

MAN O'WAR GFC

Club and Community Newsletter



Up and running for 2023

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. We hope to publish an edition each quarter for the club and community. We will use this newsletter to recap on all that has gone on in the previous three months as well as keep you up-to-date with news of forthcoming events. If you have any content, please message us on the club social media.

Tá súil againn go raibh saoire na Cásca iontach agaibh. Táimid réidh agus ar bís faoin séasúr atá romhainn. Mar a deir an seanfhocal "Tús maith leath na hoibre ". Bígí ag breathnú ar ár nuachtlitir i gcomhair an eolais is deanaí a fáil faoin gclub.



Lá Fhéile Pádraig

The weather didn't dampen spirits on St Patricks Day this year, as we attended the Balbriggan parade in all our finest. Big thanks to all our members, friends, families and volunteers who braved the elements to take part. The weather wasn't going to stop us having a great day. Thanks to all of the organisers who helped to coordinate. Special mention to Rob and Bernice for the hats!



The Man O'War Float in the Parade

Dermot Early Youth Leadership Program



Our Dermot Early Youth Leadership Program continues in 2023. Since 2014, the Dermot Early Youth Leadership Initiative has seen over 500 young GAA members complete the yearlong programme, gaining a level 6 third level qualification in Youth Leadership and Community Action for their efforts. This unique programme evokes and honours the values Dermot Early epitomised and tries to foster them in a new generation of young Irish leaders. Well done to all of our young leaders who continue to excel at this.

Club News

Well done to Conor Dolan who continues to represent Man O'War at intercountry level. Conor is the current captain of the Dublin U20's team - this is an amazing achievement. Well done Conor, we are very proud of you and all you have achieved.



Conor in action against Kildare



Well done to Niamh Marry who is part of the Dublin Ladies Minor Training Panel.



Great to see the Man O'War GFC diaspora out at the St Patrick's Day Tournament in Vancouver. Go n-éirí an bóthar libh Áine McKeown, Rhiannon Bradley and all at Fraser Valley Gaels Gaelic Football for the new season ahead.

Daffodil Day March 24th

Thank you to everyone who supported our Daffodil day coffee morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society on Friday March 24th. Whether you donated online, in person, baked cakes, donated artwork, helped in the organising and running of the event, or popped in for a coffee and chat, thank you.

Together we managed to raise a massive €5,173 towards this most worthy cause.

Special thanks to our band of volunteers, as well as Noel Manning Art group, Country Crest, Ballymaguire Foods, Tierney Kitchens, Hills Cricket Club, Rush Youthreach



Club news

Congratulations to Chloe Kiernan and Ailene Fanning who togged out for the Dublin LGFA Go Ahead Club Stars matches at DCU St Clares in February. And credit to Bernice Jones Moore and Anita O'Reilly who assisted at the event.



Easter Camp

This years Easter Camp will be running on April 13th and April 14th. The camp is aimed at children aged 4 to 12 years. Each year we have run this camp it has been a huge success and a great prelude to our flagship Summer Skills Camp.

**MAN O'WAR GFC
EASTER CAMP**

THURSDAY APRIL 13TH
&
FRIDAY APRIL 14TH

BOOK NOW

Details
10AM-1PM
CHILDREN AGED:
4 - 12

Fee
€20 club members
€25 non-members

More Information Contact Siobhán on 086 311 6824

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Car Valet fundraiser - April 22nd

**MAN O'WAR GFC
CAR VALET
FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, April 22nd
10am to 4pm**

€10 per vehicle

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Club News



Club gear can be purchased online at our shop on the [oneills.com](https://www.oneills.com) website.



Membership can be paid online at foireann.ie. Memberships must be paid in order to be able to play.



I Mí Márta, bhí seisiún eolais againn sa chlub do lucht na hArdteiste chun cleachtadh a dhéanamh don Scrúdú Béil. Tháinig deichniúr agus rinne said obair iontach, fuair siad aiseolas agus ubh Chásca. Bhain siad taitneamh as an lá

In March, we hosted an information session in the club for Leaving Certificate students to practice for the Scrúdú Béil. Ten people came to the event and did fantastic work, they got feedback as well as an Easter Egg. They all enjoyed the day.

Teams and Contacts

Below are the list of contacts for our Juvenile Teams, new players are always welcome.



Man O'War GFC



Welcoming new players for 2023



We field teams at the following age groups.
Contact the relevant mentor for details of training and matches.

Mixed			
TEAM	YEAR OF BIRTH	MENTOR	NUMBER
Nursery: 4-6 yo	2017, 2018 & 2019	Siobhan	086 3116824
Under 8's	2016 & 2015	John	086 341 5536
Under 10's	2014 & 2013	Lisa	086 198 0558

Girls			
Under 10's	2014 & 2013	Elaine	086 1012248
Under 12's	2012 & 2011	Deirdre	087 3070928
Under 14's	2010 & 2009	Deirdre	087 3070928
Under 16's	2008 & 2007	Michelle	087 6862375
Under 18's	2006 & 2005	Catherine	086 811 5669

Boys			
Under 10's	2014 & 2013	Lisa	086 198 0558
Under 12's	2012 & 2011	Rob	087 806 0936
Under 14's	2010 & 2009	Malachy	086 100 3121
Under 16s	2008 & 2007	Pat	086 8038783
Under 18s	2006 & 2005	Mick	086 264 2621

Reminder : Our Child Safeguarding contacts.

Man O'War GFC **Child Safeguarding Contacts**

Debbie O'Mahoney Children's Officer Mobile: 087 332 9309 email: childrensofficer.manowar.dublin@gaa.ie	Anna McKeown Designated Liaison Person Mobile: 086 409 8197	Sean Owens Deputy Designated Liaison Person

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Adult Mens Season has resumed. We field two adult teams in Divisions 5 & 11. New players always welcome. For More information Contact: Damian 0852603660



Adult Ladies Season has also kicked off, new players always welcome. We field two adult Ladies teams in Divisions 3 and 10.
Contact Bernice - 0868242119



Thanks to everyone who part in the Irish life walking challenge in February. We finished 53rd out of 243 clubs in Leinster. Well done to our top 3 'step counters':
Lynn Stynes
Elaine Ronan
Ann- Marie Fay

Adult Players awards evening

Thanks to everyone who attended our club social and awards evening on Friday in the Bracken Court Hotel. in February.

Award winners on the night were :

Senior Men's player of the year - John Fleming.

Senior Men's young player of the year - Sam Clancy

The Men's 2nd team player of the year - Ben Moore

Ladies 1st team Player of the year - Laura Brown.

Ladies 1st team young player of the year - Nicole Hartford

Ladies 2nd team player of the year - Niamh White.

Our Minor ladies were presented with their 2022

championship winning medals, team captain Ciara Hartford

was the recipient of the Minor Ladies player of the year.

Thanks to everyone who attended and well done to organisers for arranging a great evening.



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Man O'War GFC and Round Towers Lusk minors have joined forces this season and resurrected the Cúchulainn name.

The team is coached by a combination of experienced coaches from both Man O'War and RTL.

New players welcome.



We are pleased to host Fingal Schools League matches on our pitches, featuring Balrothery NS, Hedgestown NS and Milverton NS, where our club games promotion officer, Siobhan O'Connor, provides coaching.

Comhghairdeas to all the Man O'War players who have played with their school teams in Ardgillan / Lusk / Skerries Community Colleges, Loreto Balbriggan and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara.

A Little bit of history behind our club crest



The club organised a competition in the three local National Schools, Balrothery, Hedgestown and Milverton in April 1995. The competition asked the pupils to draw a suitable crest for the club. Each school was given a brief history of Man O'War area and the club. The children were educated on how pirates lit beacons which guided ships onto the rocks at Barnageera. Part of the booty from one of the shipwrecks was a Turks Head which was brought to Man O'War and placed on top of a column outside the Man O'War Inn, where it remained until the 1950's. (Historian and retired Librarian, Jim Walsh, has managed to retrieve the Turk's Head from its owners and has it in safe keeping at present)

Club minutes for the Executive Committee meeting on 11th May 1995 considered the competition entries and recorded that "the standard of entry was very good".

The winning entries were

- Balrothery : Karyn Shaw
- Hedgestown: Eoin Shortt
- Milverton: Elaine Caffrey.

A recurring theme from the entries was a pirate ship. Deirdre Sheridan used the recurring theme of a pirate ship to draft a crest which was brought to O'Neills in September 1995 – the club had just won a set of 25 jerseys as 'Team-of-the-Month' in the Evening Herald. A Graphic Designer in O'Neills tidied up the draft on computer, added the banners above and below the shield and we then added the text in the banners – 'Cumann Peile' '1946' (year of establishing the current club) and 'Long Cogaidh'.

The first sighting of the new club crest was on the set of jerseys in October 1995.

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History evening : Keep an eye out this Summer as we host a History of Man O'War Gathering in our clubhouse.
Date TBC.



JOIN NOW!!

Our

Gaelic4MothersandOthers initiative started up again in 2022. The ladies train on Thursday evenings. New players are welcome, no experience is necessary. Contact Catherine on 0868115669



Our Gaelic4Girls programme is still taking new registrations. This is a great, fun, non competitive programme for girls who would like to try out a new sport or for those who are returning to the sport. It's open to girls aged between 8 - 12 years. Training is every Friday.

Would you like to sponsor our Weekly Lotto.

Our Lotto is an important source of income for our club. We are looking for a local business to sponsor this recurring fundraiser. If you are interested please contact us @ secretary.manowar.dublin@gaa.ie for more information.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR?

Would you like to sponsor the weekly Man O'War GFC Lotto.

This is great opportunity to sponsor your local GAA club on a weekly basis. Our Lotto is played by over 100 members at home at abroad.



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 <https://www.facebook.com/manowar.gfc/>

 <https://www.tiktok.com/@manowargfc1946>

Keep up to date with Man O'War on our social media platforms

Club Gym

This season has seen our teams makes use of our new state of the art gym. Having this modern S&C facility will be of huge benefit to our teams and club members going forward. Thanks to our Gym , Development and Facilities committees who have worked very hard to deliver this amazing facility for our club.



TO ALL THE FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND EXTENDED CONNECTIONS OF MAN O WAR AND SURROUNDING HINTERLANDS WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO ALL WHO HAVE HAD A FAMILY MEMBER PASS AWAY IN RECENT TIMES.

