said he has no doubt Joe will give the role his full commitment and he wished him best of luck from everyone in the Moyne Templetuohy club.
- Jimmy Minogue said he wanted to be a Vice Chairman for all the County. He thanked Tom Dawson for an admirable and dignified campaign and expressed appreciation to all who acted on his behalf. He complimented John Devane and Joe Bracken on their very successful tenures.
- Tom Dawson congratulated Jimmy Minogue and wished him many successful years of service. He expressed appreciation to his own club and thanked the clubs for their courtesy during his campaign. He complimented the Co Games Manager and the four G.D.A's for their commitment and work during a very difficult year and he thanked the officers for their support.
- Jonathan Cullen said he was privileged and honoured to be elected and he promised to give his full commitment to the role. He was proud to be the first Loughmore-Castleiney person to be an officer of the Co Board and he thanked all that worked hard to get him there.
- Michael McCarthy congratulated Jonathan and wished Joe Kennedy well in the Chair. He complimented Joe Bracken and said he will be a hard act to follow.
- Joe Bracken congratulated all the victors and wished Jonathan Cullen best of luck and offered him every support in the role. He said it was a great honour to serve as PRO and he enjoyed the role immensely during his term.

7. Oráid An Cathaoirleach (Seosamh O Cinneide) Incoming Chairman's Address

Comh-Oifigigh, Toscairí Club agus a Dhaoine Uaisle, is mór an onóir agus pribhléid domsa é, mo theaghlach agus mo Chlub a bheith tofa mar Chathaoirleach ar Bhórd Contae Thiobraid Árann.

Fellow Officers, Club Delegates and distinguished guests, it's both a tremendous honour and a privilege for me, my family and my Club to be elected Chairman of Tipperary County Board. Around this time twenty years ago, I was asked by my Club to take on the role of Juvenile Chairman and little did I think that it was the first step on a journey that would lead me to County Chairman. I would like to thank my Club for all the help they have given me over the years and for nominating me for this position here tonight. From an early age, like most boys in Tipperary, I had a great interest in Tipperary teams and had a dream to play for Tipperary but alas my talents never matched my dreams. I grew up in the 70's listening to stories of the great Tipperary Teams of the 50's and 60's. Unfortunately, during my childhood years Tipperary fortunes were on a downward curve. It amuses me now when I hear all the talk of how we must do back-to-back All Ireland's, when for people of my generation we would have gladly taken one All Ireland or for many years, even a championship victory. Thankfully over the last twenty years, our record has improved and whilst there are many more serious contenders for the Championship, Tipperary can start off every year as realistic contenders for All Ireland honours. We have plenty of talent at all levels in Tipperary and I believe with the right structures in place, we can be very competitive and have realistic chances for success in the coming years.

Coaching and Games: Coming from my background in Bord na nÓg, I am strongly convinced that our County and Club coaching strategy is linked to our success in the future. In 2019 the GAA launched the Talent Academy and Player Development Report. It is a very comprehensive report which got input from all sections of the GAA. I would encourage every person who has an interest in coaching and preparing teams especially those involved with underage teams to take the time to read this report. There are also many publications on coaching and online courses for those wishing to enhance their coaching knowledge. With the adoption of the Talent Academy Report we have now moved to uneven ages countrywide. All games under the age of 17 are classed as development and I would appeal to all those in charge of those age groups to embrace this concept. I would urge all underage coaches to implement the new principles of this program that focus in particular on participation and practicing the skills of the game. Underage managers should focus more on developing and retaining players and not the "win at all costs" approach as we have seen in the past. Our Coaching and Games Staff have done great work over the years but this year they deserve a special mention for the part they played in posting online activities to keep our younger members active during the initial lockdown.

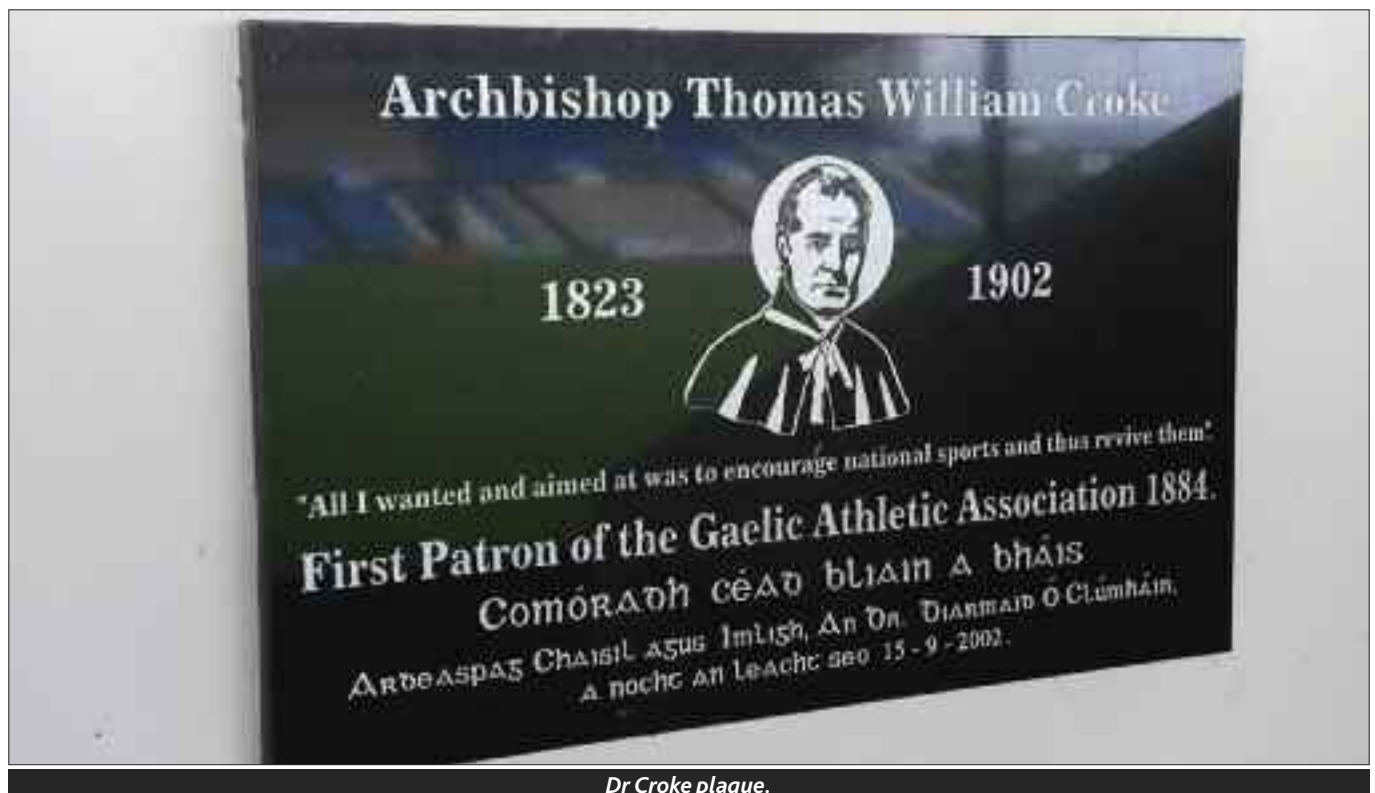


Joe Kennedy

Split Season: As we all know the Pandemic has been a blight on society and has had a major impact on our games. But the one thing it did was it gave us all time to reflect and see what is important in life. As the old saying goes “You never miss the water till the well runs dry”. Players, spectators, and society in general really saw how the GAA and our games play such a vital role in Irish life. When games resumed, we started with Club games and there was almost an outpouring of joy that we had games to follow again all be it for many, through streaming. The fact that club games were played first brought about the debate on fixtures and has led us to the Split Season proposal. This proposal with an All-Ireland in July would have gained no traction at all in other years but now all major stake holders seem in favour of it. I too, welcome the Split Season report for we can now avoid the Club/County clash of games and our County Players are no longer caught trying to serve two masters. But I would urge a note of caution.... like any document, the devil is in the detail. I agree with the County first and Club second. If it was club first many clubs would be out of the Championship in May or early June and there would have little or no motivation to play Leagues or Secondary competitions for the second half of the year. The proposal gives a county who reaches the All Ireland approx. 13 weeks to complete their championships. In a dual county like Tipperary, that is not sufficient. If internal club competitions are condensed so too should provincial and All Ireland Club competitions. While all the focus of the split season debate has been on Senior intercounty and Club championships there has been little debate about the structures of our underage competitions. I believe we need to be very careful about the structures of our intercounty underage competitions and likewise our school and college competitions. In a county like Tipperary where approx. 75% of clubs are dual clubs up to 21 grade, we need to play one code in the first half of the year. I fully appreciate that school and college competitions are vitally important, but they must be scheduled in a manner that leaves time for underage club competitions. I think if there is proper planning all competitions can be accommodated. We cannot ask our underage players to play for club, school or college and intercounty at the same time. The overall concern I would have is that all of our Adult Championship competitions are shoe horned into 2 to 3 months this would put a lot of pressure on clubs, venues and referees.

Club Games: The pandemic obviously affected our Club games this year. As I stand down from C.C.C., I wish to thank all members of the C.C.C. and especially our Secretary Tom Maher, for all their work over the last 3 years. While our time was limited to play club games we ran a very successful Championship. The concept of having three groups of 16 in hurling and two groups in football which has evolved over the last number of years was one of the main reasons for the success of the championship. It was possible at the beginning of July to put a plan in place where every Club knew exactly what they would be playing on any given weekend right up to the County Finals. This is the way forward for the future that will give players, managers and spectators a definite plan of program of games. If the split season is brought in, it is crucial that we have a program of games for clubs over the first six months of the year. Whilst we have had County Leagues over the past number of years, I am not sure that clubs have fully committed to them. It is very disappointing to see Clubs put out under strength teams in a County League match and later in the same weekend play a challenge match against a club outside of the County. If we are to have proper leagues during inter county season a major shift in mindset is needed. There has been much debate and comment over the last number of months especially during the Club Championship as to which is more important Club or Intercounty Competitions. My opinion is that both are equally important, and the most important thing is to get the optimal balance between the two.

Football: This has been a historic year for Football in Tipperary and I salute all involved in winning our first Munster Final in 85 years on the anniversary of Bloody Sunday. It was the most fitting way of commemorating the events of 1920. This victory was the result of many years of hard work by many people involved in Football. While it is very difficult for Tipperary to win Munster competitions having to compete with Cork and Kerry, I believe we have enough of clubs and players to have more regular success in Football. In the last decade, we have won Munster championships in all grades of Football which is a result of all the work put over many years by clubs, development squads and the Co Football committee. We must look forward with positivity and improve on our structures to give ourselves the opportunity to be more successful in the future. There are a few key areas we need to focus on. We need to encourage and support clubs who have a



Dr Croke plaque.

tradition in Football to play at a higher standard. We need to look at our Club Competitions, as stated already the three groups of 16 are successful in hurling with teams being competitive at their own level. However, the same cannot be said for Football. There is almost an air of inevitability as to which teams will contest the Senior Semi-Final whilst for some their only motivation is to avoid regulation. The Intermediate championship is similar with many one-sided games and even worse with many walkovers being conceded. I have wondered over the last few years if there were no fines for walkovers would the number of walkovers be even greater. I pose the question ...Is it time to reduce the number of teams in both these competition to twelve in each group and have a more competitive championship with teams involved totally committed to playing football. In 2021 the minor grade is now under 17 with the result that players from this grade cannot play in this competition. It is vital for the progression of football in the county that divisions schedule a proper program of games for these players to aid their development. The other key area is our development squads. We need to identify and focus on our young players who are totally committed to playing Football for Tipperary and bring them through our squads that when they reach age 20-22 they are ready to play Senior Football for Tipperary. There is much to be optimistic about with Tipperary Football and we can build on the success of the last ten years to ensure there is more success in the future.

Finance: Thankfully our finances have improved from this time last year. In what has been a difficult year, it has been a major achievement to have a positive bank balance. The pandemic has given us the opportunity to sit back and take stock. The three main drivers for Finance this year have been the County Board Draw, income from Streaming and ticket sales through Future ticketing. I must give special mention to our Secretary Tim Floyd for all the work he and all our office staff put in to make these three ventures a great success. Pandemic or No Pandemic the Future ticketing system is here to stay and all the money we invested in this project will be of benefit for many years to come. I welcome Billy O Shea to his new role as Commercial Advisor and I know with his expertise and knowledge he will be a great addition to the Board.

Referees: In the year we have just had I want to pay special tribute to our referees. We had a hectic schedule of games over a period of 14/15 weeks between all the Boards and our referees who worked tirelessly to officiate at these games. I know this is an old chestnut, but I have a genuine concern that unless we recruit a significant number of new referees, we are going to have trouble completing our games program. I would urge every single club to make a special effort to source new referees.

Outgoing Officers: Tonight, two men at the top table complete their terms as Officers. Both John Devane and Joe Bracken can be very proud of their contribution to Tipperary GAA over the last six years. They both have a genuine interest and a passion for Tipperary GAA and have carried out their roles with great dedication and commitment over the years. Although they are stepping down as Officers, I know they will continue to work for Tipperary into the future. Both are men of the highest integrity and I wish them both well in whatever role they fulfil in the GAA in the future. Tonight, as I take the role as Chairman of this great County, I know we have great clubs and players in Tipperary and with small improvements in some areas I am confident we can continue to be successful in the years to come. Tá abhar mór misnigh agus dóchais ann dúinn sa bhliain áta romhainn. Guim Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir. Thiobraid Árann Abú.

8. Na Rúin (Motions for 2020 Co Convention)

Age Grades & Responsibility

Motion 1.

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)

Motion propped by Michelle McKelery, Sec Martin Bourke

Chairman got approval to combine Motion 1, Motion 2 (Part A) from Boherlahan Dualla, Motion 5 from Cappawhite, Motion 6 from St Patrick's and Motion 7 (Part A) from Golden Kilfeacle.

Johnny Ryan (Boherlahan-Dualla) said young players want more games and will play twice per week if necessary.

MI Griffen (Upperchurch-Drombane), Jimmy O'Brien (St Patricks) and Willie Meagher (Cappawhite) all spoke in favour as they felt U19 and U21 are vital to hold onto players and give them games. It's also vital for players who are losing out on a year with minor changing to U17. Tom Maher expressed concern with fitting both U19 and U21 into the fixtures schedule and Joe Kennedy said it would require playing U19 on Wednesday nights and U21 the following weekend and Martin Bourke (Boherlahan) added that U17 could be played Monday nights. Cathaoirleach asked for a counter proposal but as none was forthcoming, he declared the motion carried.

Motion 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)

Part A of the motion was passed with Motion No 1.

Part B of the motion was taken with Motion 3.

Motion 3.

If there is an U17 competition in 2021, that this competition would be organized and run by Co Bord na nÓg.

(Borrisileigh)

Motion PRO, PJ Bowden, Sec Johnny Ryan

The Borrisileigh delegate Jerry Treacy said that as U17 players are juveniles, Coiste Na nÓg should be responsible. Liz Flanagan

expressed concern at the loss of Gate Revenue at divisional level from Minor for Senior Boards and this could impact the Divisional Coaching grants unless Coiste na nÓg took over the payment. Con Hogan highlight the crossover of fixtures between two different committees. Joe Kennedy said the Coiste na nOg delegate on Co C.C.C would carry out a lot of responsibility. Cathaoirleach called for a counter proposal and as none was forthcoming, he declared the motion carried.

Motion 4.

If there is an under-17 competition in 2021, that this competition will be run and organized by the Coiste na nOg.

(Durlas Óg)

This Motion was automatically passed with Motion 3 above.

Motion 5.

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

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)

This Motion was passed with Motion No 1.

Motion 6.

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

This Motion was passed with Motion 1.

Motion 7.

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

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

Part A of the Motion was carried with No 1 Motion.

Part B was not accepted as it was against the Principal of National Policy.

Motion 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)

Cathaoirleach would not accept this motion as it conflicted with National Policy.

“C” Championships

Motion 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)

Cathaoirleach said this was not a motion for Convention as it concerned the structures of our Championships which was a matter for County Committee.

Motion 10.

We would like to propose a Junior C hurling Championship to be run whatever way the County Board sees fit whether that be through the Divisions or a straight County Championship
(Gortnahoe-Glengoole)
Cathaoirleach would not accept this motion for convention as it concerned championship structures which are a matter for County Committee.

Girls Play U13

Motion 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)

The Ballinahinch delegate could not be contacted but the Cathaoirleach confirmed that a similar motion was beaten heavily at Congress so there was no point in discussing it.

Transfers

Motion 12.

All Underage grading to be deferred until after transfer deadline passes.

(Thurles Gaels)

Cathaoirleach did not accept this motion as he said it was a matter for Coiste Na nÓg.

Concluding Convention

- Cathaoirleach before ending convention, thanked Ger Walsh Tipperary Co. Co. for his professionalism in the role as Official Returning Officer and also to C.E.O Joe McGrath for allowing us use the Council Chambers.
- He also thanked Rebert Healy and Noel Maher for streaming the Convention to our delegates and to I.T Officer Lisa Stapleton for her assistance.
- Joe Kennedy thanked all delegates for their contributions and looked forward to a normal Convention in 2021.
- Cathaoirleach John Devane wished all delegates a Happy Christmas and a Covid Free 2021. He then closed Convention.

That concluded County Convention 2020.



Tipperary Association Dublin 2019 awards. Brendan Maher, Liam Myles, Jimmy Finn (Hall of Fame) and Seamus Callanan

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí 2021

(Tipperary County Secretary's Annual Report)



TIM FLOYD County Secretary

Tosnú

Is mé ag díriú isteach ar mo 15ú bliain mar rúnaí an Bhoird, agus mo bhliain deireanach sa phost, féachaim siar ar 2021 le díomá, mar is é seo an chéad bhliain de mo shealbhaíocht nár tháinig trófaí de shaghas éigin chuig an contae. Rinne Covid-19 deimhin de go raibh 2020 tarraingthe amach maidir le imeachtaí idir-chontae, ach tharla rudaí níos gasta i mbliana de bharr dianghlasáil agus críoch níos luaithe chun an séasúr scoilte a éascú. Is ar ár gcrabhchomórtaisí a bhí aghaidh na ndaoine i 2021. Thosaíomar go luath i mí Lúnasa agus chríochnaíomar le tonn spleodair nuair a bhain Luachmá-Caisleán Laighnigh éacht aonair amach agus iad á thóstadh tríd an chontae (agus an tír nach mó) ar fad.

Bhí cathanna móra againn sna seomraí boird chomh maith, nuair a ghlacadh leis an rún chun uasteorannú 16 foireann a chur ar na craobhchomórtaisí. Níos déanaí sa bhliain d'aithríodh Corn Shéamais Uí Riain go Príomh-Idirmheánach, athrú a bhí conspóideach go leor, ach nuair a shocraíonn an deannach, measaim go mbeidh sé soiléir go bhfuil an réiteach is fearr againn. Beidh na craobhchomórtaisí níos iomaíche, ár gcaighdeán níos airde agus ár gcluichí níos tarraingtí dár lucht leanúna dá bharr.

Introduction

Once again, we reflect on a difficult year, especially the Inter-County first half, as the challenges of Covid 19 in 2020 continued not just for the GAA but for the wider society in our country and beyond. In this convention book, the various reports will paint pictures of the challenges all our committees faced in carrying out their roles but in all cases, positivity shone through and the will to succeed was dominant. Our club championships were the beacon of light that captured the imagination of everyone both inside and outside the county. Our county finals were all full of excitement and the competitiveness of all our games proves we have got our structures right at last. We all have our affiliations and allegiances accompanied by different colours and different accents but once our own departs the scene we follow the neighboring parish or the club we admire most after our own. I think Loughmore-Castleiney captured the hearts of most in 2021 especially the way they repeated their historic senior double of 2013, but more about that later. Once again, we look forward to a new beginning, especially in hurling as former legends Colm Bonnar and Brendan Cummins take on the challenge of management as they hope to steer Tipperary Senior and U20 Hurlers on the road to success. James Woodlock will be hoping he can learn from his chastening experiences of 2021 and give us hope at minor level while in football David Power and Paddy Christie will try and build on the progress of our U20 Footballers in 2020. John McNamara Jnr carries on a great football family tradition as he takes on the management of the Tipperary Minor Footballers in 2021. We wish all our Inter County team Management the best of luck and even if they don't have success, we hope we will see progress towards it.

County Convention in December 2020 was held virtually from the civic offices in Clonmel and proved to be one of the most eventful of recent years. Joe Kennedy (Moyne Templetuohy) took over the chair from John Devane (Boherlahan Dualla) but the excitement around the elections drew most attention as Jimmy Minogue was elected new Vice Chairman, Jonathan Cullen (PRO) and John Donovan (Ass Treasurer). The motions passed saw the introduction of U19 as well as retaining U21 whilst the administration of U17 (Minor) was passed on to Coiste na nÓg. Progress on the development of our facilities remained in the pause mode as Dr Morris Park awaits a Sports Capital Grant announcement before we can proceed with the refurbishment and extension to our dressing rooms. As I write this an announcement is imminent as our builder Cooldine Constuction is ready to proceed. A full-size all-weather pitch in LIT (now TUS) Thurles is also delayed and it now looks like 2023 as a most likely commencement date. The good news is that the first full-size all-weather pitch in the county will become a reality as the Fethard Town project conjunction with Coolmore is well advanced and should be in operation in January 2022. Tipperary Co Board are in the process of signing an agreement, giving us priority booking which will be a great advantage, especially to our football teams and schools.

Fund Raising was restored in most areas and the Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw consolidated its importance to clubs by increasing membership to 17,000 at its first draw in October 2021 with the addition of a Racehorse called

‘Sean Hogan’ as a novel attraction. Both Tipperary Supporters Club and the Friends of Tipperary Football ran very successful Golf Classics. Streaming of our club games continued as we increased from showing 21 games in 2020 to showing 30 games in 2021 with RTE and TG4 transmitting a further five games. Despite the uncertainty with our games, the commitment from our sponsors TENERO was admirable as they showed their confidence up front in Jan 2021 by honouring their third year of the contract with full payment of the sponsorship retainer. As they now have announced their departure, I wish to thank them for being wonderful sponsors over the past three years.

The year past has brought sadness to many families as we lost some great friends and Gaels. Among them were Tipperary hurling legends like, Theo English Johnny Everard and Tom Moloughney along with great club people like Ger Gavin (Nenagh), Paddy Kelly (Kildangan), Nicky O Shea (Fethard), John McNamara (Commercials), Jim Max (Thurles Sarsfields), PJ Leahy (Moyne Templetuohy) and many more. Over the years all of these had become personal friends and their passing leaves a massive void in the association and in our lives.

The achievements of Loughmore Castleiney will be the standout highlight of 2021 but I’m sure clubs like Moyne Templetuohy, Skeheenarinky, Ballina etc. will celebrate their county titles against all the odds of Covid 19. Over the next few pages of my report, I will bring you my version of the events of 2021 commencing with the Inter County scene as follows.

Tipperary Senior Hurling 2021

Allianz SH League

R1: 8/5/21	LIT Gaelic Grounds:	Limerick	0.20	Tipperary	0.20	(Colm Lyons)
R2: 15/5/21	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	0.22	Cork	2.16	(Johnny Murphy)
R3: 22/5/21	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	2.14	Galway	0.20	(John Keenan)
R4: 6/6/21	Cusack Park	Westmeath	0.16	Tipperary	4.27	(Liam Gordan)
R5: 13/6/21	Walsh Pk	Waterford	2.29	Tipperary	3.21	(James Owens)

Munster Championship

S/F: 4/7/21-LIT	Gaelic Grounds:	Tipperary	3.23	Care	2.22	(James Owens)
Final: 18/7/21-	Pairc Ui Chaoimh:	Limerick	2.29	Tipperary	3.21	(Paud O’Dwyer)

All Ireland Championship

Q/F: 31/7/21	Pairc Ui Chaoimh:	Waterford	4.28	Tipperary	2.27	(Colm Lyons)
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Tipperary Senior Hurlers ended 2020 disappointingly with a two-point defeat at the hands of Galway in the All-Ireland Quarter Final on Nov 21st. Despite this disappointment Liam Sheedy and all his backroom continued in charge encouraged by the fact that if Covid permitted the 2021 championship would be complete by August and not in the horrid weather conditions we played in the winter of 2020. Despite a delay in the lifting of general restrictions, Inter County GAA training was allowed resume from April 19th. Counties were invited to vote on a three or five game league and the five game was favored by the majority including Tipperary. The 2021 training panel of 36 showed little change with only Sean O’Brien (retired), Daragh Mooney and Ger Browne being replaced by Eoghan Connolly, Alan Tynan plus Patrick “Bonnar” Maher and Billy McCarthy returning from injury. Despite only a three week lead in to the first League game Tipp Players were well conditioned under the guidance during lockdown of Cairbre O’Cearallan. So with just ten collective sessions on grass, we headed for the Gaelic Grounds on Sat May 8th to face the 2020 League, Munster and All Ireland champions. In a closely contested game from start to finish, it was Tipperary who nudged ahead in the third quarter taking a five-point lead only to be reeled in by Limerick in the final minutes when they brought on some of their big guns. We failed to score from play in the second half as Jason Forde kept us in the game with placed balls. A Dave Reidy point in added time gave Limerick a draw and Tipp were relieved to hear the final whistle as the Treaty side looked to be taking control of the game. Newcomer Bryan O’Mara who was showing great promise suffered a broken arm which ruled him out for the season. Back to Semple Stadium seven days later, Cork were the challengers as Jason Forde once again was our savior from placed balls scoring 0-10 from frees. The Rebels scored a goal in each half, and it took a levelling free from Jason inside his own half to draw our second game in a row. It was also our second game without scoring a goal and accumulating seventeen wides was also a concern for team management. Next up it was Galway, who were flying high with two wins including a win over Limerick the previous weekend. Tipperary opened in style by

breaking their “no goal” duck within five minutes as Noel McGrath set up Jason Forde for our first League goal. Noel himself had another green on the 30th minute as Galway fought back and reduced a seven-point deficit to just two by half time. The Tribesmen took the lead in the third quarter, but a solid Tipp defence kept them goalless as Tipp dominated the final quarter to record our first league win by an impressive five points. More bad news on the injury front as Patrick “Bonnar” Maher sustained a ruptured Achilles Tendon at training having fought his way back following a cruciate knee injury in 2019. Billy McCarthy suffered a similar fate with a pulled hamstring on his comeback from injury.

Our fourth League game took Tipperary to Cusack Park, Mullingar, and an opportunity to try out some new players. Robert Byrne, Paddy Caddell and Willie Connors started and during the game Craig Morgan, Paul Flynn, James Quigley, Mark Kehoe and John Meagher were all introduced. By half time Tipp led by eleven points and eased to a 23-point victory scoring four goals in the process with 1-8 coming from the subs bench. A red card for Robert Byrne in the second half was the only set back.

Tipperary’s final League Group game was in Walsh Park, and it proved to be a serious wake up call to Tipperary which had repercussions later in the year. The Premier side had an impressive start and were four points up at the first water break with the goal coming from Jason Forde. This was extended to six up on 22 minutes before the tide started to turn for the Decies. Two goals by Dessie Hutchinson helped them into the lead but a Noel McGrath green gave Tipp a slender one-point half time lead. Waterford were rampant in the second half and ran at Tipperary in waves scoring eight points in the third quarter. Despite a Seamus Callanan goal in the 60th minute, Waterford’s dominance continued in the final minutes as they ran out impressive five-point winners exposing serious weaknesses in Tipperary. This gave rise to anxious analysis in the following weeks as we prepared for a possible duel with the same opposition in a Munster Championship. So, Tipperary exited the League once again having last won the trophy in 2008 but the manner of this defeat was most worrying as we crumbled once Waterford upped the ante in the second half. Added to this was injuries to Patrick “Bonnar” Maher and Bryan O Mara plus Niall O Meara now ruled in the short term with appendicitis.

When it looked as if Waterford’s star was on the rise the Banner County stopped them in their tracks two weeks later in the opening round of the Munster SH Championship with a four-point defeat in Semple Stadium. Tipperary now faced Clare one week later in the Munster Semi Final in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. We were now the momentum team with a championship victory under our belts. The Premier needed to also put down a marker as to our position in the rankings of hurling counties. Covid restrictions eventually allowed 3000 spectators in the Gaelic Grounds despite 8000 at the Leinster Semi Final which was a test event. The game opened at a frantic place with an early Ian Galvin goal balanced by a cracking first time pull from Michael Breen that went straight to the net to leave the sides level at 1.7 each at the first water break. A Tony Kelly goal before halftime gave the Banner a one-point lead at half time. The second half commenced with controversy when Clare’s Aidan McCarthy was sin binned for a foul on Jake Morris inside the Clare 20-meter line but close to the sideline. Under a new rule passed at Congress in Feb 2021. Referee James Owens deemed this a penalty which was also part of the punishment as well as the sin binning, which Jason Forde duly put away. During McCarthy’s ten minutes in the sin bin, Tipperary outscored Clare 2-4 to 0-2 with Seamus Callanan goaling in the 45th minute. Despite being ten points adrift, Clare battled hard to the final whistle and added points to bring them within four points at the finish having been denied two goals by excellent defending. Tipp advanced to the Munster Final and another duel with Limerick two weeks later but at least guaranteed an All-Ireland Quarter Final. Limerick were going for their third Munster title in a row, not achieved since the Mackey era in the 30’s. Tipp hadn’t won a Munster title since 2016 having dominated the previous ten titles.

Back to Pairc Ui Chaoimh for a mid-summer Munster Final unlike our duel with the Treaty side in torrential rain in November 2020. For the first half the Premier dazzled in the sunshine as Tipperary outclassed Limerick with slick, precision hurling that has been our trademark in recent years. Goals from Jake Morris and John O Dwyer were route one classics and along with sixteen points, we found ourselves ten points up at half time as Limerick were struggling all over the field. Their customary attacking from the back through the middle was thwarted by Tipp as we turned over ball after ball which our own forwards capitalized on especially Jason Forde who was popping up everywhere with points. The scoreboard read 2.16 to 0.12 at half time in favour of Tipp but by the second half water break Limerick led 1.22 to 2.17 as they outscored us by 1.10 to 0.1. The arrival of Aaron Gillane before half time had a major impact on the game as he was involved in many scores and brought the save from Barry Hogan where Seamus Flanagan goaled from the rebound. He was probably still lucky to be on the pitch as a strike with the hurley on Cathal Barrett only merited a yellow from referee Paud O Dwyer. This could have been a very controversial issue but the manner of Limericks dominance in the second half certainly overshadowed the incident. A typical Kyle Hayes individual effort where he burst through the Tipp defense after the second water

break for a goal was the real killer blow as it put Limerick five points up. In desperation Tipperary management emptied the bench and brought on Willie Connors, Paddy Cadell, Mark Kehoe, Niall O Meara, and Brian McGrath to rescue the situation but the ship had already sunk and Mark Kehoe's goal at the end was only a consolation. Full credit to Limerick who found that extra gear in the third quarter to rein in the Tipp dominance, but that is why they are the best team of recent years as they proved by winning back-to-back All Irelands and their third in four years.

Back to the drawing board for Tipp as one week later the quarter final draw matched us against Waterford back in Pairc Ui Chaoimh again on July 31st. The Deices beat Laois and then overpowered Galway in their qualifier game with their typical power running game displayed against Tipperary in our League game at Walsh Park in June. The same running game was the root of our third quarter collapse in the Munster Final against Limerick. So, Tipperary went into this quarter final forewarned and fore-armed

Tipperary had 13 days to recover from the Munster defeat whilst Waterford had just seven days rest having survived a late Galway comeback to close their qualifier out in added time. Despite the aftereffects of the second half Limerick tsunami, Liam Sheedy and Co. didn't press the panic button and made just one change to the starting line up with Paddy Cadell coming in for Seamus Kennedy. Waterford were quickest out of the blocks and were 0-5 to 0-1 up within five minutes but in the space of two minutes Seamus Callanan goaled twice to put Tipp in front. Despite this Waterford hurled with a greater conviction and were rewarded with two goals by Dessie Hutchinson to give them a slender one-point lead at half time. Once again, the third quarter was Tipp's downfall as Waterford outscored us 1-7 to 0-3 with the goal coming from a controversial penalty converted by Stephen Bennett. In the final quarter Tipp played their hearts out and bit into the lead with points but spurned goal chances especially three minutes into injury when a John McGrath effort was deflected over the bar. A goal here would have given us certain victory but it was Waterford who drove the final nail into Tipp's coffin with a Neil Montgomery goal in the closing seconds to give them a four-point victory. Looking across the three crucial games that decided Tipperary's fate in 2021, there is a consistent theme that led to our lack of success. In our final League game versus Waterford, the Munster Final versus Limerick and now our All-Ireland Quarter Final against the Deices, we struggled to cope with the fast-running game plus our poor level of performance in the third quarter. In 2020 these failures were also evident at a similar exit stage against Galway in the final League game plus the All-Ireland Quarter Final and against Limerick in the Munster Championship. Poor weather conditions and November hurling were blamed for these defeats and Tipperary would be a different team and more suited to summer hurling in 2021. Over the last twelve years, Tipperary have been renowned for our skill with open play passing movements leading to delightful scores. This flair has brought us three All Ireland titles in one decade with Liam Sheedy as manager for two of these.



Tipperary senior hurling management from 2022 - Tommy Dunne, Colm Bonnar (manager), Paul Curran and Johnny Enright.

Liam stepped down as Manager a few weeks following the Waterford defeat having given his total commitment to the Tipperary cause for a second three-year term from 2019 to 2021. He was unfortunate that two of the three years were under the shadow of Covid which really restricted his scope as a manager.

The Tipperary SH Team lined out against Waterford as follows.

Barry Hogan (Kiladangan), Cathal Barrett (Holycross Ballycahill), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og), Paddy Cadell (JK Brackens), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfield), Alan Flynn (Kiladangan), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Michael Breen (Ballina), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Noel McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney), Seamus Callanan (Drom & Inch), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Jake Morris (Nenagh Eire Og).

Subs: Seamus Kennedys (St Marys), Mark Kehoe (Kilsheelan Kilcash), Willie Connors (Kiladangan), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane McDonaghs), John McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney)

Subs not used: Brian Hogan (Lorrha), Eoghan Connolly (Cashel), Paul Flynn (Kiladangan), Brian McGrath (Loughmore), James Quigley (Kiladangan), Dillon Quirke (Clonoulty Rossmore)

Also on the Panel: Robert Byrne (Portroe), Patrick Maher (Lorrha), Paul Maher (Kilsheelan), Billy McCarthy (Thurles Sarsfields), John Meagher (Loughmore Castleiney), Craig Morgan (Kilruane), Bryan O'Mara (Holycross), Billy Seymour (Kildangan), Alan Tynan (Roscrea), Andrew Ormonde (JK Brackens), Gearoid O'Connor (Moyné Templetuohy)

Under 20 Hurling

2020 Championship

Munster Quarter Final

19-10-2020	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	1-19	Clare	0-12	Thomas Walsh
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Munster Semi-Final

15-12-2020	Fraher Park	Tipperary	5-18	Waterford	3-16 (AET)	John O' Halloran
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Munster Final

23-12-2020	Pairc Ui Caoimh	Cork	1-16	Tipperary	1-14	Johnny Murphy
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2021 Championship

Munster Quarter Final

12-7-2021	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	3-24	Waterford	2-21 (AET)	Nathan Wall
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Munster Semi-Final

20-7-2021	Semple Stadium	Cork	3-20	Tipperary	2-17	John O' Halloran
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Under 20 Hurling 2021

Following All Ireland success in 2018 (U21) and 2019 (U20), Liam Cahill and Michael Bevans stepped down and John Devane was appointed manager in November 2019. John brought in as selectors Ken Dunne, Dan Hackett and Ritchie Ruth. His first year was frustrating as when he had his panel assembled in February 2020, lockdown forced him to pause collective training. They had to wait until September to resume training, were victorious over Clare in October only to have Level 5 re-introduced again until December 1st. The Munster Semi-Final of the 2020 championship eventually went ahead on County Convention night December 15th, 2020. This forced County Board officers to watch the game on the big screen at the Convention Centre in The Civic Offices in Clonmel as our U20 hurlers locked horns with Waterford in Fraher Park, Dungarvan. The Deise had a goal inside four minutes and dominated the first half but a goal by Andrew Ormande in the 18th plus a penalty save by Aaron Browne kept Tipperary within two points at half time. Devon Ryan kept the Premier side in touch throughout the second half with his accuracy from frees but a Michael Kiely penalty goal for Waterford in the 52nd minute had Tipp five points down and in trouble. Six minutes of added time worked in Tipperary's favor as substitute Max Hackett scored the equalizing goal to force extra time at 2-14 each. In an amazing turn around, it was Tipperary who dominated extra time and scored 3-4 to 0-0 in the first ten minutes with the goals coming from Devon Ryan and Conor Bowe. Despite not scoring in the second half of extra time we held out for an eight-point unbelievable victory which did not look likely early on.

The prize was a Munster Final date with Cork in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Wednesday night July 20th. The Rebels looked very impressive, but Tipp kept them to points only so stayed with them to trail by just one point at half time. We had numerous goal chances, but it was Cork who raised the first green flag in the second half when Jack Cahalane goaled from the rebound of a good Aaron Browne save. This put them five points up and a goal by

Andrew Ormond in added time was too little too late as Cork ran out deserving winners. This Tipperary U20 panel was assembled over 12 months ago and had to endure two level 5 lockdowns which curtailed preparations. Indeed, had we won, the team would have faced another lockdown as the Leinster Final was not played until 2021 and eventually Cork went on to win the All-Ireland Final in May 2021.

2021 Munster U20 Hurling Championship

John Devane and Co. stayed in charge for their second year with over half their panel still available from 2020. Once again Covid disrupted preparations and collective training was not permitted until mid-April, but at least it was summer hurling commencing in mid-July. Once again, we faced Waterford but this time at Quarter Final stage and at home in Semple Stadium. Waterford had twelve of their 2020 starting team still underage and had beaten this Tipp team as minors so it was a massive challenge. Paddy Creedon gave us a perfect start with a goal in the first few seconds and Sean Hayes finished the half with another green flag to give Tipp a 2-5 to 0-6 lead at half time. Waterford rallied in the third quarter and a Michael Kiely goal narrowed the gap, but Tipp held that five-point advantage and the impact of subs like Jack Leamy and Devon Ryan was telling as we entered the final quarter landing 2-12 to 1-11. Waterford pressed hard and had it down to three points as the game entered added time. They were rewarded as sub-Sean Walsh goaled to take the game to extra time just like December 2020 in Fraher Park. The momentum was now with Waterford and, helped by three-pointed Reuben O' Halloran frees, they looked poised for victory in extra time. A goal by Jack Leamy swung the momentum back to Tipp as we added the points in the second period of extra time leading to a surprisingly easy victory in the end. The Premier County had just eight days to prepare for a Munster Semi-Final against Cork in Semple Stadium on Tuesday July 20th. Tipp's strong finish against Waterford was carried into the Cork game as we looked very impressive in the first half. With Devon Ryan unerring from play and frees plus a sixth minute Max Hackett goal, Tipperary were full value for their 1-13 to 0-10 half time lead. In a very similar situation to our seniors two days previously against Limerick in the Munster Final, our U20's were swamped by a Rebel Tsunami in the second half as Cork raised their game to overwhelm Tipperary in the third quarter scoring 2-5 to our 0-1 and suddenly we went from six points up to four points down. Goals from Daniel Hogan and Ciaran Cotter were added to from another sub-Luke Horgan in the final quarter. Kyle Shelly scored a goal for Tipp in added time, but this was only a consolation as the game ended with a reversal of the six-point half-time lead with Cork moving onto contest the Munster Final. A few weeks later John Devane stepped down as manager having served his two-year term. The two extra time victories over Waterford are happy memories for him but defeat to the Rebel County in both years were most disappointing. Covid did not help as preparations during both years were erratic with lockdowns preventing consistent collective training. Still, other counties had also to endure this, and it was down to personal responsibility and being ready for the big days. Tipperary are still very competitive at this level as we proved against Waterford and our first half performance against Cork. There is no need to press the panic button yet and new manager for 2022, Brendan Cummins, has hit the ground running and already has up to eighty players on programmes.



John Devane, U20 hurling manager

Tipperary Under 20H team v Cork:

Aaron Browne (Cashel King Cormacs), Conor O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), Keith Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane), Fintan Purcell (Drom & Inch), Conor Whelan (Carrick Davins), Kevin Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Johnny Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Max Hackett (Moycarkey/Borris), John Champion (Drom & Inch), Dara Stakelum (Thurles Sarsfields), Devon Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs), Kian O'Kelly (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Sean Hayes (Kiladangan), Paddy Creedon (Thurles Sarsfields), James Devaney (Borris-Ileigh). Subs: Peter McGarry (St Marys), Jack Leamy (Golden-Kilfeacle), Colm Fogarty (Lorrha), Conor Hennessey (Nenagh Eire Og), Kyle Shelly (Moycarkey/Borris), Sean Phelan (Nenagh Eire Og), Tony Cahill (Drom & Inch).

Also on panel: Michael O'Shea (Mullinahone), Luke Shanahan (Upperchurch Drombane), Rory Brislane (Toomevara), Michael Corcoran (Silvermines), Robert Doyle (Clonoulty Rosssmore), Enda Dunphy (St Marys), Ciaran O'Dwyer (Killenaule).

Minor (U17) Hurling

2020 Championship (Not inc. in 2020 Convention Book)

Munster Semi Final

12/12/20-	Pairc Ui Rinn-	Tipperary	2.23	Waterford	0.12	(Simon Stokes)
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Munster Final

20/12/20-	LIT Gaelic Grounds	Limerick	2.22	Tipperary	0.25	(Rory McGann)
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2021 Championships

Munster Qtr Final

14/7/21-	LIT Gaelic Grounds	Tipperary	2.27	Kerry	1.14	(Ciaran O'Regan)
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Munster Semi Final

27/7/21-	Pairc Ui Rinn	Waterford	2.25	Tipperary	4.11	(Joe Mullins)
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Completion of 2020 Championship

Paul Collins (Drom & Inch) was in the second year of his term having taken over from Tommy Dunne at the end of 2019. Due to Covid the 2020 championship was deferred from May to October and Tipperary accounted for Kerry in the Munster Qtr. Final by 0.32 to 0.9 in the LIT Gaelic Grounds. Immediately after this game the country re-entered Level 5 lockdown until Dec 1st and the Premier County's Semi Final versus Waterford went ahead six weeks later on Dec 12th in Pairc Ui Rinn. Waterford were backed by star players from the De La Salle and Blackwater College teams with Darragh Duggan of Dungarvan Colleges in charge. Tipperary started well and led for all the first half with a Jack Leamy goal before the water break giving us a commanding lead. Despite missing three more goal opportunities, Tipp led at half time 1.8 to 0.5. In a tit for tat second half, Waterford clawed their way back to within three points with ten minutes remaining. Tipperary finished in style and a superb goal by Roscrea substitute Kenny Lee in the final minutes sealed the deal. This victory put us through to a Munster Final versus Limerick who had convincingly beaten a fancied Rebel side coached by Donal Óg Cusack by twelve points. Tipperary headed to LIT Gaelic Grounds for a Munster Minor Hurling Final on Sun Dec 20th seeking their 41st title. Despite the time of the year, the weather and ground conditions were remarkable which led to a high-quality game. Tipp started well and four Jack Leamy frees settled us against a nervous Limerick backline. The concession of a goal in the 17th minute left us chasing the game as we went in at half time 1-9 to 0-10 in arrears. A crucial blow before the break was an accidental collision between our keeper Jason O Dwyer and full back Robert Doyle (both from Clonoulty Rossmore) causing both to be eventually substituted. Despite the setback Tipperary hit a golden patch during the third quarter and scored five points without reply to take a two-point lead by the 50th minute. A Limerick goal by Eoin Hermon in the final minutes needed a Kenny Lee point to take the game to extra time. Indeed, Tipp were unfortunate as a point by substitute Stephen Farncombe was ruled out as the linesman deemed him to step over the side-line before he scored. Limerick dominated the first period of extra time as Adam English and Shane O'Brien shone to outscore Tipp by 0.7 to 0.2. Despite a brave comeback in the second period, it was the Treaty side who ran out winners, but Tipperary fought with unbelievable character despite being handicapped by injuries before and during the game.

2021 Championship

Having served his two-year term as Manger, Paul Collins stepped down along with his management team consisting of Shane McGrath, Tony Shelly and Ger Ryan (Bawn). In early February Paul's fellow clubmate from Drom & Inch James Woodlock stepped into the breach and he was joined by Conor O'Brien, Damien Ryan, Cormac McGrath, and Brendan Ferris. They faced an enormous task as only four players were still available from the 2020 panel and none of these were on the starting 15. James & Co faced a massive challenge in their first year to put a panel together and then coach and train them to Munster Championship standard. Over 100 players were tried over the next eight weeks before a panel of 32 went into an intensive training regime ahead of their first fixture which was a Munster Qtr Final versus Kerry in the LIT Gaelic Grounds on Wed July 14th. In fact, our Championship draw was a repeat of 2020 with a first round against the Kingdom followed by a Semi Final versus Waterford. This time Kerry put up a stiffer challenge as they troubled the Premier side and were within a point until Darragh Guinan (Lorrha) scored the first of his two goals just before half time to give Tipp a four point lead at the

break. Our forwards raised the bar in the second half and players like Orrin Jones (Knockavilla), Darragh Minogue (Durlas Og) and Conor Martin contributed twenty-one points between them over the game. A sixteen-point victory may not have been numerically as big as the twenty-three-point win over the same opposition just eight months earlier but considering the short lead in for the new Management team it was an ideal opener before the stiffer challenges ahead. This challenge came just thirteen days later against Waterford in Pairc Ui Rinn. In this game Tipp started well and were 0.4 to 0.2 in front after ten minutes but Waterford responded with six unanswered points to lead by four at the first water break. They continued to dominate and stretched their lead to 1.14 to 0.5 by half time and extended this to 2.22 to 1.9 heading in to the final ten minutes with Tipps goal coming from Darragh Minogue in the 35th minute. As Waterford took their foot off the pedal in the final minutes, Tipperary scored three goals from Darragh Minogue, Tuarai Shayanewako and Ronan Connolly to put some gloss on the scoreboard. This was a harsh lesson for this new management team who possibly saw the writing on the wall playing challenge games with most oppositions physically bigger and stronger than Tipperary. When Tipperary Co Board handed the manager's job to James Woodcock, we gave him a three-year term as we knew the first year was a massive challenge with the late appointment leading to a very short selection and preparation period. Having given the first six weeks doing trials as the Covid 19 Pandemic deprived management the benefit of U15/16 Development squads in 2020 as school competitions were also cancelled. Over 100 players were trialed in Dr Morris Park before an extended panel of 40 was selected for a short three-month preparation period before championship. This panel was eventually reduced to 32 with a focus also on a long-term approach to 2022. With the 2021 championship now confined to history, management have already started preparation with a panel of 40 on conditioning programmes. Borrisoleigh's Angelo Walsh has been appointed S & C Coach and he is working alongside our partners Setanta to develop these players to compete in 2020. I am confident that "Woodie" and his management team will deliver a minor panel that will hit the ground running in March & April that will compete with the best in 2022.

The Tipperary Minor team which played Waterford was as follows;

Eoin Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Ciaran Woodcock (Durlas Og), Jack Quinlan (Fethard), Jack Collins (Ballina), Stephen Walsh (Moycarkey Borris), Joe Egan (Moycarkey Borris), Ronan Connolly (Cashel King C, Capt), Phil Hayes (Durlas Og), Ben Currivan (Golden Kilfeacle), Owen Harrigan (Carrick Swan), Conor Martin (Cappawhite), Tuarai Shayanewako (Nenagh Eire Og), Orrin Jones (Knockavilla Kickhams), Darragh Guinan (Lorrha), Darragh Minogue (Durlas Og)

Subs: Sam Farrell (Nenagh Eire Og), Tom Delaney (Cahir), Paddy McCormack (Borrisileigh), Paddy Phelan (Upperchurch Drombane), Ciaran Foley (Borrisokane)

Also, on the panel versus Waterford were Sean Collins (Templederry), Oisín Maher (Cahir), Chris O'Donnell (Ballylooby), Daniel Rossister (Durlas Og)

Also, on the extended panel; Adam Brannigan (St Marys) Mason Cawley (Nenagh Eire Og), Cathal English (Fr Sheehys), Dylan Fogarty (Boherlahan Dualla), Jamie Lahart (Holycross), Darragh McCarthy (Toomevara), Sean Ryan (Upperchurch).



James Woodcock,
manager Tipperary
minor hurling team.

Tipperary Senior Football 2021

Allianz League Division

15/5/21-	LIT Gaelic Grounds	Limerick	1.13	Tipperary	0.14	Brendan Griffen
22/5/21-	Semple Stadium	Tipperary	2.12	Wicklow	1.12	Seamus Mulvihill
29/5/21 -	Tullamore	Offaly	1.17	Tipperary	1.12	James Bermingham

Relegation Play Off

13/6/21 -	Pearse Pk/Longford	Longford	1.13	Tipperary	0.09	Seamus Mulcaire
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Munster Championship Semi Final

10/7/21 –	Semple Stadium	Kerry	1-19	Tipperary	1-8	Niall Cullen
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Following the dizzy heights of Nov 2020, Tipperary footballers faced an uncertain period in early 2021. Once again Covid delayed an official start-up date with collective training deferred from Jan 15th to March 5th and then deferred again to April 26th.

Whilst this vacuum allowed our players rest and regroup after a hectic finish to 2020, it also forced a lot of change which impeded our progression ambitions. From the 2020 panel, Colin O’Riordan returned to Sydney Swans, Liam Casey also went abroad, and Philip Austin retired. Newcomers into the side were Conor Bowe, Conor O’Sullivan, Shane Ryan, Mark O’Meara, Stephen Quirke plus the return of Shane O’Connell and Liam Ryan (Commercials). Another newcomer was Philip Ryan from St Bridget’s Dublin who declared for Tipp under the “granny rule” as his father Tommy hailed from Kilcommon.

David Power was facing into his second year as manager with Paddy Christie, Coach plus Charlie McGeever, Declan Browne, Tommy Toomey, and Joe Hayes (Goalkeeping Coach). The players kept in shape since December via their own devices with personal gym programmes and body conditioning under the watchful eye of S&C coach Robbie Cannon. With just a few weeks of collective training in Dr Morris Park, Tipp faced into their first game in a revised shortened League where Division 3 was divided in two groups of four, geographically structured to avoid long journeys during Covid.

Our Southern section pitted us against Limerick (Away), Wicklow (home) and Offaly (away) with the top two qualifying for the Division 3 Semi Finals and the bottom 2 in each group playing off for Relegation. Two challenge games against Waterford and Kildare were used to trim the panel plus sharpening the team to League match requirements. It seemed to have the desired effect as Tipp raced into a 0.4 to 0.1 lead by the first water break at the Gaelic Grounds against Limerick. Despite the Treaty men’s fight back, Tipp held the lead at half time by 0.6 to 0.4. Limerick powered their way into the game in the second half and scored 1.4 without reply in the first 12 minutes. This gave them the cushion to see the game out for victory by two points and suddenly Tipperary were under pressure to survive in Division 3 with just two more games to play.

Next up were Wicklow in Semple Stadium as Tipperary once again wore the green & white jerseys to avoid a clash of blue colors. A Conor Sweeney goal before half time kept the Premier side in touch to be level at half time. A goal by our “Dubs” player, Philip Ryan sealed victory in the second half to give us promotion hopes once again facing into our final group game. This took us to O’Connor Park, Tullamore for a crunch game with Offaly one week later. Here a penalty goal by Conor Sweeney just before half time gave Tipp a one point lead at the break. In a tense second half the teams were tied at 1.11 each at the final water break but the Faithful County finished the strongest and scored 0.6 to 0.1 for a deserving victory.

So instead of promotion to Division 2, Tipperary now faced a relegation battle to avoid the drop to Division 4. This was made even more difficult when we lost the toss for venue with Longford which meant playing them on their home turf in Pearse Park. Positives were the return from injury of key players like Bill Maher, Kevin Fahey, Evan Comerford and Michael Quinlivan but the departure of Alan Campbell to the U.S was a major blow. Tipperary battled in Pearse Park but could not find their winning “mojo” that brought them to the dizzy heights of 2020. We were still level going into the final 12 minutes but a Longford goal by Dessie Reynolds in the closing stages opened the trap door as Tipps challenge faded and our destiny for Division 4 in 2022 was decided for the first time since 2014. It’s hard to believe we were just one point away from promotion to Division 1 in 2018 and winning a Munster S.F. Final a few short months ago. The team was now a far cry from these memories, but the biggest worry was the level of our current form as we faced into a tough month before our Munster Championship Semi Final game versus Kerry or Clare on July 10th.

Despite all the negatives the group stuck together during this period and team was strengthened by the full return from injury of players who struggled through the league. Indeed, the restoration of our 2020 staunch back line of Bill Maher, Robbie Kiely and Kevin Fahey was a welcome boost. Going into a Munster Semi Final as

reigning champions carries its own obligations and doing so in our Semple Stadium should be enough to inspire any Tipperary Team. Kerry accounted for Clare in the Quarter Final and the Kingdom were on their own mission of atonement, having been stung by their shock exit from the 2020 Munster Championship following a late Cork goal.

With just ten of our 2020 Munster title starting team Tipperary had two newcomers in Conor Bowe and Padraic Looram. Kerry dominated as expected from the throw in and a David Clifford goal gave the Kingdom a 1.4 to 0.1 lead at the first water break. A Conor Sweeney penalty goal in the second quarter gave us hope but Kerry's dominance continued as they led by 1.11 to 1.3 at half time. The second half was predictable as Kerry were happy to keep the scoreboard ticking over as they tacked on the points. Our case was not helped by the dismissal of Michael Quinlivan and the sin binning of Jason Lonergan. The game petered out to an inevitable conclusion, but Tipperary battled it out to the end and never allowed the avalanche of scores we might have expected against such top class opposition. David Power and his management team must now pick up the pieces just seven months after the highs of winning a Munster title and start 2022 from the depths of Division 4 league football. The performance of our under 20's will help to lift the gloom, but David Power is committed and in Paddy Christie he has a passionate and committed ally.

The following is the Tipperary SF Panel who lined out against Kerry

Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan), Colm O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), Shane O'Connell (Golden), Brian Fox (Eire Og Anacarty), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan), Kevin Fahy (Clonmel Commercials), Robbie Kiely (Ballyroe, Cork), Jack Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Conal Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Emmett Moloney (Drom & Inch), Conor Bowe (Moyne Templetuohy), Padraic Looram (Clonmel Commercials), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen)(Capt), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials)

Subs: Jason Lonergan (Clonmel C), Paudie Feehan (Killenaule), Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Shane Foley (Moyle Rovers), Jack Harney (Moyle Rovers), Colman Kennedy (Clonmel C), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee), Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Conor Ryan (Loughmore), Liam Ryan (Clonmel C), Shane Ryan (Galtee), Kyle Shelly (Moycarkey B), Riain Quigley (Moyle Rovers)

Also on the panel: Michael O'Reilly (Clonmel C), Tadhg Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Sean O'Connor (Clonmel C), Mark Stokes (Kilsheelan), Philip Ryan (St Brigids), Kuba Beben (JK Brackens), Daire Brennan (Kilsheelan), Martin Kehoe (Mullinahone), Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe), Mark O'Meara (Grangmockler).



Tipperary Under 20 Football management, from left: Paddy O'Gorman, David Power, Paddy Christie (Manager), Paddy O'Flaherty and Kevin Mulryan.

Tipperary Under 20 Football 2021

Munster Championship

Quarter Final:

8-7-21 - Semple Stadium: Tipperary 0-16 Limerick 1-10 David Murnane

Semi-Final:

15-7-21 – Semple Stadium: Tipperary 0-11 Waterford 0-9 John Ryan

Final:

22-7-21 – Semple Stadium: Cork 3-20 Tipperary 3-10 Brendan Griffin

Tipperary went into 2021 having failed to win a championship game at this level since our Munster final victory in 2015. Tom McGlinchey came so close in 2019 and 2020 but in both years was pipped at the post by Limerick, losing by just one point in both years. Coiste Peil agreed to bring the U20's under the management wing of the seniors with Paddy Christie as manager. Paddy brought in Kevin Mulryan, Paddy O' Flaherty and Paddy O'Gorman as selectors and they commenced the process of selecting a panel in May. This competition was played in February in 2020 just before the onset of Covid and the uncertainty surrounding this virus delayed the 2021 starting date to July.

Once again Limerick were the opposition in a quarter final in Semple Stadium. With no club or school games the selection process was not easy but following trials a panel of 35 was brought together for a few weeks of training in June. Challenge games were played against Carlow and Wexford and with senior players, Sean O' Connor and Mark O' Meara, Tipperary were ready to turn the tables on the Treaty side.

Limerick started well and led 0-2 to 0-1 at the first water break but Tipperary dominated the second quarter with Sean O' Connor kicking five points from frees to give the home side an 0-8 to 0-4 half time lead. Tipp continued to dominate the whole second half and ran out surprisingly easy winners despite a last-minute goal from Limericks Brian Ahern. In the other quarter final Waterford surprised Clare with a five-point victory scoring four goals in the process and so faced Tipperary in Semple Stadium one week later with an air of confidence around them. This confidence was reflected early on as they raced into a four-point lead after nine minutes and were 0-5 to 0-3 up at the first water break. Tipp kept them scoreless during the second quarter and drew level by half time. In a nail biting second half Tipperary finally got their noses in front after 36 minutes and held out for a two-point victory despite Waterford missing two gilt-edged goal chances in the final quarter. So, after five barren years without a victory, Tipperary were now in a Munster final seeking their third title in twelve years and in their history. Cork was the opposition having edged out Kerry in the other semi-final thriller by 3-12 to 3-11. Once again Semple Stadium was the venue for our third game in a row and the Rebels were hot favorites. They showed this as they raced into a three-point lead in the first five minutes, but Tipp rocked them with two goals in the 6th and 10th by Sean O' Connor and Jamie Holloway. Cork immediately replied with four points before the first water break and added a further 1-6 without reply before half time to lead by 1-13 to 2-3 at the break. The Rebels piled on the scores with David Buckley scoring eight points from play. A second Sean O' Connor goal in the 43rd minute only dressed up the scoreboard as a bigger and better Cork side ran out ten-point winners to win the 2021 Munster title. This was a learning experience for Tipperary and despite making massive progress on previous years, we found we are still a long way off in preparation for modern day Gaelic football. Our physicality and athleticism fall very short when up against the top tier counties and it needs to be addressed as a long-term project. To address this, Tipperary have teamed up with Setanta in a development program, commencing with development squads age 14/15 and continuing a pathway through to minor, U20 and Senior. This commenced in October 2020 and will continue under expert guidance of renowned strength and conditioning experts Liam Hennessy and Des Ryan.

For now, we are grateful to make progress at U20 football and reaching a Munster final is a positive step forward. We are delighted to see Paddy Christie continuing as manager along with his three lieutenants Kevin and the other two Paddy's while staying under the control of the senior set up under David Power.

The Tipperary U20 Football team that played Cork in the Munster final was as follows:

Callan Scully (Nenagh Eire Og), Sean Daly (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Tadgh Condon (Clonmel Commercials), Brian McKeown (Moyle Rovers), Jake Kiely (Cahir), Billy O' Connor (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Emmet Butler (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Leon Kennedy (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Cathal Deeley (Clonmel Commercials), Ben Comerford (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Conor Cadell (JK Brackens), Ryan Walsh (Fethard), Jamie Holloway (Carrick Swan), Kevin Grogan (Cahir), Sean O'Connor (Clonmel Commercials).

Subs: Jamie Duncan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Barry Kehoe (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Christy English

(Ballyporeen), Mike Lyons (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Kieran Costello (Thurles Sarsfields).

Additional panel members were as follows: Mark O'Connor (Clonmel Commercials), Cian O'Mahoney (Ardfinnan), Conor McGrath (Loughmore), Matthew Power (Ballina), Rory Collins (Moyle Rovers), Mark O'Meara (Grangemockler), David Kelly (Aravale Rovers), Brian Keating (Portroe), Eoin McCarthy (Clonmel Commercials), Eanna Ryan (Mullinahone), Jason Madigan (Kilsheelan).

Tipperary Minor (U17) Football 2021

2020 Munster Championship

Quarter Final

12-12-2020	Semple Stadium:	Clare	1-24	Tipperary	1-4	Jonathan Hayes
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2021 Munster Championship

Quarter Final

21-7-2021	LIT Gaelic Grounds:	Limerick	2-9	Tipperary	1-9	Eamon Moran
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Covid-19 disrupted the 2020 Championship which was originally scheduled for April then October. It finally got the go ahead when restrictions were lifted in December and the original 'Daryl Darcy' round robin was abandoned in favor of a knock-out championship which drew Tipperary against Clare in the Munster quarter final on December 12th. It was difficult for manager Johnny Nevin and Coach Peter Creedon to keep the panel motivated over a whole 12-month period. Trainer Chris Ryan and S&C coach Declan O' Rahilly, plus goalkeeping coach Adrian Cooke, kept in touch with the full panel of 35 who were on personal programmes which kept them in shape for the eventual day. With just five of the 2019 panel, James Griffin (goalkeeper), Enda Burler, Rory Collins, Conor Neville and Jack Buckley, Tipp faced Clare in a confident mood. The Banner team dominated from the throw in and were 0-7 to 0-1 up by the first water break. A Toby Lambe goal in the 24th gave Tipp a temporary lifeline but Clare fought back with points to lead 0-11 to 1-2 at half time. Their dominance continued throughout the second half as their pace and physicality proved too much for a younger Tipperary side who had eleven players still underage for 2021. A twenty-point defeat was a harsh lesson for the panel, but the management were committed to a two-year programme and hoped for an improved performance in 2021.

Just seven months after exiting the 2020 Munster championship, Tipperary minor footballers were back in action again in a quarter final clash with Limerick at the LIT Gaelic Grounds on Wednesday July 21st. With the U20's progressing to the Munster final after victories over Limerick and Waterford, following five years without a championship victory, it was hoped the minors would follow suit. Once again Johnny Nevin was in charge with Peter Creedon as coach plus Christopher Ryan and Adrian Cooke as coach selectors. Limerick had the better start going three points up without a Tipp reply until Newport's Diarmuid O' Riordan fielded a route one ball from Darragh McVicker and goaled to stay in touch. The concession of a soft Limerick goal before the water break was costly as it proved to be the difference for the remainder of the game. At half time we trailed 1-6 to 1-3 but a much improved second half performance gave Tipp supporters hope of success. Unfortunately, another Limerick goal before the second water break sealed the issue for the Treaty side despite a spirited finish by Tipp. So, a disappointing end to Johnny Nevins two-year term despite a lot of effort over a disrupted double campaign. Still, he brought a lot of players through the system which should reflect at under 20 level over the next few years. Meanwhile, John McNamara (Clonmel Commercials) takes over as minor football manager from 2022 and we wish him the best of luck.

The Tipperary Minor Football team that played Limerick were as follows:

Tom Bourke (JK Brackens), Michael Ryan (Ballingarry), Sean O'Meara (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Charlie King (Ballina), Senan Butler (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Jack O' Neill (Ardfinnan), Charlie English (Ballyporeen), Tadgh Sheehan (Clonmel Commercials), Zack O'Loughlin (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Eoin Craddock (Holycross/Ballycahill), Niall O' Connor (Clonmel Og), Kian O' Reilly (Clonmel Commercials), Darragh McVicker (Clonmel Og), Paul Mullen (Drom & Inch), Diarmuid O' Riordan (Newport).

Subs: Fionn Fitzgerald (Killenaule), Cian Smith (Clonmel Commercials), Darragh Spillane (Fethard), Jake Canny (Boherlahann/Dualla), Joe Higgins (Clonmel Commercials).

Also on panel of 24: Brian Quinn (JK Brackens), Eoghan Doyle (Rockvell Rovers), Thomas Charles (Clonmel Commercials), Liam Hayes (Gortnahoe). **Other panel members:** Sean Cagney (Clonmel Og), Sean Cannon (Knockavilla Kickhams), Alex Maloney (Durlas Og), Paul McCahey (Loughmore/Castleiney), Conor Neville (Fethard), Paddy O'Keefe (Moyle Rovers), Shane Ryan (Clonmel Commercials).

Monthly Summary

November 2020

- **The Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** continued with the third of the eleven draws held in Lár Na Pairce live on Tipp FM Radio. Margaret Kennedy, Thurles Sarsfields Camogie Club captured the top prize of €15,000 and the €5,000 second prize went to Maria Brophy Lorrha. Three weeks later in the fourth draw, Lorrha native Seamus Mannion won the first prize with the Tipperary Dublin Ass, whilst Breda Carroll Cahir won €5,000.
- **Tipperary Senior Hurlers** suffered a nine-point defeat to Limerick in the Munster SH Semi Final on a score line 3.23 to 2.17 at a wind and rain swept Pairc Ui Caoimh. Following a bye in opening round of the qualifiers, Tipperary overcame Cork, again in the wind and rain at the LIT Gaelic Grounds by 2.18 to 1.17. Back in the Gaelic Grounds again one week later on Nov 21st, The Premier County exited the 2020 Championship following a 3.23 to 2.24 defeat at the hands of Galway in the All-Ireland Quarter Final.
- **Tipperary Senior Footballers** commenced their historic journey to Munster success on Nov 1st with a 2.11 to 1.11 victory over Clare at Semple Stadium. Six days later in the Munster Semi Final at the LIT Gaelic Grounds, Tipperary overcame Limerick after extra time by 1.15 to 2.11. The Munster Final against Cork was played on the weekend of the Bloody Sunday Commemorations and Tipperary appropriately wore the green and white Grangemockler jerseys. They overcame a fancied Cork side in Pairc Ui Caoimh on Sat Nov 21st by 0.17 to 0.14 to win the Premier's first Munster SF title in 85 years.
- **Tipperary Senior Camogie team** exited the All-Ireland Championship on Nov 29th following a 1.11 to 0.8 defeat to Galway in the Semi-Final at Pairc Ui Caoimh.



A Civic Reception was held for Tipperary who won their first Munster SF Title in 85 years beating Cork 0-17 to 0-14 in Pairc Uí Caoimh. Captain Conor Sweeney and Manager David Power accept presentations from Co Manager Joe McGrath and Michael Smith (Chairman of Tipperary Co Co)

Monthly Comment

Marking the retirement of Liam Ó Donnchú as “The Voice of Semple Stadium”



Looking back over the triumphs and trials of Semple Stadium for all of four decades, one name emerges as its unique and immediately recognizable voice for hundreds of thousands of patrons. Liam Ó Donnchú, imbued with a love of all things Gaelic, music, language, literature, and song but above all hurling, has been the defining figure of the stadium for many years. Seated in his lofty communications room, he has directed patrons to safety, informed them of last-minute team changes and substitutions, calmed the ecstasy of a Munster final day and ensured the smooth running of Ireland’s premier hurling stadium on some of the country’s greatest and most loved sporting occasions. He played an immense role in the staging of the 1984 All Ireland Final. His presence and distinct voice will be forever linked with glorious summer Sundays and the many evenings of the playing season. Remaining calm, clear headed and in control as the stadium rocked around him made Liam the ideal person at the helm. His advice was sought and valued. Drawing upon his immense wealth of lore, history, and passion for this field of legends, Liam made the visit of every individual, young or old, to the stadium an unforgettable experience. Not only has he given so much to the day-to-day operation of the stadium, but he has committed his recollections to print and his recording of its story from beginning to present will be a valued source in the years to come. The standards he set in the production of the Semple Stadium match programme have seldom been matched.

Ta Liam iontach báidhiúil ar an nGaeilge agus nuair a d’fháiltigh sé romhat go líofa is go cruinn sna sainfhocail ”Cuirigí fáilte roimh foireann Thiobraid Árann” d’ardaigh an croí istigh ionat, thuig tú gur Gael thú, gur díreach anseo ba chóir duit a bheith agus ba chuma leat faoin saol maguaird. Maireann an guth séimh údarásach in intinn na gcéadta mílte ar fud na cruinne ach faraor ní chloisfear go bráth arís é sa staid ársa seo. Bhí Liam fial flaithiúil lena chuid ama ach anois tá sé ag túirlingt den seomra cumarsáide. Tá a phort seinnte agus is mór an trua é. Gabhaimidne, cosmhuintir na hiománaíochta, buíochas ó chroí leis as ucht na mblianta a chaith sé inar dteannta anseo i Staid Semple ag déanamh beart de réir a bhriathair. Guímid ráth agus sonas air sna blianta amach roimhe. Go dté tú slán a Liaim ar an gcuid eile d’oilithreacht do bheatha. Ardfhear! Mairfidh do chuimhne. Go raibh míle míle maith agat a Liam

(From the citation composed by Jimmy Duggan).

Monthly Summary

December 2020

- **Tipperary Senior Footballers** historic journey during November when winning the Munster title came to a disappointing end as we fell to Mayo by 5.20 to 3.13 in Croke Park on Dec 12th. Despite the loss, Tipperary remembered Michael Hogan and those who died 100 years ago by laying a wreath on Hill 16.
- **Tipperary Minor Footballers** were on the receiving end of a heavy defeat to Clare in the Munster Quarter Final by 1.24 to 1.4 in Semple Stadium.
- **Tipperary Minor Hurlers** resumed activity on Dec 12th (six weeks after defeating Kerry), with a 2.23 to 0.12 victory over Waterford at Pairc Ui Rinn in the Munster Semi Final. Unfortunately, in the Munster Final one week later we lost to Limerick at the LIT Gaelic Grounds in extra time on the score 2.22 to 0.25.
- **Tipperary U20 Hurlers** who beat Clare in October resumed activity in December after a period of Covid lockdown with an extra time dramatic victory over Waterford in Fraher Park, Dungarvan by 5.18 to 3.16. Our luck ran out in the Munster Final one week later in Pairc Ui Caoimh when we fell short against the Rebels by 1.16 to 1.14.
- **The Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw No 5** was held on Friday December 11th live on Tipp FM from Lar Na Pairce. Eoghan Lonergan Arravale Rovers scooped the €15,000 Star prize and Daniel Madden, Templederry won €5,000.
- **Tipperary Senior Hurlers Fund Raiser** on Wednesday Dec 30th Tipp Senior Hurlers swam for charity and raised over €12,000 for four local Tipperary causes. Players and Management also visited homes of some great supporters young and old.



Tipperary Senior Hurlers Fund Raised €12,000 on Wednesday Dec 30th when they swam for charity and raised over €12,000 for four local Tipperary Hospitals. Picture shows Liam Sheedy and Seamus Callinan presenting the cheques to Peter Murchan (Clonmel Hospital) and Mary and Peggy Eviston (Nenagh Hospital)

Summary of County Convention 15th Dec 2020

County Convention was held virtually on Tuesday December 15th. 241 delegates linked up via zoom with the officers who were in the Civic offices in Clonmel. The start of the meeting was delayed as the Tipperary U20H team went to extra time versus Waterford in the Munster Semi Final in Fraher Park, Dungarvan.

Elections: Following weeks of intense speculation and postal votes returned to the appointed returning officer, Ger Walsh of Tipperary Co Co. Election results were announced as follows.

- Jimmy Minogue (Nenagh Eire Og) was elected Vice Chairperson with 157 votes over 84 votes for Tom Dawson (Eire Og Anacarty)
- John Donovan (Thurles Gaels) was elected Assistant Treasurer with 127 votes over 113 votes for Michael Devlin (Eire Og Anacarty)
- Jonathan Cullen (Loughmore Castleiney) was elected Co PRO on the third count following transfers from a positive first round vote of 81 over Ml McCarthy (Cappawhite) 59, Enda O Sullivan (Nenagh) 60 Lisa Stapleton (Boherlahan) 41. Following the elimination of Lisa and Enda the final third count favored Jonathan who had 120 votes to Ml. McCarthys 113

Tributes were paid to outgoing Cathaoirleach John Devane and outgoing PRO, Joe Bracken who were stepping down having served their terms of tenure.

New Chairperson-Seosamh Ó Cinnéide: Joe Kennedy stepped up from Vice Chairman to become the new Cathaoirleach of Coiste Chontae. In his address he.

- Expressed confidence in Tipperary's chances of success
- Underage coaches must focus on skill development and not "win at all costs"
- Fully supports the "Split Season" but concerned that the pressurized nature of all adult competitions will increase the pressure on venues and referees.
- Stressed the importance of County Leagues during the Inter County season.
- We must build on the noted success of Football over the past decade where we won Munster Minor, U21 and Senior titles.
- The improvements in our finance from Streaming, the new Future Ticketing System, and a successful Tipp Draw.
- He urged every club to source a new referee to allow continuity of our games.

Outgoing Chairman-Sean O Dubhain: John Devane (Boherlahan Dualla) stepped down as Chairman having completed his three-year term and in his parting address he touched on the following;

- The upheaval of Covid and how our games helped us all to cope
- The joy of our Senior Footballers winning the Munster SF title and appropriately commemorating Bloody Sunday wearing the Green & White of Grangemockler.
- The frustration experienced by our U20 and minor inter-county teams with the disruption in their Championships.
- The disappointment of our senior hurlers just falling short of making it to Croke Park.
- The success of our County Hurling Championship with the streamlined 16 teams at each level.
- The predictability of our SF Club Championship and maybe 8 to 12 Senior teams is more desirable.
- Complimented our Games Development Officers who provided valuable on-line assistance to clubs during lockdown.
- The Financial strain on Semple Stadium and becoming more and more dependent on County Board and Provincial contributions.
- Expressed his appreciation to all officers and committees who assisted him during his three-year term.

Finances: Cisteoir, Michael Power presented a surplus of €20,178 up to 31st Oct 2020, which was a massive turnaround from a deficit of €371k in 2019. Covid Grants from our government and Croke Park were essential but new initiatives like streaming, club games and online ticket sales were all very fruitful. The contribution from our sponsor TENEO was much appreciated during very difficult times. Our team costs were down by €1 million on the previous year due to the shortened season and Croke Park paying the Senior players expenses.

Grants: There were no distribution of Munster Council/Croke Park grants due to the absence of income from Inter County gates due to Covid. Commitments were given to back date grants when renewed, to include works carried out in 2020.

Motions: No motion was passed for Congress, but the following two motions were passed which would involve notable changes to our structures.

- Minor(U17) competition will be run and organized by Cosite na nÓg.
- A new grade of U19 was introduced as well as continuing with U21 Grades

Secretary's Review of 2020: Tadhg De Floid detailed the progress of our six Inter-County teams with the Senior Footballers commanding center stage with their special Munster title linked with the Bloody Sunday Commemorations. He described the difficulties experienced with Covid Lockdowns and some of the hidden benefits arising like streaming and online ticketing. The arguments for and against the Split Season were debated and the feats of Kiladangan and Clonmel Commercial in winning County Senior titles were highlighted

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January 2021

- **Tipperary Senior Hurling Panel** is announced for 2021 and it shows new faces like Alan Tynan (Roscrea), Eoghan Connolly (Cashel King C), and Billy McCarthy (Thurles Sarsfields)
- **Tipperary Senior Football Panel** for 2021 includes eight new faces namely Conor Bowe (Moyné Templetuohy), Conor O’Sullivan and Shane Ryan (Galtee Rovers), Mark O’Meara (Grangemockler), Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers) plus recalls for Shane O Connell (Golden) and Liam Ryan (Commercials).
- **Samantha Lambert** retires from Inter-County ladies Football having captained Tipperary to All Ireland Intermediate titles in 2011 and 2019.
- **Declan Carr**, former All-Ireland SH Captain in 1991 took over as Manager of the Tipperary Ladies Senior Football team from Shane Ronayne who stepped down after four very successful years.
- **Tipperary Senior Camogie Manager, Bill Mullaney** added Denis Kelly (Selector/Coach) and Angelo Walsh (S&C) to his backroom team for 2021.
- **Level 5 Covid 19 Restrictions** continue for the months of January and February with March 5th the earliest likely date for returning to Inter-County training.
- **RIP: Theo English (Marlfield)** passed away on Jan 10th at the age of 90. He won almost every honour in the game during his 18 years Inter-County career with Tipperary including five All Ireland medals (1958,61,62,64,65).



The funeral cortege of Theo English through Clonmel

Remembering Theo English- July 1930 – January 2021



Theo English with Mick Maher and Christy Ring

All through his life, Theo English was a major influence on so many people both on and off the field and indeed outside GAA circles also. He has been described as one of the greatest players to ever play for Tipperary and the best overhead hurler the game has ever seen. In a glittering career which spanned the early fifties to the late sixties Theo won every honour in the game. A member of one of the greatest Tipperary teams of all time his record speaks for itself. 5 All Ireland senior medals in seven appearances, 7 Munster medals, 8 National League medals, 4 Railway cup medals and 5 Oireachtas medals plus a junior hurling All Ireland medal in 1953. He was included at centerfield in Tipperary's hurling team of the century. Not only was Theo a hurler of renown, but he was also a talented footballer, winning county titles with Clonmel Commercials and the Old Bridge and a Munster Junior Football title with Tipperary in 1952. Following a glittering playing career he continued to make a huge contribution to the GAA and was a senior hurling selector for Tipperary's All Ireland successes in 1971 and 1989. Following his time as an inter-county selector Theo went on to make a positive contribution to several club sides and he brought something special to every club he was with and was described by many as the best judge of a hurler in his time. He was also an excellent referee and refereed many important games around South Tipperary. He served on the Tipperary County Board for a time and was Tipperary's representative on the Munster Council for a one-year term. While these were the highlights, they were only the tip of the iceberg in terms of his outstanding contribution to the GAA.



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February 2021

- **James Woodlock** is announced as the new Tipperary Minor Hurling Manager for a three-year term. His selectors will be Conor O'Brien, Damien Ryan, Cormac McGrath, and Brendan Ferris. James took over from his Drom&Inch clubmate Paul Collins.
 - **Paddy Christie (Ballymun Kickhams)** took over as U20 F Manager from Tom McGlynchy for 2021 and will also continue in his role as SF Coach/Selector. He later added as his selectors Kevin Mulryan, Paddy O'Flaherty, and Paddy O'Gorman with assistance from the SF Management.
 - **Munster Council** launched a new "Club Development Program" to assist and support clubs in Developing a structure which empowers volunteers, delivers appropriate coaching inputs and enhances the club structure to cater adequately for all members.
 - **Covid 19 Restrictions** continue at Level 5 for February which included Inter-County Training with March 5th targeted as a commencement date for Elite Squads.
 - **Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen)** followed in the footsteps of Declan Browne and Michael Quinlivan by becoming Tipperary's 3rd Football All-Star following his memorable 2020 campaign when he captained the Premier County to their first Munster S.F. title in 85 years. Also nominated for Football awards were Bill Maher, Colm O Riordan, and Kevin Fahey.
 - **Michael Breen** was announced as Tipperary Supporters Club Hurler of the year for 2020.
 - **Cian Treacy (Thurles Sarsfields)** was ratified as the New Tipperary Intermediate Camogie Manager 2021.
 - **No Hurling All Star** for Tipperary in 2020 as Limerick pick up nine awards. Only Ronan Maher and Michael Breen were nominated as Limericks Gearoid Hegarty was chosen as Hurler of the year.
 - **Tipperary Supporters Club** held their 34th AGM and returned all the 2020 officers for 2021. These included Terry O'Neill as Chairperson, Billy Coman as Secretary, Bryan Maher-Ass Treasurer, John Coman-PRO and Jim Reidy- Membership Officer.
 - **GAA Congress 2021** was held virtually on Sat Feb 27th and passed some highly emotive motions like dealing with cynical fouls in hurling and restricting the number of clubs participating in County Championships to 16.
- RIP: Jim Max (Thurles Sarsfields)** passed to his eternal reward on Friday Feb 26th. Jim served as Vice-Chairman of Thurles Sarsfields, Treasurer of the Mid Board and was a proud member of the Semple Stadium Management Committee. He was a well-known figure around the hospitality area on big match days in Semple Stadium.
- **Munster GAA Convention** was held virtually on Jan 30th with Chairman Liam Lenihan(Limerick) presiding over a review of 2020. All officers were returned unopposed including Ger Ryan Tipperary as Vice Chairman.



Jim Max

Monthly Commentary

Highlights of GAA Congress 2021

The GAA's Annual Congress 2021 was held on Sat Feb 27th and due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, it took place virtually, a first in the history of the GAA, which the public could watch live. The conference marked the formal transition of the Presidency from John Horan to Larry McCarthy.

Elections: The only contest was for the election of two representatives of Congress (Trustees) and this was carried out in advance by postal vote. The four candidates were Robert Frost (Clare), John Joe Carroll (Kerry), Ned Quinn (Kilkenny) and Michael Hasson (Antrim). John Joe Carroll was elected after the first count with 112 votes and Ned Quinn got over the line on the second count with 97 votes.

Financial Overview 2020: Director of Finances Ger Mulryan reported on a bleak year due to Covid with a drop in Revenue from €118M in 2019 to €68M in 2020. This was a 58% showing a deficit of €27m. Central Council showed a drop in gates income from €32.4m in 2019 to €3.6m in 2020 with a reduction in games from 360 to 270 and just six remaining to be played. Despite losses 500 staff were retained country wide which includes 365 in Games Development. €20m Government support was forthcoming to be spread across clubs, county, and Province. State funding contributed 59% of income which would normally be 10%. Plans were outlined to limit costs for Inter-County teams limiting panels to 32 and limiting training/matches to three per week.

Ard Stúirthóir Report-Extracts: Tom Ryan highlighted the following.

- Not being able to finish our 2020 championships was disappointing.
- Paid tribute to GAA volunteers and the efforts they made in ensuring championships went ahead in 2020 with special mention for all the Covid Officers.
- Only for Government assistance we could not operate in 2020 and this will also be required in 2021.
- Covid forced us to change everything including our championship structures, our rules, our broadcast arrangements.
- He praised County Boards who maximized the potential of streaming our club games and ensured home entertainment in tandem with our Inter-County coverage on National T.V.
- Our links with Camogie and Ladies Football have never been stronger borne out of simple recognition that our fates are closely intertwined and that we are stronger acting in communion rather than individually.
- Our fixtures structures now show a clearly demarcated period for Inter-County games and for club championships.
- Cashless admittance to grounds saw the growth of new online mobile ticketing scanning applications with associated remote methods of tickets sales, distribution and scanning on entry becoming accepted practice and easing the burden on our overworked treasurers.
- Special interim powers were conferred on management committees to take any decision or implement any measures which would otherwise be undertaken by Congress.
- Bloody Sunday was appropriately commemorated with a simple and solemn ceremony on Nov 21st, 2020, in Croke Park by lighting a torch for each of the 14 victims.

Motions of Note

- The Financial year end for counties, provinces etc. changed from 31st October to 30th September.
- The All-Ireland Senior Finals from 2022 must be played before the 29th Sunday of the year which marks the formal introduction of the "Split Season".
- In the U20 hurling championship the winners of Munster and Leinster will proceed directly to playing each other in the All Ireland Final. Galway and Ulster Teams will now play in Leinster.
- Players who play in a Tier 1 Senior Hurling Inter County Hurling championship cannot participate in the Inter County U20 Hurling Championship in that same year until after his senior Inter-County team has been eliminated from the championship.
- Post Primary Schools All Ireland Championships should be completed by the weekend following St Patricks Day. The Sigerson Final shall be played by the seventh Sunday of the year and the Fitzgibbon Cup by the eighth Sunday of the year.
- County Senior and Intermediate Championships will be restricted to a maximum of 16 teams (Motion 13) following a 66% majority vote.
- The advantage rule was re-enforced allowing a referee to give a five second period to a team with a goal scoring opportunity.
- No unauthorized incursions allowed on the field marked the end of the role of Maor Foime.
- A team starting a game with 13 players can now validly finish the game with 13 players if it must.
- The "Sin Bin" was introduced in Inter-County Hurling with the added addition of a penalty award for a cynical denial of a goal scoring chance inside the 20-meter line and the arc.
- The temporary substitution of a player with a blood injury will be extended to include concussion from a suspected head injury.
- Motions relating to world GAA, the role of County Development Officer, the Audit & Risk Committee, suspended players re walkovers and the much talked about alternative structures to the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship, were all deferred to the Special Congress in October 2021.

Oraid an Uachtaráin at Congress 2021-Larry McCarthy

- The Pandemic gave the GAA an opportunity to recalibrate like planning our games schedule with a "Split Season".
- We need to address the gap between 17 and 21 and linking our National League and Championship.
- It's important to break down barriers and show we all belong. Our lower Tiers need to win All-Ireland medals as much as the bigger lights.
- Welcomed the GPA's commitment to Amateurism and we must recognize a defined closed season and down time for our players. We need to bring the fun back into our lives and games.
- Public commentary needs to be toned down as anonymous people are a corrosive assault on civility and asked for measured criticism and consider the impact of our words on players, officials, and referees.
- He intends to promote the prominence of female members in our association during his term in the office
- He stated his appreciation to his wife Barbara and sons Conor and Shane. He detailed his progress from his home club in Bishopstown Cork, to Thomond College GAA Club in Limerick, to Ratheny GAA club in Dublin before going abroad. For 36 years he has been part of Sligo Football Club in New York.

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March 2021

- **Munster GAA Awards** were announced for David Power (Manager of the Year), Conor Sweeney (Senior Footballer of the year) and Mary Ryan (Camogie player of the year)
- **Liam Sheedy** was appointed by TENE0 to lead and develop the Irish Operation of its new global TENE0 Performance Business. He will also take up the role of Vice Chairman of TENE0 Ireland.
- **Three Camogie All-Stars** for Tipperary as Áine Slattery (goalkeeper), Mary Ryan (left corner back) and Karen Kennedy (center half back) were all selected on the 2020 Camogie All Stars Team.
- **RIP: Connie Clear (Nenagh)** who passed away in March, won the Handball Hall of Fame in 2008 by the Irish Handball Council having won minor and Senior All Ireland Titles between 1959 and 1972.
- **RIP: Oisín Williams (Kilruane McDonaghs)** who died in March was a member of the Tipperary Development Hurling squad panels in recent years.
- **RIP: Paddy Kelly (Kiladangan)** who died on March 4th captained Tipperary Intermediate team to All Ireland honours in 1972 and was a selector with Tipperary Junior Hurlers in 1992.
- **RIP: Tom McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs)** who passed away in March was a double All Ireland Medal winner in 1961 and 1962 and will go down in history as the scorer of the first ever goal in a televised All Ireland Final.

Tom McLoughney (1940-2021)

Extracts from the funeral eulogy by Gilbert Williams (Kilruane McDonagh's)

The 1962 All-Ireland final between Tipperary and Wexford was the first televised decider. Tom McLoughney lined out at full-forward and scored the first goal of the game thereby becoming not only the first player to raise a green flag but also the first player to register a score in a televised All-Ireland final. The legendary GAA scribe John D. Hickey penned the following description of Tom's goal in the *Irish Independent*: In the opening seconds Wexford needlessly conceded two line balls, and from the second cut in by Theo English, Tom McLoughney fastened on to it to give Pat Nolan no chance with a scorcher to the net for a Tipperary goal inside a minute."

A preview of that final in the same paper had a glowing profile of Tom: One of the reasons Tipperary feel that they can draw level with the "old enemy" Cork is the play of Tom McLoughney. Tom, solidly built with the speed, mobility, intelligence and general know-how to be the ideal man for the job should have a rare battle with the great Nick O'Donnell on the fringe of the Wexford square."

Tom was born on the 23rd of October 1940 and he went to school in Ardcroney. Tom first came to prominence as a



Tom McLoughney



Tom McLoughney in action for Kilruane MacDonaghs

ten-year-old when he lined out at corner-forward on the Kilruane MacDonaghs juvenile team that defeated Moneygall in the 1951 North final. Playing right beside him at full forward was his older brother Paddy. In the late fifties Kilruane MacDonaghs were not a force in minor hurling and unsurprisingly Tom, like many other outstanding hurlers in that period, did not get the call to wear the blue and gold. All that was to change in 1959 when Tom made his senior championship debut against Borris-Ileigh. MacDonaghs ended a fifteen-year barren spell with a victory over reigning champions Toomevara in the North final. A tremendous effort against Thurles in the County final just came up short but Tom gave an impressive display on Mickey Byrne. The county selectors came knocking on his door and eleven days shy of his 19th birthday he wore the blue and gold jersey for the first time in the League against Galway in Pearse Stadium, scoring 1-1 in Tipperary's victory. 1959 had seen a meteoric rise to prominence for Tom. He began the season in the obscure and unglamorous junior championship and by the end of the year he had been catapulted into the Tipperary senior team to play alongside the likes of Tony Wall, Theo English and Donie Nealon.

1960 started on a bright note for Tom when he won the first of his two National League medals as Tipperary overcame Cork in the final. He scored two goals in his maiden championship appearance against Limerick and collected his first Munster medal when Tipperary toppled Cork. Almost 50,000 gathered in Thurles to witness a Titanic battle. In the *Irish Independent* John D Hickey wrote that "he had never seen men on a hurling field who were so utterly contemptuous of their safety when duty called." Wexford caused a major shock when beating Tipperary in the All-Ireland final. On that day Tom was marked by Nick O'Donnell who was later selected on the centenary team and the team of the millennium. Tom regarded O'Donnell as the greatest opponent he ever faced. A win over Cork in the Oireachtas final provided some compensation for Tom and his colleagues.

Tom won his second National League medal in 1961 and in September he realized every young hurler's ambition when he won his first All-Ireland senior hurling medal. He wore the number 14 jersey on the Tipperary team that had a narrow victory over Dublin in the final. Earlier in the year he was at the center of a controversial incident that occurred in the Munster Final. The Tipperary and Cork rivalry reached its peak when a record crowd of 60,177 crammed into the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. With 22 minutes gone in the second half a flare-up occurred between two of the giants of hurling John Doyle and Christy Ring. In the ensuing melee Tom received a blow to the head which not only forced him to leave the field but left him with a nice souvenir of the match in the form of 12 stitches. One national newspaper implicated Ring in the incident. Tom kept his counsel and to his eternal credit refused to identify the culprit. The affair has always been shrouded in a dense fog of confusion and conjecture somewhat like the third Secret of Fatima. Tom ended the year on a high note, winning his second Oireachtas medal with a victory over Wexford in a replay. Thus, Tipperary had completed the League, Championship and Oireachtas treble. The prestige of the Oireachtas Tournament can be gauged from the fact that 28,034 spectators witnessed the replay in Croke Park.

Tom's inter-county career petered out after 1962. His last appearance in the blue and gold was in the 1963 National League final when Tipperary lost out to Waterford. It had been a short but very successful stint in the blue and gold jersey. Tom had played with and against some of the greatest names in hurling. On the club front Tom collected his second North senior medal when MacDonaghs had a dramatic victory over Lorrha in the 1965 final. Tom continued playing with MacDonaghs until 1971.

When Tom retired from playing, he continued to be active in the club. He was a shrewd hurling judge, and he was a selector on the senior team in 1975 and 1976. He was also on the line when Kilruane MacDonaghs won the three-in-a-row North and County titles between 1977 and 1979. Tom was a county selector in 1980. He was selected at full-forward on the North Tipperary Centenary hurling team in 2001. The Tipperary County Board honored him with a Sean-Ghael Award in 2012.

In later life Tom developed a great passion for golf and he loved the camaraderie involved in the golf and he particularly enjoyed the retired intercounty players golfing trips abroad. Tom was a lover of all sports and appreciated the skill and talent of players whatever the code. In the company of his daughter Mary and great friend John Costigan he travelled all over Ireland supporting Tipperary teams in both hurling and football.

While we will always associate Tom with hurling, he had his priorities in order. Family, faith, friends and farming were most important in his life. In Kilruane MacDonaghs Club he was an iconic figure. Since his passing the warm tributes have flowed in from all over the county and across the country. Friend and foe alike referred to Tom as a gentleman.

Tom McLoughney was a loyal, caring and compassionate character. He didn't forget his former playing colleagues. He kept up the contact and visited those who were confined to their homes or nursing homes. In his message of condolence, a former Tipperary hurler paid this brief but eloquent tribute: Tom epitomized greatness and humility in equal measures in a life well lived.

Solas na bhFlaitheas ar a anam uasal.

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April 2021

- **Covid 19 Restrictions** were relaxed in April allowing Senior Inter-County training to commence in Mid-May. Underage non-contact training was allowed from April 26th as vaccination rates rise and virus cases and hospital admissions reduce.
- **Friends of Football** launched a new Euro Millions plus Syndicate Fundraiser which proved to be a great success ahead of the first draw on May 4th and running until April 29th, 2022.
- **Munster Championship Draws** in April pitted Tipperary SH against the winners of Clare and Waterford in a Munster Semi Final. Tipperary SF also received a Quarter Final Bye but face the winners of Kerry V Clare in the Semi Final. All games to be played at neutral venues.
- **The Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** resumed on April 23rd following a three month pause and the sixth draw of the eleven was held in Lar Na Pairce live on Tipp FM. James Ryan Solohead won the €15,000 Star prize and Michael & Suzanne Holohan (Thurles Gaels) won the €5,000 second prize.
- **Philip Austin (Borrisokane)** called time on his Inter-County Football career after 15 seasons with Tipperary Senior Football. Having won three National League in Division 3 (2009 & 2017) and Division 4 (2014) his Munster SF Medal in 2020 was a fitting end to a dedicated career.
- **Dr Brendan Murphy (Roscrea)** who has been Tipperary SH team doctor for the past six years raised a staggering €15,000 for his native Offaly's GAA Fundraiser. Brendan who was an All-Ireland Medal Winner with the Faithful County in 1998 has a G.P practice in Roscrea where he got great support.
- **Mark Dunne (Moyne Templetuohy)** who is Oifigeach Cultúir in Tiobraid Arann was selected as a member of the National Scór Committee by Uachtaran Larry McCarthy.



Philip Austin

Monthly Commentary

Tipperary GAA: An Overview and Recommendations from Liam O'Shea

Background

Having spent the past twelve months deeply immersed in Tipperary GAA as Commercial Advisor to the County Board and over the last number of years as Logistics Manager of the Tipperary Senior Hurling Team, I now feel that I am able to offer my views on some key issues and opportunities within the organization and to offer constructive recommendations on where urgent action needs to be taken if we have designs on remaining at the top level over the next five years or so.

This report is by no means a strategic review of the Tipperary County Board. It is, however, a series of proposals on how revenue can be increased to fund important investment at all levels and codes of Tipperary GAA. Significant investment across a specific timeframe will ensure that players from under 15 to Senior, hurling and football, will be better equipped to compete with other counties who have already invested at grass roots level and on revenue strategies to ensure their success.

I am aware that studies and proposals have been made in the past in relation to revenue. Equally, I have no doubt there will be similarities in content and ambition within former analysis with what I am proposing here. However, what is needed now is action and the delivery of a new investment model for Tipperary hurling.

My focus here will be on the immediate Commercial requirements, as well as looking at the Tipperary Brand overall. More than ever before we need to increase the growth of Commercial revenue to a level that will allow Tipperary GAA to meet their ever-increasing financial demands, not just in the running of County teams but also in the creation of a culture of excellence in all GAA operations within the county.

While there is excellent work being done by the County Board in Games Administration and Management, coaching and player development needs further evolution. The technical ability of young players needs to be upgraded, so too their game sense and overall appreciation of space and team play. The identity and values associated with being a Tipperary player needs to be instilled in every under-age Tipperary hurler, including discipline, respect, application, and resilience. To enable players to physically meet all these requirements Strength and Conditioning also needs to be rolled out across the various age groups with a strong emphasis on flexibility, agility, and athletic ability.

Steps Towards a Commercial Strategy

1. Develop a clear, uniform, and identifiable Tipperary brand across all aspects of Gaelic games in the county. We need a consistent and integrated approach to the promotion of that brand across all platforms. It should be easy to recognize what it means to follow Tipperary as a fan or play for Tipperary as a player in Hurling, Football, Camogie and Ladies Football. Our brand should reflect our history but be modern and forward-looking, embracing women and men, young and old, national, and international and be multi-cultural in orientation.
2. The Development of a tiered commercial structure and resource to ensure the maximization of this Tipperary Brand which is currently undervalued and under promoted. The perfect example of this is our jersey sponsorship, currently at the end of its three-year deal, which has been consistently under-valued given the heritage of the jersey, its international appeal, and the success of the flagship team in the past decade. There are opportunities to sell multiple sponsorship deals in relation to the jersey and the blue and gold banner.
3. The Development of Semple Stadium can yield significant financial rewards over and above existing returns. This can be done through:
 - a. Investment in new hospitality and catering facilities
 - b. Structural update of an ageing Semple Stadium infrastructure
 - c. Naming rights sponsor for the Stadium
 - d. GAA tours, multi-media library and museum in Semple stadium
 - e. New commercial plan for the Stadium that includes Major Concerts/Feile Events.
4. Development of the Dome, an asset that is currently underutilized, as a revenue generating venue for a variety of initiatives and events.
5. The development of new pitches, specifically a 4G Pitch, and other high-performance facilities in association with LIT Thurles. Morris Park is another major asset that can be even further utilized to enhance the Tipperary

Brand.

6. The creation of Tipp GAA TV. This allows Tipperary GAA to control all its own media obligations as well as enabling the continuation and growth of live streaming of games and other events that could generate revenue streams.

Developing the Tipperary brand will generate significant funds. The brand is already well known, but can be taken to a new level, nationally and internationally, by acting on these recommendations. A 'Brand Evaluation' of Tipperary GAA needs to be completed to ascertain what can be realistically expected from the process. I have no doubt that circa €2m+ is a very realistic figure to be generated. We should set a high bar in relation to our goals and objectives and the first step is to value our product properly to reflect our history and ambition for the future.

Recommendations

Commercial recommendation

- All commercial activity within Tipperary GAA should come under an integrated Commercial unit, with a well-defined strategy for maximising financial opportunities.
- An Oversight Commercial Board to be established and to oversee this unit and be comprised of a representative from the County Board, the Commercial Board, the Tipperary Supporters Club and the Friends of Football.
- The Oversight Board should have an independent Chairperson and have one, or more, independent member.
- The Oversight Board would be responsible for the actioning of all things commercial as well as ensuring its proper governance.
- The Oversight Board would be accountable to the County Board.
- The Oversight Board would be responsible for the hiring of a Commercial Director to manage all commercial relationships for Tipperary GAA.
- The position of Commercial Director should be publicly advertised.
- A competitive salary will be required to attract the right person.
- The Commercial Director should work directly to the Chairperson, or nominee, of the Commercial Oversight Board.
- My suggested timeframe for all of above would be:
 - o Formation of Oversight Board immediately, but no later than January 31st, 2022
 - o Appointment of Commercial Director no later than March 31st, 2022

Director of Hurling recommendation

Although it is outside of my remit I would also respectfully recommend: I am respectfully proposing that Tipperary County Board appoint a Director of Hurling. There is an urgent need for the appointment of a high calibre, experienced person with the authority to implement any changes he/she sees fit in how the county's coaching structures are operated, from under-age all the way up to Senior. He/she must also be capable of setting up a first-class technical academy and we must have the patience to allow it to develop and grow as without a doubt this will take a few years to get results. If we do not do this, we will not maintain the elite level status to support the commercial activities.

Strength and Conditioning recommendation

I have, over the past ten years or so, watched excellent players join Senior Hurling Panels who had no problem 'fitting in' with their hurling skills but too many have always appeared to be behind in their conditioning. This cannot continue, and if it does I am certain that we will struggle to win All Irelands, or even compete in the top tier, in the years to come.

My suggestion is very simple. We must create a system where Strength and Conditioning, flexibility and agility, and Injury Prevention expertise is always available to our players and that they are prepared physically, from an early age, to be ready to play at the top inter-county level. Setanta College is right on our doorstep, as well as LIT, both with world class facilities and experts in their fields of Sports Science, so an alliance with either, or both, seems a logical move.

Conclusion

It is imperative that an overall strategic vision for Tipperary GAA is developed as a matter of urgency and that plans, and processes are immediately put in place. Failure to do so will see us well behind our competitors, both on and off the field. There is no time to waste. The way to honour our current and former heroes is to ensure that we develop future heroes through smart and judicious investment now.

Tipperary Co. Championships Streaming 2021					
Date	Championship Game	Teams Playing	Viewers per game	Single Payments	Total Income {Inc Packages}
Season Pass 21/22	337 @ €120 each				40440
Weekend Pass	2020 County Junior (A) Hurling - Final				
07-08.07.21	County Junior (B) Hurling Championship 2020	Arzavale Rovers V Holycross		126	1250
August					
27.08.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championship - Round 1	Loughmore Castleiney V Kildangan	509	131	1210
28.08.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championship - Round 1	Toomevara V Holycross	347	42	420
28.08.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championship - Round 1	Thurles Sansfield's V Drom & Inch	393	51	510
29.08.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championship - Round 1	Kilruane MacDonaghs V Nenagh Sire Og	393	73	730
29.08.21	Seamus O'Riain - Group 4	Portlaoise V Cashel King Cormacs	304	14	340
Weekend Pass					
27.08.21-29.08.21	129 @ €25				3225
September					
03.09.21	Co. Senior Football Championships - Round 1	Loughmore Castleiney V Kilkennault	133	42	420
Weekend Pass					
03.09.21-05.09.21				13	130
10.09.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships - Round 2	Borrisoleigh V Kilruane MacDonaghs	547	168	1680
11.09.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships - Round 2	Drom & Inch V Upperchurch Drombane	329	59	590
11.09.21	Seamus O'Riain - Round 3	Gortnahoe- Glengole V Sean Treasa's	363	51	510
12.09.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships - Round 2	Clonsilla V Toomevara	325	73	345
12.09.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships - Round 2	Kildangan V JK Brackens	204	59	590
Weekend Pass					
10.09.21-12.09.21	101 @ €25				2525
18.09.21	Co. Football Championships - Round 2	Moyle Rovers V Aherlow	87	19	190
Weekend Pass					
18.09.21-19.09.21	4 @ €10				40
24.09.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships - Round 3	JK Brackens V Loughmore Castleiney	433	59	590
25.09.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships - Round 3	Mullinahone V Toomevara	300	76	760
25.09.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships - Round 3	Thurles Sansfield's V Upperchurch Drombane	310	71	710
26.09.21	Co. Seamus O'Riain - Round 3, Group 3	Gortnahoe- Glengole V Kilkennault	184	41	410
Weekend Pass					
24.09.21-26.09.21	58 @ €25				1450
October					
03.10.21	Co. Senior Football Championships - Round 3	Ballyporeen V Moyne Templeunhy	80	32	320
08.10.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships -	Loughmore Castleiney V Kilkennault	382	113	1130
09.10.21	County U19 (A) Hurling Championships - Final	St. Mary's V Thurles Sansfield's	212	73	730
10.10.21	Co. Senior Hurling Rd	Moycarkey Bores V Roscris	183	44	440
Weekend Pass					
08.10.21-10.10.21	54 @ €15				810
15.10.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships - Qtr Final	Borrisoleigh V Mullinahone	668	338	3380
17.10.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championships - Qtr Final	Kildangan V Upperchurch Drombane	423	213	2130
23.10.21	Co. Football Championships - Semi-final	Kilshelmallick V Loughmore Castleiney	145	49	490
30.10.21	Co Senior Hurling Championships - Semi-Final	Kildangan V Thurles Sansfield's	964	439	4390
31.10.21	Co. Senior Hurling Championship - Semi-Final	Borrisoleigh V Loughmore Castleiney	893	682	6820
November					
06.11.21	Co. Senior Football Championships - Semi-Final	Loughmore Castleiney V Moyle Rovers	231	80	800
07.11.21	Co. Senior Football Championships - Semi-Final	Clanmel Commercials V JK Brackens	203	91	910
13.11.21	Co. Immediate Hurling Championships - Final	Moyne Templeunhy V Kibberlan Kilcash	371	207	2070
14.11.21	Seamus O'Riain - Final	Templegreen V Kilkennault	504	300	3000
21.11.21	Co Immediate Football - Final	Drom & Inch V Grangebrook	208	33	330
21.11.21	Co Senior Football - Final	Loughmore Castleiney V Commercials	582	266	2660
Weekend Pass					
21.11.21	104 @ €15				1560
			Totals		90825

Monthly Summary

May 2021

- Covid 19 Restrictions were relaxed further from May 10th as adult club teams were allowed to commence training.
- **Tipperary SH** opened their 2021 Allianz League campaign drawing with All Ireland Champions Limerick at the LIT Gaelic Grounds on Sat May 8th. Final score 0.20 each with Jason Forde accounting for 0.14 (O-12 frees). Bryan O Mara sustained a broken right arm which would keep him out of action for the rest of the season. One-week later May 15th Cork came to Semple Stadium for round 2 and Tipp salvaged a draw with a late long range free from Jason Forde in added time. Once again Tipp failed to score a goal as they finished 0.22 to 2.16. The following Saturday it was Galway in Semple Stadium as Tipp recorded their first League victory and scoring goals with a 2.19 to 0.20 victory over the Tribesmen.
- **Co Feile Skills Finals** were held in Dr Morris Park in May and the winner in Football was Evan Morrissey (Holycross Ballycahill) and in hurling Jack Hayes (Moycarkey Borris) emerged as winner. Runners up were Tadhg Whyte (Moneygall) in Football and Conor Kennedy (Lorrha) in Hurling.
- **Tipperary SF** opened their Allianz League campaign in the LIT Gaelic Grounds and came up short with a 0-14 to 1-13 defeat to Limerick. Seven days later Sat May 22nd Wicklow came to Semple Stadium and following a good third quarter the Premier side in their alternative green and white jerseys held out for 2.12 to 1.12 victory. The Following weekend Tipp travelled to O'Connor Park Tullamore and ended any hopes of promotion following a 1-17 to 1-12 defeat to Offaly. The final game against Longford was now going to be a relegation battle and away from home added to the challenge.
- **The 7th Tipperary Clubs Draw** was held live on Tipp FM from Lar Na Pairce and Diarmuid McKeogh Chairman of Ballina GAA Club was the Star Prizewinner of €15k. Pat Lyons (St Patricks) won the second prize of €5,000.
- **Joe Bracken (Moycarkey Borris)** was chosen by the Gaelic Writers Associations as the 2020 PRO of the Year following his very successful five year tenure as PRO of Tipperary Co Board. David Power received the 2020 Football Personality of the Year.
- **Patrick “Bonner” Maher (Lorrha)** sustained an Achilles tendon injury at training just two years after suffering a cruciate knee injury. Surgery on this new injury kept him out of action for another season having already missed 2020 with the injury.
- **RIP: Johnny Everard** passed to his eternal reward on May 25th, Age 97, he was the oldest surviving Tipperary man to have won an All-Ireland SH medal which he achieved in 1950. At club and county level Johnny gave great service as a player, coach, selector, referee, and administrator.
- **RIP Ger Gavin (Nenagh Eire Og)** died suddenly on May 21st and his passing was a shock to all who knew him. With Nenagh Eire Og he was the backbone of most Fund-Raising and served as Chairman twice in 1986-96 and 2004-2005. He was awarded Munster Club Man of the year in 1989 and received a Laochra Gael award in 2015. He served on Co Development and Hearing Committees and was on the Tipperary Draw Committee for 30 years right up to his passing. Ger's commitment to his GAA Club and County made all of us privileged to have served with him during his lifetime with us.



Johnny Everard



Ger Gavin

Monthly Commentary

Streaming into the Future

Having dipped our toe in the water in 2020 with the concept of streaming, it has now become almost the norm. Covid 19 forced us down roads that fast tracked ideas into possibilities that eventually became a reality. TG4 have been covering Co Finals in recent years and RTE also saw an opportunity to televise live club games when Covid restricted spectators attending. This is a welcome promotion of our games with top class coverage of the highest standard with the additional bonus of a financial contribution to county boards to compensate for the impact on gate receipts. Tipperary County Board just ventured into transmitting live club games in 2020 even though some clubs, with well-informed IT Personnel were already showing their own games through YouTube and Facebook in recent years. If County Board were to go down the streaming road, it would have to be a high standard transmission with good quality commentary. Engaging a company called “Stream Sport” guaranteed this as their experience and professionalism in this field gave us the comfort and security, we needed to provide a dependable service. Teaming up with our partners Tipp FM for commentators and analysis also proved to be a winning formula as their

experience and knowledge was an essential ingredient to complete the package. Local video production operator, Robert Healy from Two Mile Borris teamed up with Streams Sport this year which allowed us transmit more games from a wider range of venues. Once the venue had a raised platform area in a covered stand with a power supply, Robert and his video operator Noel Maher were able to provide a top-class



Stephen Gleeson (Commentator) and Denis Kelly (Match Analyst) during live streaming from Semple Stadium

production in association with the Tipp FM commentary team usually consisting of Stephen Gleeson, Paul Jenkins and Ronan Quirke. The specialized bonding equipment provided by Stream Sport, allowed matches to be streamed from venues like Littleton, Cashel, Boherlahan etc. offering security and peace of mind to our patrons. Their remote technology reduced single points of failure at venues outside of Semple Stadium. The company’s use of separate new graphics software in 2021 was a serious upgrade to the look of the streams giving it a consistent professional appearance with scoreboards and action replays. In 2020 Tipperary Co Board streamed 21 games in its first year. This rose to 30 games in 2021 with RTE and TG4 covering a further five games. At the outset 323 customers signed up for the streaming season tickets @ €120 which was very reassuring and a further 300 opted for weekend packages throughout the season. Our biggest audiences of the year were our Co SH Semi Finals which attracted up to 1,000 paying customers which includes season tickets. Our football games do not attract the same numbers, but this is consistent with our actual match attendances which are about one quarter to one third of the numbers for hurling. Very often this leads to individual games running at a loss but when some customers pay for season tickets, they expect to see football games and we do our best to provide this as much as possible. Overall, our aim is to provide a consistent professional service which is good for the promotion of our games and still show a small profit in our commercial revenue.

Monthly Summary

June 2021

- **Tipperary SH** travelled to Cusack Park Mullingar on June 6th (Sun) and as expected recorded victory over Westmeath by 4-27 to 0-16. One week later our final group game took us to Walsh Park where we came up against a fast hard working Waterford team that left Tipp reeling in defeat on a 2.29 to 3.21 score. Liam Sheedy and his management team were left with plenty to ponder on ahead of our opening Munster Championship game and a Semi Final versus possible Waterford again or Clare.
- **Tipperary Senior Footballers** travelled to Glennon Bros Pearse Park Longford on Sun June 13th for their final group which was a massive relegation battle for both sides. A lifeless performance from Tipp saw them lose to Longford by 1.13 to 0.9. This was a most disappointing league, losing three out of four games which confines us to relegation and Division 4 football in 2022.
- **The 2020 Co U20 Football “A” Final** was finally played, and Ballina were crowned county champions following a 1-10 to 1-8 victory over Upperchurch-Drombane played in Dolla on Sat 27th June 2021.
- **Co Leagues** resumed in June with a one-off competition based on a current gradings and mainly four team groups giving all clubs a minimum of three league games in June/July with semi-finals and finals in late July/Aug.
- **The Players Injury Fund** “loss of wages cover” was re-instated by Croke Park from June 1st. Following a ballot of clubs and county, a 25% levy was applied to every club’s adult and U20 premium from June 2021 to May 2022.
- **Tipperary GAA Clubs “8th” Draw** was held on Friday June 4th and the €15,000 star prize was won by Declan Boland Upperchurch Drombane GAA. Eamon O Callaghan Ballyporeen won the €5000 second prize and the €5,000 lotto jackpot was shared by Sinead & Cathy McGrath, Newcastle and Eileen Doody, Cappawhite.
Three weeks later the ninth draw was held on Friday June 25th and Moyle Rovers GAA Club Won the €15,000 star prize with Paddy Coleman, Ballina Handball winning the second prize of €5,000.



The New Tipperary GAA Setanta Academy in the former Thurles Handball Alley at Semple Stadium

Monthly Commentary

A New Partnership with Setanta

With a greater emphasis on physical development Tipperary Co Board are investing in a new partnership with Setanta College from 2022. This has already commenced at Juvenile level plus Minor and U20 squads and will extend into Senior level once the 2022 panels are finalized.

Setanta College was the brainchild of former Tipperary Senior Hurling Trainer Liam Hennessy who founded it as “Peak fitness” in 1999 and was re-launched as “Setanta” in 2006. From its roots Setanta has developed from delivering coaching education to Olympic Council of Ireland to working with some of the world’s leading sporting organizations across multiple countries and continents including Juventus and Pittsburgh Steelers. Setanta now delivers strength and conditioning and human performance education from the bottom up to degree and master level and have over 55,000 graduates worldwide in locations like the UK, USA, South Africa and India. In Ireland the broader Setanta team have been involved in most counties across Hurling, Gaelic Football and Camogie and in 2021 alone five leading hurling counties worked with Setanta coaches.

Setanta have been working with Tipperary GAA in recent years through the Development Squads, educating of coaches and the provision of facilities and equipment. Last year during the Covid 19 lockdown, Setanta and the Tipperary GDA’s delivered a highly successful remote youth athletic development program. Tipperary Hurling and Football is currently in a transition period and it’s an ideal time to plan an advanced, Elite Athletic Development Structure to put the Premier County in a position to challenge for major honors in the coming seasons. This new partnership will see the county implementing an integrated approach that will cover both hurling and football across all grades. Central to the partnership will be the design and delivery of long-term development programmes by coaches from Setanta who will oversee the Strength and Conditioning for Tipperary Senior hurling and football teams. This will include access to the facilities, equipment, and technology in Setanta’s Elite performance facility at the Sarsfields Centre beside Semple Stadium. This will mark a new approach by Tipperary GAA, which aims to create a joined-up structure that will prepare players for the transition from underage to senior level. Up to now, S&C Development programmes were delivered to teams separately by their independent coaching staff.

The Setanta Coaching team will be led by Des Ryan, who was formerly head of Sports Science and medicine at the Arsenal F.C Academy and is now Director of Coaching and Performance at Setanta College. Des will be supported in the design and execution of the Program by Founder Dr Liam Hennessy who has vast experience having been previously involved as head fitness coach with Bayern Munich and the Irish Rugby team as well as S&C coach with the Tipperary All Ireland team of 1991. Both Des and Liam have previously led Youth Development Structures across all sports, and they will oversee a team of 12 experienced S&C coaches as part of the implementation process. Many Tipperary coaches are graduates of Setanta College including current senior hurling manager Colm Bonner and coach Tommy Dunne. Current Minor hurling S&C coach Angelo Walsh is also a graduate, as is his recently retired inter-county club mate Brendan Maher who now operates his own Gym in Borris-Ileigh GAA Complex.

The Programme Proposal: The main programme has already commenced with the under-age academies in October 2021, and this will run right through to the conclusion of the championships in July 2022. Tipperary County Board will pay Setanta an agreed monthly amount and this will remove most obligations from Tipperary GAA paying S&C coaches directly for their services.

Elite Performance Centre: Setanta will provide access to the facilities, equipment, and technology at the Setanta location beside Semple Stadium and more recently the facility at the Thurles Handball Centre in Semple Stadium. These includes an Elite S&C Gym, over €250k of Biometric Analysis Coaching Technology and a variety of additional training equipment.

Stakeholder engagement: Programme Director, Des Ryan will deliver an in depth on boarding session to players and coaches while also delivering CPD workshops to upskill and educate all parties across various topics.

Testing Assessment Screening: Setanta will commence with full fitness testing, biological maturation assessment and movement screening. In depth analysis and reporting will be done with feedback to all stakeholders. All testing will be repeated throughout the programme.

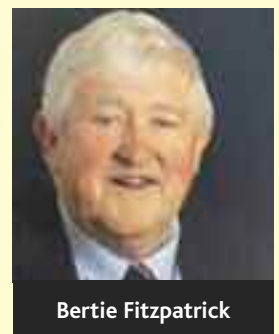
Athletic Development: Setanta will design, develop and deliver all components relating to the Athletic Development Program covering stability & mobility, speed, Athletic Development and endurance. This will be delivered by expert practitioners.

Monthly Summary

July 2021

- **Tipperary Senior Hurlers** opened their Munster Championship Campaign with victory over Clare 3-23 2-22 played in the LIT Gaelic Grounds on Sunday July 4th. This qualified Tipp for the Munster Final and another showdown with Limerick on Sunday July 18th in Pairc Ui Caoimh. A rampant Premier side opened impressively and built up a ten-point lead by half time 2-16 to 0-12. A resurgent Limerick side gradually reeled in Tipp and ran out five-point winners 2-29 to 3-21 and consigned us to the Qualifiers and an All-Ireland quarter final in August.
- **Tipperary Senior Footballers** lost their 2020 Munster Crown to Kerry in the Semi Final played in Semple Stadium on Sat July 10th. Final score 1.19 to 1.8 as the Premier side fielded just 10 of the 2020 winning team. The football was a knockout competition with no qualifiers so this defeat ended Tipperary's year so Management must now turn their thoughts to 2022 and commence the building of confidence and structures following a most disappointing 2021.
- **Tipperary Minor Hurlers** started their Munster campaign in the LIT Gaelic Grounds on Wednesday July 14th with a 2.27 to 1.14 victory over Kerry. Two weeks later the Semi Final took us to Pairc Ui Rinn to play Waterford on Tuesday July 27th but a physically stronger and more successful Deise side ran out easy winners 2.25 to 4.11.
- **Tipperary U20 Hurlers** opened their 2021 on Monday July 12th in Semple Stadium versus Waterford and snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in extra time with a 3.24 to 2.21 (AET). The Semi-Final was played one week later again in Semple Stadium versus Cork and despite an impressive first half when we led by six points, Tipperary lost by the same margin following a Cork resurgence with the final score 3-20 to 2-17.
- **Tipperary U20 Footballers** played their first game, a quarter final v Limerick on Thursday July 8th in Semple Stadium and recorded their first victory at this level since 2015 with a 0-16 to 1-10 victory. One week later again in Semple Stadium Tipperary crossed swords with Waterford and after a nail-biting contest we held out for a 0-11 to 0-9 victory and a Munster Final v Cork on July 22nd again in Semple Stadium. Unfortunately, a powerful Rebel force ran out winners 3-20 to 3-10 but a spirited Tipp performance gave hope for the future.
- **Covid 19 Restrictions** were further relaxed with 200 spectators allowed in most venues and 500 in large Stadiums like Semple Stadium. Dressing Rooms must continue to stay closed, and meetings held outdoors.
- **Tipperary Senior Hurlers** faced Waterford in Pairc Ui Caoimh on July 31st and following a gripping encounter Waterford held out for victory 4.28 to 2.27 as Tipperary exited the 2021 SH Championship
- **Arravale Rovers** won the 2020 Co Final Junior "A" Hurling title defeating Holycross Ballycahill in Dundrum by 1-16 to 0-15.
- **Cashel King Cormacs** won the 2020 Co Junior "B" hurling decider defeating Gortnahoe Glengoole in Holycross by 4-14 to 0-10.
- **Tipperary GAA Club 10th Draw** was held on Friday July 16th live on Tipp FM from Lar Na Pairce and top prize winner was Brendan Power, Clonmel Commercials and the €5,000 second prize went to Paddy Maguire Cappawhite GAA. The final draw took place on July 30th with the €15K won by Michael Costigan Clonakenny, and the €5,000 going to Jimmy Hogan Knockshegowna with the €3,000 lotto Jackpot scooped by Annette Loughman, Knockavilla.
- **Tipperary Minor Footballers** opened their championship account on Wednesday July 21st with a visit to the LIT Gaelic Grounds but came up short against a well organised Limerick side who held out for victory 2-9 to 1-9.

RIP: Bertie Fitzpatrick (Roscrea) passed to his eternal reward in July and he will be remembered by many North Division Inter-county players of all ages as he transported them into training in Thurles for 40 years. He also served as Treasurer, Chairman, Board Delegate and selector with his beloved Roscrea over the years as well as being a driving force behind Development at St Cronan's Park.



Bertie Fitzpatrick

Monthly Commentary

New 3 -Year Plan for Primary Schools Coaching Scheme (2022-2024)

Tipperary Co Board in conjunction with the Coaching & Games Committee have launched a new Primary Schools Coaching Scheme to commence from Jan 1st, 2022. The new Scheme will be a continuation of the current Primary Schools Scheme but with all the selected coaches being appointed by the Co Games Development Officers in consultation with the respective clubs. Payments will be made through a grant scheme administered directly to the clubs by Co Board. Clubs will pay the coaches agreed expenses for their services subject to meeting with the agreed protocol between all concerned. The estimated annual budget for the scheme is €60,000 and this cost will be borne three ways as follows.

1. **Divisions Contribution** =€30,000 p.a. (€7,500 x 4)
The contribution from the four Divisions has been reduced in recognition of the loss of minor grade gates revenue which is some way compensated for by the addition of the U19 grade to their fixtures calendar.
 2. **Coiste na nÓg** = €10,000 p.a.
Coiste na nóg have benefited in recent years from the sale of Senior Bord match programmes and will benefit in the future from the addition of minor (U17) to its fixtures calendar. They may opt to share their contribution with the divisional Bord na nÓg's.
 3. **Co Senior Board** = €20,000 p.a.
The County Senior Board will cover its share of the cost with grants from the Tipperary GAA Draw but will also seek out an overall sponsor for the scheme to cover its contribution.
- Clubs wishing to participate must apply to the Co Coaching Committee through their Divisional GDA. An application form must be completed stating the number of schools in the parish, number of pupils, and a proposed coach for the role (if available).
 - The grant will be pro rata based on the number of pupils and numbers of hours coached per week. Minimum standards will be set to qualify as an adequate coaching programme.
 - Co Games Development will train the appointed Coach to the required standard.
 - A dedicated reporting mechanism will be applied to verify the completion of each coaching programme which will be signed off by the GDA, the Teacher and the Club Representative.
 - Clubs will appoint a School Liaison Person to assist with the scheme administration.
- Tipperary Co Board is looking forward to the support of the four Divisions and Coiste na nÓg as we renew the Primary Schools Coaching Scheme which has served the County so well over the last ten years.



Primary school children wearing the jersey.

Monthly Summary

August 2021

- **Liam Sheedy** stepped down as Tipperary SH Manager after three years in charge which included an All-Ireland title in 2019, following on from similar success in 2010 during his first term.
- **Brendan Maher** retired from Inter-County hurling after 16 years having started his career as a county minor in 2005.
- **Co Hurling Leagues** were concluded in August with Templederry capturing the Group 3 title with victory over Sean Treacys 0-31 to 1-18.
- **Feile Na nGael** celebrated its Golden Jubilee Week ending August 22nd with a festival of hurling involving over fifty teams playing all over the county in an internal competition. On the following weekend week ending August 29th a similar celebration was played out with Feile Peil.
- **The All-Ireland SH Final** was won by Limerick who defeated Cork. Fergal Horgan (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams) was referee for his third All Ireland Final and his Tipperary Umpires were Mick Butler, Alan Horgan, Sean Bradshaw and John Ryan (Bob).
- **John Devane** stepped down as U20H manager following his two year term along with his management team of Richie Ruth, Dan Hackett and Kenny Dunne.
- **Kiladangan** retained their North SH title with victory over Kilruane MacDonaghs in the Final on the scoreline 2-18 to 1-16.
- **Derek O'Mahoney (Ardfinnan)** refereed the All-Ireland Minor Football between Meath and Tyrone. His umpires were Peter Macken, Michael Kennedy, Liam Barrett and Evan Barrett.
- **Tipperary Ladies Football** retained their senior status with a resounding 7-10 to 3-16 victory over Tyrone in the relegation final. Shortly after Declan Carr stepped down as manager following one year at the helm.
- **The FBD Tipperary County Hurling Championship** kicked into action with 24 games played in Round One across the county. Attendances were capped at 200 in all pitches except for Semple Stadium which was allowed 500. Five matches were streamed on this first weekend with €120 Season ticket a big attraction.



Brendan Maher

Monthly Commentary

Tipperary Club Championships-Finding our True Level

The structure of our club championships has given rise to passionate debates in recent years leading to much commentary on various platforms. In a mad hurling county, the discussion has focused more on the small ball as there is an acceptability that the top tiers of football are confined to a limited number of clubs who have dominated in recent years. This has changed fairly dramatically since the noughties when nine different teams won the Senior Football O' Dwyer Cup as follows; Fethard(2001), Commercial(2002), Cahir (2003), Loughmore Castleiney(2004), Ardfinnan (2005), Aherlow (2006 & 2010), Moyle Rovers (2000, 2007, 2009), Galtee Rovers (2008), and Thomas McDonaghs (2011). Over the last ten years the scene has been dominated by three clubs with Clonmel Commercial to the forefront winning six, Loughmore Castleiney three and Moyle Rovers one. Whilst Commercial are currently dominating, Moyle Rovers have the most county titles since 1995 when they arrived on the scene with 8 titles, followed by Commercial with 7 and Loughmore 4.

Our hurling championships are a different story as the process of promotion and relegation over the past twenty years has led to competitive competitions leading to some great county finals. Whilst Thurles Sarsfields dominated the early part of the last decade winning five titles, there is currently not the same dominance by any one team with four different teams winning the last five county SH Titles. Since 1995 ten different teams have won the SH title with Sarsfields and Toomevara dominating with eight each. 2021 consolidated this with a classic Dan Breen Cup Finale between Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore Castleiney following the 2020 spectacular finish between Kiladangan and once again Loughmore Castleiney. The Seamus O Riain Cup has thrown up some great games with Templederry Kenyons this year and Mullinahone in 2020 giving dazzling performances in the finals at Semple Stadium to earn their place in the prestigious Dan Breen Cup. The Intermediate final this year between Moyne Templetuohy and Kilsheelan Kilcash was exceptionally high standard and was anyone's game until the final whistle in Littleton. The Junior "A" hurling final in Golden ebbed and flowed until the last quarter when something in the water at the final break gave Skeheenarinka a new lease of life. Coming from four points down against Holycross Ballycahill, they scored ten points to capture the DP Walsh Trophy and promotion to Intermediate Status in 2022.

Relegation is a dreaded word in any club and once you enter that zone it creates a sense of panic whilst the scene is played out. For some clubs this can become a regular scene as they hover over the trap door until eventually the inevitable drop occurs. For some clubs this can be a sense of relief as training each year for a championship they have little chance of winning becomes a chore, whereas now at the lower level, there is a chance of a trophy at the end.

Back in the 70's clubs decided themselves to be relegated usually encouraged by Divisional Boards. Compulsory relegation was introduced in the 80's on a Divisional basis with one in each Division going down but not allowing any Divisions go below four senior teams. This process existed until 2018 when voluntary promotion allowed four teams to step up to senior grade bringing the total number of Senior teams to 30. Also, in 2008 the Seamus Ó Riain Cup was introduced for teams knocked out in the early rounds of their Divisional championships. The following year both finalists in the Seamus Ó Riain re-entered the Dan Breen at Preliminary Quarter Final stage playing divisional qualifiers. During this time relegation was suspended as the number of senior teams rose to 32 in the county. I wrote in my Convention report in 2011 "we are now playing senior games that have no value to the paying public or to hurling in our county". The same year 2011 relegation was re-introduced with one team going down but replaced by the Intermediate winners thus making no impact on the 32 senior games. In 2014 a new championship system was introduced relegating two teams each year until 2018. There was no relegation to Intermediate in 2019 and 2020 even though a team came up each year to Seamus Ó Riain. By 2021 the ideal championship was arrived at with 16 teams in Dan Breen, Seamus O Riain and Intermediate Hurling thus allowing four groups of four at all three levels.

The journey to arrive at this present structure has been frustrating and testing but the result is most rewarding. With all teams now playing at their own level, this should lead to more competitive games resulting in higher standards in our own county. Every team will play the three games in the group for either qualification or survival. Our county Quarter Finals should be between the best eight teams and with the advent of streaming and live TV we should be proud to present our GAA product in the best possible light from our "Field of Legends" in Semple Stadium with every opportunity we can. The concept of our Seamus O Riain competition being now called "Premier Intermediate" will become part of our mind-set as clubs settle into their true level. I believe there is a twofold bonus to this change of title with an extra possibility of qualifying from one's Divisional Championship at your own level, thus strengthening the Divisional link plus the carrot of a Munster Club qualification at the other end if you win the county. Despite views to the contrary, I have always been in favour of preserving the link once it was at the level the club is graded. I also believe this will make the Divisional championships even more competitive as the risk of one-sided games is greatly reduced. Many clubs have suffered the trauma of relegation over the years and become stronger as a result. To earn the right to be called a senior club in Tipperary we must play in the Dan Breen Cup which means we must be in the top 16 in the county. This means we must be capable of competing with the 16 best teams in the county and earn the right only by winning our Tier Two Hurling competition – The Premier Intermediate Championship and the Seamus O Riain Cup.

Monthly Summary

September 2021

- **Covid Update** from September 6th venues were allowed up to 50% capacity of grounds and meetings at 60% unless all participants are considered immune. Use of dressing rooms and gyms was permitted in pods of 6 participants.
- **Darragh Egan** was announced as the new Wexford SH Manager as successor to Davy Fitzgerald.
- **Declan Carr** stepped down as Tipperary Senior Ladies Football Manager after one year in charge.
- **The FBD Tipperary Hurling & Football Championships** continues with rounds 2 & 3 played during September to decide contestants/or preliminary and county quarter finals in October.
- **TENEO** announced they would not be renewing their sponsorship of Tipperary GAA at the completion of their three-year term in 2021.
- **Simple Stadium- Field of Legends** written by Liam Ó Donnchú released for sale during September and is the first book on the History of the Stadium since it opened in 1910.
- **Colm Bonnar** was announced as the Tipperary SH Manager for a three-year term from 2022. His management team was later announced as Tommy Dunne, Johnny Enright, and Paul Curran.
- **Brendan Cummins** was confirmed as the new Tipperary U20 H Manager from 2022. His Management team was announced as Fintan O Connor (Coach), Martin Maher and Shane Stapleton.
- **Tipperary Friends of Football** held their annual Gold Classic in Thurles Golf Club on September 24th and 25th.
- **RIP: Michael Ormonde (Loughmore Castleiney)** played Inter County Football for Tipperary minors, juniors and seniors from 1956 to 1960 but a second leg break in 1960 put an end to his Inter County Career.
- **RIP: John McNamara (Clonmel Commercials)** was a player, selector, officer, team manager and committee member for many decades as well as playing with and managing Tipperary Football teams.



John McNamara

Monthly Commentary

Loughmore -Castleiney's Double Ecstasy

The 17-week road to winning the double

1.	Aug 8th	Mid SH Qtr Final	Templetuohy	Loughmore C	3.23	JK Brackens	0.12
2.	Aug 15th	Mid SH Semi Final	Templemore	Loughmore C	0.22	Moycarkey B	0.20
3.	Aug 22nd	Mid SH Final	Holycross	Thurles Sars	3.22	Loughmore C	1.19
4.	Aug 27th	Co SH Rnd 1	Semple Stadium	Kildangan	2.23	Loughmore C	2.22
5.	Sept 4th	Co SF Rnd 1	Littleton	Loughmore C	2.10	Killenaule	0.11
6.	Sept 12th	Co SH Rnd 2	Holycross	Loughmore C	1.26	Moycarkey B	3.17
7.	Sept 18th	Co SF Rnd 2	Templetuohy	Loughmore C	0.10	JK Brackens	0.10
8.	Sept 24th	Co SH Rnd 3	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	0.21	JK brackens	1.13
9.	Oct 2nd	Co SF Rnd 3	Holycross	Loughmore C	2.10	Rockwell R	0.09
10.	Oct 8th	Co SH Pre Qtr Final	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	2.21	Killenaule	0.12
11.	Oct 16th	Co SH Qtr Final	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	4.15	Kilruane McD	0.21
12.	Oct 23rd	Co SF Qtr Final	Cashel	Loughmore C	0.09	Kilsheelan	1.05
13.	Oct 31st	Co SH Semi Final	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	1.18	Borris-Ileigh	1.15
14.	Nov 6th	Co SF Semi Final	Golden	Loughmore C	1.08	Moyle Rovers	1.07
15.	Nov 14th	Co SH Final	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	0.23	ThurlesSarsfields	2.17
16.	Nov 21st	Co SF Final	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	1.12	Commercials	1.11
17.	Nov 28th	Co SH Final (Replay)	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	2.14	Thurles Sarsfields	2.13

The Tipperary Club Hurling and Football story 2021 has been dominated by the remarkable feats of Loughmore Castleiney over the past three months remaining unbeaten since Sept 4th. Their championship road started in early August with victories over JK Brackens and Moycarkey Borris in the mid play offs before giving second best to Thurles Sarsfields in the Mid Final. Five days later on August 27th in the opening game of the FBD Co SH championship under lights in Semple Stadium they once again suffered a one-point defeat, this time to Kildangan in a repeat of the 2020 final. Since their opening Co SF gave v Killenaule on Sept 4th in Littleton, they have gone 13 games unbeaten including two draws. Being a dual club, they accepted these games week after week with little complaint. Even after the drawn Co Hurling Final, there was a call to play the replay the following weekend and defer the football final one week, but not from Loughmore. Maybe that football game was the psychology they needed before the replay. Loughmore Castleiney always got on with their business and remarkably managed the situation in between all the games. Despite injuries along the way to key players like Brian McGrath and John Meagher, they could still field their best 15 in the replay which is a testament to their management skills. This was a group on a mission following their double disappointment in 2020. The addition of a fresh voice in the experienced Mick Dempsey was a master stroke as he just tapped into what was already there- a proud tradition and culture and they know no other way. In an interview afterwards, Mick admitted there was no secret formula in Loughmore, only the attitude and composure they bring to it as they always seem to get the best out of themselves in a game situation.

Other dual clubs like Kilmacud Crokes have achieved the double but drawing from a pool of thousands in population. Loughmore Castleiney pull from less than 1000 people in the parish and their performance is unequalled in modern times. We are all extremely proud of their achievement as we salute them as true champions in both codes.



Monthly Summary

October 2021

- **The new Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw** commenced on Friday Oct 8th in the Dome, Semple Stadium and numbers increased by 500 to 17,000 members. The star prize of €25K went to Maura Ryan, Garnakilka Upperchurch who was joined with the Borrisoleigh GAA Club. Maura also won the bonus of a racehorse called Sean Hogan for one season.
- **Tipperary received 3 nominations for the 2021 All Stars**, Cathal Barrett, Ronan Maher and Jason Forde.
- **The Michael Hogan Festival of Football** was a great success during October with 1000 U11 and U13 players taking part in venues throughout the county.
- **Covid Restrictions** were relaxed allowing opening of dressing rooms and gyms on a controlled basis. Personal responsibility became more important where immunity among patrons was a deciding factor for admittance to buildings.
- **Henry Shefflin**, in a surprise move, was announced as the new Galway Manager for 2022.
- **The 50th anniversary of Feile na nGael** was marked was a mini festival of hurling in various venues in Tipperary culminating with the finals in Dr Morris Park and Semple Stadium. A plaque was unveiled in honour of the three founders at the front gates of Semple Stadium by Uachtarán CLG Larry McCarthy.
- **The 2020 Munster Senior Scór Final** was held in Halla Na Feile Cashel with six of the eight Tipperary acts winning and advancing to the All-Ireland Finals. These were the Moyne Templetuohy Quiz team, Newcastle Figure Dancers, JK Brackens Set Dancers, Newport Novelty Act, Siobhan Egan, Newport in Solo Song and Noel Joyce, JK Brackens in Recitation.
- **The FBD Tipperary Co Championships** had now reached the finals to be played in November. The SH decider will be between two mid teams Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore Castleiney whilst the Seamus O Riain will be decided between Killenaule and Templederry.



At the Féile na nGael Golden Jubilee ceremony at the entrance to Semple Stadium on Thursday October 28th (from left) Larry McCarthy (GAA President), Philip Ryan (rep. his late father Séamus O'Riain, a founder member), Eamon De Stafort (founder member), Roseanne Barrett (rep. her late father Tommy Barrett, a founder member) and Diarmuid Cahill (Féile na nGael Chairperson).

Monthly Commentary

GAA Special Congress October 2021

The GAA convened a Special Congress on Sat Oct 23rd to consider ten motions that were all deferred from the GAA Congress in Feb 2021. Of the ten motions up for decision Motion 18 and 19 from Congress 2021 were the most notable as they related to the restructuring of the Inter County Gaelic Football Championship. 168 delegates representing units from all over the world convened in Croke Park with each county's delegation halved due to Covid restrictions. Tipperary were represented by Joe Kennedy, Tim Floyd, Michael Power, Conor O'Dwyer (Coiste Peil) and Central Council Delegate Michael Bourke.

The following is a summary of the Motions considered.

- The Splitting of the role of Co-Development Officer to a Planning Training Officer and a Co Safety and Facilities Officer was passed by a 2 to 1 majority. A further motion for Counties and Provinces to amend their Bye Laws to accommodate this change was also passed.
- The appointment of an Audit and Risk Committee in each county was approved by a large majority.
- A Fermanagh Motion seeking that "A walkover shall not constitute the next game in a competition for those players and team officials involved in the team that has conceded the game" lost by 51% to 49%.
- Four motions from Ard Comhairle/International Workgroup and the Rules Advisory Committee relating to "World GAA" were deferred to a later date.
- Motion 18 which became known as **Football Proposal "A"** was seeking for the football championship to return to its traditional Provincial and All Ireland series with the qualifiers coming back into the mix as well as the new second Tier Championship for eliminated teams from Division 3 and 4-something that was due to come into place in 2020 before the Covid-19 Pandemic struck. This motion also required teams eliminated in the Preliminary Rounds in Ulster and Leinster crossing provinces to make up 8 teams in each Province. This Motion never gained traction in the debate leading up to the Special Congress and was heavily defeated on the day 90 to 10%.
- Motion 19 known as **Football Proposal "B"** became central to the debate and was really the main focal point of Special Congress. Tipperary were mandated by Co Committee to support this motion following urgings from Coiste Peil and our Co Senior Football Players and Management. The total eligible poll was 183 with just 90 of those split amongst the 32 counties with a further 34 votes from overseas units while 52 votes come from Central Council/Costi Bainisti itself. Many counties like Tipperary came out in advance and declared their intentions in favour of "B" along with Cork and Clare in Munster. As expected most the Leinster counties favoured the "B" proposal which was not surprising considering the dominance of Dublin in recent years. There were 22 speakers over the course of the debate on the floor at Congress with 10 in favor and 12 against (the majority from Ulster). After a 74-minute debate 168 delegates present voted and it needed 101 in favor to have the motion carried. Only 85 voted in favor which is 51% and not sufficient to carry the motion.



Former Uachtarán John Horan pictured above proposing the Football Proposal "B" Motion

Prior to the vote being taken, a few counties urged the proposer John Horan to defer a decision due to the uncertainty, but the former Uachtaran insisted on a decision which in hindsight may have been an error of judgement considering the weight of speakers against it. This included Coisti Bainisti member and world GAA Chairman Nial Ersking from Donegal who urged Delegates not to pass it. Considering the Croke Park Management Committee were divided on this motion it was a massive gamble not to defer it until next Congress to allow the necessary tweaking to carry it across the line. Afterwards there were calls for this subject to be re-visited especially from GPA's Tom Parsons who spoke passionately in favour on the floor of Congress. Uactaran Larry McCarthy agreed to review the result considering the demand for change so it looks like a new All-Ireland football championship structure will eventually happen but not in 2022.

Buíochas

Despite the lack of success in 2021 at Inter-County level we have enjoyed tremendous club championship over the past six months. The introduction of online ticketing has been challenging but our gate-checkers have responded tremendously, and we really appreciate their co-operation, and we are so fortunate to have them. Our I.T Advisor Maggie Fahey has been of great assistance in all this area as well as the streaming of our games. Following on from the high standards set by her predecessor Lisa Stapleton she has taken to the role and seamlessly adapted to the transition from a voluntary role to being now part of the full-time operations from Lar Na Pairce. Indeed, we have a top-class structure in Lar Na Pairce where everyone knows their roles, and all are willing to help out others as the need arises. Thanks to Siobhan, Maggie, Karen and Tom for their dedication and friendship and to Bernie who operates our payroll on a professional consultancy basis. Marion is still on hand to help with team gear which is a specialist role that only Marion could handle. We are fortunate to have five super GDA's who are totally committed, and their work is greatly appreciated. Co Games Manager Dinny Maher retires after Convention, and I thank him for his friendship and dedication over the years and hope he enjoys good health in his retirement.

Dr Morris Park is still kept at a high standard thanks to caretakers Pat Callaghan and Andy Fox under the watchful eye of John Ryan, Holycross who continues to act on an advisory capacity which is really appreciated. The appointment of new groundsman in Semple Stadium Padhraic Greene was a life saver following the departure of Dave Hanley and Pa Bourke who for many years had the Field of Legends in prime condition. Padhraic has brought his expertise from Croke Park and Abbottstown to bear on Semple Stadium and Dr Morris Park which are all-in top-class condition.

Tipperary Co Board and Semple Stadium Management Committee work in harmony which was required more than ever during the Pandemic over the past year. Thanks to Con, David, and Toby for embracing this concept which I hope will be progressed even further over the coming twelve months.

Our Sub Committees continue to toil under restricted conditions, but all are still very Pro Active, and we really appreciate their commitment. My working colleague Tom Maher is spread across many of these committees including CCC, Semple Stadium, Post Primary Schools and Coaching and his experience is a vital asset as he keeps all running smoothly in his own quiet and efficient way. Our Co Management Committee meet regularly as the Covid Restrictions landed us with additional powers to make decisions normally reserved for Co Committees. All of the Management Committee carry out the role of Designated Officers at match venues which is important in the current climate and are all happy to do so. Their presence is respected and appreciated by most. Jonathan Cullen and Jimmy Minogue joined the top table this year and they have built up a good working relationship with the other three "seasoned" campaigners. Joe Kennedy and Michael Power have soldiered with me over the past five years, and we have a loyalty and respect for each other that has played a big part in getting our objectives through in sometimes very challenging situations. I look forward to all five of us continuing this strong bond that leads to the effective running of County Board.

Conclusion

I sometimes feel like Robert Burns who wrote.

"The best laid plans of mice and men will often go astray and lead us nought but grief and pain, for promised joy".

My targets for the past two years all failed to come to fruition with my hope for more senior hurling success and continued senior football progress running aground. My dream of a new building in Dr Morris Park was delayed by Covid originally as we have our contractor, Cooldine Construction on standby for over 12 months. We decided to apply for a Sports Capital Grant from the 2021 Scheme during the pause period but an announcement here is deferred possibly until early 2022. One of the conditions of this scheme is if an application is successful, you cannot commence work until advised to do so. Unfortunately, rising prices due to Covid & Brexit will consume any possible grant at this stage. Regardless of this my hope is for a successful outcome to our grant application and a February 2022 commencement. If this happens, we should have brand new dressing rooms and a multipurpose room plus stores in Dr Morris Park before County Convention in 2022

One of my 2020 aspirations did come to pass with the successful introduction of the "Split Season". I think when we look back in years to come, we will realise how ridiculous it was trying to play club and Inter-County at the same time, leading to frustration and chaos. Apart from this the change has reduced costs for County Boards and improved the standards of our club championships. I look forward to even better club competition in 2022 as our new structures continue to bed in especially with the incentive of Munster Club now added to our Seamus O Riain, and raising it to championship status.

Our Cathaoirleach Joe Kennedy enters his second year with a steady hand at the helm. Over the next few weeks,

we hope to be in a position to make some major sponsorship announcements with new partners. Having companies placing their confidence in the Tipperary brand, it will put Tipperary GAA and Semple Stadium on a more firm financial footing. New managers putting up their hand and taking responsibility is very encouraging and I am very impressed with the enthusiasm they are showing to date. I am also hearing great reports from the high standards of games coming from our Post Primary School blitzes and the Peadar Cummins Tournament. We have over 200 young players currently in training or on programmes from ages 13 up to 19 in both hurling and football. All these players are being monitored under the supervision of the Setanta Academy. The future is bright for Tipperary GAA once it is managed by officers and committees who are dedicated and not restricted by parochial and self-interested visions. Tipperary will never be too far away from provincial and national honours, and we will continue to keep it that way. Roll on 2022-The Premier County hasn't gone away.

Crioch

Tá aithbhreithniú ar an mbliain atá thart faoi bhun ins an chuid is mó den leabhar comhdhála seo ach tá cuid mhaith pleanáil dos na toadhcháil le feiceáil freisin. Beidh cúpla fógrai móra ag an mBórd go luath, a iompróidh go mór ar imeachtaí CLG i dTiobraid Árann. Ina measc beidh nuacht ar Urraitheoirí nua dos na fóirne go leir, Cearta Aimniúcháin ar Stáid Semple, Comhphártaíocht le Foireann Setanta (ina ceanncheathrú nua in Áras na Sáirséalaigh) chun cláir a chur i bhfeidhm do Neart & Aeroiriúnaithe agus Ionad Acadamh nua do CLG Thiobraid Árann i gCúirt Liathróid Láimhe Dúrlais ar an mbealach isteach go Staid Semple.

Beimid ag súil le tosú úr i 2022 le foirne bhainistíochta nua i bhfeidhm san Iom Sin, Iom Faoi 20 agus Peil Min. Táimid dóchasach go dtógfar an foirgneamh nua i bPáirc Uí Mhuiris agus go gcríochnófar an chéad Páirc Uile-Aimsire sa chontae i Fiodh Ard (i gcomhphártaíocht le Coolmore).

B'fheidir nár cheart breithiúnas a dhéanamh ar chontae ar an méid trófaí atá buaite ach ar na huimhreacha atá ag imirt ár gluíchi agus ar chaighdeán na háiseanna atá againn. Tiocfaidh torthaí maithe má bhíonn na bunúsacha go leir i gceart agus ní bhíonn Lá na Maithreas rófhada uainn riamh i dTiobraid Árann.

Tiobraid Árann abú

Tadhg De Flóid

Runaí



Tipperary County Board officers at 2019 convention.

Roscrea Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the first All-Ireland Club SH Victory in 1971.



Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí an Chontae (County Competitions Control Committee) – C.C.C - Report 2021



Thomas Ó Meachair
(Rúnaí)

The past year of 2021 had the draws for the county quarter finals or semi-finals of the competitions that were played inter divisional as North v Mid and West v South. This coming year of 2022 will see North v South and Mid v West.

The C.C.C committee for 2021 was made up of the following. Cathaoirleach Jimmy Minogue, Runai Tom Maher (Non-voting), Cisteoir an Chontae Michael Power. Michael Tierney, Philip Delaney, Joe O Sullivan, Catherine Dunne, Michael Ryan, John Morrissey, Seamus Mullins, Eddie McCarthy, James Williams, John Costigan, Fixtures Analyst, John Ryan, Referees and John Neville, Bórd na Nóg. John Ryan has only a vote when dealing with referees' issues and John Neville has no vote, as his role is to inform the committee of Bord na Nóg issues only and does not have a role in CCC decision making outside of this. County Post Primary Schools are represented by Tom Maher.

25 C.C.C meetings were held during 2021. The number of meetings are rising again after tapering off in 2020. I would like to thank all the members who give freely of their time to attend the meetings. 6 new people came on to the committee and made it their own very quickly. The first five months of the year involved meetings and hearings online and I thank Maggie Fahy in the office for her help with this part of the CCCs work.

310 games were scheduled for the past year. This was an increase from the previous year.

I started last years report by saying what everyone was saying, **“A year like no other”** Indeed this year for the first four months was much the same. The lockdown for club games lasted into May and it was a breath of fresh air when we were allowed to return to play. Attendance continued to be limited and that lasted until October when 50% of capacity was allowed. That crowd limited has now been removed and let's hope that it will remain like that.

Gradings took place later this year than in other years, due to not really knowing when we might get to play games again. Provision was made with county management to make changes to the bye laws regarding grading of players. This was done so that junior games need not wait for higher grade of games to commence.

As a result of a DRA ruling, the bye laws that deal with transfers will have to be changed. Transfers is a subject that is dealt with by CCC. Changes will go before the convention tonight which will bring our transfer bye laws in line with the ruling of the DRA. I would ask everyone to make themselves knowledgeable on the changes made to the rules, from what was there over the past number of years.

This past year we got a taste of the split season. From 2022 we will get to know the pluses and minuses of it. The main part is that club will have full access to their players from around the middle of July up to the end of the year. The first six months will belong to inter county and managers involved with teams in this phase, and they will have full access to the players here.

The club season will be split into a period of around 13 to 15-16 (Depending on when the inter county for Tipperary ends) weeks for total county club games within the county. The second period will see the clubs enter the provincial and national stage which will involve around 6 weeks for provincial games and around 4 weeks for national club games. That's a total of around 24 to 26 weeks of club activity. The weeks that the provincial and national games are going ahead will also be used by the county to play championships that are not going forward to the higher stage and do not have players involved in county teams.

The PPs and Third level schools will fit into the October to March months as well. The All-Irelands finals have been brought back by about two weeks which puts pressure on those institutes. They try to complete their competitions between school tests and exams.

It all proves that the GAA never sleeps and is really a 52 week a year, work in progress.

Will there be time to complete all our championships for the coming year. It will be difficult, if we strive for more games in a tighter time frame. The tighter timeframe could be the minus part of the split season. The continuing use of extra time and the new phenomenal in the game, finish on the day, may well need to be used to get results in time to allow championships move forward.

The previously known cup competition for the Seamus O Riain Cup will now be known as the Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship, with the Seamus O Riain Cup presented to the winners. The winners will go forward to represent Tipperary in the Munster intermediate hurling championship. This is a plus for the teams involved in this competition. First it makes it a championship which it was not, and secondly will give the winners, who will be going senior the following year, a chance on the big stage at Munster and national level.

The intermediate hurling championship will remain as is, a very serious championship and a rung in the ladder for greater things. This championship has given us some great games in the past, with no one able to categorically say, at the start of the year, who will win.

The football championship will have a small change in the senior competition. Only the bottom team in each group will now contest the relegation. These four teams will play a semi-final. The third placed teams in each group will also play a semi-final with the winners of both moving into the Tom Cusack Cup semi-finals. The two losers of the fourth place semi-finals will contest the relegation final.

The u/21 championship in hurling and football has been dispensed with. This championship will now be played at u/19 level. This will relieve some of the logjam that the split season has caused. In previous years the u/21 football would have been played in the first three months, with the hurling at the end of the year. The time frame early in the year has now gone with the split season. This was shown this year in its true form, when the u/21 football was not played, and the hurling been fitted in where possible at the end of the year, and more than likely going into the new year. Nothing new you might say regarding the hurling, but the football would have no slot after the early part of the year going from us.

Next year and beyond just a minimum of 16 teams can complete in the senior and intermediate levels of hurling and football championships. This is because of a notion motion passed at Congress 2021.

The result of this from a Tipperary point of view, is that, to keep the divisional link. the divisions will need to play a championship involving only the teams in the various county championship. In other words, the teams that play for the Dan Breen cup, can only play in a divisional championship with the same teams involved. where the winners can link with the county championship. If other teams take part, then the link can not happen due to it involving more than 16 teams. A division can play a senior championship as before, but then cannot link into the county championship, again because of more than 16 teams. A division must also play a championship to have a link. If a division has not played championship in one or more of the grades where the minimum of 16 teams is required, then they cannot nominate a team in this case.

The County leagues in hurling and football will play in divisions. Each division will have twelve teams, divided up into two groups of six teams. The CCC can adjust, particular in the higher divisions, where the level of teams will come into play.

My old chestnut has not gone away. The need for All Weather pitches and the requirement of lights. I write about this every year, but nothing much seems to happen. The provision of Lights in additional grounds have dried up. Everyone wants to play games under lights in the fall of the year but do not provide such facilities themselves. With the split season, lights are essential to help to conclude the competitions. All weather is another facility that is needed. There is one coming on stream early next year. I do not know a lot about it, but I fear it may not fulfil our needs. The college in Thurles have proposals for all weather pitches. This project was delayed due to Covid-19 but again as I said in previous years, it will be 2025 before we see anything concrete. I will not be too far off in my opinion.

Another subject always mentioned in this report is referees. Can I first thank and compliment the referees and their officials for their time and help all year in getting our programme to a conclusion.

The worry of the number of referees is not coming to a halt. The number is decreasing and that decrees cannot be let continue. Clubs have a responsibility to make sure there are referees in their club. Make sure they are supported. Make sure they have umpires and help going about their yearly work. This generally does not happen. Some clubs have no referee, and this also should not be allowed to happen.

The abuse of referees needs to stop. Again, we say that every year, but is it listened to, No. What I am going to say are not original words, but is said all the time, and is true. *“Without referees there will be no games”* I can say no more but repeat that doing nothing here is quickly becoming an issue that will not be resolved quick enough to allow championships to continue. To stand still is detrimental. We have had several games in divisions called off this year due to the non-availability of a referee. Mark my words, that number will spiral. There will be only one winner in this scenario, and it will not be the games.



John McGrath, Loughmore Castleiney

County Senior Hurling Championship 2021 (Dan Breen Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REF
Group 1						
Round 1						
28/08/21	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	5.19	Drom-Inch	1.23	Peter Carroll
28/08/21	Dundrum	Eire Og Anacarty	0.18	Upperchurch/D	0.17	Phil Ryan
Round 2						
11/09/21	Semple Stadium	Upperchurch/D	3.14	Drom & Inch	1.17	John Dooley
12/09/21	Dundrum	Thurles Sarsfields	2.30	Eire Og Anacarty	1.13	Keith Delahunty
Round 3						
25/09/21	Cashel	Drom-Inch	2.15	Eire Og Anacarty	1.16	Sean Lonergan
25/09/21	Templemore	Thurles Sarsfields	3.24	Upperchurch/D	1.20	Sean Everard
Group 2						
Round 1						
28/08/21	Semple Stadium	Toomevara	2.20	Holycross Ballycahill	2.15	Keith Delahunty
29/08/21	Clonmel Sportsfield	Clonoulty Rossmore	0.24	Mullinahone	1.15	Kevin Jordan
Round 2						
11/09/21	Littleton	Mullinahone	1.21	Holycross Ballycahill	2.17	John McCormack
12/09/21	Semple Stadium	Toomevara	1.17	Clonoulty Rossmore	1.16	Kevin Jordan
Round 3						
25/09/21	Semple Stadium	Mullinahone	2.23	Toomevara	1.13	John Dooley
25/09/21	Boherlahan	Holycross/Ballycahill	3.14	Clonoulty/Rossmore	1.22	MI Kennedy
Group 3						
Round 1						
27/08/21	Semple Stadium	Kildangan	2.23	Loughmore Castleiney	2.22	John McCormack
28/08/21	Holycross	JK Brackens	1.16	Moycarkey Borris	1.13	John Dooley
Round 2						
12/09/21	Nenagh	Kildangan	1.23	JK Brackens	1.21	Sean Lonergan
12/09/21	Holycross	Loughmore Castleiney	1.26	Moycarkey Borris	3.17	Conor Doyle
Round 3						
24/09/21	Semple Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney	0.21	JK Brackens	1.13	Peter Carroll
26/09/21	Templemore	Kildangan	0.16	Moycarkey Borris	1.11	John McCormack
Group 4						
Round 1						
28/08/21	Moneygall	Borris-Ileigh	2.24	Roscrea	0.15	Alan Tierney
29/08/21	Toomevara	Kilruane MacDonaghs	1.26	Nenagh Eire Og	2.21	Conor Doyle
Round 2						
10/09/21	Semple Stadium	Kilruane MacDonaghs	2.24	Borris-Ileigh	2.21	Michael Kennedy
11/09/21	Toomevara	Nenagh Eire Og	2.22	Roscrea	0.26	Peter Carroll
Round 3						
26/09/21	Semple Stadium	Borris-Ileigh	1.16	Nenagh Eire Og	0.09	Kevin Jordan
26/09/21	Toomevara	Kilruane MacDonaghs	3.19	Roscrea	2.18	John Lillis
Preliminary Quarter finals						
08/10/21	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	2.21	Killenaule	0.12	Kieran Delaney
Quarter Finals						
15/10/21	Semple Stadium	Borris-Ileigh	1.24	Mullinahone	2.19	Kevin Jordan
16/10/21	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	2.19	Clonoulty Rossmore	1.14	Conor Doyle
16/10/21	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	4.15	Kilruane MacDonaghs	0.21	John McCormack
17/10/21	Semple Stadium	Kildangan	1.21	Upperchurch/D	0.13	Michael Kennedy
Semi Finals						
30/10/21	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	1.19	Kildangan	2.14	John McCormack
31/10/21	Semple Stadium	Loughmore C	1.18	Borris-Ileigh	1.15	Peter Carroll

Final

14/11/21 Semple Stadium Thurles Sarsfields 2.17 Loughmore Castleiney 0.23 Conor Doyle

Final Replay

28/11/21 Semple Stadium Loughmore Castleiney 2.14 Thurles Sarsfields 2.13 John McCormack

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 they played in the group stages. There was one preliminary quarter final, and in this Killenaule, who won the south championship, even though they were completing in Seamus O Riain, fell at that stage to Loughmore Castleiney.

Loughmore Castleiney emerged as winners of the Dan Breen after a memorable final which ended in stalemate at the first attempt. A last-minute point for Loughmore Castleiney drew the first game. Two weeks later they returned for the replay. Again, this was almost a carbon copy of the drawn game, only this time the last point from Loughmore Castleiney was the winning point instead of it been the drawn point as in the drawn match. The semi finals were close affairs with Thurles Sarsfields overcoming last year's champions Kildangan in a tight struggle and Loughmore Castleiney knocking out the 2019 champions Borris Ileigh. Mullinahone who came up from Seamus O Riain in 2020 were the surprise packages in the quarter finals. It took Borris Ileigh extra time before they could put them away in what was a memorable year yet again for them.

This championship has left us seeking more and we await 2022 with great expectation. John McGrath Loughmore Castleiney received the John Quirke man of the match award in the drawn game and John Meagher also of Loughmore Castleiney won the award in the replay.

County Senior Hurling Championships Relegation 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
09/10/2021	Clonoulty	Eire Og Anacarty	2.26	Holycross Ballycahill	2.22	Kevin Jordan
10/10/2021	Templemore	Moycarkey Borris	2.20	Roscrea	1.19	Phil Ryan
Final						
23/10/2021	Templetuohy	Holycross Ballycahill	1.15	Roscrea	1.12	Michael Kennedy

The bottom team in each of the four groups 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 Premier Intermediate for 2022 Roscrea who were promoted from Seamus O Riain a few years ago, now see themselves back in Premier Intermediate for 2022 after losing to Moycarkey Borris in a closely contested final

Seamus O Riain Cup 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1						
Round 1						
29/08/21	Cashel	Thurles Sarsfields	3.26	Carrick Swans	1.18	David Ryan
29/08/21	Nenagh	Kildangan	0.16	Burgess	0.14	Philip Kelly
Round 2						
11/09/21	Templederry	Thurles Sarsfields	2.18	Kildangan	0.12	Noel Cosgrave
12/09/21	The Ragg	Carrick Swans	1.15	Burgess	0.15	Sean Everard
Round 3						
25/09/21	The Ragg	Carrick Swan	0.15	Kildangan	0.15	David Ryan
26/09/21	Dolla	Burgess	0.17	Thurles Sarsfields	0.12	Paddy Ivors
Group 2						
Round 1						
28/08/21	Templederry	Clonakenny	1.21	Silvermines	2.18	Tom McGrath
29/08/21	Dolla	Templederry Kenyon'	5.20	Newport	1.17	Kieran Delaney
Round 2						
11/09/21	Templemore	Templederry Kenyons	1.25	Clonakenny	1.14	Ger Fitzpatrick
12/09/21	Nenagh	Newport	3.26	Silvermines	4.11	Philip Kelly

Round 3

25/09/21	Toomevara	Silvermines	0.19	Templederry Kenyon's	0.14	Alan Tierney
25/09/21	Nenagh	Clonakenny	1.20	Newport	0.17	John Cleary

Group 3**Round 1**

28/08/21	Boherlahan	Sean Treacys	0.19	Killenaule	0.19	Tom Loughnane
29/08/21	Borrisoleigh	Gortnahoe Glengoole	4.15	Ballina	1.20	Paddy Ivors

Round 2

11/09/21	Semple Stadium	Gortnahoe Glengoole	4.17	Sean Treacys	2.14	Alan Tierney
12/09/21	Borrisoleigh	Killenaule	1.17	Ballina	0.17	Gerry Treacy

Round 3

26/09/21	Littleton	Killenaule	1.16	Gortnahoe Glengoole	0.12	Ger Fitzpatrick
26/09/21	Newport	Ballina	4.22	Sean Treacys	1.12	John Butler

Group 4**Round 1**

29/08/21	Templemore	St Marys	1.23	Lorrha-Dorrha	1.20	Sean Everard
29/08/21	The Ragg	Cashel King Cormacs	1.23	Portroe	1.19	John Lillis

Round 2

11/09/21	Cloughjordan	Portroe	2.18	Lorrha-Dorrha	0.19	Kieran Delaney
12/09/21	Cahir	St Marys	1.21	Cashel King Cormacs	1.17	Tom Loughnane

Round 3

26/09/21	Moneygall	Cashel King Cormacs	1.25	Lorrha-Dorrha	2.17	Conor Doyle
26/09/21	Borrisoleigh	Portroe	1.18	St Marys	2.12	Phil Ryan

Quarter Finals

16/10/21	Nenagh	Cashel King Cormacs	1.17	Clonakenny	1.16	Alan Tierney
16/10/21	Templederry	Killenaule	1.21	Kildangan	0.18	John Dooley
17/10/21	Cashel	St Marys	1.21	Thurles Sarsfields	1.19	Peter Carroll
17/10/21	Templetuohy	Templederry Kenyon's	3.28	Gortnahoe Glengoole	2.15	Noel Cosgrave

Semi Finals

30/10/21	Golden	Killenaule	2.18	St Marys	1.16	John Dooley
31/10/21	The Ragg	Templederry Kenyon's	4.23	Cashel King Cormacs	1.11	Sean Everard

Final

14/11/21	Semple Stadium	Templederry Kenyon's	1.25	Killenaule	1.15	John Dooley
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The Seamus O Riain cup again provided us all with some great games during the year.

Templederry Kenyon's who defeated last year's intermediate champions Gortnahoe Glengoole in the quarter final, proved too strong for Cashel King Cormacs in the semi-finals, and eventually powered past Killenaule to take the honours. They will complete at the highest level in 2022 and will be a match for anyone. Templederry Kenyon's player Odhran Murphy received the John Quirke sponsored man of the match award.

From 2022 the Seamus O Riain Cup will be awarded for the newly named championship, Premier Intermediate. This championship will be played for by the same 16 teams that would have played in the Seamus O Riain Cup before it was renamed and given championship status.

Seamus O Riain Cup Relegation 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
09/10/21	Nenagh	Newport	0.25	Lorrha-Dorrha	0.14	Ger Fitzpatrick
09/10/21	Templederry	Sean Treacys	2.20	Burgess	1.16	John Dooley
Final						
14/11/21	Nenagh	Burgess	3.15	Lorrha Dorrha	0.16	Sean Lonergan

The bottom four teams in each of the four groups played in the semi-finals. There was an open draw to ascertain the games to be played. The two losers then played a final.

Lorrha Dorrha who reached the final of the competition in 2020 were in the other final in 2021. This was a final they did not wish to be in. Burgess the team that came down from senior the previous year were the opposition to Lorrha Dorrha. Burgess prevailed in the finish and will complete in the Premier Intermediate Championship this coming year.

County Intermediate Hurling Championship 2021 (Michael Maher Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1						
Round 1						
28/08/21	Toomevara	Moyne Templeuohy	1.26	Borrisokane	2.14	Padraig Skeffington
29/08/21	Clonoulty	Drom-Inch	3.14	Cappawhite	1.18	Noel Cosgrave
Round 2						
12/09/21	Templemore	Moyne/Templeuohy	1.12	Drom & Inch	0.15	Shane Hodgins
12/09/21	Newport	Borrisokane	4.20	Cappawhite	3.13	John Butler
Round 3						
26/09/21	Clonoulty	Moyne/Templeuohy	2.29	Cappawhite	1.13	Shane Hodgins
26/09/21	Dolla	Borrisokane	0.14	Drom & Inch	0.14	Kieran Delaney
Group 2						
Round 1						
28/08/21	Cahir GAA	Knockavilla Kickhams	2.20	Ballybacon Grange	1.16	Luke Foran
29/08/21	Holycross	Moneygall	3.18	Carrick Davins	1.17	Joe Leahy
Round 2						
12/09/21	Clonmel	Carrick Davins	2.18	Ballybacon Grange	1.13	David Ryan
12/09/21	Holycross	Knockavilla Kickhams	3.18	Moneygall	3.13	Paddy Ivors
Round 3						
26/09/21	Cahir	Knockavilla Kickhams	2.15	Carrick Davins	0.09	Keith Delahunty
26/09/21	Holycross	Moneygall	2.21	Ballybacon G	2.09	PJ Nolan
Group 3						
Round 1						
28/08/21	Golden	Boherlahan Dualla	2.15	Moyle Rovers	2/08	Shane Hodgins
29/08/21	Fethard	Kilsheelan Kilcash	1.21	Golden Kilfeacle	1.14	Michael Kennedy
Round 2						
11/09/21	Cahir	Kilsheelan Kilcash	2.18	Boherlahan Dualla	0.13	Donie Horan
11/09/21	Cashel	Moyle Rovers	0.18	Golden Kilfeacle	0.16	Luke Foran
Round 3						
26/09/21	New Inn	Golden Kilfeacle	1.09	Boherlahan Dualla	0.06	Paul Guinan
26/09/21	Clonmel	Kilsheelan Kilcash	3.14	Moyle Rovers	1.13	Luke Foran
Group 4						
Round 1						
27/08/21	Dolla	Ballinahinch	0.24	Shannon Rovers	1.18	John Cleary
28/08/21	Littleton	Ballingarry	3.20	Arravale Rovers	1.11	PJ Nolan
Round 2						
12/09/21	Templederry	Shannon Rovers	0.21	Arravale Rovers	1.18	John Dooley
12/09/21	Clonoulty	Ballinahinch	2.18	Ballingarry	2.18	Joe Leahy
Round 3						
26/09/21	Templeuohy	Ballingarry	1.20	Shannon Rovers	0.19	Tom Loughnane
26/09/21	Dundrum	Ballinahinch	0.22	Arravale Rovers	0.15	Noel Cosgrave
Preliminary Quarter Final						
10/10/21	Holycross	Moneygall	4.23	Cappawhite	0.18	Paddy Ivors
Quarter Final						
16/10/21	Littleton	Moyne/Templeuohy	2.27	Golden Kilfeacle	1.11	Paddy Ivors
16/10/21	Dundrum	Kilsheelan Kilcash	1.22	Ballinahinch	1.12	Joe Leahy
17/10/21	Templemore	Moneygall	1.19	Ballingarry	1.16	Phil Ryan
17/10/21	Clonoulty	Knockavilla Kickhams	1.19	Drom-Inch	2.13	Philip Kelly
Semi Finals						
31/10/21	Boherlahan	Moyne Templeuohy	3.20	Knockavilla Kickhams	2.10	Keith Delahunty

31/10/21	Littleton	Kilsheelan Kilcash	3.19	Moneygall	1.13	Kevin Jordan
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Final

13/11/21	Littleton	Moyne Templeuohy	2.18	Kilsheelan Kilcash	1.20	Philip Kelly
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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 final. with first in a group playing second in a group. A preliminary quarter final was played as Cappawhite failed to qualify from their group but won the west final. In the Preliminary Quarter Final Cappawhite were defeated by Monaygall.

Moyne Templeuohy who were defeated in the final of 2020, took one step more and went home with the title. This was one of the best games of the year and in the final ten minutes the title was up for grabs for either team. Kilsheelan Kilcash will be back, there is no doubt of that. The intermediate championship is a competition that is impossible to foretell who might end up winners. It's the one championship that almost all the 16 teams that set out could survive all the way.

The best of luck to Moyne Templeuohy in the Premier Intermediate in 2022

County Intermediate Hurling Championship Relegation 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
09/10/21	Cahir Park	Ballybacon Grange	1.22	Arravale Rovers	0.25	Gerry Treacy
(Ballybacon Grange win 3-1 on Penalties)						
16/10/21	Bansha	Cappawhite	1.16	Moyle Rovers	1.13	Tom Loughnane
Final						
31/10/21	Golden	Arravale Rovers	0.13	Moyle Rovers	0.09	Ger Fitzpatrick

The bottom four teams in each of the groups played in the semi-finals which were open draw. In the semi-finals Ballybacon Grange got over Arravale Rovers in a penalty shootout. They had better luck in the final where they overcame Moyle Rovers.

County Junior A Hurling Championship (D.P Walsh Cup) 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
31/10/21	Dolla	Holycross Ballycahill	1.18	Nenagh Eire Og	2.13	Phil Ryan
31/10/21	Cahir Park	Skeheenarinky	1.15	Galtee Rovers	1.11	Alan Tierney
Final						
13//11/21	Golden	Skeheenarinky	0.19	Holycross Ballycahill	0.12	Phil Ryan

Skeheenarinky were winners of this championship and caused great excitement in the area. Holycross Ballycahill were in the unique situation of losing two junior A finals in the one year, 2020 and 2021. 2020 was played this year due to Covid-19 restrictions in 2020.

Skeheenarinky will now play in the intermediate championship in 2022. I am sure they will prepare well and aim to remain there and hopefully be completing for top honours.

County Junior B Hurling Championship (Tim Maher Cup) 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
13/11/21	Moneygall	Kildangan	1.17	JK Brackens	1.12	Ger Fitzpatrick
14/11/21	Golden	Clonoulty Rossmore	2.20	Clerihan	1.07	Shane Hodgins
Final						
21/11/21	Newport	Clonoulty Rossmore	3.15	Kiladangan	1.12	John Butler

Clerihan were the surprise team to reach the county semi final but came up against a strong Clonoulty Rossmore team and found them too difficult to handle. Clonoulty Rossmore went on to win the Tim Maher Cup when they came up against the north champions, Kiladangan, and they also proved too strong for them.

County U19 "A" Hurling Championship 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
18/09/21	Dolla	Thurles Sarsfields	6.23	Kildangan	4.05	Phil Ryan
22/09/21	Dr Morris Pk	St Marys	4.14	Knockavilla Kickhams	2.17	Alan Tierney
Final						
09/10/21	Cashel	Thurles Sarsfields	0.18	St Marys	0.12	David Ryan

This was the first year of the U/19 championship. Thurles Sarsfields received a real fright in the semi final from Kiladangan when they found themselves down around seven points in the first quarter. They picked themselves up and ran out easy winners. They got over St Marys in the final after a strong showing from the Clonmel men.

County U19 "B" Hurling Championship 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
18/09/21	Borrisoleigh	Holycross Ballycahill	3.27	Ballinahinch/Templederry	2.14	Luke Foran
21/09/21	Dr Morris Pk	Eire Og/Sean Treacys	3.08	Grangemockler Ballyneale	0.08	Joe Leahy
Final						
02/10/21	Clonoulty	Holycross Ballycahill	1.19	Eire Og/Sean Treacys	2.13	Luke Foran

Again, like the U/19A, the B was also a new championship. Holycross Ballycahill continued their good run at underage competition in taking this championship. They were made fight all the way by Eire Og/Sean Treacys in the final but emerged three point winners.

County Senior Hurling League

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1 (A) (Johnny Ryan Cup)						
Round 1						
14/06/21	Borrisoleigh	Kilruane MacDonaghs	4.10	Borris-Ileigh	0.22	Peter Carroll
15/06/21	Toomevara	Toomevara	3.19	Loughmore-Castleiney	0.16	John McCormack
Round 2						
27/06/21	Toomevara	Borris-Ileigh	1.21	Toomevara	0.22	Peter Carroll
27/06/21	Cloughjordan	Kilruane MacDonaghs	1.18	Loughmore Castleiney	1.16	John Cleary
Round 3						
11/07/21	Borrisoleigh	Borris Ileigh	W/O	Loughmore Castleiney	Conceded	
11/07/21	Cloughjordan	Toomevara	3.21	Kilruane MacDonaghs	0.18	Ger Fitzpatrick
Group 1 (B)						
Round 1						
12/06/21	Roscrea	Nenagh Eire Og	1.22	Roscrea	1.22	Alan Tierney
13/06/21	Templemore	Thurles Sarsfields	1.23	JK Brackens	2.14	Sean Everard
Round 2						
27/06/21	Nenagh	Nenagh Eire Og	3.16	JK Brackens	2.13	Philip Kelly
27/06/21	Outside Field	Thurles Sarsfields	4.12	Roscrea	0.14	Seamus Delaney
Round 3						
11/07/21	McDonagh Pk	Thurles Sarsfields	W/O	Nenagh Eire Og	Conceded	
11/07/21	Templemore	Roscrea	4.15	JK Brackens	1.15	John Dooley
Final						
25/07/21	The Ragg	Borris-Ileigh	4.18	Thurles Sarsfields	1.15	Conor Doyle

Group 2 (A) (Jim Devitt Cup)**Round 1**

10/06/21	The Ragg	Upperchurch-D	2.20	Drom-Inch	2.16	Seamus Delaney
12/06/2021	Clonoulty	Clonoulty/Rossmore	2.25	Kildangan	2.13	Michael Kennedy

Round 2

27/06/21	The Ragg	Kildangan	3.15	Drom & Inch	0.16	Kevin Jordan
27/06/21	Clonoulty	Upperchurch-D	2.19	Clonoulty Rossmore	1.19	John Dooley

Round 3

11/07/21	Clonoulty	Drom-Inch	3.19	Clonoulty Rossmore	1.23	Conor Doyle
11/07/21	Drombane	Kildangan	1.18	Upperchurch-D	0.20	Noel Cosgrave

Group 2 (B)**Round 1**

13/06/21	Littleton	Moycarkey-Borris	0.16	Carrick Swan	1.09	John Dooley
13/06/21	Anacarty	Eire Og Anacarty	0.19	Holycross Ballycahill	2.10	Phil Ryan

Round 2

20/06/21	Pairc na hEalaí	Eire Og Anacarty	1.16	Carrick Swan	0.10	Paul Guinan
20/06/21	Holycross	Mullinahone	5.18	Holycross Ballycahill	2.21	Kieran Delaney

Round 3

27/06/21	Anacarty	Moycarkey Borris	1.17	Eire Og Anacarty	0.19	John McCormack
27/06/21	Mullinahone	Mullinahone	1.16	Carrick Swans	1.13	Noel Cosgrave

Round 4

06/07/21	Littleton	Moycarkey Borris	3.21	Mullinahone	1.14	Tom Loughnane
06/07/21	Pairc na hEalaí	Holycross- B	2.18	Carrick Swans	0.19	Noel Cosgrave

Round 5

11/07/21	Holycross	Moycarkey Borris	3.25	Holycross Ballycahill	0.14	Joe Leahy
11/07/21	Mullinahone	Mullinahone	2.15	Eire Og Anacarty	0.14	Brian Tyrell

Final

24/07/21	Templemore	Kildangan	2.23	Moycarkey Borris	0.21	Noel Cosgrave
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Group 3 (A) (Dr Fogarty Cup)**Round 1**

13/06/21	Newport	Newport	2.11	Sean Treacys	0.16	Philip Kelly
15/06/21	Clonakenny	Clonakenny	2.13	Silvermines	1.16	John Butler

Round 2

27/6/21	Dolla	Silvermines	0.18	Newport	1.15	Pat O'Mahony
27/6/21	Kilcommon	Sean Treacys	1.21	Clonakenny	2.17	James Lees

Round 3

11/07/21	Clonakenny	Clonakenny	3.17	Newport	2.18	Gerry Treacy
15/07/21	Kilcommon	Sean Treacys	2.19	Silvermines	1.16	John Butler

Group 3 (B)**Round 1**

12/06/21	Killenaule	Killenaule	0.22	St Marys	0.14	Paddy Ivors
13/06/21	Gortnahoe	Cashel King Cormacs	2.14	Gortnahoe Glengoole	1.17	Tom McGrath

Round 2

25/06/22	Killenaule	Gortnahoe Glengoole	2.17	Killenaule	3.12	Paddy Ivors
27/06/21	Cashel	Cashel King Cormacs	4.17	St Marys	0.16	Michael Kennedy

Round 3

11/07/21	Clonmel	St Marys	3.20	Gortnahoe-Glengoole	0.10	Paddy Ivors
11/07/21	Cashel	Cashel King Cormacs	1.14	Killenaule	0.16	Kevin Jordan

Group 3 (C)**Round 1**

12/06/21	Portroe	Portroe	0.27	Lorrha-Dorrha	0.18	Peter Carroll
13/06/21	Ballina	Templederry Kenyon's	4.21	Ballina	0.12	Conor Doyle

Round 2

27/06/21	Portroe	Templderry Kenyon's	3.22	Portroe	0.15	Kieran Delaney
01/07/21	Ballina	Ballina	0.22	Lorrha-Dorrha	2.13	Peter Carroll

Round 3

11/07/21	Portroe	Ballina	1.22	Portroe	2.14	Alan Tierney
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11/07/21	Templederry	Templederry Kenyon's	4.19	Lorrha Dorrha	1.21	Philip Kelly
Semi Final						
23/07/21	Cashel	Templederry Kenyon's	2.21	Cashel King Cormacs	1.18	Kevin Jordan
Final						
01/08/21	Newport	Templederry Kenyon's	0.31	Sean Treacys	1.18	Philip Kelly

Group 4 (A) (James Holohan Cup)**Round 1**

13/06/21	Ballingarry	Ballingarry	W/O	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Conceded	
15/06/21	Cappawhite	Cappawhite	5.18	Knockavilla Kickhams	1.17	Gerry Treacy

Round 2

20/06/21	Dundrum	Ballingarry	W/O	Knockavilla Kickhams	Conceded	
23/06/21	Kilsheelan	Carrick Davins	3.15	Kilsheelan Kilcash	2.10	Paddy Ivors

Round 3

27/6/21	Davin Park	Carrick Davins	2.15	Knockavilla Kickhams	0.13	Sean Lonergan
27/06/21	O Sullivan Pk	Ballingarry	2.13	Cappawhite	2.13	Paul Guinan

Round 4

04/07/21	Dundrum	Knockavilla Kickhams	W/O	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Conceded	
04/07/21	Cappawhite	Carrick Davins	2.12	Cappawhite	1.12	Richard O Connor

Round 5

11/07/21	Kilsheelan	Cappawhite	W/O	Kilsheelan	Conceded	
11/07/21	Devin Park	Carrick Davins	2.20	Ballingarry	0.20	Philip Keane

Group 4 (B)**Round 1**

13/06/21	Goatenbridge	Ballybacon/Grange	2.17	Moyle Rovers	0.15	Seanie Peters
13/06/21	Golden	Arravale Rovers	1.17	Golden-Kilfeacle	1.15	Paddy Russell

Round 2

27/6/21	Monroe	Golden Kilfeacle	1.19	Moyle Rovers	0.10	Tom Loughnane
27/6/21	STP	Ballybacon Grange	1.14	Arravale Rovers	0.17	Paddy Russell

Round 3

11/07/21	STP	Arravale Rovers	2.19	Moyle Rovers	0.18	Donie Horan
11/07/21	Goatenbridge	Ballybacon/Grange	3.10	Golden-Kilfeacle	3.10	David Grogan

Group 4 (C)**Round 1**

11/06/21	Clonoulty	Clonoulty/Rossmore	3.14	Drom-Inch	0.09	Noel Cosgrave
12/06/21	Moneygall	Moneygall	3.16	Ballinahinch	0.16	Shane Hodgins

Round 2

25/6/21	The Ragg	Ballinahinch	2.23	Drom-Inch	0.14	John Butler
25/6/21	Moneygall	Moneygall	3.17	Clonoulty Rossmore	1.18	Shane Hodgins

Round 3

09/07/21	Moneygall	Moneygall	1.23	Drom-Inch	0.20	Pat O'Mahoney
11/07/21	Clonoulty	Ballinahinch	1.15	Clonoulty Rossmore	1.11	PJ Nolan

Group 4 (D)**Round 1**

12/06/21	Ballinderry	Borrisokane	2.15	Shannon Rovers	1.19	Ger Fitzpatrick
13/06/21	Templetuohy	Moyne/Templetuohy	3.25	Boherlahan Dualla	1.19	Tom Loughnane

Round 2

24/06/21	Ballinderry	Shannon Rovers	2.14	Moyne Templetuohy	1.17	Ger Fitzpatrick
26/6/21	Boherlahan	Borrisokane	2.16	Boherlahan Dualla	1.18	Conor Doyle

Round 3

11/07/21	Borrisokane	Borrisokane	2.16	Moyne Templetuohy	0.19	John Cleary
11/07/21	Boherlahan	Shannon Rovers	2.17	Boherlahan	0.18	Seamus Delaney

Semi Final

24/07/21	Newport	Shannon Rovers	2.18	Arravale Rovers	1.17	John Butler
25/07/21	Holycross	Moneygall	2.18	Carrick Davins	0.18	John Dooley

Final

30/07/21	Borrisokane	Moneygall	2.20	Shannon Rovers	1.19	John Cleary
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The league for 2021 was mainly run as games to help gear up the clubs for the championships. The club season was not allowed to commence until May due to restrictions enforced due to Covid-19.

For 2022 the league will be run in divisions. Each division will have 12 teams divided into groups of 6. We thank all the clubs for their help in running the leagues over the past year.

County Senior Football Championship (O 'Dwyer Cup) 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1						
Round 1						
03/09/21	Ballyporeen	Cahir	1-10	Aherlow	1-14	Brian Tyrell
04/09/21	Cashel	Moyle Rovers	3-9	Upperchurch-D	0-9	Michael Duffy
Round 2						
19/09/21	Cashel	Moyle Rovers	2.14	Aherlow	1.06	Derek O'Mahoney
19/09/21	Boherlahan	Upperchurch-D	1.13	Cahir	1.07	Tom Loughnane
Round 3						
02/10/21	Golden	Upperchurch-D	0.12	Aherlow	0.04	Sean Lonergan
02/10/21	Clonmel	Moyle Rovers	2.07	Cahir	1.05	David Grogan
Group 2						
Round 1						
02/09/21	Boherlahan	Éire Óg Anacarty	0-9	Moyne/Templetuohy	1-14	Tom Loughnane
04/09/21	Ardfinnan	Kilsheelan Kilcash	2.12	Ballyporeen	0.12	Derek O Mahoney
Round 2						
18/09/21	Cashel	Kilsheelan Kilcash	1.12	Moyne Templetuohy	0.10	David Grogan
18/09/21	Bansha	Eire Og Anacarty	0.09	Ballyporeen	0.09	Seanie Peters
Round 3						
03/10/21	Boherlahan	Eire Og Anacarty	1.09	Kilsheelan Kilcash	0.07	Seanie Peters
03/10/21	Cashel	Ballyporeen	1.14	Moyne Templetuohy	0.12	Tom Loughnane
Group 3						
Round 1						
05/09/21	Cahir	Clonmel Commercials	4.17	Ardfinnan	1.07	Seanie Peters
05/09/21	Golden	Arravale Rovers	2.15	Moycarkey Borris	0.12	Sean Lonergan
Round 2						
19/09/21	Cahir	Clonmel Commercials	6.23	Arravale Rovers	1.04	John Butler
19/09/21	Golden	Ardfinnan	0.13	Moycarkey Borris	0.09	Paddy Russell
Round 3						
02/10/21	Cahir	Ardfinnan	2.12	Arravale Rovers	0.07	Brian Tyrell
03/10/21	Killenaule	Clonmel Commercials	W/O	Moycarkey Borris	Conceded	
Group 4						
Round 1						
04/09/21	Holycross	Rockwell Rovers	1-8	JK Brackens	5-11	Tom Loughnane
04/09/21	Littleton	Loughmore-Castleiney	2-10	Killenaule	0-11	David Grogan
Round 2						
18/09/21	Fethard	Killenaule	1.12	Rockwell Rovers	1.07	Brian Tyrell
18/09/21	Templetuohy	JK Brackens	0.10	Loughmore Castleiney	0.10	Sean Everard
Round 3						
02/10/21	Templetuohy	JK Brackens	0.14	Killenaule	2.07	Paddy Russell
02/10/21	Holycross	Loughmore Castleiney	2.10	Rockwell Rovers	0.09	Derek O'Mahoney
Semi Finals						
06/11/21	Golden	Loughmore Castleiney	1.08	Moyle Rovers	1.07	Seanie Peters
07/11/21	Boherlahan	Clonmel Commercials	2.11	JK Brackens	1.10	Sean Everard
Final						
27/09/2020	Semple Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney	1.12	Clonmel Commercials	1.11	Derek O Mahoney

The county senior football championship had 16 teams taking part in which they played in four groups of four. The top two teams in each group made their way to the quarter finals. These quarter finals were back this year after missing out last year due to Covid-19 restrictions and time constraints.

Yet again what a final we had. Loughmore Castleiney pulled it out of the fire in the last minute with a great John McGrath goal. It left no time for Clonmel Commercials to get the equalising point that would have sent us all to extra time. Clonmel Commercials were up on the score board throughout the game until the final blow was struck. The Commercials were seeking a three in a row of county titles, but these are not easy got. Records don't come easy.

The quarter finals were reached by the 8 teams that would have been on most people's lips at the start of the campaign. In the semi-finals, Loughmore Castleiney after getting over a hard quarter final against Kilsheelan Kilcash by one point, overcame Moyne Rovers in the semi-finals also by one point, this of course was followed by a one-point win in the final. JK Brackens after reaching the final in 2019 have not gone away either and will have a say in the future. They lost to Clonmel Commercials by four points.

John McGrath Loughmore Castleiney received the John Quirke Man of the match award.

Tom Cusack Cup 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Quarter Finals						
23/10/21	Dundrum	Rockwell Rovers	3.13	Arravale Rovers	0.10	David Grogan
24/10/21	The Ragg	Eire Og Anacarty	1.14	Moycarkey Borris	0.09	Tom McGrath
24/10/21	Fethard	Killenaule	0.13	Cahir	1.05	John Butler
24/10/21	New Inn	Aherlow	2.14	Moyne T	1.11	Brian Tyrell
Semi Finals						
06/11/21	New Inn	Aherlow	0.17	Killenaule	1.11	Tom Loughnane
07/11/21	Dundrum	Rockwell Rovers	3.07	Eire Og Anacarty	0.06	Paddy Russell
Final						
20/11/21	Sean Treacy Park	Rockwell Rovers	1.07	Aherlow	0.09	Sean Lonergan

Rockwell Rovers who were promoted from Intermediate in 2020 will be delighted not only to survive in senior, but to take a trophy as well. A point victory in the final over their neighbours Aherlow was enough to see them home.

County Senior Football Relegation 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
05/11/21	Littleton	Moycarkey Borris	4.05	Moyne Templetuohy	1.10	John Butler
07/11/21	Ardfinnan	Arravale Rovers	3.14	Cahir	0.13	Derek O'Mahoney
Final						
21/11/21	Boherlahan GAA	Cahir	3.08	Moyne Templetuohy	1.05	Paddy Russell

The four teams that lost the Tom Cusack cup quarter finals went into the relegation semi-finals. In the semi finals Moycarkey Borris defeated Moyne Templetuohy and Arravale Rovers defeated Cahir. The final gave Cahir the lifeline of surviving in senior for 2022. Moyne Templetuohy after a few years completing at senior level will take part at intermediate.

County Intermediate Football Championship (Barrett Cup) 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Group 1						
Round 1						
04/09/21	Fethard	Mullinahone	4.10	Clonmel Óg	1.08	Michael Kennedy
Round 2						
19/09/21	Pairc na hEalaí	Grangemockler/B	1.12	Mullinahone	1.08	Michael Kennedy
Round 3						
03/10/21	Fethard	Grangemockler/B	1.15	Clonmel Óg	2.07	Keith Delahunty
Group 2						
Round 1						
04/09/21	Cahir	Fethard	1.09	Golden Kilfeacle	0.12	Keith Delahunty
05/09/21	Cahir	Clonmel Commercials	8.16	Loughmore Castleiney	0.03	Donie Horan

Round 2

18/09/21	Littleton	Golden Kilfeacle	0.14	Loughmore Castleiney	2.07	Paul Guinan
18/09/21	Monroe	Clonmel Commercials	2.04	Fethard	0.10	Keith Delahunty

Round 3

02/10/21	Littleton	Fethard	2.12	Loughmore Castleiney	0.05	Joe Leahy
02/10/21	New Inn	Golden Kilfeacle	1.11	Clonmel Commercials	0.07	Jonathan Cullen

Group 3**Round 1**

04/09/21	Dundrum	Galtee Rovers	1.15	Drom-Inch	1.08	John Butler
05/09/21	New Inn	Fr Sheehys	3.11	Cashel King Cormacs	0.11	Paddy Russell

Round 2

18/09/21	Cahir	Galtee Rovers	4.15	Father Sheehys	1.08	Richard O'Connor
19/09/21	Holycross	Drom-Inch	2.21	Cashel King Cormacs	0.05	Jonathan Cullen

Round 3

03/10/21	Golden	Galtee Rovers	1.12	Cashel King Cormacs	0.03	David Grogan
03/10/21	New Inn	Drom-Inch	2.15	Fr Sheehys	1.09	Donie Horan

Group 4**Round 1**

05/09/21	Templemore	Clonoulty Rossmore	4.15	Borrisokane	1.10	Sean Everard
05/09/21	Boherlahan	JK Brackens	2.10	Moyle Rovers	2.09	Jonathan Cullen

Round 2

18/09/21	Templemore	Moyle Rovers	2.13	Borrisokane	2.03	Tom McGrath
19/09/21	The Ragg	JK Brackens	2.07	Clonoulty Rossmore	0.06	Pat O'Mahoney

Round 3

03/10/21	Moneygall	JK Brackens	W/O	Borrisokane	Conceded	
03/10/21	Boherlahan	Clonoulty Rossmore	5.16	Moyle Rovers	2.10	Michael Kennedy

Quarter Finals

22/10/21	New Inn	Galtee Rovers	3.11	Mullinahone	2.11	Michael Kennedy
23/10/21	Clonoulty	Drom-Inch	1.09	Golden Kilfeacle	1.08	Jonathan Cullen
23/10/21	Littleton	Fethard	1.10	JK Brackens	0.02	Paddy Russell
24/10/21	Cahir	Grangemockler/B	4.14	Clonoulty Rossmore	1.05	Keith Delahunty

Semi Final

06/11/21	Littleton	Drom-Inch	0.10	Fethard	0.05	Donie Horan
06/11/21	Cahir	Grangemockler/B	3.11	Galtee Rovers	1.07	Brian Tyrell

Final

21/11/21	Semple Stadium	Drom-Inch	2.11	Grangemockler B	0.09	David Grogan
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15 teams contested the intermediate championships in 3 groups of four and 1 group of three. The top 2 teams in each group completed in the quarter finals by means of an open draw.

Drom and Inch who came down from senior a few years ago have returned to the senior ranks. I suppose Drom and Inch would not have been the team expected to win the intermediate, but once they went out of the hurling, then it became quite a possibility. Grangemockler Ballyneale have now lost two finals in a row which is a major disappointment to them. They must now rise and make another effort to climb the ladder and make that senior position.

Robbie Long Drom and Inch received the John Quirke man of the match award.

There was no relegation from intermediate football this year as only 15 teams took part, where the number should be 16

County Junior (A) Football Championship (John Bourke Cup) 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
06/11/21	Templederry	Ballina	0.12	Thurles Sarsfields	0.07	David Grogan
07/11/21	Clonmel	Knockavilla Kickhams	2.06	Carrick Swans	1.07	Keith Delahunty
Final						
20/11/21	Kilcommon	Ballina	3.11	Knockavilla Kickhams	1.02	Sean Everard

Ballina proved much stronger than Knockavilla Kickhams in the final. They were run close enough against Thurles Sarsfields in the semi-final, but in the final, they stepped it up quite a bit. They will be strong enough at intermediate level next year and a lot of teams at that level will not be looking forward to playing them.

County Junior (B) Football Championship (Dr Marsh Cup) 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
14/11/21	The Ragg	Nenagh Eire Og	1.08	Clonakenny	0.05	Richard O Connor
23/11/21	New Inn	Aherlow	1.09	Grangemockler/B	0.10	Joe Leahy
Final						
28/11/21	Borrisoleigh	Nenagh Eire Og	0.11	Aherlow	0.06	Tom Loughnane

It's great to see Nenagh Eire Og back in the football limelight again. A club as large as them are quite capable of competing in the big ball competitions as they have other years. They won their semi-final and final by 5 points and can look forward to moving up to junior A in 2022.

County U19 "A" Football Championship 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
13/11/21	Bansha	Clonmel Commercials	1.12	Arravale Rovers	1.07	Derek O Mahoney
14/11/21	Dolla	Ballina	1.07	JK Brackens	1.04	John Butler
Final						
27/11/21	The Ragg	Ballina	0.07	Clonmel Commercials	0.06	Seanie Peters

In the space of 7 days, Ballina won two county finals in football. In the u/19 football, they had to defeat Clonmel Commercials who over a period of 6 days were the opposite to Ballina, when they lost two county finals. Small margins for the Clonmel side when they lost both by one point.

Great credit must be given to Ballina who fought hard to overcome the Commercials and were well deserving of their first, and indeed the first in the county u/19 A football title.

County U19 "B" Football Championship 2021

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Finals						
05/11/21	Dr Morris Pk	Cappawhite Gaels	4.06	Mullinahone	0.02	Jonathan Cullen
07/11/21	STP	Upperchurch/D	4.18	Newport	1.05	Pat O'Mahony
Final						
20/11/21	Dundrum	Cappawhite Gaels	1.08	Upperchurch/D	1.08	Keith Delahunty
(Cappawhite won 4-3 on penalties)						

A new competition this year in football and what a finish it provided. Maybe penalties is not the way to finish an under age championship, but it does generate excitement. The time frame allowed, plus a u/21 competition to try and play meant that finish on the day had to be played.

The final was level after the regular time. They were level after extra time, then the penalties. Cappawhite Gaels easily overcame Mullinahone in the semi finals whilst Upperchurch Drombane had it easy also against Newport in the other semi-final. The final was close all through the game which the need for penalties shows.

County Adult Football League (Dr Clifford Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Division 1(Dr Clifford Cup)						
Group 1 (A)						
Round 1						
26/6/2021	Clonmel	Clonmel Commercials	W/O	Arravale Rovers	Conceded	
Round 2						

04/07/21	STP	Ardfinnan	W/O	Arravale Rovers	Conceded	
Round 3						
18/07/21	Ardfinnan	Clonmel Commercials	3.17	Ardfinnan	0.07	David Grogan
Group 1 (B)						
Round 1						
20/06/21	Monroe	Moyle Rovers	W/O	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Conceded	
Round 2						
02/07/21	Kilsheelan	JK Brackens	1.10	Kilsheelan Kilcash	1.06	Paddy Ivors
Round 3						
17/07/21	Templemore	JK Brackens	2.11	Moyle Rovers	0.11	Sean Everard
Group 1 (C)						
Round 1						
20/06/21	Lisvernane	Aherlow	1.15	Rockwell Rovers	1.06	Michael Duffy
20/06/21	Ballyporeen	Ballyporeen	4.06	Cahir	1.10	David Grogan
Round 2						
04/07/21	New Inn	Ballyporeen	1.13	Rockwell Rovers	1.07	Michael Duffy
04/07/21	Cahir	Cahir	0.11	Aherlow	0.07	Brian Tyrell
Round 3						
18/07/21	Cahir GAA	Cahir	W/O	Rockwell Rovers	Conceded	
18/07/21	Lisvernane	Aherlow	3.09	Ballyporeen	1.10	Michael Duffy
Semi Final						
1/08/21	Cashel	Clonmel Commercials	2.08	JK Brackens	1.10	Michael Duffy
Final						
8/08/21	Cahir	Clonmel Commercials	1.14	Aherlow	0.09	Sean Lonergan
Group 2 (A) (Tipperarymans Cup)						
Round 1						
20/06/21	Golden	Clonmel Óg	2.14	Golden-Kilfeacle	2.06	Seanie Peters
Round 2						
02/07/21	Ned Hall Park	Clonmel Og	1.10	Fethard	0.08	Martin Doyle
Round 3						
18/07/21	Fethard	Fethard	W/O	Golden Kilfeacle	Conceded	
Group 2 (B)						
Round 1						
20/06/21	Bansha	Galtee Rovers	2.13	Grangemockler	0.14	Richard O'Connor
Round 2						
04/07/21	Grangemockler	Clonmel Commercials	2.10	Grangemockler B	0.12	Keith Delahunty
Round 3						
21/07/21	Clonmel	Clonmel Commercials	1.08	Galtee Rovers	1.02	Keith Delahunty
Group 2						
Final						
6/08/21	Ned Hall Pk O Mahoney	Clonmel Commercials	3.16	Clonmel Og	1.10	Derek

Like the hurling, the football league was run as a competition to give clubs match time before the championship. The worry was that walkovers continued. Around 30% of the league games were walkovers. If the football league is to be a success, this trend needs to stop.

I would appeal to clubs, not to enter the football league if they do not intend to play all their games. By conceding games it ruins the league for clubs that are serious about it.

Championship from 2020 that were not completed until 2021 due to Covid-19 Restrictions.

County Junior A Hurling Championship Final 2020 (D.P Walsh Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
19/06/21	The Ragg	Arravale Rovers	2.16	Toomevara	1.18	John Dooley
26/06/21	Clonmel	Holycross Ballycahill	3.18	Grangemockler/B	0.12	Gerry Treacy
Final						
02/07/21	Dundrum	Arravale Rovers	1.16	Holycross Ballycahill	0.15	Peter Carroll

Arravale Rovers made the step into intermediate for 2021 by winning the junior A championship. They overcame Toomevara in the semi final by the slenderest of margins before overcoming Holycross Ballycahill in the final

County Junior B Hurling Championship Finals 2020 (Tim Maher Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
26/06/21	Cashel	Gortnahoe Glengoole	0.15	Cahir	0.13	John McCormack
26/06/21	The Ragg	Cashel King Cormacs	1.10	Silvermines	2.06	David Grogan
Final						
04/07/21	Holycross	Cashel King Cormacs	4.14	Gortnahoe Glengoole	0.10	Paddy Ivors

Cashel King Cormacs were just too strong for Gortnahoe Glengoole in the final. One week earlier they overcame Silvermines by just one point. Cashel King Cormacs will now move up to junior A for the coming year of 2021 and there is no doubt they will perform quite well at that level.

County U21 A Football Championship Final 2020 (Shelly Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Final						
2/08/21	Cashel	Grangemockler/B	4.12	Arravale Rovers	0.08	Tom Loughnane

What an honour for Grangemockler Ballyneale to win this title for the anniversary year of Bloody Sunday, even though it was a year before it could be played because of Covid-19. On the day the will to win served them well and the result was not in doubt from a long way out. This win will be remembered around the parish for a good few years to come.

County U21 B Football Championship Final 2020 (Sean Mockler Cup)

DATE	VENUE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	REFEREE
Final						
26/06/21	Dolla	Ballina	1.10	Upperchurch Drombane	1.08	David Grogan

The semi finals were played in 2020 but we had to wait a year to play the final. It certainly was a game worth waiting for. Ballina emerged winners after a close struggle with Upperchurch Drombane.

Finally

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

- All our gate men and women, All the caretakers at all the venues, and all the people that acted as covid officers. Like last year, this year was also quite difficult for these people. The gate people are coming to terms with the new scanning system which is reducing the money taken at gates and eventually will take money at gates out of the equation altogether.
- Clubs should inform their patrons on their social media pages and other outlets of the switch to online ticketing. Club members are also asked to help people that might not be up to date with the modern methods of buying tickets, to buy tickets online for them, of course using their credit card. Michael Power as county treasurer keeps an eye on all the gate activity and plays a very important role at the county CCC meetings.
- All the county board officers. Especially vice chairman Jimmy Minogue who is the chairman of the CCC. Jimmy started his first year in the position with meetings online through the “Teams System” All the gradings and 95% of transfers were achieved on Teams, online meetings. County Secretary and chairman Tim Floyd and Joe Kennedy who are always available for advice and help when required. County PRO Jonathan Cullen in his first year, regularly informed the public of draws, results and general news from the committee. His weekly column on the local papers and the county website is a great source of information for the people from the county. Maggie Fahy our IT person in the office hit the ground running this year in her new position. She handled tickets for inter county games as well as for club games. She dealt with the online tickets for our club games which is becoming an important role within the county. She also deals with club registration etc.
- Gerard Corbett our programme editor. Gerard works with a team that he has set up. The quality of the programmes is first class and are widely read by not alone people from Tipperary, but from a wider area around the county and indeed worldwide. To Seamus O Doherty. Seamus works with Gerard Corbett on the programmes. How does he constantly come up with new information? He always seems to have new and important bits for every programme and no matter whether its club or county, Seamus has the information.
- The press and the two county Tipperary Radio’s Tipp FM and Tipp Mid-West. They play a very import role in informing the public of what is happening in the GAA world. Social Media has taken over in some way as the information is more immediate and people seem to want immediate information, but a lot of people love the feel of a paper or listen to the radio and so they still hold important roles in our lives.
- Michael Ryan steps down from the CCC this year. I want to thank Michael for his work during the past three years and for the help he has given me. The CCC had six changes in personal this year. A big turnover but it did not affect the workings of the committee and the new committee members slipped softly into their new roles.
- The referee’s committee under its chairman John Ryan have never failed to provide a referee to our games. The small committee are never heard of except when a club thinks a referee went against them. Thanks to them for their help to the committee. Jim O Shea who works as secretary to the referees committee is stepping down at convention. Thanks, Jim, for your help over the years when you were chairman and secretary.
- Thanks to the referees. The families of the referees deserve special praise for the role they play, keeping the home fires burning while the refs are out doing their duty. I say, like I have said other years, when clubs seek a change of date for a game, keep the referees in mind. Most wish for a game to be changed for reasons within their own club and are happy if the change happens. No one thinks of the referee, how does it affect him, what does he have to put on hold if a change occurs, it seems his family does not count. I almost always consult with the referee if a change is requested, and his position is every bit as much considered as the club seeking the change.
- Karen, Siobhan, Bernie, in Lar na Pairce. They all deal with different parts of the CCC’s work in the office and I thank them for that
- Lastly, to Aine and the rest of my family for their help and patience.

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

Thomas O Meachair

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Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí an Chontae

County Tipperary Competitions Winners over last four years - 2018 to 2021

Competitions	Trophy	2018	2019	2020	2021
Senior Hurling	Dan Breen Cup	Clonoulty Rossmore	Borris Ileigh	Kiladangan	Loughmore Castleiney
Seamus Ó Riain	Ó Riain Cup	Burgess	J K Brackens	Mullinahone	Templederry Kenyons
Intermediate Hurling	Michael Maher	Thurles Sarsfields	Sean Treacys	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Moynes Templetuohy
Junior "A" Hurling	D.P.Walsh Cup	Boherlahan Dualla	Carrick Davins	Arravale Rovers	Skeheenarinky
Junior "B" Hurling	Tim Maher Cup	Boherlahan Dualla	Drom and Inch	Cashel King Cormacs	Clonoulty Rossmore
U/21 "A" Hurling	Jimmy Doyle Cup	Clonoulty Rossmore	Kiladangan	Competition Cancelled	
U/21 "B" Hurling	Brophy Cup	Cappawhite Gaels	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Competition Cancelled	
Minor "A" Hurling	Sean Treacy Cup	Moycarkey Borris	Drom and Inch	Thurles Sarsfields	With Bord na Nog
Minor "B" Hurling	Broderick Cup	Drom and Inch	Borris Ileigh	Arravale Rovers	With Bord na Nog
U/19 "A" Hurling					Thurles Sarsfields
U/19 "B" Hurling					Holycross Ballycahill
Division "1" Hurling Lg	Johnny Ryan Cup	Nenagh Eire Og	Drom and Inch	Competition Cancelled	Borris Ileigh
Division "2" Hurling Lg	Jim Devitt Cup	Loughmore Castleiney	Lorrha Dorrha	Competition Cancelled	Kiladangan
Division "3" Hurling Lg	Dr Fogarty Cup	Knockavilla Kickhams	Drom and Inch	Competition Cancelled	Templederry Kenyons
Division "4" Hurling Lg	James Holohan Cup	Drom and Inch	Carrick Davins	Competition Cancelled	Moneygall
Division "5" Hurling Lg	The Bannan Cup	Grangemockler/B	Ballylooby Castlegrace	Competition Cancelled	Not Played
Division "6" Hurling Lg	Pauline Coonan Plaque	Ballingarry	Solohead	Competition Cancelled	Not Played
Senior Football	O'Dwyer Cup	Moyle Rovers	Clonmel Commercials	Clonmel Commercials	Loughmore Castleiney
Tom Cusack Cup	Tom Cusack Cup	No Competition	Killenaule	Competition Cancelled	Rockwell Rovers
Intermediate Football	Barrett Cup	Moynes Templetuohy	Moycarkey Borris	Rockwell Rovers	Drom and Inch
Junior "A" Football	John Burke Cup	J K Brackens	Mullinahone	Competition Cancelled	Ballina
Junior "B" Football	Dr Marsh Cup	Solohead	Killenaule	Competition Cancelled	Nenagh Eire Og
U/21 "A" Football	Shelly Cup	J K Brackens	J K Brackens Og	Grangemockler/B	Not Played
U/21 "B" Football	Sean Mockler Cup	Upperchurch Drombane	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Ballina	Not Played
U/19 "A" Football					Ballina
U/19 "B" Football					Cappawhite Gaels
Minor "A" Football	Hogan Cup	J K Brackens	Grangemockler/B	Competition Cancelled	With Bord na Nog
Minor "B" Football	Hugh Kennedy Cup	Knockavilla Kickhams	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Competition Cancelled	With Bord na Nog
Division "1" Football Lg	Dr Clifford Cup	Moyle Rovers	Clonmel Commercials	Competition Cancelled	Clonmel Commercials
Division "2" Football Lg	Tipperary Man's Cup	Cahir	Clonmel Og	Competition Cancelled	Clonmel Commercials
Division "3" Football Lg	Board Shield	Killenaule	Killenaule	Competition Cancelled	Not Played

Feile na nGael 50th Anniversary October 2021



The founding fathers in 1971: Tomás Ó Baróid, Séamus Ó Riain and Eamon de Stafort.



Presentation to the founding members in 1971.



Féile na nGael organising committee 1991 to celebrate 20 years of Féile na nGael



At the Féile na nGael Golden Jubilee ceremony at the entrance to Sempie Stadium on Thursday October 28th (from left) Larry McCarthy (GAA President), Philip Ryan (rep. his late father Séamus O'Riain, a founder member), Eamon De Stafort (founder member), Roseanne Barrett (rep. her late father Tommy Barrett, a founder member) and Diarmuid Cahill (Féile na nGael Chairperson).



Philip Ryan accepts a presentation from GAA President Larry McCarthy on behalf of his late father Séamus Ó Riain, a founder member..

Coiste Éisteachta Contae Thiobraid Árann

County Hearings Committee Report 2021

Cathaoirleach: Anthony Purcell (Killenaule)

Rúnaí: Diarmuid O'Rinn (Arravale Rovers) Michael McCarthy (Cappawhite) (Acting)

Na Baill: James O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle), Michael Hanley (Seán Treacys), Dan Kennedy (Roscrea), T.F. Stapleton (Borrisoleigh), Michael Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Martin Everard (Drom-Inch), Noel Buckley (St. Marys, Clonmel), William Nagle (Ardfinnan)

Role of the Hearings Committee

- To Adjudicate on Disciplinary Matters where a hearing is requested relating to the Enforcement of Rules.
- To Adjudicate on Appeals arising from decisions of various Competition Controls Committees in the County.
- To Adjudicate on the appeals against decisions of the County CCC in regard to Inter-club Transfers within the County.

The Committee has 10 members, A Chairperson, A Secretary and two representatives from each of the four divisions.

The quorum for any meeting is three members.

Where a defending party is under 16 then not more than five members may preside.

It is general practice that a member of the Committee who has a role in relation to any Player, Unit or team involved in the proceedings shall stand down from adjudicating the case.

Triggered by a Referees Report or Disciplinary Report the CCC makes a preliminary Disciplinary action, Proposes a penalty & informs the defending party through their Club Secretary of their rights.

If a Proposed Penalty is not accepted, a Hearing can be requested by returning the Reply Form to the Secretary of the CCC proposing the penalty. **The reply form should be signed in Irish and returned not later than 2 days from the receipt of the proposed penalty.** The reply form should also include any special requests by the defending party regarding availability of witnesses or use of Video Evidence.

The Secretary of the relevant CCC then forwards the request for a hearing to the Rúnaí of the County Hearings Committee (Secretary.hearings.tipperary@gaa.ie) along with the Notice of Discipline & the referees report or Disciplinary Report used to propose a penalty. The Secretary of the Hearings Committee will then arrange for the hearing to take place.

When a Member does not accept a proposed penalty and requests a hearing it will be granted. The proposed penalty has no status once a hearing is requested. The Hearings Committee after hearing the evidence provided is empowered to impose a Penalty as it sees fit within the Rules of Association on the basis of the minimum applicable penalty and the Gravity of the case.

If a Decisions made by the Hearings Committee is not accepted by a Defending Party they can appeal further to the Provincial Hearings Committee.

Only compelling, Credible evidence can rebut a Referee's Report. However it is within the remit of the Hearings Committee to seek clarification for the purpose of exonerating a Defending Party or mitigating any allegations against them. Video Evidence is the most compelling avenue a Defending Party has to exonerate or mitigate down the Proposed penalty against them. Referee's reports are to be taken as factual unless Video Evidence proves otherwise.

***** T.O. 2021 7.3 (bb) The Hearings Committee has the final power to determine all matters of fact and all sources of evidence submitted to the Hearing shall be considered. An Infraction shall be treated as proved if, in the opinion of the Hearings Committee, the Infraction alleged is more likely to have occurred than not to have occurred. *****

In 2021 there were circa 110 red cards in County & Divisional games at adult & Bord nan Óg level. Following these 110 Straight red cards and subsequent proposed penalties there were 29 requests for hearings, 21 of these went ahead.

Of the 21 hearings that took place

9 – Penalties imposed

6 – Proposed Penalty mitigated down (Correct use of rule for selector x 2, Correct use of rule for Spectator x 1, Fines reduced x 2, Penalty reduced to one game based on evidence x 1)

3 - Overturned based on Video Evidence

2 - sent back for re-processing

1 – Out of order due to incorrect paperwork (No Proposal of discipline on paperwork)

There were also 6 transfer appeals in 2021.

5 – CCC decision upheld (Subsequently overturned at DRA)

1 – CCC decision overturned

The hearings Committee wish outgoing Secretary Jerry Ring all the best and wish him a speedy recovery and thank him for the enormous contribution he has made over the past number of years.

On behalf of Anthony Purcell, Chairperson of the Hearings Committee, and myself I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their attendance, diligence and contributions at all times in the decision making process. I would like to thank the Competitions Control Committee's in the four Divisions and at County Level in Adult & Bord na nÓg for their co-operation in the smooth running of Hearings and for carrying out their duties meticulously over the course of 2021.

Finally I wish you all a Happy Christmas and prosperous & safe 2022.

Is Mise, **Micheal MacCárthaigh**, Rúnaí, Coiste Éisteachta an Chondae

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Tipperary Hearings Committee 2021

L-R Michael Maher, Michael McCarthy, Anthony Purcell, Dan Kennedy, Martin Everard, T.F. Stapleton & Michael Hanley.
(Missing: Jerry Ring, William Nagle, Noel Buckley & James O'Donnell)



Séamus Ó Séaghada
Runaí

Referees Administration Report 2021

(Coiste Riarachán na Réiteoirí)



Seán Ó Riain
Cathaoirleach

REFEREE SHORTAGE

A serious shortage of Refs will occur in the next few years unless we immediately address the concerns affecting both their retention and recruitment.

As an organisation we have developed into one of the most marketable sports worldwide. We encourage the development and progression of our players and teams through skilled coaching and academy training. However, despite all the forward thinking, we are now on the verge of having to address the fast-approaching scenario of games failing to materialise due to the shortage of Referees. Seen by many, as a necessary evil, both within and outside the GAA, we now need to plan a strategy to maintain and retrain Referees.

The following table explains the exit criteria by our referees

1. Abuse
2. Family commitments
3. Age
4. Personal

Abuse is the main reason for our departing, and even some recently recruited Referees withdrew from officiating without even completing their first year. The abuse will have to be stopped and action to prevent a recurrence implemented as a matter of urgency. It is a failed strategy if we recruit and then lose those recruited to continual abuse. We are wasting the teaching and financial resources by continuing this practice. Every delegate / individual through their club, division, county, province, or national level must now address this in a twofold approach.

ZERO Tolerance towards bullying and ALL clubs committing to the provision of at least one referee in the forthcoming recruitment campaign.

Referees Academy

Plans have been discussed to formulate and develop an Academy within the county to address the void between the “Young Whistler” and the Foundation Referee. A meeting of GDA’s, Cuman na mBunscoil, Bórd na nÓg and the Referees Administration due to be held in June 2020 was postponed due to COVID and will be rescheduled when conditions permit. We hope to bring a workable proposal for consideration by Tipperary County Board, who are hugely supportive of the process.

Training

Due to COVID we have been unable to conduct our annual courses in any of the following areas
In Service/ Fitness Assessment & Rules Test / Foundation Course / Advisors Course / Umpire Training.
As conditions improve, we expect to recommence all course as per heretofore

Congratulations

Tipperary referees are once again at the forefront in our National Finals, and we extend sincere congratulations to Fergal Horgan on an exemplary exhibition of refereeing in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final while Derek O’Mahoney gave an excellent display in the All-Ireland Minor Football Final. Sean Lonergan gave a superb account in the 2020 Division 3 Final and added a further string to his bow in officiating at the 2020 All-Ireland Junior Football Club Final. Newcastle native Michael Kennedy officiated to the highest degree, at the Lory Meagher Cup Final. Kevin Jordan rounded off the Tipperary contingent officiating in All Ireland finals by officiating to an extremely high standard at the Nicky Rackard Cup Finals.

We are delighted with the top class displays by our own referees in the county and patrons can recall the excellent performance of the new crop of referees in the recent county finals. The displays of both Conor Doyle and John Dooley in the County Finals deserve special mention as both were appearing in their first County Finals. We extend our gratitude to all our referees for their availability in these trying times and for strong displays throughout a compressed season.

THANKS

We extend a sincere word of thanks to our County Board for their continued unflinching support of the Referees. Our Advisors and Umpires deserve great credit for their dedication and patience in keeping the Referee to the fore in our games.

Míle bhuíochas as ucht bhúr dtachaoícht is cabhar i rith na mbliana.

Tipperary County Football Committee 2021

Tipperary Football Club Scene

Senior Football Champions

Loughmore Castleiney defeated Clonmel Commercials

Tom Cusack Cup Winners

Rockwell Rovers defeated Aherlow

Intermediate Football Champions

Drom & Inch defeated Grangemoockler

Junior A Football Winners

Ballina defeated Knockavilla Kickhams

Junior B Football Winners

Nenagh Éire Óg defeated Clonakenny

Under 19 A Football Winners

Ballina defeated Clonmel Commercials

Under 19 B Football Winners

Cappawhite Gaels defeated Upperchurch

2021 Allianz Football League Division 3 South – Limerick 1-13 Tipperary 0-14 May 15th

Limerick defeated Tipperary by 1-13 to 0-14 in Round 1 of the 2021 Allianz Football League Division 3 South on Saturday May 15th at the LIT Gaelic Grounds. Limerick were slow to start but then dominated much of the second half. In this tie, it was Limerick 0-4 Tipperary 0-6 at half time. It was an opening half when Limerick were slow to settle and lacked early penetration. But they found their feet in the second quarter to ask more questions of Munster champions. In a half where there were 10 scores, Tipperary had just one from open play, while Limerick had four. But Limerick also recorded five wides with just one for the visitors.

Two frees from All Star Conor Sweeney opened the scoring. Steven O'Brien and Sean O'Connor (mark) added scores for the men in blue and gold before midfielder Darragh Treacy finally had Limerick on the mark in the 15th minute.

At the first half water break it was 0-4 to 0-1. Limerick were much better after the few brief words from management. O'Connor did extend the Tipperary lead out to four points but then Limerick notched three -in-a-row. Tony McCarthy had the first of the trio followed by two from Hugh Bourke.

In first half injury time Tipperary goalkeeper Michael O'Reilly landed a '45 to leave them two clear at the break. Limerick blitzed 1-4 without reply on the resumption. Danny Neville coming to life with 1-2 inside five minutes. Just 33-seconds had lapsed when Neville had a fine point and then before the stopwatch had reached 90-seconds Neville blasted a drive to the net. Limerick were ahead for the first time, 1-5 to 0-6. Bourke added two frees and it was soon 1-8 to 0-6 and Tipperary yet to score in the half. Liam Boland did settle David Power's men but Brian Donovan and another Bourke free maintained the Limerick lead.

By the second half water break it was Limerick ahead, 1-10 to 0-8. Tipperary hit back with successive points on the resumption but Limerick didn't panic and Bourke and Neville had delightful points to leave it 1-12 to 0-11 entering the final 10-minutes.

A second point for sub Brian Donovan left it 1-13 to 0-14 inside the final five minutes. Limerick showed great defense in the closing minutes to seal the win.

SCORERS: Limerick: Hugh Bourke 0-6 (3frees), Danny Neville 1-3, Brian Donovan 0-2, Darragh Treacy and Tony McCarthy 0-1 each. Tipperary: Conor Sweeney 0-4 (4frees), Sean O'Connor 0-3 (2marks), Steven O'Brien and Jack Kennedy (1free) 0-2 each, Michael O'Reilly ('45), Liam Boland, Conal Kennedy 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: Michael O'Reilly; Tadhg Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Feehan, Colm O'Shaughnessy; Emmet Moloney, Paudie Feehan, Jack Harney; Steven O'Brien, Conal Kennedy; Jason Lonergan, Colman Kennedy, Brian Fox; Liam Boland, Conor Sweeney, Sean O'Connor
Subs: Daire Brennan for Jack Harney (40mins), Shane Foley for Tadhg Fitzpatrick (56mins), Alan Campbell for Colm O'Shaughnessy (56mins), Jack Kennedy for Liam Boland (56mins), Stephen Quirke for Jason Lonergan (67mins), Padraic Loomam for Emmet Moloney (69mins).

Allianz FL D3 South: Tipperary prove too strong for Wicklow

Saturday 22 May 2021

Allianz Football League Division Three South

TIPPERARY 2-12 WICKLOW 1-12

Tipperary were forced to dig deep to secure their first victory in division three with this three point victory over Wicklow at Semple Stadium. Goals in either half from Conor Sweeney and debutant Philip Ryan were the crucial scores as Tipperary finished with 13 men following the sending off of Emmet Moloney for two bookable offences, while Jimmy Feehan was black-carded deep injury time after the referee had adjudged he deliberately fouled Kevin Quinn in a goal-scoring position, leading to a penalty which was converted by Seanie Furlong, but it proved too late for the Leinster-men.

Wicklow went into an early lead through Seanie Furlong but lost JP Hurley to a sin-bin after just seven minutes. Tipp made early use of the numerical advantage with Sean O'Connor (2), Conor Sweeney and Steven O'Brien on target to open up a three point lead.

Wicklow's high tempo yielded chances with Conor Byrne denied by Michael O'Reilly. However, they would kick the next five points from the lively Andy Maher, Eoin Darcy (2), Podge O'Toole and Niall Donnelly to take a two-point lead after 27 minutes.

Tipperary were struggling but their All-Star forward Conor Sweeney conjured up a goal on 31 minutes, finishing a move involving Brian Fox and Colman Kennedy. A free from goalkeeper Mark Jackson saw the sides go in level at half time, 1-4 to 0-7.

The sides remained deadlocked on 51 minutes when Tipperary scored their second goal after Nicky Devereux was caught in possession by Conor Sweeney and with Wicklow pushed up, Philip Ryan was left all alone to take a Sean O'Connor pass and side-stepping the keeper he goaled from close range. Tipp played with greater fluidity thereafter with midfielder Steven O'Brien in fine form but they couldn't shake off the Wicklow challenge, however, they did enough in the end to get the win to keep their promotion hopes alive.

Scorers for Tipperary: Conor Sweeney 1-3 (2fs); Sean O'Connor 0-5 (4 frees); Steven O'Brien 0-3; Philip Ryan 1-0; Conal Kennedy 0-1.

Scorers for Wicklow: Seanie Furlong 1-2 (1-0 pen, 2fs); E Darcy (2fs), M Jackson (3 frees) 0-3 each; Andy Maher, Niall Donnelly, Podge O'Toole, Mark Kenny 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: Michael O'Reilly; Colm O'Shaughnessy, Jimmy Feehan, Alan Campbell; Emmet Moloney, Paudie Feehan, Brian Fox; Steven O'Brien, Conal Kennedy; Jason Lonergan, Colman Kennedy, Conor Bowe; Philip Ryan, Conor Sweeney, Sean O'Con- nor.

2021 Allianz Football League Division 3 South –

Offaly defeated Tipperary in Round 3 of the 2021 Allianz Football League

Division 3 South on Saturday May 29th at Bord Na Mona O Connor Park Tullamore.

In-form Offaly in hunt for promotion as Munster champions Tipperary face relegation battle

Offaly 1-17 Tipperary 1-12

Offaly continue to be one of the form teams in this year's Allianz League after they recorded a third consecutive victory in Tullamore this afternoon, moving through the gears in the final quarter to condemn Munster champions Tipperary to a relegation playoff against Longford.

It was a difficult week in Offaly, particularly in the Rhode club, following the tragic death of their goalkeeper Dean Morris during the week, and his club colleagues were clearly of a mind to put their best foot forward this afternoon, playing key roles all over the field. Cian Farrell had been drafted into the starting team after kicking two points off the bench against Limerick last week and he kicked the first point of the game, before adding a goal to crown a strong first quarter for the home side.

It was 1-6 to 0-4 when referee James Bermingham signalled for the first water break, and could have been even more as Bernard Allen shot just over the bar when trying to pick out a goal, while Jordan Hayes was also denied by a great goal-line clearance.

That stoppage completely killed their momentum however and with Conal Kennedy and Steven O'Brien taking over at midfield, each adding a point for good measure, Tipperary turned the tide after the restart. A penalty goal from Conor Sweeney gave David Power's side a one-point interval lead and they had the better of the third quarter too, but some errant shooting meant the game remained on a knife edge, tied at 1-11 each at the third stoppage. Tipperary continued to hold a slight advantage in the battle for kickouts, but Offaly's high-tempo defending forced them into some poor shot choices, and it was only because of some excellent dead ball scores from Evan Comerford and Jack Kennedy that they were level.

The final quarter saw Offaly take over however, firing six points in a row before Tipperary registered a late consolation score. As he did last week against Limerick, Niall McNamee came off the bench to make a crucial contribution, kicking three points in the final quarter. With Tipperary forced to chase the game, Offaly looked fit and sharp as they struck on the break, Bill Carroll and David Dempsey adding excellent scores that set up promotion tilt against Fermanagh in a fortnight.

Scorers for Offaly: Cian Farrell 1-3 (0-2f), Anton Sullivan, Bernard Allen, Paddy Dunican (0-2f, 0-1 '45), Niall McNamee 0-3 each, David Dempsey, B Carroll 0-1 each.

Scorers for Tipperary: Conor Sweeney 1-2 (1-0 pen, 0-1f), Philip Ryan 0-3 (0-1 mark), Conor Bowe 0-2, Conal Kennedy, Steven O'Brien, Evan Comerford (0-1f), Jack Kennedy (0-1 '45), Padraic Loomam 0-1 each.

Tipperary: 16. Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan Kilcash), 4. Tadhg Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), 3 Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), 2 Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), 5. Emmet Moloney (Drom & Inch), 6. Colm O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan), 7. Paudie Feehan (Killenaule), 8. Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), 9. Conal Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), 12. Brian Fox (Éire Óg Annacarty Donohill), 11. Jack Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), 10. Conor Bowe (Moyné Templetuohy). 13. Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), 14. Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), 15. Seán O'Connor (Clonmel Commercials). Subs: 26. Philip Ryan (St. Brigid's, Dublin) for O'Connor (19); 18. Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials) for J Feehan (19); 22. Padraic Loomam (Clonmel Commercials) for Moloney (28); 20. Jack Harney (Moyle Rovers) for O'Shaughnessy (30, temp); 21. Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) for Fox (47); 17. Liam Boland (Moyle Rovers) for Colman Kennedy (53); 23. Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) for P Feehan (53); 19. Shane Foley (Moyle Rovers) for Kennedy (59); 25. Riain Quigley (Moyle Rovers) for Foley (70+3, temp)

2021 Allianz Football League Division 3 Relegation Play-Off

Longford defeated Tipperary in the Allianz Football League Division 3 Relegation Play-Off on Sunday June 13th at Glennon Brothers Pearse Pk, Longford.

Longford 1-13 Tipperary 0-9

Longford saved the best until last as they retained their Division 3 status for 2022 and in doing so relegated Munster champions Tipperary to Division 4. The decisive score came in the 49th minute when Dessie Reynolds found the back of the net after a pass from Rian Brady. Tipp had been on top at that time and had drawn level one minute before through Padraic Loomam.

It was all Longford after that goal and they added points through Oran Kenny, Rian Brady (two frees) David McGivney and Darragh Doherty. With Andrew Farrell colossal at full-back along with Iarla O'Sullivan in defence and Darren Gallagher covering so much ground Longford looked solid throughout.

In a tight first half with both teams frustrated by some of the referee's decisions. Longford raced into an early two point lead with Dessie Reynolds and Rian Brady kicking over fine points. The sides were level three times; Conor Sweeney hitting over four frees in the first half. Longford were three ahead in the 26th minute. Tipperary were dealt a blow in the 33rd minute when Michael Quinlivan was black carded, Longford though didn't make use of their numerical advantage.

Paudie Feehan and Gallagher (free) traded points in the early minutes of the second half. A good move from Tipperary ended with Shane Fahey kicking over a fine point in the 48th minute and one minute later Loomam levelled the game for the fourth time. The next score was to prove crucial and it was a goal for Longford.

Longford had a chance for a second goal in the 51st minute when Robbie Smyth's effort was saved by Evan Comerford. Substitute Oran Kenny followed up with a point for Longford and they kicked on from there.

Scorers for Longford: D Reynolds 1-2, D Gallagher (2fs, '45), R Brady (2fs) 0-3 each, J Hagan 0-2, D McGivney, O Kenny, D Doherty 0-1 each.

Scorers for Tipperary: C Sweeney (4fs) 0-4, P Loomam, K Fahery, S O'Brien, P Feehan, S O'Connor (f) 0-1 each.

LONGFORD: P Collum; P Fox, A Farrell, CP Smyth; I O'Sullivan, M Quinn, D Reynolds; D McGivney, D Gallagher; J Hagan, K Duffley, E Macken; R Smyth, L Moran, R Brady. Subs: D Doherty for Moran (ht), O Kenny for R Smyth (53), D McElligott for Reynolds (66), P Lynn for Hagan (70).

TIPPERARY: E Comerford; S O'Connell, A Campbell, C O'Shaughnessy; P Loomam, K Fahey, D Brennan; S O'Brien, P Feehan; C Bowe, J Kennedy, E Maloney; M Quinlivan, C Sweeney, P Ryan.

Subs: J Feehan for Campbell (12), B Fox for Ryan (43mins), S Foley for O'Brien (54), J Longergan for Brennan (55), S O'Connor for Bowe and M O'Meara for Looram (62).

2021 MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL - KERRY 1-19 TIPPERARY 1-8 KERRY 1-18 TIPPERARY 1-9

Report By Shane Brophy for GAA.ie

Kerry eased into another Munster senior football final as they dethroned champions Tipperary with an efficient display in this semi-final at Semple Stadium. The Kingdom were always in control as they dominated possession, particularly in the first half when they won nine of Tipperary's kickouts as the home outfit couldn't get enough possession to trouble Peter Keane's men.

Tipperary started with 10 of the side that started in last years Munster final success with half forwards Conor Bowe and Padraic Looram making their senior championship debuts.

Sean O'Shea opened the scoring for the visitors before Conor Sweeney equalised for Tipperary who were defensive in their approach early on and it worked for a time until just after O'Shea had nudged Kerry back in front, a raid forward from Gavin White unlocked the defence and David Clifford finished brilliantly to the roof of the net. Paul Geaney and a third O'Shea free saw Kerry lead 1-4 to 0-1 at the first water-break.

Tipp improved after the resumption with Kevin Fahey and Jack Kennedy pointing from play, either side of another O'Shea free. With Kerry dominating possession, they were able to push men forward and corner forward Tom O'Sullivan added two points from play. The home side gave themselves hope on 27 minutes when they were awarded a penalty after Jack Kennedy was fouled and Conor Sweeney slotted it away to reduce the arrears to 1-3 to 1-7.

However, with Kerry dominating the possession stakes, the goal never looked like inspiring Tipp and the visitors kicked the final four points of the half from O'Shea (3) and Diarmuid O'Connor for a 1-11 to 1-3 half time lead.

Tipp began the second half with greater urgency and sub Paudie Feehan made an immediate impact, winning a free with Jack Kennedy converted. However, Tipp were unable to record consecutive scores as Kerry kept the scoreboard ticking over through David Clifford (2 frees), Sean O'Shea 45 and a point from sub Killian Spillane.

Any faint hopes Tipp had evaporated on fifty minutes when Michael Quinlivan was sent off for an off the ball incident with Gavin Crowley. Three minutes later, Tipp were down to 13 men when Jason Lonergan was sent to the sinbin and trailed 1-15 to 1-6 at the second water-break.

The game petered out after that with Tipperary battling on gamely with Jack Kennedy kicking a further two points for the home side while Spillane, who added two further points, and a David Moran point rounded off the scoring for Kerry who emptied the bench ahead of a Munster final date with Cork, although one of those, Tadhg Morley finished the game in the sinbin.

Scorers for Kerry: Sean O'Shea 0-8 (5 frees, 1 '45); David Clifford 1-2 (0-1 free); Killian Spillane 0-3; Tom O'Sullivan 0-2; David Moran, Diarmuid O'Connor, Paul Geaney, Paudie Clifford 0-1 each.

Scorers for Tipperary: Conor Sweeney 1-3 (1-0 pen, 0-2 frees); Jack Kennedy 0-4 (3 frees); Kevin Fahey 0-1.

Kerry: Shane Ryan; Brian O Beaglaoich, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan; Mike Breen, Gavin Crowley, Gavin White; David Moran, Diarmuid O'Connor; Stephen O'Brien, Sean O'Shea, Micheal Burns; David Clifford (Capt), Paul Geaney, Paudie Clifford. Subs: Paul Murphy for Breen (42); Tommy Walsh for Geaney (46); Killian Spillane for Burns (46); Jack Barry for D Clifford (54); Tadhg Morley for Crowley (62).

Tipperary: Evan Comerford; Colm O'Shaughnessy, Jimmy Feehan, Shane O'Connell; Brian; Bill Maher, Kevin Fahey, Robbie Kiely; Jack Kennedy, Conal Kennedy; Emmet Moloney, Conor Bowe, Padraic Looram; Conor Sweeney (Capt), Michael Quinlivan. Subs: Jason Lonergan for Moloney (19); Paudie Feehan for Looram (HT); Steven O'Brien for Bowe (52); Shane Foley for O'Shaughnessy (59); Jack Harney for Kiely (59-65 blood); Colman Kennedy for C Kennedy (69).

2021 ELECTRIC IRELAND MUNSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINAL LIMERICK 2-9 TIPPERARY 1-9

Limerick defeated Tipperary by 2-9 to 1-9 in the Electric Ireland Munster Minor Football Championship Quarter-Final on Wednesday July 21st at the LIT Gaelic Grounds.

Limerick just edged past Tipperary in this Munster MFC quarter-final.

Limerick led from the 14th minute to the final whistle to book their place in the semi-final away to Clare on July 30.

A goal in either half from Marc Nolan and Ruairi Cronin were vital to the home side in the LIT Gaelic Grounds.

Tipperary were ahead on five minutes when Diarmuid O'Riordan had the ball in the net but points from Darragh Murray and Conall



Championship action from Tipp v Kerry

O'Duinn had Limerick in front, 0-4 to 1-0 close to the mid-point of the opening half. By half-time it was a 1-6 to 1-3 lead with a late Jack Somers point ensuring a goal was between the teams at the break.

Tipperary points from Darragh McVicker and substitute Fionn Fitzgerald reduced the deficit but just on the second half water break Cronin had the second Limerick goal to increase the lead out to five points. McVicker, Craddock and Smith had points in a late Tipperary rally but Limerick held on.

Scorers for Limerick: D Murray (0-4, 3f), C O'Duinn (0-3, 1f), M Nolan and R Cronin (1-0) each, J Somers (0-2). Scorers for Tipperary: D McVicker (0-3, 2f), D O'Riordan (1-0), N O'Connor, C King, T Sheehan, F Fitzgerald, E Craddock and C Smith (0-1) each.

LIMERICK: C MacInnes (St Kierans); M Kilbridge (Fr Caseys), J Behan (Ballybrown), D Clifford (Monaleen); L Murphy (St Kierans), A Neville (Newcastle West), S Kiely (Monaleen); J Somers (Mungret St Pauls), D Murray (Monaleen); M Nolan (Fr Caseys), E Rigter (Newcastle West), O O'Farrell (St Senans); C O'Duinn (Monaleen), R Cronin (Ahane), R Quirke (Fr Caseys).

Subs: C Quigley (Fr Caseys) for Clifford (h-t), O O'Sullivan (Galbally) for Quirke (39), C Boyle (Fr Caseys) for Kiely (46), S Geraghty (Newcastle West) for O'Duinn (52), D O'Connor (Fr Caseys) for Nolan (60).

TIPPERARY: T Bourke (JK Brackens); M Ryan (Ballingarry), S O'Meara (Grangemockler Ballyneale), C King (Ballina); S Butler (Kilsheelan Kilcash), J O'Neill (Ardfinnan), C English (Ballyporeen); T Sheehan (Clonmel Commercials), Z O'Loughlin (Kilsheelan Kilcash); E Craddock (Holycross Ballycahill), N O'Connor (Clonmel Og), K O'Reilly (Clonmel Commercials); D McVicker (Clonmel Og), P Mullen (Drom-Inch), D O'Riordan (Newport). Subs: C Smith (Clonmel Commercials) for O'Connor (36), F Fitzgerald (Killenaule) for Mullen (36), D Spillane (Fethard) for O'Reilly (42), J Canny (Boherlahan-Dualla) for O'Riordan (50), J Higgins (Clonmel Commercials) for S Butler (54).

2021 EIRGRID MUNSTER UNDER 20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINAL

TIPPERARY 0-16 LIMERICK 1-10

Tipperary defeated Limerick by 0-16 to 1-10 in the EirGrid Munster Under 20 Football Championship Quarter-Final on Thursday July 8th at Semple Stadium Thurles. Tipperary U20s dominate Limerick to set up date with Déise

Tipperary ended a six-year winless run in U20/U21 football with a Munster quarter-final win over Limerick to set up a semi-final date with Waterford next Thursday night.

Without a win at the grade since shocking Dublin in the 2015 All-Ireland semi-final, the Premier also put recent poor results against the Shannonsiders to rest in a match where, with the exception of the first quarter, they were much the better side.

The three-point margin at the end was ultimately flattering to Limerick who had a Brian Ahern goal with the last kick of the game to put a slightly better look on the scoreboard. Having lost to last night's opponents by a single point in each of the last two seasons, there was no doubt about the outcome in the latest chapter of this rivalry as Sean O'Connor and Barry Kehoe shone through on a night that saw a lot of wasteful shooting from both sides.

However, they didn't enjoy parity for long as within 60 seconds Eilah Riordan shot Limerick back in front – however this was the last time they would lead in this quarter-final clash. Fr Casey's clubman Riordan was strong in the middle of the park throughout the game winning a number of kickouts despite being the shortest of the four midfielders on show.

He was, unfortunately for the visitors, one of the few bright lights in a disappointing performance for Limerick who for the first time since 2012, were knocked out of this Championship by a team other than Cork or Kerry.

Limerick held onto that 0-2 to 0-1 lead until the first half water break – before Tipperary turned on the style. Premier manager Paddy Christie utilised the chance to talk to his players to good effect and saw his side kick three in a row on the resumption, with Leon Kennedy adding a clinical effort to a pair of O'Connor frees and when Clonmel Commercials clubman O'Connor added two from play, the home side were well in the ascendency heading into the interval.

However, despite being thoroughly outplayed in the second quarter, Patrick Shanahan's well-struck score from 30 yards out ensured Limerick were still in with a shout at the change of ends. However, Tipp continued where they left off scoring three points in the first six minutes of the second half. They could have put the game to bed before the water break if not for two missed goal chances – the first where Ronan McElligott saved superbly from Jamie Holloway's snap shot and, just a minute later, Kehoe fired over from close range.

Full-back Tadgh Condon made a blistering run to fire over another score as Tipp took a 0-14 to 0-6 lead into the second-half water break. Treaty shot-stopper McElligott was called into action again shortly after the restart, saving Sean O'Connor's rocket of a shot, tipping it onto the crossbar, before Mark O'Connor tapped over a point to keep the scoreboard ticking.

Despite the best efforts of Darragh O'Keeffe and Brian Ahern, Limerick were a distant second best and despite never giving up, a late comeback never looked like materialising.

Ahern showed his class firing into the back of the net in the fifth minute of stoppage time but it was much too little, too late for the Treaty.

Scorers for Tipperary: S O'Connor (0-7, 5f); B Kehoe (0-4), L Kennedy, B Comerford, T Condon, K Grogan (*45), M O'Connor (0-1 each) Scorers for Limerick: C Ryan (0-4, 4f); B Ahern (1-1); B Foley, E Riordan, P Shanahan, J Molyneaux, D O'Keeffe (0-1 each)

TIPPERARY: C Scully (Nenagh Éire Óg); S Daly (Grangemockler-Ballyneale), T Condon (Clonmel Commercials), B McKeown (Moyle Rovers); Emmet Butler (Kilsheelan Kilcash), B O'Connor (Kilsheelan Kilcash), L Kennedy (Grangemockler Ballyneale); C Deeley (Clonmel Commercials), K Grogan (Cahir); C Cadell (JK Brackens), R Walsh (Fethard), J Holloway (Carrick Swans); M O'Connor (Clonmel Commercials), B Kehoe (Kilsheelan Kilcash), Sean O'Connor (Clonmel Commercials). Subs: B Comerford (Grangemockler-Ballyneale) for Walsh (16); M Lyons (Cahir) for M O'Connor (51); J Kiely (Cahir) for McKeown (51) C English (Ballyporeen) for Holloway (57); J Duncan (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh) for Kennedy (60).



Tipperary's Barry Kehoe breaks the challenge of Limerick's Craig Carew in the Limerick U20 Munster quarter-final.

2021 EIRGRID MUNSTER UNDER 20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

TIPPERARY 0-11 WATERFORD 0-9

Tipperary defeated Waterford by 0-11 to 0-9 in the EirGrid Munster Under 20 Football Championship semi-final on Thursday July 15th at Semple Stadium Thurles.

Tipperary survived a late Waterford surge at Semple Stadium, Thurles Thursday evening to reach the Munster U20 FC final for the first

time in six years. Waterford spurned two great match-winning goal chances in the dying minutes but overall Tipp just about de- served to shade the verdict.

The visitors opened in lively fashion and with Niall McSweeney and Pdraig Fitzgerald prominent went four points clear in six minutes. Tipp settled slowly but were still 0-2 to 0-4 adrift at the water break.

Tipp continued to enjoy a slight advantage on resuming and with points by Sean O'Connor, Kevin Grogan and Ryan Walsh were level by the interval, 0-5 each, Waterford failing to score in the second quarter. A black card for Waterford's Niall McSweeney gave Tipp an edge in the third quarter and by the second break they were 0-9 to 0-6 ahead.

The final quarter was a tense affair. Tipp were two points ahead after 56 minutes when Henry Griffin broke through but blazed wide for Waterford. A minute later Sean Walsh did likewise for the Deise. Tom O'Connell had a Waterford point but in injury time Kevin Grogan pointed a Tipp free to ensure their place in the final against Cork. Tipp have work to do to capture the title but such as Sean O'Connor, Tadhg Condon, Emmet Butler, Cathal Dee- ley and Kevin Grogan worked hard throughout. Waterford have no excuse as they got the chances to win. Liam Fennell, Colin Foley, Pdraig Fitzgerald and Niall McSweeney were their top performers.

Scorers for Tipperary: S O Connor (0-6,3fs), K Grogan (0-2,2fs), C Deeley, C Cadell, R Walsh (0-1 each); Scorers for Waterford: P Fitzgerald (0-3), N McSweeney, T O Connell (1f) (0-2 each), S Fitzgerald, A Ryan (0-1 each).

TIPPERARY: C Scully, S Daly, T Condon, B McKeown; E Butler, B O'Connor, L Kennedy; C Deeley, K Grogan; C Cadell, R Walsh, J Holloway; M O'Connor, B Kehoe, S O'Connor. Subs: C McGrath for Kehoe (24); B Comerford for M O Connor (ht); C English for Walsh (51); J Duncan for Hol- loway (51).

WATERFORD: B Kirwan; S Boyce, K Taylor, L Fennell; A Ryan, C Foley, R Elliffe; O Geoghegan, C Walsh; P Ftizger- ald, N Sweeney, T Dalton; S Fitzgerald, T O'Connell, D J Kiely. Subs: S Walsh for Geoghegan (20); J Power for Dalton (36); S Fitzgerald for Kiely(42); H Griffin for McSweeney (52); A Behan for S Fitzgerald (64).

2021 EIRGRID MUNSTER UNDER 20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – CORK 3-20 TIPPERARY 3-10

Cork defeated Tipperary by 3-20 to 3-10 in the EirGrid Munster Under 20 Football Championship Final on Thurs- day July 22nd at Semple Stadium Thurles. A far superior Cork cruised to Munster U20 football glory against Tipperary this evening in Thurles.

Seven clear at the break, 1-13 to 2-3, Cork were never troubled during a second-half where their lead grew to as large as 12 points on three occasions. Any hope of a second-half revival from Tipperary was put to bed inside the opening minutes of the restart as Da- vid Buckley and Colin Walsh tacked on points before half-time sub Sean McDonnell delivered a superb individual goal to swell Cork's advantage to 2-15 to 2-3. The aforementioned Buckley was the outstanding Cork player on show, the Newcestown forward finishing with

10 points to his name, seven of these kicked from play. Dual star Jack Cahalane, playing his third game in seven days, was another to impress. He had a hand in the creation of so many Cork scores, including their third green flag finished by Walsh.

This evening's win moves Cork level with Kerry at the top of the Munster roll of honour, both counties boasting 28 titles each.

Keith Ricken's charges will now meet Leinster winners Offaly in the All-Ireland semi-final in the middle of next month.

Cork already had one hand on the title come half-time, Ricken's charges ahead by 1-13 to 2-3. Their seven-point interval lead had its roots in a dominant second quarter during which they outscored Tipperary by 1-7 to 0-1. Included in this was a run of 1-6 without reply between the 22nd and and 29th minute. Cork had started the half in similarly impressive fashion, racing three in front in as many minutes following points from Dara Dorgan (free), the excellent David Buckley, and Colin Walsh.

This bright opening, however, was wiped out in one excellent passage of play from Paddy Christie's Tipperary on six minutes, Ben Comerford and Kevin Grogan combining to send through captain Séan O'Connor who finished well.

Ryan Walsh subsequently edged the hosts in front and they breached the Cork defence for a second goal on 10 minutes, Jamie Holloway fashioning a green flag out of nothing really. Their lead of 2-1 to 0-4 was to prove the high water mark of Tipperary's evening, though, as from there to the break, Cork outscored the Premier 1-9 to 0-3.

The scoreboard read 2-2 to 0-6 at the first water break, with Dorgan (free), Conor Corbett (0-2), and Buckley (0-2, one free) splitting the posts to return Cork in front – 0-11 to 2-3 – on 25 minutes.

The Cork goal followed thereafter, and what a score it was. Dara Dorgan offloaded to Diarmaid Phelan follow- ing a quick sideline on the Ryan Stand side, the full-back then taking off on a lengthy run that ended with the Aghada youngster crashing the ball past 'keeper Callan Scully. The latter endured a difficult first-half with his restarts, two of which were sent straight out over the sideline. Those kicked long to the middle of the field were time and again gobbled up by red shirts, this dominance of the Tipperary kick-out the launchpad for so many of Cork's 14 first-half scores. And, in truth, Cork could have led by even more than seven turning around for the second-half as they regis- tered six wides to Tipperary's none, as clear a sign as any as to which end of the field the play was centred in. It was more of the same in the second period, Cork celebrating a second Munster U20 crown in three years under Ricken's watch.

Scorers for Cork: D Buckley (0-10, 0-2 frees, 0-1 mark); C Walsh (1-3); D Phelan, S McDonnell (1-0 each); D Dor- gan (0-3, 0-1 free); C Corbett (0-2); M O'Neill (0-1 free), J Cahalane (0-1 each).

Scorers for Tipperary: S O'Connor (2-2, 0-2 frees); K Grogan (0-3, 0-3 frees); J Holloway (1-0); R Walsh, C Deeley (0-2 each); E Butler (0-1).

CORK: G Creedon (Kilshannig); C O'Donovan (Newcestown), D Phelan (Aghada), C McGoldrick (Éire Óg); A Walsh-Murphy (Valley Rovers), T Walsh (Kanturk), D Cashman (Millstreet); B Hayes (St Finbarr's), N Hartnett (Douglas); E Cooke (Ballincollig), D Buckley (Newcestown) C Corbett (Clyda Rovers); D Dorgan (Ballincollig), J Cahalane (Castlehaven), C Walsh (Kanturk). Subs: S McDonnell (Mallow) for Corbett (HT); N Lordan (Ballinora) for O'Donovan, C O'Sullivan (Kilshannig) for Hayes (both 47); M O'Neill (Buttevant) for Dorgan (48); S O'Sullivan (Adrigole) for Cooke (58).

TIPPERARY: C Scully (Nenagh Éire Óg); S Daly (Grangemockler-Ballyneale), T Condon (Clonmel Commercials), B McKeown (Moyle Rovers); E Butler (Kilsheelan Kilcash), B O'Connor (Kilsheelan Kilcash), L Kennedy (Grangemockler Ballyneale); C Deeley (Clonmel Commercials), B Comerford (Grangemockler Ballyneale); C Cadell (JK Brackens), R Walsh (Fethard), J Holloway (Carrick Swans); J Kiely (Cahir), K Grogan (Cahir), S O'Connor (Clonmel Commercials). Subs: J Duncan (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams) for McKeown (23 mins); B Kehoe (Kilsheelan Kilcash) for O'Connor (HT); C English (Ballyporeen) for Holloway (39); M Lyons (Grangemockler Ballyneale) for Comerford (48); K Costello (Thurles Sarsfields) for Walsh (60).

The Friends of Tipperary Football 2021

(Trish Gavin Secretary Friends of Tipperary Football)

2021 started off like the majority of 2020 had gone – in lockdown! Matches went ahead without supporters and social distancing was still the order of the day. Bit by bit, things started to open up and a new normal commenced. The Friends, like every other committee in the country, had to adapt and we started with a huge online push for our Euromillions lotto syndicate. This was complimented by the foot soldiers on the ground selling tickets. This year's addition of the Michael Hogan commemorative car sticker was a big draw and it's fantastic to see so many of them going around the highways and byways of the country. As our 2020 syndicate had only won us €500, the Friends decided to add to it and to have a raffle among all participants for 20 draws of €100 each:

The winners were:

Ticket No 22. Donnacha O'Meara (Lorrha)
 Ticket No: 530. Louise Coen (Donabate)
 Ticket No 188: Niall Stack (Tullamore)
 Ticket No 918 Drom & Inch GAA Club
 Ticket No: 864 Anthony Fitzgerald (Clonmel)
 Ticket No: 36. Pat Slattery (Tipperary)
 Ticket No: 239 Eileen Seymour (Killadangan)
 Ticket No 155: Gerry Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane)
 Ticket No 442 Ger English (Moyle Rovers)
 Ticket No 544 Michael Clohessy (Moycarkey/Borris)
 Ticket No 518 Lynsey Ryan (Clonakenny)
 Ticket No 681 Donald O'Loughlin (Newcastle)
 Ticket No 684 Paudie Costigan (Moyne/Templetuohy)
 Ticket No 1081 Paul Tobin (Tipperary)
 Ticket No 153 Liam Coen (Nenagh Eire Og)
 Ticket No 689 Joe McNamara (Clonmel)
 Ticket No 11 Bernie Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og)
 Ticket No 409 Michael O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan)
 Ticket No 784 Martin Dwyer (Moycarkey)
 Ticket No 298 Seamus Hogan (Nenagh)

The various Football Development Squads trained hard in Dr Morris Park and the Friends provided free tea and coffee at these sessions and this gesture was very much appreciated by the parents of the children involved in the squads. Without the parents bringing their sons to these training sessions then there would be no future to football in Tipperary and we are hugely thankful to you all. The Friends also donated training tops to the development squads as a memento of their time spent training. The Development Squads are indebted to all the coaches involved and also to Pat O'Callaghan, Caretaker of Dr Morris Park for all of their assistance with the running of the squads.

Our Annual Golf Classic moved to the later part of the year and was held in Thurles Golf Club on 24th and 25th September and thank you to everyone for the support given to our annual classic fundraiser which was another great success, with great weather and a chance to meet old friends. We thank the Management and Staff of Thurles golf who again went all out to assist us in every way, and looked after our patrons so well. This years prize winning scores: Criostoir Croke, John Croke, Cyril Burke and John Byrne on a winning score of 114pts.

After that the following are the prize winners scores.

James O'Doherty - 113pts
 Sean Morrissey - 112pts (57/55)
 Don Ryan Chilling - 112pts (58/54)
 Jerry/Anna Stapleton - 111pts
 Michael Clohessy - 110pts
 Brian Leonard - 106pts (52/54) 21on last 3 holes
 Peter Kennedy - 106pts (52/54) 20 on last 3 holes
 Thomas Walsh - 106pts (53/53).

Congratulations to our winning Ladies team on 97pts, made up of Mary Coffey, Jacqueline Corbett, Marie Slattery, Laura Ryan.

The Friends joined with the Football County Board to run the very successful Michael Hogan Festival of Football. This was held over 2 weekends in October with the U11's on October 16th and the U13's on the 30th. There were a number of different venues around the county and the response from all clubs was fantastic. Over the 2 weekends over 120 teams competed and each team that competed will soon be receiving a special framed photo to commemorate the event.

As this is my final report as Secretary, I wish to thank all of the Officers that I have served with and also to thank every Committee member that has graced our meetings and events. I also wish to thank all of the various management teams and players over the years as you never fail to include us in your commentary, and you support the work we do. To Philip and Brian who announced their inter-county retirement this year, we thank you for having belief in football in Tipperary.

FRIENDS OF TIPERARY FOOTBALL ACCOUNTS

Friends of Tipperary Football INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the financial period ended 30 September 2021

	€	Sep 21 €	€	Oct 20 €
Income				
Membership		-		11,831
Donations		2,355		1,020
Euro Millions Lotto		80,990		41,875
Golf Classic		12,785		21,310
Prize Bonds		50		50
		<u>76,180</u>		<u>76,086</u>
Administrative expenses				
Donations		-	400	
Meetings	720		255	
Promotion Development and Coaching	50,073		28,780	
Advertising, Stationary and Postage	3,536		2,828	
Lotto	6,046		-	
Golf Classic	3,969		3,770	
John Kissane Sevens	-		50	
Accountancy	726		-	
Bank charges	1,403		779	
General expenses	-		1,370	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	754		-	
		<u>(67,227)</u>		<u>(36,032)</u>
Net surplus		<u>8,953</u>		<u>40,054</u>

FRIENDS OF TIPPERARY FOOTBALL ACCOUNTS

Friends of Tipperary Football BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 September 2021

	Notes	Sep 21 €	Oct 20 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	3	2,260	-
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Current Assets			
Debtors	4	840	10,797
Cash at bank and in hand		127,591	66,012
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		128,431	76,809
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Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	53,736	8,807
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Net Current Assets		74,695	68,002
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Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		76,955	68,002
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Capital Account		76,955	68,002
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FRIENDS OF TIPPERARY FOOTBALL ACCOUNTS

Friends of Tipperary Football NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial period ended 30 September 2021

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of Friends of Tipperary Football for the financial period ended Sep 21 are confined solely to Friends of Tipperary Football's fundraising activity.

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention modified when necessary to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Income

Income represents the total amount of fundraising income made during the year.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	-	0%
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25%

2. PERIOD OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements are for the 11 month period ended 30 September 2021.

3. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	€	€	€
Cost			
At 1 November 2020	4,746	2,112	6,858
Additions	-	3,014	3,014
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At 30 September 2021	4,746	5,126	9,872
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2020	4,746	2,112	6,858
Charge for the financial period	-	754	754
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At 30 September 2021	4,746	2,866	7,612
Net book value			
At 30 September 2021	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	-	2,260	2,260

4. DEBTORS

	Sep 21	Oct 20
	€	€
Other debtors	840	10,780
Prepayments and accrued income	-	17
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	840	10,797
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Coaching & Games Development 2021

(Dinny Maher, Co. Games Manager)

As we come to the end of another challenging year, I am glad to report that games development activities implemented by staff, supporting clubs, schools, divisional and county boards, and other units, played a huge part in ensuring some form of normality was restored to all. I would like to say a sincere thanks, on behalf of the Games Development committee, the Coaching officer Tom Dawson, the Games Development Administrators Kevin, Andy, Paudie and Tommy to the volunteer group of board, club, school personnel, coaches' administrators for their cooperation and commitment during the year. Games Development staff's role is to support that group of people in their work. On the following pages the Games Development Administrators will outline some of the activities they were involved in.



Dinny Maher,
Co Games Manager

Primary Schools Coaching Scheme

From a county perspective the re-implementation of the Primary School Coaching Scheme brought play back to our schools. This scheme is now in its 22nd year and has been a major success to the development of games in our primary schools and among our young players. Like everything however, tweaks are needed to reenergise the scheme. Over the past number of months, we have been in discussion with county boards with a view to changing some of the operation around the scheme. We will be able to engage with clubs early in the new year with details of the new administration of the coaching scheme. Sincere thanks again to County Board and Divisional Bords for their continued financial assistance with the project. A special thanks to Coiste na nOg, who will from 2022 be putting their shoulder to the wheel to take on some of the project funding. Covid restrictions really impeded Cumann na mBunscoil in their very important competitions and hopefully things can move forward again in the new year. Games Development personnel are on hand to assist in every way possible.

Post Primary Schools

Post primary competition got underway at both provincial and county level. Games Development staff assisted Tom Maher Post Primary Officer in the running of a very successful "First Year" hurling league in October/November. GDA's also ran internal leagues in post primary schools which proved to be very popular among teachers and pupils. Post primary activity continues with Transition Year courses and other activity.

Club Scene

On the club front much attention and focus was on the change of age grades for underage competition. Huge work was put in by all boards, fixtures making bodies and clubs to put a meaningful games program in place for our young players. Games Development Administrators again took on the "Go Games" program as usual and a full and comprehensive schedule was completed. A full review of the fixtures to examine pros and cons is needed but the overall initial reaction is positive. Divisional Boards with the support of clubs took on the U11 age grade with great success. The U13 grade was also well ran and the finals day was a great success as were the U15/17 grades. The standard of play on show was very high showing positive signs for our coaches and mentors at club level. There is a heavy schedule of games to keep players fully engaged, a word of caution should be expressed however around the need to continue with skill development at coaching sessions in clubs as a central part of player development.

Success is still viewed through the prism of the cups presented at the end of the year This is a false kingdom to live in. Only one team captain will get that privilege each year. We should not forget the huge amount of work, time and commitment being done by clubs and club personnel in the development of GAA in Tipperary, often, knowing full well that the "cup" is beyond them. This is the real test, to keep going in the face of limited "visual" success. All clubs should strive to develop to their own potential and be a platform for involvement in parish and community and take the little "successes" that arrive as they come. Games Development are there to assist.

Cúl Camps

Kelloggs Gaa Cul camps got under way in July. Again, clubs had the option to opt in or out as they saw fit. 54 clubs took up the option in Tipperary with an overall attendance of over 6,000 children. Changes to the logistical operation of the project saw kits being delivered direct to the family thus cutting out the storage and coordination of kits by games development staff allowing them more time to give to administration and coordination of the camps. It was especially beneficial to the club coordinators taking a large body of work from them allowing them to concentrate more on the day-to-day organisation of the camp. Overall, the camps were very successful. Students and young people were again employed giving them an opportunity to earn much needed money and some work experience and goals for the summer months. Sincere thanks to all the clubs, coordinators coaches and for their commitment over the summer. Kelloggs Cul camps area major national project with much planning and organisation in place. It is an all-year-round job which over the last 7 or 8 years has been the responsibility of Charlie Harrison. Charlie, former Sligo senior footballer and "All Star" has done an immense job, in particular guiding us through Covid -19 and all that went with it. He is now embarking on a new challenge having taken over the "World Games" project. We thank him sincerely and wish him well in his new role.

Development Squads & Academies

As stated above, cups can define success, this is never as evident as it is at intercounty level. Much talk over the last couple of years has been the lack of "cups" at County Minor and U20 level leading to questions of "what is happening" with the underage squads" vis a vie other counties and their perceived level of achievement. Perspective is needed here. In the 2000's alone Tipperary has been successful in 15 All Irelands at all levels hurling and football, 11 of those coming since 2010. Include in this the defeats in finals and semi-finals and the achievement of reaching Minor, U21 and Senior Football finals and semi-finals with the winning of Munster Senior Football in 2020 a major achievement the picture gets a bit brighter. While the "Academy" alone is not responsible for such success it has played a major role in the development of our county teams. Reference has been made towards our lack of size, physicality, and apparent overall strength, especially at underage level, compared to other counties. Games Development constantly challenge the existing system for improvement and refinement in relation to our squads, always looking to progress to the next level. In 2006 using the expertise available at that time we embarked on a physical development segment in our squad system. This was very progressive thinking at the time with questions asked in some quarters about the necessity of such a module in the

program. However, with the support of county board and other vested units we pressed on with the program. Initially it was housed in the Dome and later in other locations most recently up to Covid-19 hitting, in the Sports Lab at LIT. Expert guidance was given by qualified coaches led by such as Liam Hennessy, Des Ryan and Damien Young, who with resident coaches and coaches from Setanta college. Tipperary GAA development squads have for many years been at the forefront of up to date thinking on all areas of development from skill to physical fitness to nutrition and lifestyle. While we didn't have a big "fanfare" and publicity around it the work was done quietly and efficiently in the background. I am delighted to say here that we are now on to another level, at great expense, with the amalgamation of Tipperary GAA and Setanta College in a major project around player development from U13 to senior level. The project which commenced in early November is based in Setanta Wellness Gyms at Sarsfield's club house, Thurles Handball club and Dr Morris Park. is set to progress through the winter months into the spring. Athletic Development and skill acquisition are the core pillars of the program with modules on health and wellbeing, nutrition, and coach development also central. Players from all corners of the county are involved, divisional or club status is not a barometer for squad selection. A broad sweep of players is involved giving many a chance to play at a level above their normal thus improving their games. The clubs must take great credit for the standard of players coming in. They are very committed, ambitious, and diligent in all that they do. Parents also deserve thanks for their support in having players present and communicating when they are not. Of course, all the above would not be possible without the assistance of the volunteer group of coaches. We are very fortunate and indebted to this group of men who give their time and expertise to the development of our young players not only benefiting the county squads but also the many club players who come in at divisional level. Many of these coaches and mentors move on to county minor and U20 level thus maintaining a constant in the lives of the players involved in the academy.

In specific terms 2021 was difficult as there were no tournament games to play with the squads. Dedicated challenge games dates were provided, and we took part in all of those in both codes as well as organising some of our own. Dedicated coaching sessions took place in Dr Morris to establish groups for athletic development. These groups are now in place and working. Dual player selection again proved problematic. It is unfortunate that a "dual layer strategy" implemented in 2019 did not get a proper chance to mature as we feel it served the best interest on all sides of the argument. A return to a more open door no restriction policy is not in the best interest, certainly of football and will throw up difficulties for future county minor managements.

Inter-Divisional Competitions

The Peader Cummins inter divisional hurling was organised by Games Development during October and November. North and South Tipperary reached the cup final while Mid and West contested the shield on Saturday 27th November. The standard of play on display during the tournament was high with great levels of skill and speed on show. While the inter-divisional tournaments provide a breeding ground for large amounts of players to show their wares it is questionable if it is benefiting Tipperary in the long run. A review of all inter-divisional competition is needed laying out the pros and cons and making an informed unemotional decision. Thanks again to all management teams and especially Jim O Shea and the referee for their assistance.

Club Development Programme

Munster GAA recently commenced a club development program across the province to assist clubs. Clubs in Tipperary have been invited to get involved in what can be a very beneficial project. Initially a club audit is required, following that, presentations will be made to clubs outlining best practice in club development across seven pillars. The club development committee under the chairmanship of Mark McLoughlin will play a central role in the completion of the project. It is hoped to have all clubs completed by April 2023.

Retirement

On a personal level and as I bring the curtain down on my time with Tipperary GAA Games Development, I reflect on the last 20 years or so. A lot has changed from the days in 1999 when I commenced. The decision to employ full time staff was in many ways a leap of faith showing brave foresight by Tipperary GAA at that time. The organisation realised that developing the games into the future required more than what a volunteer group or board could give. As Croke Park, under the guidance of Pat Daly the then Head of Games Development, began to develop strategies and operational system the role of full-time staff changed. Initially staff were employed as Games Promotion Officers and were seen chiefly as coaches for clubs and schools. As administration and backup systems and as the sports system itself became more framed and dedicated the role changed to Games Development Administrators, whose job was to implement systems and projects and oversee them, all the time supporting the volunteers on the ground.

As projects such as "Go Games", Cul Camps, Academies, Coach Education and school schemes were implemented all of which are framed in a Player Development Pathway system, the workload became more pronounced and additional staff were added. Electronic recording and reporting systems were put in place to support the practical work on the ground and provide upline managers with information to refer too when reporting to central council and government sports bodies. At this point the Games Mangers role was introduced, to oversee the sport system in counties. I am happy that Tipperary is in a good place and ready, under new personnel with fresh energy and ideas to move games development forward into the future. From my point of view, I realise that not everything was received with open arms and people had differing outlooks, however I would stand over anything that was implemented was always with the best interest of Tipperary GAA foremost in our minds.

In Conclusion

I would like to say a sincere thanks to all the people who assisted and supported Games Development over the years. As mentioned above Pat Daly and the staff in Croke Park, Munster Council Staff especially my fellow County Games Managers who supported and assisted me over the years. A sincere thanks to Provincial Games Managers Pat O'Shea and especially Joey Carton who was my immediate supervisor. Joey was a huge help throughout the years. From Con Hogan and Michael O'Brien, who were the county board officers who instigated the use of full-time staff, right through all the chairmen and county executive members to the present time. A special word of appreciation to County Secretary Tim Floyd for his unerring support, leadership, and advice. He had the quality to be close enough to us to know what was going on yet far enough away to allow us to execute our roles, all the time encouraging us along the way. To the sub-committees especially county and divisional Bord na nOg, Cumann na mBunscoil, Post Primary Schools committees all of whom we worked very closely with in a common goal to develop Tipperary GAA.

The role of the Coaching and Games Development committee, which we were aligned to, was the group that went through the biggest change. From a time when that group had to undertake games development initiatives as volunteers through to gradually handing over to full time personnel thus relieving them of a workload that was becoming too big for part time people to handle. Sincere thanks to all committee

members and especially the Coaching Officers. From Pat Moroney who was the first we worked under through Denis Floyd who oversaw much of the change to the current incumbent Tom Dawson and all in between who were a great assistance to us and servants to Tipperary GAA. I would like to especially remember here Tom Collum, sadly no longer with us. Tom was an immense help to us all and a great advisor and shoulder to lean on.

My Games Development Colleagues

To my fellow staff members who over the years supported me both as a colleague and as their manager. Some came and went on to different things. Johnny Cummins was there from day one right up to his retirement some years back. Johnny had a down to earth approach and was a source of wisdom for us as we started out. Tadhg O'Connor and Len Gaynor both as former players were well respected in clubs across the county and great ambassadors. The current quartet of men are undoubtedly doing an immense amount of work for Tipperary GAA. Kevin Halley, Andy Ryan, Paudie Malone and Tom Fitzgerald work endless hours on behalf of Tipperary GAA. They are driven and at this stage so experienced at what they do. I want to thank them sincerely for not alone their great effort but for their camaraderie, friendship and mostly their support over the years. We argued, differed, made our points, but at the end of the day every ounce of energy was to progress and move Tipperary GAA forward. I sincerely wish them well into the future and hope as extra staff comes along, they achieve all they wish for in Tipperary Games Development.

Finally, from my own point of view I feel I have given my best each day, but that is not for me to judge. I tried to remain in the background and get the work done quietly and as efficiently as possible, no more I can say about that. I feel there is a good base now to move forward and I wish every member well in their endeavours.

Just to finish a quote from Othello comes to mind and maybe Tipperary GAA will say "*Perhaps he was of some service*"

North Tipperary Coaching and Games Activity 2021

(Paudie Malone, North Tipperary Games Development Administrator)

Introduction:

2021 has seen us return to something resembling normality. Clubs got the chance to play games, children got the chance to attend summer camps and some of our players got the chance to represent their division in hurling and football. Credit must be given to all the bords, clubs, coaches, parents and players that contributed to such an enjoyable juvenile year. It was brilliant to see young people out playing games and enjoying themselves long may it continue. Before I start my report, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the North juvenile and senior bord who have always supported me greatly. I would also like to thank all the juvenile secretaries who are my communication gateway into all the clubs the work these people do daily is incredible anything I have asked of them they do their best to accommodate be it booking fields, organising players for trials, contact numbers for mentors etc!

Primary Schools:

Once the schools reopened in September, I allowed time for them to bed in with all the new restrictions and covid protocols. I then sent out a survey to all school requesting information around GAA activity in their schools. All schools responded within a week, and I will use that information over the coming months to plan events, target areas that need help and alert clubs to an area where they might be able to assist. Currently most of my schools have a coach in once a week from outside the school to coach the children. The number has dropped a small bit this year due a variety of reasons namely coaches not feeling comfortable going into schools with Covid, schools not allowing outside coaches in and the availability of coaches to help schools. As it stands schools are not allowed play matches/blitz outside of their school's grounds. Hopefully in the new year these restrictions will be lifted, and we can organise games/blitzes for all age cohorts attending primary school. Next year we will be rolling out a new primary school coaching scheme which we have been working on for the past few months.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and principals 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 have 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:

The last 18 months have been a very difficult time for Post Primary schools across the country. It was great to see competitions return this year and to see all Tipperary schools competing well. In the New Year we hope to run some external competitions for our schools to keep them hurling in the lead up to the start of the club season. I currently look after 6 post primary schools in the division which are Nenagh College, Nenagh CBS, Roscrea Pobail Scoil, Cistercian College, Borrisokane College and Borrisoleigh Post Primary. I have started to run TY Courses and most recently completed one in Borrisokane College. The plan is to run more of these in the New Year and have these students help me with organising events in their school and for local primary schools. Many thanks to the principals, teachers, and students for all the schools for their cooperation and hard work throughout the year.

Clubs:

All clubs took part in Go Games blitzes in hurling and football for u5, u7, u9 run in Dr. Morris and different locations around the division. Some clubs also decided to arrange their own blitzes on different weekends which were also a great success. Blitzes started in the month of May and finished up in the last week of October. I'd like to thank all clubs that acted as hosts for blitzes throughout the year.

Cul Camps proved to be a great success with numbers up in total for the division and the county. We trained over 180 coaches in the county in all aspects of child coaching and protocols around Covid 19. Total of 15 camps were ran in the division. The clubs that did camps were as



Paudie Malone

follows Roscrea, Shannon Rovers, Kiladagan, Lorrha, Knockshegowna, Nenagh Eire Og, Kilruane (x2), Silvermines, Newport, Portroe, Moneygall, Burgess, Ballina and Toomevara. 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 1,290. We also employed 50 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. I would encourage all clubs to run an easter camp and cul camp as it is a great way for the players in your club to learn the skills of the game in a fun environment. A big thank you to all the coaches who coached at the Cul camps around the division.

In North Tipperary we had 60 coaches do online courses over Covid, the practicals for these courses will be ran before year end all coaches will be notified via email. There is also a new Foundation Course launching in 2022 currently all tutors and GDAs/GPOs across the country are in training to deliver it. We hope to roll this new course out to all clubs in the first quarter of 2022.

Divisional Squads:

This year we had two sets of Divisional Squads an U14 (Hurling & Football) squad and an U13 Hurling squad. Here are the list of players and mentors with each squad:

U13 Peadar Cummins Panel 2021

Paddy McCormack, Moneygall; Luke McIntyre, Newport; Callum Mitchell, Roscrea; Tadgh McKeogh, Ballina; Cormac Frend, Toomevara; Cody Quirke, Toomevara; Daniel McKelvey, Silvermines; Kevin Fitzpatrick, Newport; Conor McLoughlin, Newport; Aaron O'Donohoe, Roscrea; David Rabitte, Borrisoleigh; Killian Fitzgerald, Lorrha; Tommy O'Meara, Kilruane; Charlie Tobin, Newport; Enda Tormey, Ballina; Liam Dunphy, Roscrea; Luke McKeogh, Ballina; Patrick Hackett, Toomevara; Paul Cahalan, Burgess; Ryan Donnelly, Borrisokane; Eoin Grace, Silvermines; Aodhan Tucker, Nenagh; Harry Noone, Newport; Cormac Shanahan, Newport; Jack Bevans, Borrisoleigh; Cathal Kennedy, Borrisoleigh.

Mentors: Noel Maloney, Nenagh; Shane Hennessy, Nenagh; Jack Lee, Roscrea; Oisín Ryan, Kiladagan; Pádraig Malone, GDA

U14 Hurling Panel 2021

Darragh Hayes, Toomevara; Cillian Franks, Kilruane; Patrick Ryan, Borrisoleigh; Conor Grace, Burgess; Emmett Jones, Nenagh; Declan Walsh, Roscrea; Oisín O'Shea, Roscrea; Diarmuid Fogarty, Kiladagan; Thomas Shanahan, Ballina; Brehon O'Donnell, Silvermines; Paul McKeogh, Ballina; Liam O'Callaghan, Portroe; Cormac Hoolhan, Moneygall; Billy O'Brien, Nenagh; Ray Quinlivan, Kilruane; Jake Houlihan, Nenagh; Paul Molloy, Kilruane; Evan Ryan, Borrisoleigh; Cillian Healy, Kilruane; Cillian Collins, Newport; Caylum Fogarty, Nenagh; Liam O'Dwyer, Shannon Rovers; Shane Cleary, Kilruane; Eoin Doughan, Moneygall; Michael Collins, Templederry; Evan Sherlock, Kiladagan; Shay Gleeson, Moneygall; Joe O Dwyer, Burgess; Darragh Chute, Borrisoleigh.

Mentors: Liam Dunphy, Roscrea; Conor Sheedy, Roscrea; Mark Fanning, Moneygall; Jerome Cahill, Kilruane ; Pádraig Malone, GDA

U14 Football Panel 2021

Paul McKeogh, Ballina; Conor Hodgins, Nenagh; Johnny Naughnane, Kilruane; Thomas Shanahan, Ballina; Emmet Jones, Nenagh; Daniel Quinn, Nenagh; Brehon O'Donnell, Silvermines; Valter Janiters, Nenagh; Adam Dorris, Burgess; Diarmuid Moloney, Kiladagan; Dara O Dwyer, Kiladagan; Conor Grace, Burgess; David Austin, Borrisokane; Cathal Hannon, Newport; Evan Molloy, Ballina; Adam O'Brien, Moneygall; Cillian Healy, Kilruane; Cormac Hoolhan, Moneygall; Darragh Mackey, Newport; Jack Sullivan, Burgess; Michael Hennelly, Kilruane; Jack Quinn, Portroe; Joe O Dwyer, Burgess; Alex Ryan, Toomevara; Evan Sherlock, Kiladagan; Dylan Delaney, Toomevara; Cathal Blake, Borrisokane; Cillian Collins, Newport; Bobby Gleeson, Moneygall; Shay Gleeson, Moneygall.

Mentors: Robert Ryan, Ballina; Mark Fanning, Moneygall; Jack Lee, Inane Rovers; Pádraig Malone, GDA

Huge thank you to all the mentors that got involved this year. The players that came in got excellent sessions with the coaches. I would like to thank the secretaries of each club for getting messages out about trials for me and to the clubs that allowed the use of their facilities. We have had divisional squads running two to three times a week from May to the first week of December this year which took a huge commitment from coaches, players and parents. This year we got gear of Gaelic Armour in Nenagh for all squads, I would like to take this opportunity to



North Tipperary Hurling U14 panel



North Tipperary football U14 panel



North Tipperary U13 Peadar Cummins panel

thank Billy and all his staff in Gaelic Armour for providing a brilliant service and excellent gear for the players. I would like to thank the North Senior & Juvenile bord for their support in running these squads with whom without their support the squads would not have been the success they were.

Summary

Just to conclude I would like to say a massive thank you to Joe McCarthy and Veronica Power 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 2022.

South Tipperary Coaching & Games Report 2021

(Tom Fitzgerald South Tipperary GDA)

Introduction

First of all I would like to start by thanking all the clubs, schools, teachers and Bord Officers of South Tipperary for all their help and support throughout the season. A special thanks to all club secretaries for taking my calls and emails throughout the year. The last two years has been like no other it has been difficult for players, mentors and teachers and Bord Officers.

Primary Schools

The main aim since the schools reopened in September was to ensure Primary Schools in South Tipperary has access to a GAA coach. This has been challenging with Covid 19 and clubs are finding it hard to find coaches to coach in schools. I would suggest to clubs to look at third level students to fill these positions it has worked very well for some clubs. Hopefully in the New Year when restrictions change we see the return of Cumann na mBunol. I ran a Fundamental Movement programme in five schools which was great success and the kids loved it. I hope restart Primary School blitzes in hurling and football after Christmas, this of course is dependent Covid restrictions.

Special thanks to all school, teachers and school coaches for all their work last twelve months.

Post Primary Schools

I currently look after 5 post primary schools. I'm in the process of running Young Whistlers and Coaching courses in schools for TY students. In the New Year we will run 1st and 2nd hurling and football blitzes and use Young Whistlers to referee these games. It has been great to see the return to competitive games in Munster and County competitions in Tipperary in last few weeks. Big thanks to Tom Maher and Post Primary Committee for all their work in organising games and fixtures.

Go Games

We ran a very successful Go Games programme in Tipperary this year providing more than enough games opportunities for all clubs at U7, U9 and U11.

A special thanks to Sean O' Meara and Anne Flemming for coordinating U11 Go Games Programme this was a major success. And with the addition of the Young Whistlers refereeing all games was big help to clubs and mentors. I would like to thank clubs that provided pitches and coordinators on the day of blitzes.

Cul Camp

13 Kellogg's Cul Camp ran in South Tipperary with over 1500 kids taking part. All camps ran very well and clubs coordinators completed the mandatory Covid-19 online course to familiarize themselves with best practice for the week of camp. Big thanks to the club camp coordinators for all their help and support throughout the summer.



Tom Fitzgerald
South Games
Development
Administrator



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Peadar
Cummins Cup
Winners 2021



South Tipperary U14 football team

Development Squads

Big thanks to all players, mentors, Bord members and parents who were involved and helped out with South Tipperary Development Squads. It's a hard job with selection process with over 80 kids coming into to trials at U14 level. We played U14 hurling and football over the summer months in a Munster Games programme giving lots of game opportunities to our boys against other county teams. Big thanks to the mentors and administrators, we have been so lucky in last two years to have such committed mentors. At the moment we are preparing for the Peadar Cummins U13 Hurling with our first game 18th of November in Dr Morris Park vs West Tipperary. Big thanks to Sean O'Meara, Maura and Anne for helping coordinators all squads .

U14 Hurling Mentors

Sean O' Meara -Mullinahone; Jim Halpin – Cahir; Brendan Cummins- Ballybacon Grange; Dickie Norton- Ballingarry
Tom Fitzgerald GDA

U14 Football Mentors

Pat O' Brien -Cahir; Michael Doyle- Killenaule; John Burnock- Grangemockler Ballyneale; Tom Fitzgerald GDA

U13 Hurling Mentors Peadar Cummins

Eoin Morrissey- Moyle Rovers; Shane McDonnell -Carrick Swan; Aiden Maher – Mullinahone; Tom Fitzgerald GDA

Conor Freaney, KilsheelanKilcash; Dylan Hennessy, Mullinahone; Darragh Doyle, Killenaule; Sam Coen, Fethard; Colin O'Brien, Mullinahone; Andy Williams, Killenaule; Ned O Meara, Mullinahone; Fred Perry, Moyle Rovers; Kyran O Meara, Carrick Swan; Gary Hannarhan, Cahir;Euan Magee, Cahir;Liam Kelly, Cahir; Paul Cummins. Ballybacon Grange; Tristan O' Connor, Kilsheelan Kilcash; Luke Lacey, Fethard; Daniel Charles, St Marys; Jack Cahill, Ballingarry; Darragh Maher, St Marys; James Murphy, Ballybacon Grange; Shane Cooney, Clerihan; Colin Roche, Kilsheelan Kilcash; Jason Kind, Skeheenarinky; Harry Lawlor, St Marys; Danny Barry, Fethard; Aiden Gorey, Moyle Rovers.

South U14 Football Squad 1 Finn Napier, Clonmel Commercials; 2 Oisín Power, Ballyporeen; 3 Shane O' Brien, Ballylooby; 4 Brian Morrisson, Moyle Rovers; 5 Shane Ryan, Killenaule; 6 Gavin Neville Fethard; 7 Rory O' Mahoney, Fethard; 8 Owen O' Dwyer, Killenaule; 9 Darragh Pollard, Ballingarry; 10 Ronan Miles, Ardfinnan; 11 John Cronin, Moyle Rovers; 12 Noah O' Fylnn, Fethard; 13 Shane McGrath Mullinahone; 14 Leigh Murphy. Ballylooby; 15 Darie English, Fr Sheehys; 16 Charlie Noonan, St Patricks; 17 Mikey Mcguire,



**South Tipperary
U14 Hurling Team**



South Tipperary Joint-Captains of the winning Peader Cummins team, Dylan Hennessy and Darragh Doyle receive the trophy from Co Bord na nÓg Chairman, Tommy Landers.

Kilsheelan;18 Jack Alward, Clonmel Og; 19 Charlie Walsh, Fethard; 20 Ryan Breedy, Fr Sheehys; 21 Gavin Canty, Ballyporeen; 22 David Halpin, Cahir;23 Cillian Direen, Mullinahone; 24 Sean Fitzgerald, St Patricks; 25 Conor McGuire, Grangemoekler; 26 Kevin Barry, Clonmel Commercial.

Conclusion

Just to conclude I would like to say massive thanks to County Games Manager Dinny Maher and Tipperary GAA Bord Officers for their help throughout the year.

Mid Tipperary Coaching & Games Report 2021

(Andy Ryan, Mid Tipperary Games Administrator)

It's coming to the end of another busy and difficult year for Mid Tipperary Coaching & Games. Credit must be given players, parents, coaches, officers and teachers with the challenges they all faced with COVID – 19 again this year. Although the challenges weren't as bad as 2020 everyone involved in coaching faced tough times throughout the year.

Below is a short report on the ongoings and activities that took place and that are taking place in Mid Tipperary in 2021.

Primary Schools:

- All Primary schools continued the School Coaching Scheme at some stage throughout the year
- No games were played through Cumann na mBunscoil but some schools played some challenges and internal games and leagues throughout the year.
- Several schools took part in an ABC fundamental programme over 5-week period ran by Coaching & Games staff. This programme included activities such as Agility, Balance, Coordination, Running, Jumping, Throwing, Kicking. This programme in some schools gave the junior cycle of the school their first taste of GAA coaching in School.
- Again, this year several teachers and SNAs completed online Coaching Courses and GAA webinars.
- In a successful year for our adult club teams in our division local schools showed great support for past pupils of their school by post goodwill messages, videos and pictures on Coaching & Games and school social media pages. Its so important that this link between club and local primary school is kept at all costs.
- A number of schools ran After School Leagues in school which proved to be a huge success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Principals, teachers and school coaches who put so much hard work to promote our Games in all the schools. It is important that all clubs keep supporting our Primary Schools as the primary school can be where our players get the first taste of playing GAA.

Post Primary Schools

- All Post Primary Schools in Mid Region took part in Tipperary and Munster Post Primary Schools competitions in both hurling and football.
- Recently all schools took part in 1st Year hurling Blitzes in Dr Morris Park. All schools played in 2 days of blitzes. These blitzes were ran by our Post Primary Officer Tom Maher and the help of Coaching & Games.
- Internal Leagues and Blitzes were running in some schools the eventual winners receiving Munster GAA T-Shirts. This initiative is run by Munster Coaching and Games and local GDAs.
- TY Coaching and Future Leader courses were ran in a number of schools throughout the year. These courses involved several aspects of the running of GAA clubs like coaching, PRO workshops, match reporting, referee courses etc.

I thank all the teachers involved who help coach and promote our Games in our Post Primary schools. A lot of this work is outside school hours and credit must be given to these teachers and sport officers in our schools. I would also like to thank Tom Maher our Post Primary Schools Officer who does trojan work behind the scenes to make Tipperary one of the best run Post Primary School set ups in the association.



Camps

- 14 clubs within the Mid region ran Kellogg's Cul Camps in 2021
- Over 1400 kids took part in our Cul Camps over the summer months.
- 42 coaches from the Mid Region were employed for Cul Camps.
- 40-50 young club helpers helped throughout all the camps.

I would like to thank all the Club Coordinators for all the help over the build up and during the camps with out these people there is no way the camps would be a successful as they are. To the coaches who were excellent this year again and dealing with the extra challenges that came with Covid 19 in our camps.

The following were the club coordinators

Boherlahan Dualla : Maria Gleeson, Clonakenny : Aodhan O Flaithearta, Durlas Og : Brian Burke, Gortnahoe Glengoole: Catherine Campion and Breda Gleeson, Holycross Ballycahill: Paula Briody, JK Brackens: Caroline Broderick, Loughmore Castleiney: Yvonne Doyle, Moycarkey Borris: Mary Shelly, Thurles Gaels Aisling Cotter.

Thurles Sarsfields Ladies Football / Camoige: Amy O Gorman, Upperchurch Drombane: Michael Corcoran, Newport: Collete Collins

Killenaule: Kevin Shelly, Sean Treacys: Angela O'Dwyer

Club Activity:

In another very difficult year for all involved in club's credit must be given to all officers, coaches, and players the way they conducted themselves.

- All clubs took part in all championships where possible.
- Number of coaches took part in online courses and webinars
- All clubs took part in Go Games programme at Under 7 and 9 in both codes
- Clubs organised several blitz days and tournaments in their own club inviting several clubs from within and outside the county.
- All clubs took part in The Michael Hogan football days under 11 and 13.
- All clubs supplied young whistlers for the running of our Under 11 Go Games Programme.
- Number of clubs running the new initiative from Munster GAA called Munster Club Development Plan

I would like to thank all the club officers and coaches for the last couple of years who worked so hard to keep the club going and players active in such difficult times and under difficult circumstances.

Development Squads

Divisional Development squads were quitter than usual again this year with only Under 14 football and hurling squads and at the moment Under 13 hurling is ongoing.

Earlier on in the year an under 14 divisional squad in both hurling and football had a number of quality coaching sessions and a number of games against squads from other counties. These sessions gave over 60 players a taste of playing at a higher level than they were used to.

At the moment the divisional under 13 hurlers are taking part in the hurling inter divisional competition.

I thank all mentors who have giving up valuable time to coach and mentor the young development player in our region.

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.



Cul Camp in Mid Tipp



Dr Morris Park, caretaker Pat O'Callaghan with his grand child

Conclusion

I would like to thank my fellow colleagues GDAs Kevin Halley, Paudie Malone and Tom Fitzgerald for all their help throughout the last couple years which was quite challenging on us all at times.

To my senior divisional officers Joe Sullivan and Catherine Dunne and our Bord na nOg officers PJ Bowden, Michelle Mckelvey and Paddy Kenny 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 Joe Kennedy, Tim Floyd, Michael Power our Coaching Officer Tom Dawson and juvenile officers Tommy and John for all their help.

To Mid Bord na Og PRO Mark Dunne who is so important when it comes to promoting all activities on social media.

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

To Pat and Andy in Dr Morris Park who are always so helpful to Games and Development.

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

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.

Finally, I've got to say a big thank you to our County Games Manager Dinny Maher who is retiring from his post this year. Dinny was always a great help and manager to me and us all in Games Development. I wish Dinny all the best in his retirement and wish himself and Mary all the best for the future.

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 2022.

West Tipperary Coaching & Games Report 2021

Kevin Halley (Tipperary Games Development).

Club/School Primary Coaching Scheme.

The primary school coaching scheme in Tipperary has received many plaudits throughout the country, a scheme that was introduced over twenty years ago in a form of Fás work has manifested itself into a joint effort between divisions, clubs, and county board. The primary objective is to ensure our young players at whatever age and ability have an exposure to Gaelic games within their local school. Every club in Tipperary has at least one primary school affiliated, in some cases, clubs can have up to three or four. Nourishing and protecting this scheme is paramount to our clubs and to society in general. Apart from the introduction of skills, the physical activity this scheme is providing is enamours, bearing in mind, it also is covering some strands of the school curriculum including fundamental movements and games. In a recent HSE report, one in five primary school going children are considered overweight, along with movement skills between the ages of four- and ten-year-olds at an all-time low, dictated by lifestyle, having our school going children active was never more important.

Tipperary Gaa community fully realises the importance of the scheme and fully understands that the primary school is where all our players attend daily, giving each child the chance to engage in the sport and in turn having a pathway for the primary school child led by the parent, to transition into the local GAA club is of most importance. For this transition to happen, the club and the school link must be transparent and active. Clubs should always remember, to recruit the child, you must have a strategy to engage the parent. I would ask all clubs to cross reference the number of primary schools going children that are engaged in your club. You as a club must maximise the return on investment of the primary scheme, how to gauge return must be increased transition between school and your club. The more you as a club nourish the scheme, the more return you will attain as a club on the investment.

The new proposed funding structures of the Primary school scheme will put renewed emphasis on the school, which I believe is welcomed, one of the major fall outs from covid, was the lack of face-to-face communication, January 2022 is an ideal time to reignite your club's commitment to your schools again, and show that you as club representatives are always ready, willing, and able to be of assistance.

I would like to thank all coaches and schools' personnel for the constant commitment to school activity, Covid 19 was a real challenge, but you met it head on.

Post Primary Schools.

Like our primary schools, the post primary sector plays a very important role in the development of our players, so much so, the club players Gaa activity is provided in school 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 the support group affiliated to the school, club player involvement at post primary school level is very much monitored and appreciated. There is a cohort of club players not playing in schools, where club coaches are unaware. Post primary schools are very conscious in providing games and training to all players and ability, communicating with your youth player is important, to ensure they are active at post primary level, this in turn will have a positive effect on your club's player development. We thank all Post Primary Schools for their commitment to Gaelic games, while also recognising the fabulous work all our Post Primary school teachers do daily, promoting and developing our games.

Post primary Support Groups.

The word Support in the dictionary means 'to bear all or part of the weight'. Clubs serving Cashel, The Abbey, and Cahir C.S have been proactive and put their shoulder to the wheel to start their journeys in supporting their post primary school sector. Cashel Community school support group is at a more advanced stage, as it is in operation for several years, it is great to see The Abbey and most recently, Cahir Community School joining the support group initiative. I have always been an advocate of good communication to alleviate issues or possible problems that may arise, never is it more important to have good clear communication between clubs and feeder school, due to the fixture within the club sector and the Post primary, having the proper channels in place will help these schools to anticipate rather than react to the possible issues that may arise. Schools in the support group initiative are underpinned by additional coaching support along with other day to day support, depending



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Development
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West Under 14 Football squad 2021; Back l-r: Briain O Donoghue, Mathew Kinnane, Shane O'Brien, Josh O'Dwyer, Alan Delaney, David Ryan, Adam Ryan, Taylor Light, Jack O'Dwyer, Harry Fogarty, Ian Ryan. Front l-r: Conor Wheston, William Colville, Ciaran Kelly, Darragh O'Hora, Callum Butler Buckley, Cian Collins, Dermot McCarthy, Conor Moloney Ryan, Sean Hayes, Jack Brett.

on what may arise at any given time. Rockwell College and St Ailbe's are also availing of a Munster Coaching development support initiative, twelve sessions have been provided from September to December. Thanks to all coaches who are working hard in this area.

Cúl Camp 2021.

All clubs in West Tipperary took part in Cúl Camp 2021. After the disturbance of 2020 camp program due to Covid, clubs were anxious to get back to normal for 2021. Camps ran without a hitch; great credit is due to clubs and their coordinators for providing fantastic camp week within their clubs. Credit also to our staff, over fifty young staff members from across West Tipperary clubs worked for most weeks over the summer months. This is also a valuable source of summer work which we in the GAA are glad to be able to provide. These staff coaches are very knowledgeable coaches along with being talented players, it is great to be able to work together for the betterment of our young players throughout the summer months. Well done to all concerned.

Coach Education.

Due to Covid protocol, our Coach Education program had to be patient with online learning during the past year. As it stands, in the region of four hundred coaches have completed the online foundation award, while still awaiting practical sessions, as soon as restrictions allow, we will complete the certification process, hopefully before Christmas completing all practicals.

2022 will see the launch of the new Foundation Award, this Award will be generic to Gaelic Games, Ladies Football and Camogie. Our Tutors are currently upskilling online and will attend training days in December at Munster venues. Hopefully, 2022 will see a positive roll out of this new course, along with a new Munster Workshop initiative for club coaches currently being compiled our Munster Coach Education workgroup, more details to follow soon.

As one year draws to a close, another is on the horizon, this is a suitable time to reflect on your clubs' educational requirements, remember, all coaches need a minimum coaching requirement of a Foundation Award, it is important as a club to ensure your policy transitions coaches to Award 1 level also, to maximise the education club coach pathway. One of the main area's clubs need to be very much aware of is "education of coaches" your club must be aware of this. Upskilling and educating ten willing coaches will have the knock-on effect of educating and progressing one hundred and fifty players, remember, people make places, the higher quality coach will ultimately produce better players.

Go Games 2021

Our divisional Go-Games program ran very well once we got cleared for games to start last June. Our Under 7 age cohort had ten official outings inclusive of five hurling and five football. Our under 9s program was a lot more match orientated, with this group having sixteen game opportunities. Throughout the summer month, under nine linked in to the under eleven games program, which appeared to work very well. Our under nines also had the opportunities to link in with other divisions on the first Saturday of each month to ensure a variety of teams were available to play.

This year saw the first under 11 games program introduced, to coincide with national policy. A total of ninety-six under 11 fixtures were scheduled over twelve weekends during June to August, feedback was very positive with all clubs adhering to the spirit and ethos of the Go Games model. Go Games is about playing the game without any fear or pressure, ensuring all children get maximum participation, in a fun and safe environment. Well done to all clubs, mentors and children involved.

Under 9 Match program 2021

Date	Code
June 12th Friday	Football – in conjunction with under 11 West fixtures
June 19th	Hurling – In Conjunction with under 11 West fixtures
June 26th	Football – In conjunction with Under 11 West Fixtures
July 3rd	Hurling - Matches with clubs outside west Tipperary where possible. Registration via What's App on week prior to date.
July 10th	Football - In conjunction with Under 11 West Fixtures
July 17th	Hurling - In conjunction with Under 11 West Fixtures
July 24th	Football - In conjunction with Under 11 West Fixtures
July 31st	Hurling - In conjunction with Under 11 West Fixtures
August 7th	Hurling - Matches with clubs outside west Tipperary where possible. Registration via What's App on week prior to date

August 14th	Hurling - In conjunction with Under 11 West Fixtures.
August 21st	Football - In conjunction with Under 11 West Fixtures
August 28th	Hurling - In conjunction with Under 11 West Fixtures
September 4th	Hurling - Matches with clubs outside west Tipperary where possible. Registration via What's App on week prior to date
September 24th	Football - Matches with clubs outside west Tipperary where possible. Registration via What's App on week prior to date
October 2nd	Hurling - Matches with clubs outside west Tipperary where possible. Registration via What's App on week prior to date
October 30th	Football - Matches with clubs outside west Tipperary where possible. Registration via What's App on week prior to date

Under 7 Match program 2021

Date Code

June 11th Friday	Football
June 26th	Hurling
July 2nd Friday	Football
July 31st July	Hurling
August 6th	Football
August 28th	Hurling
September 3rd	Football
September 25th	Hurling
October 2nd	Football
October 30th	Hurling

Code Under 11	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Club</i>
Football	12-06-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Hurling	19-06-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Football	26-06-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Hurling	03-07-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Football	10-07-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Hurling	17-07-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Football	24-07-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Hurling	31-7-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Football	07-08-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Hurling	14-08-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Football	21-08-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs
Hurling	28-08-21	West Tipperary	All Clubs

Munster Games Development, in conjunction with Games Development and our county development committee personnel are currently rolling out, a new club development program incorporating seven strands including,

- Coaching and Games Development
- Health and Wellbeing
- Communication and P.R
- Finance and Fundraising.
- Social and Community.



West Under 14 Hurling squad 2021: Front L-R Cian Lonergan, Conor Moloney Ryan, Sean Hayes, Jack Hourigan, Gavin Ryan, Ciaran Kelly, Willie Colville, James Butler, Larry Collins, Callum Butler Buckley. Back L-R Cian Collins, Darragh O'Hora, Sean O'Shea, Harry Fogarty, Ian Ryan, Jack Heffernan, Mathew Kinane, David Ryan, Adam Ryan, Adam Delaney, Briain O Donoghue.

- Organisation and structures.
- Volunteering and recruitment.

Galtee Rovers and Clerihan Gaa clubs were two who commenced the process early last year. Both clubs set out last spring to put structures and processes in place to complement the current club's standings and looking to develop a three-year strategic plan, outlining the progression roadmap. At time of writing, both clubs are nearing the launch, which will be of great help for the club's progression over the next few years. A special word of thanks to both clubs for all the work and effort they have put in, I'm sure it will be of great benefit over the next few years. I would like to thank the county development subcommittee chaired by Mark McLoughlin, in the roll out of this program, I am very confident this club development roll out will go from strength to strength over the next year or so. With Tipperary Coaching and Games Development and the Tipperary Development committee joining forces on this initiative, it will be of great benefit to clubs who want to strategically plan the years ahead, fail to prepare, prepare to fail. I will be inviting more clubs forward to get involved in the near future, if any club is serious about a strategic roadmap being put in place, to serve both juvenile and adult clubs, please make contact to discuss your options.

Special word of thanks to our mentors who looked after both West under 14 hurling and football squads during the year including, Billy Ryan Arravale Rovers, Joe McGrath Cashel King Cormacs, John Ryan Golden Kilfeacle, Tom O'Donnell Golden Kilfeacle. Our under 13 hurling mentors include Eddie Moroney Arravale Rovers, Bonnie Kennedy Clonoulty Rossmore, Denis O'Shea Aherlow, Thos Martin Cappawhite.

Finally, I would like to thank all personnel I have worked with during the year, officers of the divisional boards, some of whom will be stepping down this year, I wish them luck in the future and thank them for all their hard work. Personnel who have been involved in our development academy squads at under 13 and 14 age groups deserve great credit, your time and effort are much appreciated by all concerned. Thanks also to my fellow Games Development personnel and officers, in particular, Dinny Maher Games Manager, who retires this month, I would like to thank Dinny, who I have worked with for the past seventeen years and wish him well for the future.

To Clubs, parents and players, Happy Christmas, and best wishes for 2022.



Academy launch



Ballyporeen U15C County Football Champions 2021



JK Brackens County U15A Football Champions 2021



Moneygall/Clonakenny U15B County Football Champions 2021

County Tipperary Coiste na nOg

Chomhdhail Bhliaintuil 2021.

Coiste na nOg Officers 2021

Chairman	Tommy Landers	Knockavilla Kickhams
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Treasurer	John Sheehy	Sean Treacys
Rep to Senior Board	Sean O'Meara	Mullinahone
Rep to CCC	Martin Treacy	Holycross/Ballycahill

Feile Skills County Finals

Our GDAs held the County Feile skills competition Finals in Dr Morris Park on Friday evening May 7th.

The GDAs have been very proactive during the lockdown working virtually to get qualifiers to represent each division in both codes. The Finals were held in accordance with public health guidelines with social distancing and with no contact. The boys displayed a very high standard of skills and after a very close run contest, Evan Morrissey Holycross-Ballycahill representing Mid Tipperary emerged as winner in Football and Jack Hayes Moycarkey Borris also representing Mid Tipperary was victorious in the Hurling. The other finalists in Football were Conor Gantley Cappawhite representing West Tipperary, Tadgh White Moneygall representing North Tipperary and Shane Ryan Ardfinnan representing South Tipperary. In the Hurling the other finalists were, Jamie Ryan St Mary's South, Sean O'Mahoney Arravale Rovers West and Conor Kennedy, Lorrha Dorrha North.

All the finalists were presented with a Tipperary T-Shirts by County Bord na nÓg Chairman Tommy Landers. The winners will be presented with their county medals at the County Coiste na nOg medal presentation later in the year.

Thanks to our Games Manager Dinny Maher and our GDAs Kevin Halley, Paudie Malone, Andy Ryan and Tommy Fitzgearld for all their hard work running this very successful venture.

Feile na nGael

Feile na nGael took over the county with a festival of hurling that rocked from Ballylooby to Moneygall and another eleven venues inbetween. A huge success over fifty teams played over eighty games on Saturday with a further seven on Sunday.

John West Feile Peil 2021

Another weekend of sporting action with the football competition taking centre stage. This will follow the same blueprint as the hurling. We have six divisions across twelve different venues a hive of football games for young gael in Tipperary. Please keep an eye on social media for fixtures, venues and other details.

Tipperary's John West Feile na nGael Weekend

Given it was fifty years since the first Feile competition was held in Tipperary a bold decision was taken to use the blueprint of the national Feile and have all who wanted to play competing on the same day. Of course, in theory this was a great idea and like all good ideas it would take work, a lot of work. Chairman Tommy Landers set up a committee that would go about bringing the idea to reality. Headed up by Michael Delaney with Robert Nolan, John O'Meara, Sean O'Meara & Tom Dawson all contributing to the festival of hurling.

The group went about grading all the teams that entered into seven divisions. In simple numbers we had seven overall winners instead of four as we would have in championship. The venues, groups, co-ordinators and reps sorted it was over to Tom Dawson whose work brought things to the next level with programmes and fixtures on line. Another crucial cog in the wheel was our co-ordinators, reps and helpers at the different venues. At Ballylooby we had Marian O'Mahoney & Harry Morgan in Boherlahan we had Diarmuid Cross & John Fahey in Cashel we had Seanie O'Donoghue, Stephen Walsh & Sean O'Meara. In Clonmel Óg were Brian Gentles & Johnny Neville in Clonoulty was Helen Ryan & Christy Ryan. In Durlas Óg were John O'Connell & PJ Bowden in Eire Óg Anacarthly was Ollie Kelly & Tom Dawson. In Holycross was Donal Ryan & Martin Treacy in JK Brackens Robert Nolan & Michael Delaney. In Killenaule was John Whelton & Tomas O'Leary while Helen Healy & Tommy Landers looked after Knockavilla venue. Three more venues Moneygall with Colm Murray & Martin Carroll. In Moyne Templetuohy were Regina Ely & Mark Dunne and finally in Kickham Park for Thurles Gaels were Aisling McGinley & Kieran O'Dwyer.

It might seem a bit much to name them all but when you see how much work has gone into this and the success it was. We have to give credit where it's due. Maybe it's something that could be replicated certainly a lot of lessons learned that can only benefit those involved.

Feile Peil na nOg

Two weekends in a row U15 players from across Tipperary have given their all for their teammates and clubs. Football this weekend we had six divisions in twelve different venues. A monster effort to get the competition to that point it was over to the players. Having managed to get to some venues Saturday it was great to see the level of skill on display.

Coiste na nOg Thiobraid Arann Championship Results 2021

Under 13 A, B, C, D Football Semi Finals - Finals

Group A Semi Finals	Ballina 3 05	Clonmel commercials 3 03	Clonmel Sports Field John Flynn Annacarthu Martin Ryan
	Durlas Og 6 07	Arravale Rovers 3 04	
Final	Durlas Og 6 09	Ballina 0 07	Pairc na nOg Tom Loughnane
Group B Semi Finals	Toomevara 2 03	Mullinahone 1 04	Toomevara Patrick Murray Lisvernane Paddy Russell
	Moyne Templetuohy 2 05	Aherlow/Lattin Cullen 1 06	
Final	Toomevara 2 08	Moyne Templetuohy 0 00	Moneygall Pat O Mahoney
Group C Semi Finals	Borrisokane 3 11	Moyle Rovers 2 04	Borrisokane Alan Tierney Annacarthu Richard O Connor
	Durlas Og 3 07	Eire Og Annacarthu/Donohill 0 05	
Final	Borrisokane 2 04	Durlas Og 1 01	Templederry Patrick Murray
Group D Semi Finals	JK Brackens 7 05	Aherlow/ Lattin Cullen 7 04	Lisvernane Andrew Purcell Davin Park John Flynn
	Carrick Davins 2 06	Toomevara 1 03	
Final	JK Brackens 3 05	Carrick Davins 1 01	New Inn Miceal Mc Cormack

Coiste na nOg Thiobraid Arann Championship Results 2021

Under 15 A, B, C, D Football Semi Finals - Finals

Group A Semi Finals	JK Brackens 5 09	Arravale Rovers 1 08	Templemore Patrick Murray
	Mullinahone 2 08	Ballina 3 04	Ballina Philip Kelly
FINAL	JK Brackens 0 15	Mullinahone 2 07	Killenaule Richard O Connor

Group B Semi Finals	Moneygall 6 09	Ballinagarry 2 05	Ballinagarry Paul Guinan
	Moyne/Templetuohy 7 14	Knockavilla/Donaskelgh /Kickhams 0 04	Dundrum Paddy Russell
FINAL	Moneygall 3 10	Moyne/Templetuohy 3 05	Pairc Na nOg Tom Mc Grath

Group C Semi Finals	Clonmel Commercials 2 04	Clerihan 0 06	Clonmel sportsfield John Flynn
	Ballyporeen Skeheenawrinky 5 19	Galtee Rovers St Pecaun 0 04	Ballyporeen Andrew Purcell
FINAL	Ballyporeen Skeheenawrinky 5 10	Clonmel Commercials 3 09	Clerihan Andrew Purcell

Group D Semi Finals	JK Brackens 5 07	Newcastle 1 02	Templemore Martin Ryan
	Moyle Rovers 2 13	Thurles Gaels 2 06	Monroe Kieran Barrett
FINAL	JK Brackens 3 06	Moyle Rovers 3 03	Pairc na nOg James Lees

Coiste na nOg Thiobraid Arann Championship Results 2021

Under 17 A, B, C, Football Semi Finals – Finals

Group A Semi Finals			
Final			
Group B Semi Finals			
Final			
Group C Semi Finals	Aherlow/Lattin Cullen 4 12	Newcastle 2 01	Lisvernane James Lees
	Emly 7 13	Ballyporeen/Skeheenarinky 2 05	Ballyporeen Cathal Boyle
Final	Aherlow/Lattin Cullen 3 12	Emly 5 01	Sean Treacy Park Fergus English

Under 17 A, B, Football League Finals

Final A	Kilsheefan/Kilcash 2 12	JK Brackens 2 07	New Inn Michael Duffy
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Final B	Golden Kilfeacle 1 10	Moneygall 1 07	Pairc na nOg Cathal Boyle
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Coiste na nOg Thiobraid Arann Championship Results 2021

Under 13 A, B, C, D Hurling Semi Finals - Finals

Group A Semi Finals	Durlas Og 8 13	Cappawhite Gaels 0 04	Pairc Na nOg Fergal Horgan Borrisoleigh Pat O Mahoney
	Borris-Ileigh 3 14	Cahir 3 06	
FINAL	Durlas Og 6 08	Borris-Ileigh 2 07	Clonoulty Donie Horan

Group B Semi Finals	Killenaule 2 11	Burgess 2 05	Kilcolman Philip Kelly New Inn Kieran Barrett
	Drom-Inch 4 04	Rockwell Rovers 1 10	
FINAL	Killenaule 5 04	Drom-Inch 1 02	Clonoulty John Ryan

Group C Semi Finals	Eire Og Annacarthy/Donohill 3 08	Loughmore Castleiney 1 04	Annacarthy John Ryan Ballyporeen Andrew Purcell
	Skeheenarinky 1 06	Moneygall 0 08	
FINAL	Eire Og Annacarthy/Donohill 5 05	Skeheenarinky 2 08	Clonoulty Paddy Kenny

Group D Semi Finals	Holycross Ballycahill 2 07	Cashel King Cormacs 1 03	Cashel Willie Kennedy Clogheen Michael Kennedy
	Nenagh Eire Og 3 06	Father Sheehys 2 01	
FINAL	Holycross Ballycahill 4 03	Nenagh Eire Og 0 05	Clonoulty Willie Kennedy

Coiste na nOg Thiobraid Arann Championship Results 2021

Under 15 A, B, C, D Hurling Semi Finals - Finals

Group A Semi Finals	Mullinahone 2 12	Roscrea 3 06	Mullinahone Andy Griffin Cappawhite Philip Kelly AnnacCarthy Philip Kelly
	Durlas Og 2 14	Cappawhite 0 10	
FINAL	Durlas Og 1 18	Mullinahone 0 04	

Group B Semi Finals	Clonakenny/Moneygall 1 14	Ballingarry 1 13	Moneygall Richard O Connor Gortnahoe Paddy ivors Templederry Gerry Treacy
	Gortnahoe-Giengoole 2 14	Rockwell/Rosegreen 1 11	
FINAL	Gortnahoe-Giengoole 1 10	Clonakenny/Moneygall 1 09	

Group C Semi Finals	Ballyporeen/skeheenawrinky 6 10	Portroe 4 04	Ballyporeen Andy Griffin Ballinderry Patrick Murray Dundrum Paddy Russell
	Shannon Rovers Gaels 3 18	Clerihan 2 03	
FINAL	Shannon Rovers Gaels 1 11	Ballyporeen/Skeheenawrinky 1 06	

Group D Semi Finals	JK Brackens 2 12	Thurles Gaels 3 04	Clonmore Martin Ryan Mullinahone Paddy Ivors Dundrum Donie Horan
	Mullinahone 0 09	Kilruane Mac Donaghs 2 02	
FINAL	JK Brackens 3 07	Mullinahone 0 06	

Coiste na nOg Thiobraid Arann Championship Results 2021

Under 17 Minor A, B, C Hurling Semi Finals - Finals

Group A Semi Finals	Durlas Og 5 15	Carrick Swan 3 13	New Inn Fergal Horgan Fethard Paddy Russell Littleton Paddy Ivors
	Hoycross Ballycahill 1 19	ST Marys 2 06	
FINAL	Durlas Og	Hoycross Ballycahill	

Group B Semi Finals	Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams 6 23	Clonmel Og 1 12	Bansha Philip Kelly Drombane Richard O Connor Cashel
	Drom-inch 1 17	Borris-Ileigh 1 13	
FINAL	Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams 1 19	Drom-Inch 2 12	

Group C Semi Finals	Ballyporeen Skeheenawrinky 5 07	Emly 2 11	Ballyporeen Andy Griffin Bansha Paddy Russell New Inn Kieran Barrett
	Galtee Rovers /ST Peacaun 1 16	Lattin Aherlow 0 12	
FINAL	Galtee Rovers /ST Peacaun 2 23	Ballyporeen Skeheenawrinky 2 12	

Under 17 A, B,Hurling League Finals

Final A	Holycross/Ballycahill 1 15	St Marys 0 12	Cashel Richard O Connor
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Final B	Gortnahoe-Glengoole 0 18	Drom-Inch 2 11	Cashel Sean O Halloran
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Celebrating 50 years of Féile na nGael 1071-2021

2021 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the wonderful competition Féile Na nGael an idea originated here in the premier county by three great Gaels Tomás Ó'Baróid, Seamus Ó'Riain and Éamonn De Stafort. These Gaels sought to create a festival of hurling to increase the number of children playing the game and as we have witnessed throughout the years their idea has flourished into the wonderful competition we now hold so dearly.

As Tipperary hosted the first competition it was only fitting and right that on the fiftieth anniversary a similar competition be run in the premier county and we were delighted to host this event on Thursday the 28th October 2021. 24 teams from around the country including nine from Tipperary took part in all day event kindly hosted by four clubs, Holycross Ballycahill, Borrisoleigh, Moneygall and Moycarkey Borris.

The day saw two divisions created with each venue hosting two groups. The format maximised teams getting plenty of game time with each team guaranteed two group games and either a plate, shield or cup semi-final. The semi-final winners from each venue then had the honour of taking to the hallowed turf of Semple Stadium or to the wonderful facilities of Dr Morris Park.

The premier county was proudly represented by the below clubs: Division 1: Durlas Óg, JK Brackens, Ballina, Arravale Rovers.

Division 2: Roscrea, Borrisoleigh, Cashel King Cormacs, Mullinahone, St Mary's Clonmel.

As the results below show Tipperary were well represented on the day in the final stages of the competition with Ballina succumbing to a strong St. Vincent's teams in the Division 1 Shield Final. In Division 2 Roscrea had a goal to spare over Erin's Own Lavey of Derry in a pulsating Plate final. Mullinahone flew the flag for the county in the Division 2 Shield Final overcoming Bredagh of Down in another fine contest in Tom Semple's field.

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Labhrás Mac Carthaigh was in attendance on the day as he unveiled a plaque outside Semple Stadium to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Féile Na nGael in Tipperary in 1971.

Winning Clubs/Captains 2021

Football winners 2021

GRADE	CLUB/DIVISION	CAPTAIN
Under 13A	Durlas Og	Eoin Webb
Under 13 B	Toomevara	Michael Ryan
Under 13 C	Borrisokane	Josh Murphy
Under 13 D	JK Brackens	Joe Johnson /Stephen Fogarthy
Under 15 A	JK Brackens	Aodhna Barrett /Cormac Foy
Under 15 B	Moneygall/Clonakenny	Tadhg Whyte
Under 15 C	Ballyporeen/Skeheenawrinky	Corey O Gorman /Josh Kearney
Under 15 D	JK Brackens	Donnchadh Broderick /David Prout
Under 17 A		
Under 17 B		
Under 17 C	Aherlow Lattin Cullen	Liam Carew
Under 17 A League	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Oisín Lavin
Under 17 B League	Golden Killeacle	Jack Bergin
Skills Winner	Holycross/Ballycahill	Evan Morrissey

Hurling winners 2021

GRADE	CLUB/DIVISION	CAPTAIN
Under 13 A	Durlas Og	Kieran Rossiter
Under 13 B	Killenaule	Igor Miguel
Under 13 C	Eire Og Annacathy	Aaron O Dwyer
Under 13 D	Holycross Ballycahill	TJ Ryan
Under 15 A	Durlas Og	Kyle O Dowd
Under 15 B	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Lee Norton
Under 15 C	Shannon Rovers	David Hogan
Under 15 D	JK Brackens	Cian Broderick /Tommy Bourke
Under 17 A	Durlas Og	Tommy Maher
Under 17 B	Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams	Diarmuid Kinnane
Under 17 C	Galtee Rovers /ST Peacaun	Cian O Dwyer
Under 17 A League	Holycross/Ballycahill	Tadhg Gould
Under 17 B League	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	David Lamigan
Skills Winner	Moycarkey Borris	Jack Hayes

Contae Tiobraid Arann, Coiste na nOg, C.L.G.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st October 2021

	2021	2020
	€	€
Income		
Gate Receipts	32,705	1,330
Tournament Entry Fees	5,500	2,900
Programme Sales	160	800
Insurance Contribution from Divisions	800	-
Tipperary Draw	500	200
Fines	2,350	320
Tournament Refunds from Croke Park	-	7,102
	42,015	12,652
Administrative expenses		
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	1,441	1,059
Referees and Gatecheckers Expenses	8,670	5,234
Coiste na nOg Officers Expenses	4,670	2,500
Postage and Telephone	710	300
Feile and Peil Contributions	1,600	-
Computer Costs	1,504	117
Catering Expenses and Room Hire	789	1,357
Bank Interest and Charges	180	220
Medals, Trophies and Presentations	5,614	3,835
Accountancy	984	750
Insurance Development Squads	1,200	-
Tipperary Draw	600	-
	27,962	15,372
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	14,053	(2,720)

Contae Tiobraid Arann, Coiste na nOg, C.L.G.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2021

		2021	2020
Notes	€	€	€
Current Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments		500	15,568
Bank Current Account		81,332	58,512
		81,832	74,080
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals		(984)	(7,285)
		(984)	(7,285)
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets		80,848	66,795
Net Assets		80,848	66,795
Financed By:			
Reserve Account	1	80,848	66,795
		80,848	66,795

Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Report 2021

By: John Manley, PRO .

The past twelve months have once again poised many challenges for all involved in Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. Nevertheless, there have been some memorable highlights from the past year.

With most of our activities put on hold as a result of Covid19, we have had to devise new ways to keep our games in the spotlight. We have been able to achieve this as a result of the unwavering commitment of so many. Our teachers throughout the county have made effective use of social media channels to stay connected with their pupils in a bid to keep them all active during and post Lockdown. Teachers have posted skills challenges and videos which have kept our young pupils active and engaged throughout this challenging period.

The various 2020 Bloody Sunday commemoration events held in November 2020 saw schools from different parts of Tipperary engaging with different initiatives in an appropriate manner as we sought to honour some notable Gaels from the past.

Our inaugural Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week which was held between June 14th and 18th 2021 was a resounding success with so many Tipperary primary schools engaging with the different activities provided on our menu for the week! We sincerely thank all the current inter county stars and former Cumann na mBunscol players for all their help in adding to a week that will live long in the memory. Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week was held to coincide with 50th anniversary of Cumann na mBunscol.

At this time, we also remember our departed colleagues who have gone to their eternal rest. I hope 2022 will see a return to playing activities for all our schools and I wish all school communities the very best for the New Year. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

NATIONAL ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL WEEK JUNE 2021

National Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week took place from June 14th – 18th. The main purpose of this week was to mark and honour the 50th anniversary of National Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week. We had a massive response across the whole country with hundreds of schools participating in a hugely successful week. Daily activities were set in hurling, camogie, gaelic football, handball and rounders by some prominent inter county stars such as Kerry Footballers David Clifford & Sean O'Shea, Dublin Ladies Footballer Aoife Kane, Limerick hurler Nickie Quaid, Tipperary hurler Padraic Maher, Cork Camogie Captain Linda Collins, Cavan camogie star Orla Smith, Cavan Rounders Stars Lindsey Reilly & Damien McArdle plus Cavan's World Champion Handballer Paul Brady. There was huge engagement on social media with these daily activities. The Kerry Footballers video received almost 35000 impressions on Twitter. Our menu of activities proved very popular with schools participating in skills challenges, recreating famous match scenes, interviews with teachers, art competitions, jersey days and much more. Our participating schools were so grateful to participate in something tangible in the absence of our competitions.

SOME TIPPERARY PLAYERS PAST & PRESENT WHO ARE AND WERE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN TIPPERARY ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

George Frend - Principal Toomevara NS and former Tipperary senior hurling captain in 1994 when we won the National League.

Darragh Egan - Principal Kildangan NS, former Tipperary Senior Hurler, All Ireland winning coach with Tipperary in 2019 and current Wexford Senior Hurling Manager.

Claire Grogan - taught for many years in Scoil Ailbhe Thurles where she was actively involved in Cumann na mBunscol. Multiple Senior All Ireland Camogie Medalist with Tipperary (4 medals) and two All Ireland Senior Club medals with Cashel. Her two sisters Helen (Cashel BNS) & Linda (Dualla NS) also featured on these Cashel squads and are also both primary teachers.

Paul Curran former Tipperary hurler. Teaching and coaching in St Mary's CBS, Clonmel . 4 Munster Titles, 1 All Ireland and 2 All stars.

Brendan Maher, Loughmore NS. Captained Tipp to both minor and senior All Ireland hurling titles.

John Meagher of Loughmore NS. John has represented Tipperary at all levels in both hurling and football. He was a member of the minor football team which won Munster and All-Ireland championships in 2011. He was a dynamic full back as a member of the Tipperary senior football panel for several years, before switching his focus back to hurling. He is currently a member of Liam Sheedy's Tipperary senior hurling panel.

Cathal Barrett of Holycross is a current Tipperary player and in recent years qualified as a primary school teacher. Currently teaching in Cashel BNS.

FORMER STARS OF TIPPERARY ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Orla O'Dwyer - Tipperary Camogie and Ladies Football. 2021 Australian Rules Grand Final Winner with Brisbane Lions. Former Rosegreen NS PUPIL and Tipperary Primary Game Camogie player in 2011. ORLA was taught by All Ireland Football medalist Mairead Morrissey in Rosegreen NS. Mairead had a significant role to play in the development of Orla as a GAA player.

The following four former Kilruane NS pupils were all taught by Gilbert Williams:

Jake Morris - Tipperary All Ireland hurling winner in 2019. Former pupil of Kilruane NS and Tipperary Primary Game hurler in 2011.

Niall O'Meara - formerly of Kilruane NS and Senior All Ireland hurling medal winner in 2016 & 2019. Played Primary Game in 2005

Craig Morgan - formerly of Kilruane NS and All Ireland U21 hurling (2018) and All Ireland U20 hurling medal winner (2019).

Mark O'Leary formerly of Kilruane NS and All Ireland Senior Hurling Medal Winner & All Star in 2001.

TOMMY DUNNE IS A FORMER PUPIL OF GURTAGARRY NS AND CAPTAINED TIPPERARY TO THE 2001 ALL IRELAND SENIOR HURLING TITLE.

Brendan Dunne (Gurtagarry NS) was part of the Gurtagarry team that won the school's 6th north title in a row.

Eamon Corcoran (St Colmcilles Templemore) - Former Tipperary hurler. Captained his school to county final success in 1990.

Colin O Riordan (St Colmcilles Templemore) now playing with Sydney Swans and Munster Senior Football Final Winner with Tipperary in 2020.

Shane Long (Gortnahoe NS) professional footballer.

Noel McGrath. Current Tipperary hurler. 4 Munster titles, 3 All Irelands and 3 All Stars, 3 county Football titles, 2 county hurling titles and 1 Munster hurling title

Seamus Callanan (Inch NS) current Tipperary captain and captain of Tipperary's 2019 All Ireland Senior Hurling Winning Team. Played Primary Game in 2001.

Jason Forde (Silvermines NS) current Tipperary player. Played Cumann na mBunscol with his school Ballinacloyh NS at all ages, winning an U13 title in 2006.

Dan McCormack (Borrislileigh) current Tipperary player. Played primary game in 2005.

Some other notable former stars of Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol also includes:

Miriam Campion Drom NS (Camogie),

Aisling Moloney Rathkeevin NS (Camogie and Ladies Football),

Niamh Treacy, Castleiney NS (Camogie),

Roisín Howard St. Mary's NS Cahir (Camogie and Ladies Football),

Aisling McCarthy St. Mary's NS Cahir (Ladies Football, Australian Rules),

Sarah McKeivitt Presentation Thurles (Soccer with Ireland and Tipp Ladies Football),

Orla O'Dwyer Rosegreen NS (Tipperary Camogie, Tipperary Ladies Football, Australian Rules),

Cáit Devane Ballagh NS (Tipperary Camogie)

Karen Kennedy(Presentation Primary school, Thurles) , Mary Ryan (Moneygall NS) , Áine Slattery (Kilbarron NS) (Tipperary Camogie and 2020 All Stars)

TIPPERARY STARS OF THE MUNSTER GAA PRIMARY GAME IN HURLING & CAMOGIE

The Munster GAA Primary Game is an exhibition game like no other. It affords boys and girls from all over the province of Munster the opportunity to play at half time of a Munster senior championship game in front of thousands of intrigued spectators who are all eager to see what the next generation of young players can produce! The Primary Game was first played in 1996. For many of the boys and girls, it is the first day of many wearing the famous blue and gold jersey.

The Tipperary Primary Game hurling & camogie teams have produced so many wonderful players over the years. It is very rewarding for all involved to see so many of these young players develop into minor, U21 and senior intercounty players as they progress up through the ranks. A Primary Game player in 2008 and All Ireland senior hurling winner in both 2016 & 2019; Ronan Maher is in his eighth year on the Tipperary senior hurling squad. The Tipperary Primary Game hurling 'Class of 2009' are another case in point. The Tipperary starting midfield pair of Willie Connors and Billy McCarthy in the Munster senior hurling championship defeat to Limerick in 2018 both played primary game in 2009. Willie Connors had a very impressive cameo off the bench in 2019 when Tipperary secured the Liam MacCarthy Cup. The 2017 Tipperary U21 hurling captain Andrew Coffey was also a member of the 2009 team with his brother and Irish Underage and Celtic FC star Barry playing on the 2013 Primary Game Hurling Team while their sister Maeve played on the 2011 Camogie Team. The 'Class of 2011' included Jerry Kelly, Adam Hogan, Jake Morris, Jerome Cahill, Brian McGrath, Cian D'Arcy and Shane Neville. All these players played on the same primary game hurling team versus Cork in 2011 and were part of a successful Tipperary All Ireland Minor winning squad in 2016.

Brian McGrath captained the 2016 All Ireland minor winning team. Jake Morris, Brian McGrath and Cian Darcy were all members of Tipperary's 2019 All Ireland Senior winning squad. Many families have really made their mark on our primary game hurling & camogie teams with Scoil Ailbhe's Rory Purcell (2010), Michael Purcell (2011) and Eoin Purcell (2014) flying the flag for this famous Thurles hurling nursery! Grace O'Brien and Róisín Howard were members of the 'Class of 2010'. Grace is a current Tipperary senior camogie player while Róisín is a dual star for both Tipperary camogie and ladies football teams. Róisín Cahill was also a member of the 'Class of 2010' with her brother Jerome featuring on the 'Class of 2011'. The strong family link between teams was also evident in recent times with Darragh McCarthy named in the 2018 primary game hurling team who faced Cork; following in the footsteps of his brother Kevin who played on the 2013 primary game hurling team.

Many of the Primary Game mentors are also former players with current Tipperary Primary Game mentor and Ayle NS teacher Pat Buckley a Munster Under 21 hurling medallist in 2003 & 2004. Running out in one's county jersey on Primary Game Match Day is a day to cherish for those boys and girls fortunate enough to experience it; a very proud day for families, schools and clubs. I can't wait to see how these players develop over the coming years. Remember to enjoy the journey they take you on. Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí.

2021 Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Officers

Chairman: Paddy Kelly, Scoil Eoin Naofa, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.

Secretary: Michael Delaney, St. Joseph's P.S. Templemore.

Treasurer: Jerry McDonnell, formerly of St Oliver Plunkett's N S, Heywood Rd, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

PRO: John Manley, Dualla NS, Dualla, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

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Assistant PRO: Siobhán Condon, Thomastown NS, Co. Tipperary.

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/cumannnambunscoltipperary>

Semple Stadium Review 2021

In common with GAA stadiums Nationwide, 2021 was another extremely difficult year at Semple Stadium. On the positive side we hosted 12 Munster Championship fixtures, 5 National League games, 2 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Qualifiers, an All Ireland Senior Hurling Quarter Final, All-Ireland Minor Hurling Semi final and Final, and the U20 All-Ireland Final. We also hosted Camogie and Ladies Football championship games. On Thursday October 28th, the Stadium hosted the 50th Anniversary Feile na nGael Finals and a plaque commemorating the event was unveiled by Uachtaran Chumann Luthcleas Gael, Larry McCarthy. In excess of 20 County Championship fixtures were hosted at the Stadium in 2021, including the never to be forgotten series of games which resulted in Loughmore Castleiney emerging as County Champions in both football and hurling.

Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 restrictions, the year of intense activity on the pitch was not matched by a financial performance that came anywhere near the costs of running the Stadium and but for the EWSS, rates rebates, support from the County Board and bank overdraft facilities, the situation would have been very serious

Our total income from games was in the region of €100,000 and because of covid restrictions we were not able to generate commercial income. Semple Stadium is an ageing facility, incurring significant maintenance costs, and as our operating budget exceeds €400,000 annually, we need to get back to normal games and commercial activity as soon as possible.

We plan a number of initiatives in 2022 designed to boost the Stadium's income, and chief among these is the MyStadium Seat project.. The concept is simple, offering patrons and supporters the opportunity to have the name of somebody they care about or wish to honour or commemorate, placed on a seat in the Stadium with an electronic link to a website which tells the story of that person. Further details of this scheme are outlined on the mystadiumseat.com website and I would urge our Clubs and supporters to get behind it. There is somebody in every family, club and parish who deserves to have their name and story immortalised, and where better to do it at Semple Stadium, the mecca of GAA and hurling followers, not alone in Tipperary but throughout Ireland. Every name matters and revenue generated will contribute to the development plans at the Stadium.

This year saw the departure of David Hanley as groundsman at Semple Stadium. Dave decided to move on to pursue other career opportunities and over a period of 10 years he gave outstanding service to the Stadium, for which we thank him most sincerely. Pa Bourke also left at the same time and we thank him for his service and wish him every success in the future.

Padhraic Greene from Moneygall, and previously Head Groundsman at GAA Abbotstown, was appointed to succeed Dave Hanley, with responsibility for Semple Stadium and Dr Morris Park. Padhraic is a professional in every sense of the word. He has extensive knowledge and experience of soil and pitch maintenance and already his work has had a transformative effect on our playing surfaces. We look forward to a long and productive association with Padhraic.

We would like to thank our Stadium Director, David Morgan and his staff, the County Board Officers, and all who contributed in any way to our operations in 2021 and we very much hope that with a return to normal activity in 2022, a reasonable fixtures programme, and unrestricted attendance at games, we will return to realistic operating conditions at Semple Stadium.



Con Hogan and David Morgan



Tom Maher, Secretary



MyStadium seat



Wall of Legends



Planning it all in the President's Room behind the enclosure in the Ó Riain Stand in Semple Stadium. Con Hogan, David Morgan, Liam O Donnchú, Joe Kennedy, Tom Maher and Tim Floyd

Thurles Gaelic Sportsfield Society Ltd.

Summary Income and Expenditure Account

for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Schedule	Year Ended 31/12/2020 €	Year Ended 31/12/2019 €
Income	1	424,155	490,089
Expenditure (Excluding Depreciation)	2	<u>298,902</u>	<u>670,609</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) Before Depreciation		125,253	(180,520)
Depreciation for Year		<u>126,968</u>	<u>136,311</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) For Year		<u>(1,715)</u>	<u>(316,831)</u>

Income Account Year Ended 31st December 2020

Schedule 1	Note	Year Ended 31/12/2020 €	Year Ended 31/12/2019 €
Income	4		
Munster Council Rent		106,937	239,337
Tipperary County Board Rent		2,840	10,030
Croke Park Rent		-	8,920
National League Rent		9,726	1,074
Advertising Income		48,780	85,660
Bar & Catering Franchise Income		3,603	85,673
Dome Income		29,957	35,511
Feile 2019		-	23,884
Munster Council Covid Operational Grant		150,000	-
HSE Rental Income		11,059	-
Tipp Co. Co. Restart Grant		32,500	-
Government Wage Subsidy Schemes		<u>28,753</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>424,155</u>	<u>490,089</u>

Thurles Gaelic Sportsfield Society Ltd.

Schedule 2	Note	Year Ended 31/12/2020 €	Year Ended 31/12/2019 €
Expenditure and Depreciation			
Wages & Salaries		81,465	120,692
Rates		16,150	61,344
Insurance		25,000	50,000
Light & Heat		36,431	69,565
Postage, Telephone, Printing & Advertising		2,992	10,405
Audit & Accountancy		8,900	10,640
Maintenance of Field & Repairs		103,825	231,728
Bank Interest & Charges		5,507	2,670
Loan Interest		9,262	9,275
Room Hire & Administration Expenses		-	2,690
Sundry Expenses		1,064	3,683
Dome Expenses		9,017	27,051
Computer Cost		1,133	1,278
Licence		-	500
Security		-	2,181
Bad Debts		11,850	-
Match Day Gardai		1,866	4,635
Management Commission		30,750	59,272
Legal Fees		3,690	3,000
Refund from Tipperary Co. Board		<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
		298,902	670,609
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Depreciation	5		
Enclosures and Embankments		1,488	1,542
Equipment and Machinery		7,131	8,914
Old Stand		13,474	14,971
New Stands and Terracing		94,559	97,988
Office Fixtures & Fittings		1,554	1,943
First Aid Equipment		409	511
Dome & Equipment		2,868	3,586
Depreciation Catering Equipment		4,235	5,294
Depreciation Audio Visual Equipment		<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,562</u>
		126,968	136,311
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Total Expenditure & Depreciation		<u>425,870</u>	<u>806,920</u>

Thurles Gaelic Sportsfield Society Ltd.

Balance Sheet As At 31st December 2020

	Note	31/12/2020 €	31/12/2019 €
Fixed Assets			
Grounds, Enclosures & Embankments	6	60,080	61,568
Equipment, Machinery & Fittings	7	69,791	87,238
Stands & Terracing	8	<u>2,728,381</u>	<u>2,836,414</u>
		2,858,252	2,985,220
Current Assets			
Stock	9	12,411	11,780
Debtors	10	127,853	142,718
Cash at Bank	11	<u>85,705</u>	<u>19,812</u>
Current Assets		225,969	174,310
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors	12	224,965	252,556
Bank Overdraft	11	23,307	78,572
Croke Park Loan	14	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
		298,272	381,128
Double-Your-Money Investment Scheme	13	<u>48,116</u>	<u>48,116</u>
Current Liabilities		346,388	429,244
Net Current Assets /(Liabilities)		(120,419)	(254,934)
Long Term Liabilities			
Croke Park Loan	14	<u>(412,204)</u>	<u>(402,942)</u>
		2,325,629	2,327,344
€			
Represented By:			
Share Capital	16	2,854	2,854
Opening Accumulated Surplus		2,324,490	2,641,321
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		<u>(1,715)</u>	<u>(316,831)</u>
		2,322,775	2,324,490
		<u>2,325,629</u>	<u>2,327,344</u>

Communications Committee and I.T. Report 2021



Jonathan Cullen
Tipperary GAA PRO

Following on from 2020, as we all well know at this stage our world has been turned upside down by the Covid pandemic but through all of it sport has been a welcome distraction.

While we all grappled to cope with the unknown of a pandemic and responded to the various calls to restrict what was our normal lives, we faced into a year of huge uncertainty for 2021.

With the pandemic, communications, and I.T offerings are still must needed in our lives, and we all had to adapt to the new trends needed. Amid so much uncertainty, social distancing, and remote work, we are all adjusting to an entirely new normal. Forced to relinquish our routines and adapt to a life lived indoors, we're increasingly turning to technology to work and socialize. The importance of face to face communications has never been greater and today that means we rely on video more than ever 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.



Maggie Fahey
Tipperary GAA IT advisor

The GAA felt the impact from the lockdown in all clubs, not holding their various activities and finding it very difficult to do any fund-raising. While waiting for the 19th April 2021 for the Inter-county teams to return to train, and the youths under the age of 18 were allowed a non-contact return on Monday 26th April. Croke Park's aim was to begin the 2021 season with the inter-county activity.

Foireann

Being the IT Adviser for Tipperary I was appointed by Croke Park to be the point of contact for any queries with Foireann (Foireann.ie) which is the GAA's new online management system replacing what was previously available in the Games Management System - or Servasport - with a brand new, purpose-built, system providing all of the functionality Members and their Clubs are familiar with, plus more, in a simple and intuitive manner.

Foireann has been introduced by the GAA as a centralised membership system. It is designed to replace 2 other systems, Servasport, the previous central registry for all GAA Players and the third-party membership systems such as those offered by Club force and Club. This system was rolled out in the early part of this year and is still going through some modifications. As a result, some of the features are not available yet. It does allow for clubs to continue to use their own membership systems and to push their data between the club and Foireann.

This makes membership and administrative tasks less onerous, and all membership registrations can be completed from one place, rather than from three separate systems. Most clubs used stripe to collect their membership on-line and being the registrar of the club, it makes less work for them.

The health questionnaire feature was a big benefit to the clubs, the health questionnaire was submitted for everyone prior to any training or matches.

IT Supports

The occurring club administrative issues such as GAA email solutions-password resetting and setting up emails. Online registration system (Foireann) that all queries are all dealt with and resolved as soon as they arise.

Tickets

Future Ticketing were brought on board again this year to develop a safe and cashless ticketing system for supporters having to purchase tickets before entry to any game both the football and hurling championships in the county. 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.

Whilst it was a pressurised environment and members were unhappy that they could not get to games, the government announcing the new limit at 500 spectators for outdoor events at the start of July brought a great relief knowing that hopefully numbers would increase.

On match days, tickets from either mobile phones or printouts were scanned using high tech laser mobile scanners at every venue to ensure that full contact tracing information for all attendees would be available to statutory authorities should it be required.

Extensive I.T. support was required for ticketing offerings, including the creation of the various matches, and being a point of contact to help with any queries.

Streaming

The streaming of our FBD club Leagues & Championships was a huge highlight and benefit again this year, not only in Tipperary but internationally. It was important to us to provide a service to make it easier to catch all the prime-time games and coverage needed to maintain the Tipperary GAA Brand and reputation.

We teamed up with the expert assistance of StreamSport and InPlayer again, the streaming offers a huge opportunity for supporters to follow the games live as the uncertainty of supporters being allowed back at our games wasn't clear. 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 league & championships. Robert Healy Video also assisted in providing a super service to allow supporters follow more games live.

Extensive I.T. support was required for the streaming which included the creation of the various matches if you only wanted to watch a specific team the option was there to just watch those matches. There was packages available whether it was a weekend pass to watch all games over that weekend or a season pass so you can watch all the games provided for a one off payment. While offering a replay for up to a year on every match purchased, or package.



Stephen Gleeson (commentator), Samantha Lambert (analyst) and Noel Maher (camera), in full flow at one of the 31 games streamed by Tipperary Co Board in 2021

Social Media

Social media such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram are now a central part of many peoples daily lives and indeed it may be said that some of us spend far too much time looking at our screens each day. We have endeavoured to use the various Tipperary GAA social media outlets to share what we believe to be the most important and informative content on a daily basis and with over 103,000 followers across our platforms we appear to be sharing the correct information.

In the last 12 months we have grown our overall social media audience by over 6300 people with the biggest increase being our Twitter followers who have grown by almost 3500 people. It is very important in our view that social media is used in the correct way and in a way that is respectful to all members of our association and to the public in general and while everyone is entitled to their opinion, no one has the right to abuse that privilege, but unfortunately online abuse and personal criticism of players, officials and administrators is becoming more and more evident. It is very easy to be critical while hiding behind a screen not taking into consideration the effect of what you are saying may be having on the individual or individuals and their families.

Tipperary GAA have always played our part in making our contribution to local charities, and social media plays a big part in the success of such events. This was again the case in December 2020 when the Tipperary Senior Hurlers organised a very successful fundraiser in aid of three hospitals in the county. The re energisation of The Miller Shield in November 2021 again gave us the opportunity to support a local charity which was Scoil Chormaic in Cashel and again social media played a major role in publicising the fact that all contributions collected as patrons entered the various venues was being donated to this wonderful school that provides education to our most special young boys and girls.

Websites

When we came into our positions last December, one of the main areas we focused on was the two websites under the control of the County Board, namely the Tipperary GAA Archives and the Official Tipperary GAA website.

The Archives website was in need of urgent attention as it had not been updated since 2016 and therefore a large amount of content was missing, so we put a small group in place to immediately research the missing information and upload it to the various sections of the website. The group comprised of Sean McTiernan Nenagh Eire Óg, Philip Fahey Borris-Ileigh and Diarmuid Meagher Loughmore-Castleiney set to work and within weeks it was evident that they were getting on top of things. The Archives Website is now updated with all the missing information thanks to the hard work of the the three guys.

The Tipperary GAA Website has for a number of year's appeared to be falling behind other counties in relation to its content and information so again we have set about identifying all the areas in need of attention, again many of which had not been updated for a number of years. The fixtures and results section continues to be the most challenging area due in the main to the fact that this section is linked to the Servasport system which is used by the various fixtures secretaries in the county and cannot be edited directly from the website. The information entered by the fixture secretary in relation to the name of each competition and the participating teams is what appears on the website. In the knowledge that we will be changing to Foireann for our fixtures and results in 2022, it is our intention to draft universal wording which will be used across all fixtures. This we hope will give a better structure to how the fixtures and results appear on the website and make it easier for users to navigate the section. The website will never be to the satisfaction of everyone, but we will endeavour to keep improving it and take on board any constructive advice we receive in relation to same.

Tipperary GAA Club Focus

The introduction of the Tipperary Club Focus which commenced in January has proven to be a huge success. The main aim of this feature is to give the clubs of the county the opportunity to promote themselves in a positive way which in turn may attract more people both young and old in their communities to get involved in their local GAA club. The club focus commenced in Mid Tipperary with the Gortnahoe-Glengoole club and to their credit they put together a fantastic feature that now forms the template for every other club. To date we have published a total 11 club focus features covering all the four divisions:

January 2021 - Gortnahoe-Glengoole
 February 2021 - Ballyporeen
 March 2021 – Lattin Cullen
 March 2021 – Ballina
 April 2021 – Inane Rovers
 May 2021 – Clonakenny
 May 2021 – Fethard
 June 2021 – St Marys
 July 2021 – Rockwell Rovers
 August 2021 – Moyne-Templetuohy
 December 2021 – Ballinahinch

Thanks most sincerely to all the clubs and club officers who put all the information together and we look forward to promoting the Club Focus feature throughout 2022.

Tipperary GAA Scene

The hugely popular Tipperary GAA Scene has been a weekly feature in our newspapers for many years now and it was felt that not to continue it would be incorrect. We have tried to build on the great work of Joe Bracken while also putting a new stamp on the weekly article. We also identified the fact that none of the previous Tipperary GAA Scene's that had been published in our local media were saved on our website, so with that in mind we developed a dedicated Tipperary GAA Scene section where people can now go and review each weeks article.

Press Briefings

With the on going pandemic and our obligation to ensure that we do all we can to protect the health of everyone involved in our association, the practice of online press briefings continued in 2021. The success of such events is reliant on the cooperation of all involved and that was most certainly the case over the course of the year with people always prepared to make themselves available sometimes at very short notice. Thanks, in particular to the various team managements and players who contributed to our press briefings during the year.

Local Media Coverage

Again, the success of many events both on and off the field is dependant on the coverage we get from our local media whether that be print, radio or online media coverage. We are very lucky that in the main we receive very positive coverage across all areas and for this we are extremely grateful. While we appreciate the coverage and support we get for our games, it is important that we all reciprocate that support, in particular for our provincial print media who have been a massive part of the GAA since they came into existence.

Match Programmes

Online match programmes became the norm for much of 2021 for both National League and Championship games across all age grades. Much credit must go to all those individuals who made the online programmes possible as they proved to be very popular especially given the fact that most games were restricted in attendance numbers.

Physical programmes have made a welcome return over the last number of months and particularly at club level in Tipperary. The responsibility for making that happen fell to Tom Maher and Ger Corbett and of course the various other individuals who made contributions to the various publications. The quality and high standard of content that appears in our Hurling and Football County Final programmes is of the highest standard as has been the case for many years.

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 and secretary Joe Bracken have pulled out the stops to make sure the 2022 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

Conclusion

A sincere thanks to everyone who helped us in any way over the past 12 months. In particular the other officers of both County and Divisional boards at both adult and underage levels. To those who contributed to the various features and publications during the year and most of all the club officers throughout the county whom we interact with on a daily basis in relation to the many different aspects of our roles, from tickets to streaming, social media content to club events and everything in between. We are all part of the broader GAA family and together we will overcome any difficulties and challenges that may arise.

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful but most of all, safe Christmas and a very sporting 2022.

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 very significant losses as St Patricks in Connecticut, New York 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 always must get 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 former Co Chairman John Devane and current Chairman Joe Kennedy, 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 €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.



Mid Tipp Winner: Upperchurch Drombane's Declan Winner won the top prize in June 2021



North Tipp Winner: Ballina GAAClub Chairman won 1st Prize in May 2021



West Winner Thomas Ryan Cappawhite was a big winner in 2020



**South Winner: Clonmel Commercials
Brendan Power was the big winner in
July 2021**

Nenagh Eire Óg Draw Co-Ordinator Marion Ryan says

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The Tipperary Draw 21/22 was very successful for Nenagh Éire Óg achieving our goal of retaining our membership number at 670 and adding a few more.

The first challenge was to ensure all existing members were contacted by their promoters prior to the first Draw. They were also encouraged to sell new tickets. The Senior Club PRO advertised the draw every couple of days to club members and wider community. The draw was promoted outlining the following key areas

- €70 returning to our club.
- The brilliant draw prizes.
- The link to join the draw online.
- Nominated club contact names and numbers.

To add to the advertising photos, we've included e. g. Senior players signing up to the draw, photos of players reading the brochure. Juvenile and Camogie managers were also encouraged to advertise the draw when messaging parents re training times.

A nominated person attended all training sessions for a few weeks prior to the draw because it is essential to meet parents face to face handing out brochures and explaining to the parents the financial positives for the club. Extra focus was given to new players parents in their first year in the club.

Finally, the importance of a dedicated team co-ordinator and a nominated person to follow up on all potential draw members is essential for the success of the draw.

Kilsheelan Kilcash GAA Draw Co Ordinator Tom O'Donnell says

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The Tipperary Co Board club draw is a valuable source of income for the Kilsheelan-Kilcash Club. The funds raised are used in the day to day running of the club and towards the various development projects. The club has had a 50% increase in membership in the past two years to over 470 members. This was achieved by,

- Identifying areas in the club catchment region not previously included in the draw
- Analysis of current draw membership and identifying potential new members.
- Adding additional promoters and assigning them to areas where they would be familiar with the households in that area.
- Staying in constant contact with all promoters via WhatsApp with updates and monthly draw information.

Above all, the increase in membership can be attributed to a combination of hard work, footslogging, and most importantly to the goodwill of members, players and the community at large and the continued input of our draw promoters.

Moyne-Templetuohy Draw Co-Ordinator Dominic Everard says

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The Tipperary Co Board draw is our Club's main fund raiser. The running costs of a small club like Moyne Templetuohy can run into thousands of euro's each year. The importance of a good Co board draw sales structure by the club's Co-Ordinator's and club Promoters is vital as the draw commission can be worth up to 70% to its Club, and it makes the draw an easy sell, with the amazing prizes worth a half a million euros.

By joining the Co Board Draw, one is supporting the Club, and the County for as little as €100/year or just €2/week. Surely €2 /week is not a big ask to keep our teams on the pitches of play, our facilities updated for our Clubs and our County. Remember if you are not in nobody wins. GAA Clubs must be so grateful to the Co Board Draw Supporters, as like my own club Moyne Templetuohy we would not have the facilities without the co board draw.

Cappawhite Draw Co Ordinator Liam Treacy says

The new Tipp GAA Club draw has been a great success for the Cappawhite Club. This year we increased our numbers from 386 to 410. The proceeds from the draw will help enormously with the day to day running of the club. In a year that has seen other sources of revenue, such as the clubs weekly lotto and Cappa Fest, curtailed, it was a major success to increase our numbers, mainly due to the dedication of our promoters, particularly Cecilia Walshe, and our loyal supporters who join the draw, year after year, to ensure that the club will be in a healthy financial state to promote our games and update our facilities.

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Tipperary County Board Draw Accounts

2020/2021 DRAW. (No. 33)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD 1st May 2020 TO 31st OCTOBER 2021

	Draw No. 33 2020 / 2021 Period to 31-Oct-21	Draw No. 32 2019 / 2020 Period to 31-Oct-20
<u>Income</u>		
Ticket Sales - Monthly Draw	1,653,930	1,603,811
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Commission to Clubs / Promoters / Stripe	878,590	869,795
Prizes	447,299	441,557
Print & Stationery	34,852	28,658
Advertising	15,987	13,617
Postage	27,182	14,500
Telephone	1,577	500
Office Light & Heat	5,000	5,000
Bank Charges	5,659	3,977
Launch & Draw Expenses	-	2,630
Administration Charges	30,712	28,120
Accountancy	3,699	3,198
Total Expenditure	1,450,556	1,411,552
Excess of Income over Expenditure	203,374	192,259
Allocation of County Board Grants	40,000	209,710
Surplus / Deficit	163,374	- 17,451

Tipperary County Board Draw Accounts

2020/2021 DRAW. (No. 33)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER 2020

	Note	31-Oct-21	31-Oct-20
Assets			
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments		62,770	46,366
Bank		181,903	26,133
		244,673	72,500
Total Current Assets			
Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors & Accruals		81,683	73,083
		81,683	73,083
Total Current Liabilities			
Total Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		162,990	- 583
Represented By:			
Surplus / (Deficit) Brought Forward	-	583	16,868
Surplus on 2019 / 2020 Draw		163,374	- 17,451
		162,790	- 583
Accumulated Surplus / (Deficit)			

On behalf of the Committee

Peter Byrne

CHAIRMAN

DATE: 6th December 2021

Tim Floyd

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Tipperary County Board Draw Accounts

2020/2021 DRAW. (No. 33)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1. The amounts shown in the Income and Expenditure Account relate to the Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw held throughout 2021 – Draw No.33. The staging of the draws was delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic in the interest of Health & Safety.

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 2021 do not reflect transactions of the 2021/2022 draw – Draw No. 34.

Note 2. GRANTS ALLOCATED BY TIPPERARY G.A.A CLUBS DRAW 2020/2021

Tipp GAA County Board	40,000
Tipp GAA – Contribution to Capital Works (Dr Morris Development Project)	-

	40,000
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The Board of Tipperary GAA Draw intend to meet to finalise the allocation of a Capital Grant towards Capital Works (Dr Morris Park Development Project)

Note 3. ACCOUNTS APPROVAL

The Accounts were approved on 6th December 2021.

County Development Committee Report 2021

Mark McLoughlin, *County Development Officer*

With the pandemic again limiting the face-to-face interaction many of the supports and initiatives had to take place virtually.

Club Officer Training

Organised centrally through Croke Park a range of webinars were made available to clubs covering all officer roles including Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and Children's Officer. In addition to these role specific supports a range of webinars were provided on a variety of topics including Microsoft PowerPoint, Creating a Safe Club, Diversity and Inclusion, Microsoft Teams & OneDrive, An Ghaeilge sa Chlub and Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers. In response to a need expressed by clubs we ran Microsoft Teams training over three nights very kindly facilitated by Pat Gormley.

With the advent of the new Foireann registration and membership system support was provided to set it up through a series of online workshops. While this proved initially challenging everyone got there in the end.

Sports Capital Funding / Accessing Finance

With applications for Sports Capital Grant funding closing on March 1st 2020 information was provided to clubs including a guide to making an application. Munster Development Officers also organised a webinar to support clubs making an application. This was facilitated by Patricia Keenan and Denis O'Connor from 2 into 3 and covered the Do's and Don'ts of an application and how to maximise points scored. Part two of the webinar was a presentation from Clann Credo Ireland's leading provider of social finance to community groups and GAA clubs. This covered the application process and the criteria to be met in order to secure a loan. Over 60 people from Tipperary attended this event. Information was subsequently sent out to clubs on the requirements and permissions necessary when borrowing money.

Pitch Maintenance Seminar

A seminar entitled "Best Practices for Pitch Maintenance and Development Works" was held on April 22nd. Guest speakers on the night included Dr. Ian McClements (Sports turf Research Institute), Stuart Wilson (Croke Park Pitch Manager) and John Coogan (Nowlan Park Pitch Manager). The seminar had a club focus and covered areas such as pitch usage, grass cutting, aeration and drainage.

Club Development Planning

Munster Council launched a Club Development Planning programme this year. This programme involves Coaching & Games, Development and Health & Wellbeing working collaboratively to facilitate clubs developing a strategic plan. Each club plan is built around seven pillars:

- Club Structures & Administration
- Coaching & Games
- Finance & Fundraising
- Health & Wellbeing
- Facilities & Development
- PR, Communications & Cultural
- Volunteerism, Recruitment & Community

GDA's have initiated the process visiting clubs and carrying out audits with club officers. Three clubs are currently engaged in the process with ten more invited to commence shortly. This programme is available to all and any club interested in developing a club plan should contact developmentofficer.tipperary@gaa.ie. Supports and trained facilitators are available to guide you through this very worthwhile process.

Demographics

Following a request from Munster Council the County Board formed a sub-committee to examine demographics in Tipperary. This included the Development Officer, Munster Council Representative and representatives from each division. The committee examined census figures from 1991 to 2016 and the recently published Draft County Development Plan. In this 25-year period the population of Tipperary increased by 26,781 or 20%. The most significant increase +451.78% (477 to 2632) occurred in Ballina. Other areas that experienced significant growth include Ballyclerihan, Cahir, Cashel, Holycross, Kilsheelan and Newport. While most areas experienced an increase there were significant decreases in Toomevara, Littleton and Dundrum.

Munster Council Development Grants

Unfortunately, Munster Council will not be in a position to provide Development Grants in 2021. However clubs are encouraged to mind their receipts and invoices, once the scheme reopens on the return of steady income streams, they will be entitled to apply for any spending that was incurred in late 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022. It is hoped that the scheme will reopen in 2022 on the resumption of normal games activity.

Other

Other information made available to clubs includes Tipperary Volunteer Centre training opportunities, player injury scheme details and Tipperary Sports Partnership grants and funding packages. Meetings were held with a number of clubs to provide support and advice around construction of new facilities and the acquisition of land.

Tipperary GAA to the fore with Development



Members of Rosegreen GAA club busy devising their new Strategic Club Plan recently.



New spectator stand constructed at St. Cronan's Park Roscrea Hurling Club.



Lattin Cullen GAA Club recently completed a top class fully floodlit walking track at their grounds. The project was overseen by a very hard-working committee who put in a lot of work to ensure that the finished product would be something that the club and community in general can be proud of.

Upperchurch Hurling Wall



New astro turf and hurling wall underway at Nenagh Eire Óg GAA club

Tipperary Co. Handball Report 2021

(Ken Conway, Secretary, Pat O Flaherty Chairman, Paddy Collins PRO).

Handball is in survival mode at present with all Clubs & Counties having been hit badly by the Covid epidemic regulations. The 2020 Championships are finally being played off during November & December 2021. Our new National Handball Centre in Croke Park at a cost of around 12 million Euros has still not hosted a game of Handball with the Handball finals continuing to be hosted by Kingscourt in Cavan. With the long lock down for indoor sports and with Covid numbers still very high at the time of writing it is going to be a long road back for handball.

The 2020 Juvenile Championships saw Tipperary take three Munster titles.

- Stefan Tobin from Carrick -on-Suir won the U14S 60*30
- Christine Percy from Lahorna won the U15s 60*30.
- Hannah Grace & Leanne Gould from Lahorna won the U16D in 40*20.

All Handballs was suspended and only recommenced in late 2021 with the All-Ireland Semi Finals.

- Stefan Tobin was beaten by Eoghan Mc Carthy from Roscommon 15/3, 15/13.
- In the Girls U15S Christine Percy beat Karley Cooney from Sligo in the All-Ireland Semi – Final but she was beaten in the final by Eimear Barron from Kilkenny 15/7, 15/4.
- Our U16 Doubles Hannah Grace & Leanne Gould lost out to Cloda Nic Con Midhe & Aoibhin Daly from Tyrone in the All-Ireland Final played on the 27th November in Kingscourt.



Our first Senior Doubles win was in Handball in 1929 When Paddy Ormond & Con "Shine" Moloney from Ballyporeen won the National title. They repeated this feat in 1931.



1938 Middleton C Collins -Ginger Mc Mahon A Collins - J Collins-W Collins- C Quigley

In Tipperary our Clubs are working hard to keep handball alive and our coaches although restricted to small pods of 6 are working tirelessly with our juveniles.

At times like this it is a comfort to reflect on the great days of Tipperary Handball and remember some of our outstanding players.

We have seen some great Juveniles come through the ranks and win all grades, but the Holy Grail for any Club or County remains the Senior Championships All Ireland success.

Nenagh produced one of the greatest doubles pairs ever to grace the handball courts when Joe & Ned Hassett won their first Senior Doubles title in 1934. They would go on to win five titles in a row in 1935, 1936, 1937 & 1938. Their reign only came to an end when they were beaten by fellow Tipperary pair of Connie & Anthony Collins from Ballina in the County Final in 1939. Connie & Anthony were beaten in the All-Ireland final by JJ Gilmartin & Jasper Dunne from Kilkenny. The Ballina pair reached the All Ireland final once again in 1942 and this was a unique final with all four contestants from Tipperary.

Joe & Stephen Bergin represented Sligo in a thrilling game played in Boyle County Roscommon where Tipperary won by 3 games to 1.

Joe Bergin from Nenagh won the 60x30 Senior Singles in 1948 and partnered by Jackie Sweeney won the Senior Doubles in 1949. They followed that up in 1950 by winning both singles (Joe Bergin) and doubles again.

Our next senior title was in 1962 when John Ryan & Mick Shanahan Horse & Jockey won the Senior Hardball doubles.

1966 saw Paddy Hickey from Clogheen win the Senior Hardball Singles.

In 1968 Paddy Hickey (Clogheen) & Connie Cleere (Nenagh) won the Senior Hardball doubles. Paddy Hickey won the Senior Hardball singles in 1971 and followed it up in 1972 winning the Hardball doubles with Connie Cleere.

Paddy Hickey was back again in 1975 winning the Hardball Doubles with John Cleary Tipperary Town.

The late 70's and early 80's saw another great player emerge from the minor and u21 ranks. In 1981 Tony Ryan Ballypatrick won the U21 Singles & Doubles (with Willie O Donnell Fethard) in 40*20 and crowned it off with winning the Senior Singles also. He followed that in 1982 winning the senior 40x20 singles title again.

In 1983 he won both 40x20 & 60x30 senior singles titles.

In 1989 Billy Mc Carthy & Noel Ryan won the Hardball Senior Doubles.

In 1991 Eddie Corbett Ballyporeen & John O Donoghue Cashel won the men's senior Doubles 40x20.

Eddie won the 40x20 Senior Singles in 1993 & followed that up in 1994 winning the 40x20 senior singles again.

In 1995 Eddie Corbett partnered by Noel Ryan won the Senior Hardball Doubles.

This was the last senior title for the County. Tipperary players have won titles in all grades since then including minor, Junior Intermediate but not the elusive Senior title.

The dominance of players such as Ducksy Walsh, Eoin Kennedy, Robbie Mc Carthy, Tom Sheridan, Brian Carroll, Paul Brady, Michael Finnegan, Diarmuid Nash, Colin Crehan to name but a few has made it very difficult over the years for our young players to make the breakthrough and win the Senior crown, but we are confident that we will reach those dizzy heights again in the not-too-distant future

Bereavements

Sympathy is also expressed to the Handball families who suffered bereavements throughout 2021

Tipperary GAA Board

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 Joe Kennedy for their continued support.

Appreciation

We again wish to thank all our Club officers who continue to support handball during a most difficult year. We hope that all our Players, Coaches and Supporters will keep safe and well and hopefully we will see a full return to play in 2022.



1981 Tony Ryan Ballypatrick



1991 Eddie Corbett Ballyporeen & John O Donoghue Cashel



Eddie Corbett, Ballyporeen

Tipperary Supporters' Club 2021 Report

(John Coman P.R.O.)

With its new App in 2021, Tipperary Supporters Club looks forward to more Tipperary Hurling success

The year got off to a unique start on 18th February with the 34th AGM of the Tipperary Supporters Club being the first ever held online with a good attendance of members taking part from many parts of Tipperary and well beyond.

Bryan Maher, Assistant Treasurer, presented the audited accounts for the year to 31st October 2020 which resulted in grants of over €77,000 to expenses connected with the Senior Hurling panel including training camps, medical treatment, specialist training, travel and accommodation. It was a difficult year for fund raising and it was not possible to hold the usual golf classics in Tipperary and Dublin. However great efforts were made to keep membership numbers as high as possible despite the effects of the Pandemic and expenses such as the cost of membership gifts and postage of membership packs had been kept to a minimum. The Club had held a very successful Stars in Their Eyes event in November 2019 which had raised over €20,000.

In addition to the activities of the Tipperary Supporters Club details of fund raising conducted by the Tipperary GAA Commercial Board were given. The Commercial Board made a contribution of over €94,000 to Tipperary GAA during the season.

In his report to the AGM as Secretary Billy Coman summarised the highlights of the Club's activities. In his address as Chairperson, 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. He also thanked committee member Ed Donnelly for his work in arranging the online meeting.

John Coman, Public Relations Officer, reported on the membership scheme 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, especially as it was more difficult to meet face to face during the Pandemic. 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 2021 with the member's gift of a Tipperary Supporters Club face mask 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 Joe Bracken for his great help with the Tipperary Supporters Club during his time as County Board PRO.

The following officers were appointed: Terry O'Neill, Chairperson; 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 Joe Kennedy, Chairperson of the County Board to address the meeting. Joe Kennedy thanked the Supporters Club for being more important than ever at this time 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. Liam Myles, President, Tipperary Association Dublin also congratulated the Club and assured it of every support from the Tipperary Association, Dublin. Also present at the meeting were Jimmy Minogue, County Board Vice-Chair; Michael Power, County Board Treasurer; and Jonathan Cullen, PRO, County Board.

Chairperson Terry O'Neill welcomed Liam Sheedy, Michael Breen and Alan Flynn to the meeting. Liam Sheedy, Senior Team



Michael Breen was named the 2020 Tipperary Supporters Club, Player of The Year at the AGM pictured here receiving his award from secretary Billy Coman and John Quirke Jewellers Sponsor.



Jason Forde (Silvermines), Tipperary Hurler of the Year 2021 receives the Tony Reddin Trophy from Joe Tuohy

Bainisteoir, addressed the meeting and thanked the Tipperary Supporters Club for their great work which was a vital part of the Tipperary team's preparation. Liam emphasised the importance of the team being closely connected with the Tipperary Supporters and that he would work closely to develop that relationship even further in 2021. While the 2020 season had been disappointing, Liam explained that the panel was showing huge commitment in the personal training programmes that they were involved in at the moment until such time as collective training was again allowed.

Liam, Alan Flynn and Michael Breen took part in a question-and-answer session moderated by Terry O'Neill and gave some interesting insights in to how the Pandemic had changed the preparation in some ways.

As the finale to the meeting, Terry O'Neill announced that the Tipperary Senior Hurler of the Year 2020 as voted by members of the Tipperary Supporters Club was Michael Breen. Michael was virtually presented with the annual trophy by John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir who again kindly sponsored the award and Michael also was awarded the Tony Reddin Perpetual Cup as kindly donated by his wife Mrs Maura Reddin.

On the playing fields, supporters were delighted when the Allianz Hurling League got the green light and Tipperary, with Séamus Callanan again named as Captain, played Limerick, Cork, Galway, Westmeath and Waterford up to 13 June, by which time small crowds of a couple of hundred supporters were allowed in to see the matches.

The Tipperary Supporters Club launched its new App, based on the successful Clubzap platform, which features exclusive interviews hosted by Jackie Cahill and other content for Club members including a weekly column Mark your Man by former Tipperary Senior All Ireland winner Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh). The new App <https://clubzap.com/public/articles/47116> has proved to be a great way for members to keep in touch and to renew their membership, especially in times when face to face contact with Committee members and membership sellers has been very curtailed.

During the Summer, the long-established Tipperary Supporters Club Golf Classic enjoyed a great day's sunshine in Thurles Golf Club, after a Covid-enforced break in 2020. It was a very enjoyable event for the large number of teams who took part and all public health guidelines were closely followed. Our thanks go to the golfers, sponsors of teams, greens and tees, to the welcoming hosts at Thurles Golf Club and to the organising committee led by John Tierney and Joe Tuohy.

In the Munster Championship, Tipperary had a good win over Clare in the Semi-Final in Limerick before being beaten by All-Ireland Champions Limerick in the Munster Final in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Onwards then to the All-Ireland Quarter-Final again in Páirc Uí Chaoimh where Waterford, managed by former Tipperary All-Star Liam Cahill, proved too strong on the day. Limerick beat Cork in the All-Ireland Final. It was a strange Championship season in many ways with some restrictions on crowds and on how training and travel for squads was organised. Overall though, it was brilliant for players and supporters to have Championship hurling back in the Summer.

Following the Championship in August, Liam Sheedy decided not to continue as Tipperary Bainisteoir at the end of his three-year term in

charge. Liam has given fantastic service to Tipperary as a player, selector and manager and in that role delivered All-Ireland Senior Championship successes in 2010 and 2019. In the Tipperary Supporters Club, we salute you Liam for the terrific drive and professionalism you brought to all your roles. We also thank other members of Liam's management team who are not continuing: Darragh Egan, Eamon O'Shea and Eoin Kelly. Go raibh míle maith agaibh as an méid atá déanta agaibh ar son Tiobraid Árann thar na blianta agus go néirí go geal libh.

Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) announced his retirement from inter-county hurling after the Championship campaign. Brendan has been a multiple All-Ireland and All-Star winner in a glittering career which included captaining Tipperary to All-Ireland wins at both minor and senior levels. Ádh mór ort amach anseo, a Bhreandáin.

In September, Colm Bonnar (Cashel) was appointed as the new Tipperary Senior Bainisteoir for a three-year term. Colm played for 17 years with Tipperary teams between 1982 and 2000, where he played in 17 Munster Finals (winning 11) and 10 All-Ireland finals (winning 5). Since then Colm has built up an impressive coaching and management career across many club, college and county teams. Colm later announced his management team including Tommy Dunne (Toomevara), Johnny Enright (Thurles Sarsfields) and Paul Curran (Mullinahone). The Tipperary Supporters Club has been in contact with Colm to offer our full support and we wish the new management team every success.

As the year draws to a close, we congratulate Jason Forde (Silvermines) who is Tipperary Hurler of the Year 2021, as chosen by members of the Tipperary Supporters Club. Jason was presented with the annual trophy by Terry O'Neill, Chair of the Supporters Club. The trophy was kindly sponsored again this year by John Quirke, Jewellers, Cahir. Jason was also presented with the Tony Reddin Perpetual Cup, donated by the Reddin family, by Joe Tuohy of the Supporters Club, at the County Hurling Finals in Semple Stadium on Sunday 14th November. Jason is the first player to earn this award twice, having been presented with the first ever award in 2018, followed by Séamus Callanan (Drom and Inch) in 2019 and Michael Breen (Ballina) in 2020.

Congratulations also to David Fennelly who won the €1,000 draw among 2021 Tipperary Supporters Club members. In addition, a further €1,000 was presented to his nominated Tipperary GAA Club, Gortnahoe-Glengoole. David (represented by Fintan Fennelly) and Gortnahoe-Glengoole Club Chairman Michael Cleary were presented with the prizes by Tipperary Senior Manager Colm Bonner, at the County Finals on Sunday 14th November in Semple Stadium.

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 2022 by logging on to <https://clubzap.com/public/articles/47116> and www.tippssupportersclub.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 2022

The 2022 Tipperary Supporters Club Membership is now available and 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 (subject to public health advice) and a vote to decide on the Tipperary Senior Hurler of the Year. Details of all prize winners are on <https://clubzap.com/public/articles/47116> and tippssupportersclub.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 tippssupportersclub.com/join/ to get the direct debit form. If you are joining by direct debit for the first time, there is a special half-price discount rate of €20 in the first year, followed by the normal membership rate of €40 in later years.

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.tippssupportersclub.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 into 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, Membership Officer, 13 Castleknock Close, Dublin 15. You can also pay by credit card by giving the details to Jim Reidy on 086 3580718.

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@tippssupportersclub.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:

<https://tippssupportersclub.com/pages/how-to-join-tsc>

Ar aghaidh le Tiobraid Árann!

John Coman

Public Relations Officer

Tipperary Supporters Club



John (Bubbles) O'Dwyer goes high to catch the ball v Galway.

Tipperary Supporters' Club

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
Income			
Membership subscriptions	6	51,791	77,025
Fundraising - Golf Classics	7	-	56,421
Fundraising - Other events	8	20,315	-
Miscellaneous income		1,966	150
		<u>74,072</u>	<u>133,596</u>
Expenditure			
Administrative expenses	9	(9,581)	(8,644)
Surplus before Team support payments		<u>64,491</u>	<u>124,952</u>
Tipperary Hurling Team Support	10	(77,214)	(93,353)
Donations and Sponsorship	11	(200)	(3,115)
(Deficit)/surplus for the financial year		<u>(12,923)</u>	<u>28,484</u>
Accumulated Surplus brought forward	16	<u>56,643</u>	<u>28,159</u>
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On behalf of the Committee of Tipperary Supporters Club:

Terry O'Neill

Terry O'Neill
Chairman

Bryan Maher

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Assistant Treasurer

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Current Assets			
Prize Bonds	12	12,700	12,700
Debtors	13	3,823	27,040
Prepayments	14	-	8,000
Cash at bank and in hand		30,764	16,782
		<u>47,287</u>	<u>64,522</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(3,567)</u>	<u>(7,879)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>43,720</u>	<u>56,643</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u><u>43,720</u></u>	<u><u>56,643</u></u>
Accumulated Funds	16	<u><u>43,720</u></u>	<u><u>56,643</u></u>

Cultúr agus Gaeilge

Le Marcas Ó'Duinn (*Oifigeach Cultúir agus Gaeilge*)

Scór 2020 – 2021

When one looks back to 2021 it will be remembered of a year of uncertainty, a year of covid certs, of vaccines, of live streaming of games and of all ticket gates. Scór was no different as it succumbed to the pandemic. The indoor nature of the event coupled with the hands on nature of the group competition made it difficult to comply with the regulations. However, Scór did not stop completely with Scór Na Mumhan agus Scór Uladh providing online virtual concerts. A huge well done to all our Tipperary competitors who sent in submissions. Maith sibh! All was not lost though and following an announcement by Coiste Náisiúnta Scór that the 2020 competition would be completed it was met with great excitement throughout the County.

Scór Sinsear 2020

When the Munster Scór Sinsear Final succumbed to the pandemic on March 25th 2020 little did we know that we would have to wait until October 30th 2021 for that competition to occur.

The premier county had the privilege of hosting the rescheduled Munster Final and all roads lead to Halla Na Féile Cashel where a wonderful day's entertainment took place. Former Cathaoirleach Scór Seosaimhín Ní Chathail acted as a wonderful Bean an Tí. Tipperary took to the stage with the full complement of competitors.

Early in the day, the Moyne Templetuohy Quiz team under the new rules qualified to the All-Ireland Final following a tough quiz in which they finished 2nd.

Newcastle Figure Dancers led the way and were first to qualify for the national finals with coach Kathy McGrath leading. Noel Joyce (JK Brackens) and Siobhan Egan (Newport) followed suit in the Aithriseoireacht and Amhránaíocht Aonair Competitions respectively. Newport retained their Munster Crown in the Nuachleas competition and now sought to retain their national title. A young but talented JK Brackens set dancing team also won provincial honours and said their sights on All Ireland glory. Upperchurch Drombane (Ballad Group) and JK Brackens (Music) also represented the county with pride and were both very unlucky not to win provincial honours.

The long awaited 2020 All Ireland Scór Sinsear Final took to the stage in the magnificent Connacht Air Dome on Saturday November 20th. Tipperary were proudly represented by five wonderful acts from across the county and Tipperary led the way at the end of the competition with no fewer than three All Ireland's returning to the Premier County.

The staging of such an event within the current climate was always going to be challenging but credit is due to all involved who produced a wonderful day's entertainment. Our fantastic rinceoirí from An Caislean Nua were first to the stage and they done their club proud. A flawless performance saw them crowned All Ireland Champions. Huge congratulation to the girls and their coach extraordinaire Kathy on another All Ireland to the club.

Siobhan Egan from the Newport Club gave a flawless performance of Gortnamona but she came up just shy in her quest for All Ireland Honours. Siobhan's beautiful performance along with her harp raised a huge clap at the end.

Noel Joyce of JK Brackens fame, captured his fourth All Ireland Medal in the aithriseoireacht competition. His stellar performance of 'The woes of Mooncoin' left the audience in tears if laughter. We congratulate Noel on another superb performance!

Newport's Nuachleas was next to the stage and they made no mistake in retaining their All Ireland Trophy. Their hilarious production of 'Lisdoonvara here I come' left the slua mór laughing long into the evening. Congratulations to all those involved.

Our final competitors from the Premier County were the wonderful Set Dancers from JK Brackens. They again like the acts before them gave a stunning performance and again came up just short on the marking sheets.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside of their control, the Moyne Templetuohy Quiz team were unable to travel but we congratulate them on a super year retaining their county honours and producing a great display in the Munster Final.

On behalf of Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann we would like to sincerely thank all our competitors who took part in the delayed 2020 Scór Sinsear competition. In a year full of uncertainties and with rising case numbers we were all extremely grateful of your commitment to Scór.

Thanks

As has already been mentioned the year 2021 will be remembered long into the future. Scór still has an integral part to the play within our association and provides a wonderful outlet for our members to promote and take part in. Our sincere thanks must go first to the County Board of Joe, Tim and Michael who give such great support to our competitions. To County Board PRO Jonathan Cullen who does such an important role in promoting our competitions. To our divisional cultural officers our thanks to you for promoting and encouraging our competitions throughout the year. To all the clubs that have taken part and continue to support our Scór activities as well as our Cúrsaí Gaeilge, your support is very much appreciated. I would however, ask that all clubs please give serious consideration to the appointment of a cultural officer in your club. This person serves an important role within our association and it opens pathways for other members within your club to engage with your club and the GAA as a whole.

Finally, on behalf of Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann we would like to wish the County Board, all clubs and their members the very best for 2022. We hope everyone stays safe during these uncertain time.

Tiobraid Árann Abú

'Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam'



The Newcastle Figure Dancers celebrate at the Connacht Airdome in Mayo following their 2020 All Ireland title victory on Sat 20th Nov 2021

Hat-Trick for Tiobráid Árann in 2020 All Ireland Scór Sinsear Final



An Caislean Nua Rince Foirne flawless performance saw them crowned All Ireland Champions. Front row L-R: Veronica McNamara, Sinead Grant, Caelainn McGrath, Kayleigh O'Brien Back row l-r: Pat Teehan (Leinster Council), Chloe Hennebry, Aoife Leahy, Tom Murray (National Scór Chairman) Eimear O'Connor, Sarah English and John Murphy (Connacht Council)

Tulach Sheasta, Newport's Nuachleas made no mistake in retaining their All-Ireland Trophy. Their hilarious production of 'Lisdoonvara here I come' left the slua mór laughing long into the evening. Picture shows Front; Carol O'Hora, Tom McCabe, Lil O'Grady, Mary Browne. Back: Pat Teehan (Leinster Co), John Tuohy, Paudie Kennedy, Tom Murray (National Scór Chairman), Cathriona O'Brien, Paraic Kennedy, and John Murphy (Connacht Chairman)



Noel Joyce of JK Brackens, captured his fourth All Ireland Medal in the Aithriseoireacht (Recitation) competition. Picture shows L to R; Tom Murray (National Scór Chairman), Pat Teehan (Leinster Council Chairman), Noel Joyce, John Murphy (Connacht Council).

Loughmore-Castleiney - Senior Hurling Champions



Loughmore/Castleiney panel that drew with Thurles Sarsfields in the FBD Insurance County SHC and won the replay.

Back row: (from left) Martin Meagher, Ed Meagher, Micheál McGrath, Tommy Maher, Lorcan Egan, Antony Ryan, Ciaran Connolly, Liam Treacy, Conor Ryan, Edmund Connolly, Joey Hennessy, Daragh McCahey, Ciaran McCormack, Shane Hennessy, John Ryan, Cian Hennessy, Denis Brereton, Eamon Connolly. Front row: Diarmuid Meagher, Henry Maher, Brian McGrath, Tomás 'Mossy' McGrath, Liam McGrath, Evan Sweeney (with his sons Ollie and Charlie) Aidan McGrath, Willie Eviston, John McGrath, Noel McGrath, John Meagher, Conor McGrath, Niall Molony, Martin O'Connell, Ciaran McGrath. Front row: Diarmuid Meagher, Henry Maher, Brian McGrath, Tomás McGrath, Liam McGrath, Evan Sweeney (with his sons Ollie & Charlie), Aidan McGrath, Willie Eviston, John McGrath, Noel McGrath, John Meagher, Conor McGrath, Niall Molony, Martin O'Connell, Ciaran McGrath. Absent: David Kennedy.

Loughmore-Castleiney - Senior Football Champions



Loughmore/Castleiney - FBD Insurance County Senior Football champions.

Back row: (from left) Ed Connolly, Ciaran Connolly, Richie Maher, Conor, Ryan, Evan Sweeney, Henry Maher, Mark Butler, Anthony Ryan, John Ryan, Liam Treacy, Tommy Maher, Joey Hennessy, Ed Meagher, Cian Hennessy, Ciaran McCormack, Eamon Connolly, Micheál McGrath, John McGrath. Front: Martin Meagher, Daragh McCahey, Ciaran McGrath, Diarmuid Meagher, Tomás McGrath, Brian McGrath, Liam McGrath, Aidan McGrath, Shane Hennessy, Willie Eviston (captain), Lorcan Egan, Noel McGrath, Conor McGrath, John Meagher, Martin O'Connell, Niall Moloney. Photo: Bridget Delaney



Health & Wellbeing Committee 2021

Introduction,

The GAA Health & Wellbeing initiatives enables the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) to support a seamless thread within each structure, enabling the lives and community a sense of belonging and purpose for the club and community.

Every club in the Association already supports the development of its communities by helping to foster an inclusive and respectful culture that promotes in a broad variety of ways the club's involvement in the local community.

Some of these 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. The role of the H&W Committee and Healthy Club Officer is to enable club members and communities to work closer together under the logo "**Healthy Mind Healthy Body Healthy Club**".

Outcome for year 2022

The desired outcome of the County Health & Wellbeing Committee is that all clubs in the county will appoint a Healthy Club Officer in 2022 and record the Healthy Club Officer's details with the County Secretary.

Tipperary Health & Wellbeing Committee 2021

Chairperson Cora Moroney, Secretary Seamus Delaney,

Committee- Nicholas Moroney, Sarah Devane, John Hally, Carmel Harkin, Jimmy Darcy, Claire Hally, Michelle Caplis, Liam Fleming, Denise Haverty, Owen Doody.

Unfortunately, Ireland began 2021 in lockdown however, clubs throughout the county tapped into the many resources they had honed during 2020 to immediately help their communities cope once more with the strain of restrictions. Once again GAA clubs in Tipperary became the hub of their communities showing how important life is outside of sport.

January – March 2021 clubs throughout the county signed up for Every Step Counts Challenge run by the GAA in partnership with Irish Life mirroring the GAA's Irelands Lights Up walking initiative that runs every year in conjunction with Operation Transformation. This provided a healthy way for club and community members to remain connected while staying apart.

During February 14 clubs from Tipperary logged into an excellent series of Webinars organised by Ger McTavish National Diversity & Inclusion Officer. In April the County Health & Wellbeing Committee held a Webinar for all clubs in the county to promote the Healthy Club Project. A cross section of clubs involved in the project Ardfinnan, Ballina, J.K. Brackens and Toomevara shared their experiences and gave participants ideas and encouragement on how best to become involved in the project. Committee member Jimmy Darcy in his capacity as GAA Youth Leadership & Sustainability Manager spoke on the resources available to clubs to help them become a Healthy Club. As part of his presentation Jimmy encouraged clubs to check out the Green Clubs Initiative, Youth Leadership, Diversity & Inclusion, Social Games. Links to all of these initiatives can be found on GAA.ie. This event encouraged more clubs in Tipperary to consider Health & Wellbeing as part of their club structure and choose what ideas suit best to kickstart their involvement in the project.

Munster Wheelchair Hurling, MWH

The Health Club committee are working in conjunction with MWH and Tipperary Games Development to help facilitate coaching and equipment for this activity in 2022.

Munster Wheelchair hurling (MWH) in association with **Tipperary Warriors Multi Sports** based in Thurles are working to promote hurling within their club. The Tipperary Warriors meet every Saturday between 11am – 12.30 pm at the Presentation School Thurles for Multi sports activities, interaction and social inclusion. Details for this activity will be circulated through Tipperary GAA media channels when logistical plans are in place.

New Phase 5 applications,

Applications for Phase 5 of the Healthy Club Initiative opened online in October new clubs interested in joining the project can download and fill an application form via <https://healthyclubs.gaa.ie> closing date is December 3rd 2021. With approximately 200 places available it is envisaged that a number of Tipperary clubs who have completed projects will progress to become recognised Healthy Clubs early next year. Throughout the year clubs were regularly updated via email and the Tipperary Scene on events organised by the GAA in partnership with the HSE on how to maintain physical and mental wellbeing particularly during the pandemic.

The committee would like to thank County Chairman Joe Kennedy for his encouragement throughout the year and County Secretary Tim Floyd for helping the this Committee promote Health & Wellbeing through club secretaries. A special thanks to County P.R.O. Jonathan Cullen for promoting our events and keeping regular news available to all communities.

Seamus O Dubhslainne, Rúnaí

Cora Ni Mhaolruanaidh Cathaoirleach

Tipperary GAA says thanks to the Frontline Workers



Co Chairperson presents Mary McGrath and Peggy Eviston of Nenagh Hospital with a Framed Tipperary Jersey

Liam Sheedy and Seamie Callanan presents Tipperary Hospital representatives Peter Murchan, Mary McGrath and Peggy Eviston with €12,000 collected by the Tipperary Senior Hurlers in Dec 2020.



Co Secretary Tim Floyd presents Peter Murchan, representing Clonmel Hospital with a framed Tipperary Jersey

Fixtures Analysts Report 2021

by John Costigan



About three years ago I was nominated by the Co Board to be Tipp's Fixture Analyst going forward.

That honor entailed being a member of the thirty-two National Fixtures Analysts committee and also being a member of the Munster fixtures body. The national body is chaired by Wexford's Co Board Chairman Michael Martin with Munster C.E.O Kieran Leddy leading the Munster body.

Why may you ask was this body put in place? At that time a new format was sanctioned for the running of the various hurling competitions, and it was expected that a new format was being considered for the running of the Sam Maguire Cup. In actual fact the new football format will be the subject of intense debate at a special Congress penciled in for the coming Autumn.

With huge emphasis being put on the Intercounty scene the management of the GAA were conscious that great care needs to be taken to ensure that the club scene which cater for 98% of the playing population is not forgotten about or downgraded in any way.

At the second last congress 2020 the roll of the fixture Analyst was enhanced with the incumbent being given full voting rights and full membership of the counties CCCC body.

The roll of the fixture's analyst is as follows. He is to monitor the running of the club competitions within his county to analyze them and to ensure that they are providing interesting and meaningful contests for the participating players in the different grades in both hurling and football.

He must then report his findings to both the provincial body and the national body. If he is not happy with the structure of the club scene within his county, he is obliged to make recommendations to the officer board, the management committee, and the county committee for consideration and hopefully for constructive decision making as to how the scene can be improved upon.

For the past number of years, I have been acting my roll as fixtures analyst with my report appearing annually in the county secretary's report. Whereas little has taken place on my recommendations to date it is high time that they be considered or that I become redundant and cease to waste your precious time.

I believe that by chance because of the Covid 19 situation we came on a way of running our championships at Dan Breen, Seamus O Riain and intermediate in hurling as well as Senior Football and intermediate football that far surpassed our previous modus operandi. The Championships were run as autonomous competitions independent of Divisional input which in my opinion is the way forward.

As a result of the work of previous Chairman and vice chairman we have our teams properly graded that give us competitive interesting competitions that are both enjoyable and meaningful. Gone are the days when a thirty-point defeat in an unequal contest was par for the course at Divisional level. I would go so far as to say that 2020 was the best championships that I have seen in the county in thirty years.

The Senior hurling final between Kiladangan and Loughmore Castleiney was a classic contest as was Senior Football Final between Clonmel Commercials and Loughmore Castleiney. The O Riain Cup Final between Lorrha Dorrha and Mullinahone was a good contest and the intermediate finals in both codes were competitive and interesting.

Dan Breen Cup

Going forward from 2022 onwards I am recommending that the Dan Breen Cup be played for by the top 16 teams in the county as graded.

The teams to be divided into four groups of four with each team having three games. At the conclusion of those games the top two teams in each group advance to quarter finals with the four winners drawn to play the four runners up. Proceed then to Semi Finals and Final.

The four bottom teams are drawn to provide two games and a final to identify the team to be regraded to the O Riain Cup for 2023.

I am recommending that the O Riain Cup be run adopting the above format with the winner advancing to the Dan Breen in 2023 and the relegated team moving down a grade.

As per decision taken at Congress 2021 that we have only sixteen Senior teams in the County. I am recommending that the O Riain Championship be referred to as Premier Intermediate with the winners, as well as receiving the Riain Cup and medals, qualifying for the Munster Intermediate Champ with the prospect of winning provincial and all Ireland titles.

Intermediate to be called Premier Junior

The next grade of hurling that I am referring to is what was formerly intermediate. I would recommend it be called Premier Junior and be run in the same way as two previous competitions the Dan Breen, Seamus O Riain.

The winning team here will proceed to Premier Intermediate for 2023 while re graded team will move down to what we will call Junior A for 2023. The Premier Junior winners as well as receiving the ML Maher Cup and medals will qualify for the Munster Junior Championship 2022 with the prospect of winning provincial and All Ireland honors in that grade.

I am here introducing a new grade which will be Junior Championship for the D.P Walsh Cup. It will be run as the previous three championships Breen, O Riain and Junior (A) with promotion and relegation working in the same way. The winners here will qualify for the tournament run by the Killeedy Limerick Club.

The Senior Football Championship will have sixteen teams divided into groups of four. After the round robin series the top two teams in each group will qualify for quarter finals. That will then proceed to a conclusion with the winners receiving the O Dwyer Cup. The four bottom teams will play off to one who will be relegated to Intermediate for 2023.

The Intermediate Championship will consist of sixteen teams and this football championships will be played as the Senior Football Championship. The bottom four teams will play out to one who will be relegated to junior (A) for 2023. The winners will receive the Bill Barrett Cup.

You may ask the question why is this change necessary? After four years monitoring the situation in Tipperary GAA, I am firmly convinced that our great county is doing much right and we are competitive in all grades of hurling and reasonably so in football, an area that needs attention.

Bord na nOg is doing a good job providing games for our youth in both codes. Thankfully we have adopted the 13,15 and seventeen age groups that was sanctioned at Congress about three years ago. We dragged our feet in that decision for a few years until it finally became obligatory this year. When a Congress decision is made we have no option but accept it.

Second level schools

Cumann na mBunscoil is doing an excellent job but unfortunately the past two years since Covid 19 became dominant no competitions took place. Lets hope this situation is redressed in (2021-2022) school year.

The second level school situation is quite healthy but again Covid 19 has meant that the 2020 competitions were not finished, and no competitions were played at Provincial national or county level over the past school year, a great loss in my opinion to the young school going population.

The GDA's and the county games manager, have been very helpful to the second level schools and its vital that situation continues.

Until last years excellent Co Championships in Breen, O Riain and Intermediate hurling at Senior and Intermediate Football our previous years competitions left a bit to be desired. For that reason, I ask you to accept the proposals I have put before you for the good of hurling and football in the Premier County.

Until we have vibrant competitive club competitions in our county our players will not maximise their potential, In making your decision ladies and gentlemen. I respectfully ask you to have less parochialism and divisionism and more Tipperaryism in your decision-making process.

Direction from Croke Park

In accordance with the direction from Croke Park the major championships within our counties would and must be controlled and ran by our county boards as I have outlined in the early part of the presentation.

Whereas the Divisions will not play as prominent a roll in the running of our competitions, well organised and well run units will be hugely important in the workings of the GAA in our great County.

I am recommending that the Junior (A) and (B) Football Championships be run through the divisions currently culminating in Co Finals run by Co Board. After a few years I would suggest that be reviewed.

I am also suggesting that the much-cherished divisional Championships in hurling and Football in the different codes be run by the divisional Boards as autonomous competitions standing on their own two feet.

That system prevails in Kerry where in the latter part of the year crowds of up to five thousand people are known to attend finals.

Having listened as to how other counties run their championships and being conscious of the convoluted system that we have been using over the years. I respectfully putting a format before you that I think will be a gamechanger and that will give us well contested competitive games like we experienced in Championship 2020.

It appears almost certain now that the split season as we experienced in 2020 and experiencing in 2021 is here to stay and I ask you the GAA people in the Premier County is to be proactive rather than reactive to the change and I assure you that the development of the great games that's so intrinsic to our sport will be all the better for it.

Tipperary Youth Committee & Child Welfare 2021

Due to Covid 19 and the many restrictions on travel and gatherings our Annual Primary Schools Quiz has not been held for two years now. We hope that 2022 brings a return to these gatherings.

On the Child Welfare side of things we were unable to provide the usual Face to Face Courses and Workshops. However many clubs arranged virtual courses and workshops for those involved in coaching and supervising our young players. This method of delivering workshops and courses will continue but we hope to be in a position to offer our coaches and mentors a return to the old tried and trusted methods also. Remember anyone looking after teams with under 18 players must have completed their Garda Vetting, Child Safeguarding and a Foundation Level Coaching Course. Your local Club Childrens Officer will assist you if you need assistance. Finally a word of thanks to all our Club Childrens Officers who had to work harder in 2020 and 2021 than ever before to keep things in order for our clubs and young players.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and the best of everything in 2022.



JK Brackens - County U15D Football champions 2021



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MID TIPPERARY BOARD ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 15th November 2021

15-Nov-20		15-Nov-21
€		€
	Income	
3,487	Affiliation and Registration Fees	375
6,900	Players Injury Scheme	
300	Levies	1,100
30,030	Property Insurance	
16,225	Co. Board Field Rent/Lights	
1,100	Co. Board Unpaid League Fees, Fines etc.	
1,080	Contribution towards referees	1,480
3,975	Sponsorship	3,600
21,799	Gate Money	57,201
	Tickets	1,620
	Mid Primary Schools Quiz Night	
	Fines	647
3,672	Season Tickets	
	Deposit Interest	
7,032	Deficit for year	7,658
95,600		73,681

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 15th November 2021

15-Nov-20		15-Nov-21
€		€
	Expenditure	
3,122	Affiliation and Registration Fees	375
8,900	Players Injury Scheme	
5,400	2020 Grants	28,916
1,010	Tickets	1,620
1,421	Advertising, Printing and Stationary	610
1,613	Medals and Trophies	1,174
147	Telephone, Postage & Computers	910
22,353	Field Rents + Scoreboards	9,277
2,856	Catering (Awards Dinner, PA System, Pipe Band etc.)	543
650	Live streaming expenses	600
5,979	Accountancy Fees and Administration expenses	13,107
5,400	Referees Expenses	7,976
6,314	Gatechecker's wages	6,999
350	Contributions (Order of Malta, Scór etc.)	
925	Levies	1,000
30,030	Insurance	
459	Bank Interest and charges	81
	Credit Union Cash Draw Deduction	
	Gaeltacht Scholarship	
125	Referees Gear	
546	Depreciation: Office Equipment	492
	Surplus for year	
95,600		73,681

MID TIPPERARY BOARD ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet as at 15th November 2021

15-Nov-20	15-Nov-20		15-Nov-21	15-Nov-21
€	€		€	€
		<i>Fixed Assets</i>		
2,407		Office Equipment : NBV	4,917	
3,057		Office Equipment : Additions during year		
(546)	4,917	Office Equipment : Depreciation	(492)	4,425
3		Shares Gaelic Weekly	3	
254		Shares Thurles Sportsfield	254	
127		Investment in Club Development Scheme	127	
1,885		Sundry Debtors	1,250	
23,347		Cash on Deposit	23,347	
1,694		Cash in Credit Union	1,694	
19,205		Cash in Bank	13,021	
2,400		Cash Floats (Gate Checkers)	2,100	
222		Cash/Coin held for Referees Rain Gear Fund	222	
250	48,184	Cash on Hands	250	42,268
	53,101			46,693
		Deduct:		
2,780		- Sundry Creditors	4,030	
	2,780	- Bank Overdraft	-	4,030
	50,321			42,663
57,353		Opening Surplus	50,321	
7,032	50,321	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	7,688	42,663

Mid Tipperary GAA Board

Year ended 15th November 2021

Analysis of Sundry Debtors

Sundry Debtors	15-Nov-21	15-Nov-20
	€	€
Amount owed by Stripe UK for Gate Receipts		398
Sponsorship due	1,250	800
Amount due from Knock GAA (Paid 17/11/20)		65
Amount due from Thurles Gaels GAA		420
	1,250	1,683

Year ended 15th November 2021

Analysis of Sundry Creditors

Sundry Creditors	15-Nov-21	15-Nov-20
	€	€
Spain, Fewer, Quinlan & Co.	1,199	1,199
Medals	1,320	1,320
Referees' rain gear fund	261	261
Amount owed re gatecheckers wages	1,250	
	4,030	2,780

West Tipperary G.A.A. Board

WEST TIPPERARY G.A.A. BOARD					
Income & Expenditure Account					
For the 11 months ended 30th September 2021					
INCOME	2021	2020	EXPENDITURE	2021	2020
Gates	26,422	6,530	Secretary	950	0
2020 gates in 2021	4,060	0	Gate Checkers	1,830	835
Tickets	1,760	0	P.R.O. Exps	1,507	0
Bank Interest		3	Red Cross	250	
Live streaming	775	-			
Insurance		27,760	Referees Expenses	7,650	5,120
			Medals	2,197	1,934
			Public Liability & Property Insurance	-	28,840
			Tickets	1,760	0
			Affiliations	-	750
			Club registration	-	696
Season Tickets	-	3,900	Rents & Quotas	6,046	0
			Handball & Camogie Club	-	600
			Gaeltacht	-	1,200
Sponsorship	5,350	3,250	Fines	-	2,900
			Bank Charges	88	93
			Live streaming	900	350
Co. Board Rent/Field	-	12,114			
			Audit Fees	-	861
			Postage, telephone & Stationery	2,210	2,607
			Sponsorship	100	100
			Divisional Coaching Levy	10,000	0
Excess Expenditure over Income			Excess Income Over Expenditure	2,879	6,671
	38,367	53,557		38,367	53,557

West Tipperary G.A.A. Board

WEST TIPPERARY G.A.A. BOARD					
Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2021					
	2021	2020		2021	2020
LIABILITIES		€	ASSETS		€
Surplus at			Credit Union Shares	26,499	5,479
1st November 2020	47,985	41,314	Prize Bonds	381	381
			Credit Scheme	381	381
Provision for coaching levy &	10,000				
Rents & quotas	9,700				
ADD:			CASH AT BANK:		
Excess income over	2,879	6,671	AIB Deposit A/C	23,393	23,393
Expenditure			AIB Current A/C	19,910	18,351
	70,564	47,985		70,564	47,985

SOUTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

TIPPERARY SOUTH BOARD GAA, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST DECEMBER 2020 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Expenditure:	2021	2020
All Ireland & Munster Tickets	2,210	-----
Travelling Expenses	3,800	2,500
Printing, Stationery & Games Promotion	3,674	2,175
Postage, Telephone & IT	2,200	2,150
Medals & Trophies	2,517	888
Referees Expenses	6,110	5,650
Accountancy Fees	1,575	1,575
Miscellaneous	2,501	2,916
Secretary's & Checkers' Fees	5,880	4,671
Bank Charges	304	690
Public Liability / Membership	1,204	29,892
Profit for Period	<u>22,922</u>	<u>17,448</u>
	54,897	70,555
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SOUTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

TIPPERARY SOUTH BOARD GAA, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARYINCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1ST DECEMBER TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Income:	2021	2020
Gate Receipts	41,745	35,189
All Ireland & Munster Tickets	2,210	----
Sponsorship, Extra Medals & Presentations	4,750	2,546
Fines	2,070	----
Affiliations/Handball Levy	2,918	2,928
Public Liability / Membership	1,204	29,892
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	54,897	70,555
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SOUTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

TIPPERARY SOUTH BOARD GAA, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2021

Assets:	2021	2020
Ticket Scanners	3,056	-----
Sundry Debtors	4,415	5,104
Stationery, Tickets (etc)	317	317
Investments and Loan Account:		
Club Development Scheme	127	127
AIB Deposit Account	1,037	1,037
AIB Current Account	83,405	38,829
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	92,357	45,414
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SOUTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

TIPPERARY SOUTH BOARD GAA, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARYBALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
Liabilities & Surplus:		
Sundry Creditors	47,798	23,777
 Net Revenue Account:		
Balance as at 30 th November 2019	21,637	4,189
<i>Add/(Deduct):</i>		
Profit/(Loss) for Period	<u>22,922</u>	<u>17,448</u>
	44,559	21,637
	<u>92,357</u>	<u>45,414</u>

NORTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

North Tipperary G.A.A. Senior Board

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2021

	2021	2020
	€	€
Income		
Gate Receipts	53,037	16,348
Championship Entry Fees	1,830	-
Sponsorship	1,000	750
Primary School Coaching Grants	14,800	-
Season Ticket Income	-	2,808
Club Affiliations	450	-
	71,117	19,906
Administrative expenses		
Clubs Percentage of Gate Receipts	5,000	-
Games Participation Payment to Clubs	10,730	-
Referees and Gatecheckers Expenses	15,519	13,314
Referees Gear - County Board	-	125
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	7,960	5,207
Administration Expenses	6,642	4,611
Bands and Amplification	-	100
Accountancy	3,075	3,146
Consultancy fees	-	1,694
Bank Interest and Charges	68	446
Medals, Trophies and Presentations	5,844	6,045
Catering Costs and Room Hire	2,370	970
Primary Schools Coaching Grants	14,800	-
Servissport	250	250
Sundries	983	-
	73,241	35,908
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(2,124)	(16,002)

NORTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

North Tipperary G.A.A. Senior Board

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Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2021

	Notes	2021 €	2020 €
Fixed Assets	1	354	354
Investments	3	635	635
Loans to Clubs	4	23,000	57,800
		23,989	58,789
 Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments		22,794	44,098
Monies due from Bord na nOg		1,191	-
Floats on Hands		2,000	2,000
Bank Current Account		202,194	148,459
Bank Deposit Account		10,377	11,584
		238,556	206,141
 Current Liabilities			
Creditors & Accruals		(19,965)	(16,660)
		(19,965)	(16,660)
Net Current Assets		218,591	189,481
Net Assets		242,580	248,270
 Financed By:			
Reserve Account	2	242,580	248,270
		242,580	248,270

County Board Gates 2021

Date		Team	Team	Venue	Gross	Rent due	
2020 End of Season Gates							
Junior Hurling 'A'							
19.6.21	Semi	Toomevara	v	Arravale Rovers	The Ragg	950.00	105.00
26.6.21	Semi	Holycross Ballycahill	v	Grangemockler Ballyneale	Clonmel	1,000.00	110.00
2.7.21	Final	Arravale Rovers	v	Holycross Ballycahill	Dundrum	2,000.00	210.00
Junior Hurling 'B'							
26.6.21	Semi	Silvermines	v	Cashel King Cormacs	The Ragg	1,000.00	110.00
26.6.21	Semi	Gortnahoe Glengoole	v	Cahir	Cashel	840.00	94.00
4.7.21	Final	Cashel King Cormacs	v	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Holycross	1,760.00	186.00
Under 21 'A' Football							
2.8.21	Final	Arravale Rovers	v	Grangemockler Ballyneale	Cashel	1,950.00	205.00
Under 21 'B' Football							
26.6.21	Final	Ballina	v	Upperchurch Drombane	Dolla	1,000.00	110.00
2021 Gates							
County Hurling Leagues							
Group 1 (A)							
12.6.21	Rd 1	Borrisileigh	v	Kilruane MacDonaghs	Borrisileigh	500.00	
15.6.21	Rd 1	Loughmore Castleiney	v	Toomevara	Toomevara	480.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Toomevara	v	Borrisileigh	Toomevara	500.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Kilruane MacDonaghs	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Cloughjordan	260.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Kilruane MacDonaghs	v	Toomevara	Cloughjordan	450.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Borrisileigh	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Borrisileigh	-	
Group 1 (B)							
12.6.21	Rd 1	Roscrea	v	Nenagh Eire Og	Roscrea	500.00	
13.6.21	Rd 1	JK Brackens	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Templemore	275.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Nenagh Eire Og	v	JK Brackens	Nenagh	440.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Roscrea	Outside Field	395.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	JK Brackens	v	Roscrea	Templemore	310.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Nenagh Eire Og	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Nenagh	-	
25.2.21	Final	Borrisileigh	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Borrisileigh	885.00	98.50
Group 2 (A)							
10.6.21	Rd 1	Drom Inch	v	Upperchurch Drombane	The Ragg	440.00	
12.6.21	Rd 1	Kiladangan	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	Clonoulty	335.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Drom Inch	v	Kiladangan	The Ragg	325.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Clonoulty Rossmore	v	Upperchurch Drombane	Clonoulty	310.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Upperchurch Drombane	v	Kiladangan	Drombane	305.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Clonoulty Rossmore	v	Drom Inch	Clonoulty	130.00	
Group 2 (B)							
13.6.21	Rd 1	Eire Og Annacarty	v	Holycross Ballycahill	Annacarty	420.00	
13.6.21	Rd 1	Moycarkey Borris	v	Carrick Swans	Littleton	375.00	
20.6.21	Rd 2	Carrick Swans	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Carrick	400.00	
20.6.21	Rd 2	Holycross Ballycahill	v	Mullinahone	Holycross	395.00	
27.6.21	Rd 3	Eire Og Annacarty	v	Moycarkey Borris	Annacarty	460.00	
27.6.21	Rd 3	Mullinahone	v	Carrick Swans	Mullinahone	500.00	
6.7.21	Rd 4	Moycarkey Borris	v	Mullinahone	Littleton	490.00	
6.7.21	Rd 4	Carrick Swans	v	Holycross Ballycahill	Carrick	560.00	
11.7.21	Rd 5	Holycross Ballycahill	v	Moycarkey Borris	Holycross	305.00	
11.7.21	Rd 5	Mullinahone	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Mullinahone	520.00	
24.7.21	Final	Kiladangan	v	Moycarkey Borris	Templemore	825.00	92.50
Group 3 (A)							
15.6.21	Rd 1	Silvermines	v	Clonakenny	Clonakenny	335.00	
20.6.21	Rd 1	Newport	v	Sean Treacys	Newport	500.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Silvermines	v	Newport	Dolla	400.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Sean Treacys	v	Clonakenny	Kilcommon	315.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Clonakenny	v	Newport	Clonakenny	350.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Sean Treacys	v	Silvermines	Kilcommon	365.00	
Group 3 (B)							
12.6.21	Rd 1	Killenaule	v	St Mary's Clonmel	Killenaule	200.00	
20.6.21	Rd 1	Gortnahoe Glengoole	v	Cashel King Cormacs	Gortnahoe	400.00	
25.6.21	Rd 2	Killenaule	v	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Killenaule	285.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Cashel King Cormacs	v	St Mary's Clonmel	Cashel	450.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Cashel King Cormacs	v	Killenaule	Cashel	540.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	St Mary's Clonmel	v	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Clonmel	260.00	
Group 3 (C)							
12.6.21	Rd 1	Lorrha Dorrha	v	Portroe	Portroe	500.00	
	Rd 1	Ballina	v	Templederry Kenyons	Ballina	425.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Portroe	v	Templederry Kenyons	Portroe	445.00	
1.7.21	Rd 2	Ballina	v	Lorrha Dorrha	Ballina	365.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Portroe	v	Ballina	Portroe	595.00	

County Board Gates 2021

Date		Team		Team	Venue	Gross	Rent due
11.7.21	Rd 3	Templederry Kenyons	v	Lorrha Dorrha	Templederry	385.00	
23.7.21	Semi	Cashel King Cormacs	v	Templederry Kenyons	Cashel	730.00	83.00
1.8.21	Final	Sean Treacys	v	Templederry Kenyons	Newport	1,000.00	110.00
Group 4 (A)							
15.6.21	Rd 1	Cappawhite	v	K'villa D'Keigh Kickhams	Cappawhite	395.00	
	Rd 1	Ballingarry	v	Kilsheelan		-	
20.6.21	Rd 2	K'villa D'Keigh Kickhams	v	Ballingarry	Dundrum	345.00	
23.6.21	Rd 2	Kilsheelan Kilcash	v	Carrick Davins	Kilsheelan		
27.6.21	Rd 3	Carrick Davins	v	K'villa D'Keigh Kickhams	Davin Park		
27.6.21	Rd 3	Ballingarry	v	Cappawhite	Ballingarry	230.00	
	Rd 4	K'villa D'Keigh Kickhams	v	Kilsheelan			
	Rd 4	Cappawhite	v	Carrick Davins		290.00	
11.7.21	Rd 5	Carrick Davins	v	Ballingarry		535.00	
	Rd 5						
Group 4 (B)							
	Rd 1	Ballybacon Grange	v	Moyle Rovers	Goatenbridge	280.00	
	Rd 1	Golden Kilfeacle	v	Arravale Rovers	Golden	255.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Moyle Rovers	v	Golden Kilfeacle	Monroe	205.00	
27.6.21	Rd 2	Arravale Rovers	v	Ballybacon Grange	STP	215.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Arravale Rovers	v	Moyle Rovers	STP	105.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Ballybacon Grange	v	Golden Kilfeacle	Goatenbridge	315.00	
Group 4 (C)							
11.6.21	Rd 1	Drom Inch	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	Clonoulty	290.00	
12.6.21	Rd 1	Ballinahinch	v	Moneygall	Moneygall	500.00	
25.6.21	Rd 2	Drom Inch	v	Ballinahinch	The Ragg	265.00	
25.6.21	Rd 2	Moneygall	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	Moneygall	200.00	
9.7.21	Rd 3	Moneygall	v	Drom Inch	Moneygall	190.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Clonoulty Rossmore	v	Ballinahinch	Clonoulty	200.00	
Group 4 (D)							
12.6.21	Rd 1	Shannon Rovers	v	Borrisokane	Ballinderry	500.00	
12.6.21	Rd 1	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Boherlahan Dualla	Templetuohy	250.00	
24.6.21	Rd 2	Shannon Rovers	v	Moyne Templetuohy	Ballinderry	315.00	
26.6.21	Rd 2	Boherlahan	v	Borrisokane	Boherlahan	290.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Boherlahan	v	Shannon Rovers	Boherlahan	205.00	
11.7.21	Rd 3	Borrisokane	v	Moyne Templetuohy	Borrisokane	205.00	
24.7.21	Semi	Arravale Rovers	v	Shannon Rovers	Newport	235.00	50.00
25.7.21	Semi	Carrick Davins	v	Moneygall	Holycross	540.00	64.00
30.7.21	Final	Moneygall	v	Shannon Rovers	Borrisokane	900.00	90.00
Senior Hurling Championship							
Dan Breen Cup							
Group 1							
28.8.21	Rd 1	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Drom Inch	Semple Stadium	3,680.00	368.00
28.8.21	Rd 1	Upperchurch Drombane	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Dundrum	1,990.00	209.00
11.9.21	Rd 2	Drom Inch	v	Upperchurch Drombane	Semple Stadium	2,770.00	277.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Dundrum	3,260.00	336.00
25.9.21	Rd 3	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Upperchurch Drombane	Templemore	3,440.00	354.00
25.9.21	Rd 3	Drom Inch	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Cashel	2,120.00	222.00
Group 2							
28.8.21	Rd 1	Toomevara	v	Holycross Ballycahill	Semple Stadium	2,930.00	293.00
29.8.21	Rd 1	Mullinahone	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	Clonmel	2,000.00	210.00
11.9.21	Rd 2	Holycross Ballycahill	v	Mullinahone	Littleton	1,860.00	196.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Toomevara	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	Semple Stadium	4,210.00	421.00
25.9.21	Rd 3	Mullinahone	v	Toomevara	Semple Stadium	2,330.00	233.00
25.9.21	Rd 3	Clonoulty Rossmore	v	Holycross Ballycahill	Boherlahan	3,130.00	323.00
Group 3							
27.8.21	Rd 1	Kiladangan	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Semple Stadium	4,790.00	479.00
25.8.21	Rd 1	JK Brackens	v	Moycarkey Borris	Holycross	1,950.00	205.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Kiladangan	v	JK Brackens	Nenagh	4,400.00	450.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Loughmore Castleiney	v	Moycarkey Borris	Holycross	3,390.00	349.00
24.9.21	Rd 3	JK Brackens	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Semple Stadium	5,630.00	563.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Kiladangan	v	Moycarkey Borris	Templemore	2,740.00	284.00
Group 4							
28.8.21	Rd 1	Borrisileigh	v	Roscrea	Moneygall	2,050.00	215.00
29.8.21	Rd 1	Nenagh Eire Og	v	Kilruane McDonaghs	Toomevara	2,150.00	225.00
10.9.21	Rd 2	Borrisileigh	v	Kilruane McDonaghs	Semple Stadium	6,910.00	691.00
11.9.21	Rd 2	Roscrea	v	Nenagh Eire Og	Toomevara	2,680.00	278.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Borrisileigh	v	Nenagh Eire Og	Semple Stadium	6,380.00	638.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Kilruane McDonaghs	v	Roscrea	Toomevara	2,550.00	265.00
Seamus O'Riain Cup							
Group 1							
29.8.21	Rd 1	Carrick Swan	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Cashel	1,990.00	209.00

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Date		Team		Team	Venue	Gross	Rent due
29.8.21	Rd 1	Burgess	v	Kiladangan	Nenagh	2,000.00	210.00
11.9.21	Rd 2	Thurles Sarsfields	v	Kiladangan	Templederry	1,950.00	205.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Carrick Swans	v	Burgess	The Ragg	1,590.00	169.00
25.9.21	Rd 3	Carrick Swans	v	Kiladangan	The Ragg	2,410.00	251.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Burgess	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Dolla	980.00	108.00
Group 2							
28.8.21	Rd 1	Clonakenny	v	Silvermines	Templederry	1,370.00	147.00
29.8.21	Rd 1	Newport	v	Templederry Kenyons	Dolla	1,920.00	202.00
11.9.21	Rd 2	Clonakenny	v	Templederry Kenyons	Templemore	1,580.00	168.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Silvermines	v	Newport	Nenagh	2,520.00	262.00
25.9.21	Rd 3	Silvermines	v	Templederry Kenyons	Toomevara	2,420.00	252.00
25.9.21	Rd 3	Clonakenny	v	Newport	Nenagh	1,650.00	175.00
Group 3							
28.8.21	Rd 1	Sean Treacys	v	Killenaule	Boherlahan	1,800.00	190.00
29.8.21	Rd 1	Gortnahoe Glengoole	v	Ballina	Borrisoleigh	1,990.00	209.00
11.9.21	Rd 2	Sean Treacys	v	Gortnahoe Glengoole	Semple Stadium	2,770.00	277.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Killenaule	v	Ballina	Borrisoleigh	2,300.00	240.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Ballina	v	Sean Treacys	Newport	1,700.00	180.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Gortnahoe Glengoole	v	Killenaule	Littleton	3,250.00	335.00
Group 4							
29.8.21	Rd 1	Lorrha Dorrha	v	St Marys Clonmel	Templemore	1,520.00	162.00
29.8.21	Rd 1	Portroe	v	Cashel King Cormacs	The Ragg	2,010.00	211.00
11.9.21	Rd 2	Lorrha Dorrha	v	Portroe	Cloughjordan	1,580.00	168.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	St Marys Clonmel	v	Cashel King Cormacs	Cahir	3,100.00	320.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Cashel King Cormacs	v	Lorrha Dorrha	Moneygall	2,050.00	215.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	St Marys Clonmel	v	Portroe	Borrisoleigh	1,840.00	194.00
Intermediate Hurling Championship							
Group 1							
28.8.21	Rd 1	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Borrisokane	Toomevara	1,360.00	146.00
29.8.21	Rd 1	Drom Inch	v	Cappawhite	Clonoulty	1,720.00	182.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Moyne Templetuohy	v	Drom Inch	Templemore	1,720.00	182.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Borrisokane	v	Cappawhite	Newport	1,880.00	198.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Cappawhite	v	Moyne Templetuohy	Clonoulty	1,430.00	153.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Borrisokane	v	Drom Inch	Dolla	1,350.00	145.00
Group 2							
28.8.21	Rd 1	K'villa D'keigh Kickhams	v	Ballybacon Grange	Cahir	1,260.00	126.00
29.8.21	Rd 1	Carrick Davins	v	Moneygall	Holycross	1,640.00	174.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	K'villa D'keigh Kickhams	v	Moneygall	Holycross	1,880.00	198.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Ballybacon Grange	v	Carrick Davins	Clonmel	1,320.00	142.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Ballybacon Grange	v	Moneygall	Holycross	1,540.00	164.00
29.9.21	Rd 3	Carrick Davins	v	K'villa D'keigh Kickhams	Cahir	1,320.00	142.00
Group 3							
28.8.21	Rd 1	Boherlahan Dualla	v	Moyle Rovers	Golden	770.00	87.00
29.8.21	Rd 1	Golden Kilfeacle	v	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Fethard	1,510.00	161.00
11.9.21	Rd 2	Boherlahan Dualla	v	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Cahir	920.00	102.00
11.9.21	Rd 2	Moyle Rovers	v	Golden Kilfeacle	Cashel	920.00	102.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Kilsheelan Kilcash	v	Moyle Rovers	Clonmel	970.00	107.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Boherlahan Dualla	v	Golden Kilfeacle	New Inn	1,690.00	169.00
Group 4							
27.8.21	Rd 1	Ballinahinch	v	Shannon Rovers	Dolla	1,150.00	125.00
28.8.21	Rd 1	Ballingarry	v	Arravale Rovers	Littleton	1,440.00	154.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Shannon Rovers	v	Arravale Rovers	Templederry	830.00	93.00
12.9.21	Rd 2	Ballinahinch	v	Ballingarry	Clonoulty	2,160.00	226.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Arravale Rovers	v	Ballinahinch	Dundrum	940.00	104.00
26.9.21	Rd 3	Ballingarry	v	Shannon Rovers	Templetuohy	1,740.00	184.00
Under 19 (A) Hurling Championship							
18.9.21	Semi	Kiladangan	v	Thurles Sarsfields	Dolla	2,370.00	247.00
22.9.21	Semi	K'villa D'keigh Kickhams	v	St Marys Clonmel	Dr Morris Park	2,530.00	-
Under 19 B Hurling Championship							
18.9.21	Semi	Ballinahinch Templederry	v	Holycross Ballycahill	Borrisoleigh	1,670.00	177.00
21.9.21	Semi	Eire Og/Sean Treacys	v	Grangemockler Ballyneale	Dr Morris Park	2,100.00	-
County Football Leagues							
Group 1 (A)							
20.6.21	Rd 1	Clonmel Commercials	v	Arravale Rovers	Clonmel		
4.7.21	Rd 2	Arravale Rovers	v	Ardfinnan	STP	200.00	
18.7.21	Rd 3	Ardfinnan	v	Clonmel Commercials	Ardfinnan		

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Group 1 (B)							
20.6.21	Rd 1	Moyle Rovers	v	Kilsheelan Kilcash	Monroe		
2.7.21	Rd 2	Kilsheelan Kilcash	v	JK Brackens	Kilsheelan	120.00	
17.7.21	Rd 3	JK Brackens	v	Moyle Rovers	Templemore	95.00	
Group 1 (C)							
13.6.21	Rd 1	Aherlow	v	Rockwell Rovers	Lisvermane	55.00	
13.6.21	Rd 1	Ballyporeen	v	Cahir	Ballyporeen	130.00	
4.7.21	Rd 2	Cahir	v	Aherlow	Cahir	70.00	
4.7.21	Rd 2	Rockwell Rovers	v	Ballyporeen	New Inn	165.00	
18.7.21	Rd 3	Aherlow	v	Ballyporeen	Lisvermane	125.00	
18.7.21	Rd 3	Cahir	v	Rockwell Rovers	Cahir		
1.8.21	Semi	Clonmel Commercials	v	JK Brackens	Cashel	200.00	50.00
8.8.21	Final	Aherlow	v	Clonmel Commercials	Cahir	475.00	47.50
Group 2 (A)							
13.6.21	Rd 1	Golden Kilfeacle	v	Clonmel Og	Golden	235.00	
2.7.21	Rd 2	Clonmel Og	v	Fethard	Ned Hall Park	100.00	
18.7.21	Rd 3	Fethard	v	Golden Kilfeacle	Fethard		
Group 2 (B)							
13.6.21	Rd 1	Galtee Rvs St Pecaun	v	Grangemockler Ballyneale	Bansha	200.00	
4.7.21	Rd 2	Grangemockler Ballyneale	v	Clonmel Commercials	Grangemockler	65.00	
21.7.21	Rd 3	Clonmel Commercials	v	Galtee Rvs St Pecaun	Clonmel	175.00	
6.8.21	Final	Clonmel Og	v	Clonmel Commercials	Ned Hall Park	605.00	60.50
County Senior Football Championship							
Group 1							
3.9.21	Rd 1	Cahir	v	Aherlow	Ballyporeen	940.00	104.00
4.9.21	Rd 1	Moyle Rovers	v	Upperchurch Drombane	Cashel	960.00	106.00
19.9.21	Rd 2	Aherlow	v	Moyle Rovers	Cashel	990.00	109.00
19.9.21	Rd 2	Upperchurch Drombane	v	Cahir	Boherlahan	1,170.00	127.00
Group 2							
2.9.21	Rd 1	Eire Og Annacarty	v	Moyne Templetuohy	Boherlahan	360.00	40.00
	Rd 1	Kilsheelan Kilcash	v	Ballyporeen	Ardfinnan	1,040.00	114.00
18.9.21	Rd 2	Kilsheelan Kilcash	v	Moyne Templetuohy	Cashel	630.00	73.00
18.9.21	Rd 2	Ballyporeen	v	Eire Og Annacarty	Bansha	560.00	66.00
Group 3							
5.9.21	Rd 1	Ardfinnan	v	Clonmel Commercials	Cahir	1,060.00	116.00
5.9.21	Rd 1	Arravale Rovers	v	Moycarkey Borris	Golden	690.00	79.00
19.9.21	Rd 2	Arravale Rovers	v	Clonmel Commercials	Cahir	1,010.00	111.00
19.9.21	Rd 2	Ardfinnan	v	Moycarkey Borris	Golden	750.00	85.00
Group 4							
4.9.21	Rd 1	Loughmore Castleiney	v	Killenaule	Littleton	1,430.00	153.00
4.9.21	Rd 1	Rockwell Rovers	v	JK Brackens	Holycross	1,180.00	128.00
18.9.21	Rd 2	Killenaule	v	Rockwell Rovers	Fethard	1,160.00	126.00
18.9.21	Rd 2	JK Brackens	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Templetuohy	1,960.00	206.00
Intermediate Football Championship							
Group 1							
4.9.21	Rd 1	Mullinahone	v	Clonmel Og	Fethard	480.00	58.00
	Rd 1	Grangemockler Ballyneale	v	Bye			
19.9.21	Rd 2	Grangemockler Ballyneale	v	Mullinahone	Carrick	990.00	99.00
	Rd 2	Clonmel Og	v	Bye			
Group 2							
4.9.21	Rd 1	Fethard	v	Golden Kilfeacle	Cahir	610.00	71.00
5.9.21	Rd 1	Clonmel Commercials	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Cahir	510.00	61.00
18.9.21	Rd 2	Golden Kilfeacle	v	Loughmore Castleiney	Littleton	390.00	50.00
18.9.21	Rd 2	Clonmel Commercials	v	Fethard	Monroe	590.00	69.00
Group 3							
4.9.21	Rd 1	Galtee Rvs St Pecaun	v	Drom Inch	Dundrum	330.00	50.00
5.9.21	Rd 1	Fr Sheehys	v	Cashel King Cormacs	New Inn	530.00	63.00
18.9.21	Rd 2	Galtee Rvs St Pecaun	v	Fr Sheeys	Cahir	390.00	50.00
19.9.21	Rd 2	Cashel King Cormacs	v	Drom Inch	Holycross	340.00	50.00
Group 4							
5.9.21	Rd 1	Borrisokane	v	Clonoulty Rossmore	Templemore	80.00	40.00
5.9.21	Rd 1	Moyle Rovers	v	JK Backens	Boherlahan	380.00	50.00
18.9.21	Rd 2	Borrisokane	v	Moyle Rovers	Templemore	110.00	50.00
19.9.21	Rd 2	Clonoulty Rossmore	v	JK Brackens	The Ragg	520.00	62.00
						234,605.00	21,575.00

Breakdown of Gates per competition 2021

(1st November 2020 to 30st September 2021)

	Football	Hurling
Senior	15,890	79,340
O'Riain/Cusack Cup	0	48,290
Intermediate	6,250	33,460
Under 21 A	1,950	0
Under 21 B	1,000	0
Junior A and B 2020	0	7,550
Under 19 A	0	4,900
Under 19 B	0	3,770
Leagues	3,015	29,190
Total Gates	28,105	206,500
Overall Totals	234,605	



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