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St. Moninna's G.A.C. Killeavy Club News

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Championship Saturday

Killeavy face a double header of championship football tomorrow night with both our Senior and Junior teams in action. First up, at 5.00pm in Ballymacnab our seniors take on Armagh Harps in a quarter final tie, then the action shifts to the Athletic Grounds for 7.45pm where our Juniors will attempt to get the better of Clonmore in their semi-final.

The seniors go into their match as rank underdogs having lost out to Saturday's opposition in the league just a fortnight ago. In that defeat, Harps roasted us in the first 15 minutes, scoring 3.03, and then coasted home for the remainder of the game. If we are to have any chance then we must start well, keep things tight and frustrate Harps early, before hopefully coming through at the end. The return of Ciaran O'Hanlon to the team will give the entire squad a massive lift as he is capable of causing any defence a pile of trouble. The reward for the winner is massive – a semi-final tie against Ballymacnab with either Maghera or Crossmaglen waiting in the final.

Although Clonmore ply their trade in a higher division than Killeavy II, they have not had a good league campaign and currently occupy one of the relegation slots. In many eyes, Killeavy might even be going into this game as slight favourites coming as it does on the back of their hard earned win over Ballyhegan last week. A Paul Quinn goal in the first half set the base for what was a great match in woeful conditions. Killeavy led 1.03 to 0.03 at half-time despite missing a penalty following an incident which saw Ballyhegan reduced to 14 men.

Ballyhegan did enjoy the upper hand at the beginning of the second half and eventually drew level but our defence stood firm with the experience of players such as Finbar Mallon, Paul Watters, Conor Quinn and Collie Byrne to the fore. We were also boosted with a commanding performance from Sean O'g Duffy in goals and between them, they restricted Ballyhegan to points and pressurised shots from distance.

Chris Hickey and Stephen McVeigh gave a strong performance in midfield in the second half to create a platform for the attack. With an abundance of exuberant youth working between the half back and half forward line, Killeavy were always able to break away through Conor O'Neill, Mickey Boyle and Daniel Darragh and the inside forwards showed composure and maturity to get the necessary scores and chalk up a fully deserved victory. Being able to bring on Mark Stanfield in the final ten was a confidence booster and Mark also contributed a great point from close to the far sideline to finally push us clear of any danger. The final score was Killeavy 1.08 – Ballyhegan 0.07. We can have some hope that the excellent blend of youth and experience in this team can build on this performance for the semi-final against Clonmore, who beat us at the same stage two years ago. If all goes well, we could have a junior final to look forward to.

u14s lose out in decider



Our u14 hurlers gave a real battling display last Monday night in the county championship final. The score line doesn't take account of the effort, skill and commitment of these players who have come on in leaps and bounds since the start of the year. Just reaching the county final is a tremendous achievement and it would surprise no one if these lads made regular appearances in finals over the next few years.

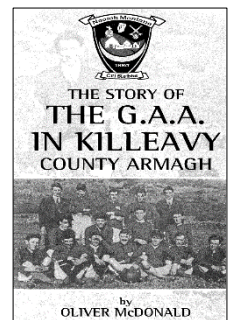


We are gearing up for a fantastic community night on Saturday 10th October. Loads of hosts and hostesses have already signed up though we could always do with a few more. Home catering followed by craic back in the club. All transport arranged. Contact Pat (079 1625 5715) or Collette (028 3084 8320) for further information



Club History

We have secured four major sponsors; the Boylan Family; Doran Contracts; JK Fabrications and McEvoy's Drapery as well as over 150 personal and family dedications for our publication detailing the history of our club. This is a fantastic gesture by our members and friends and allows us to take on the costs of publication with the hope of making a small profit. The book has now gone to print and will be ready for its launch on 7th November with a view to filling many a Christmas stocking. Should you wish to ensure your copy of Oliver McDonald's wonderfully researched and illustrated history of our club then pre-orders (£30) can be lodged with Michael McCrink (077 6727 0813); Sean Callan (077 3600 4223) or Michael O'Neill (078 4110 2850).



Killeavy Ladies 25 year Celebration

This year marks the silver anniversary of the start of ladies football in Killeavy. Everyone is welcome to a very special celebration evening on Saturday 24th October to mark the occasion. We hope that past and present players, managers, coaches, parents, officials and administrators will join us to relive good days such as that shown below from 2009. Anyone with old photos, programmes, videos or any other memorabilia should contact Sinead Reel on 079 0049 4616.



Staying with the ladies – there is a bus going to All Ireland Finals Day on Sunday 27th September. Anyone who has shown an interest in attending should forward your money to Sinead Reel as soon as possible to confirm your seat, £12.50 per child £20.00 per adult this includes your bus and ticket.

Michael Doran Tournament 2015



The picture above gives some indication of the hive of activity that was the Memorial Park last Saturday when we hosted our annual Michael Doran tournament. The participation of 24 teams from 17 different clubs, totalling around 360 children made this our biggest tournament yet. We had tremendous help available on the day and the smoothness of the organisation has brought praise from far and wide.

Barry McClean On behalf of Celbridge GAA we would like to thank you for the invite we thoroughly enjoyed our day in Killeavy
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Mal Ward Thanks very much for the invite great tournament very well run and great day all round thanks again from all in cull chua!!
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There are too many people to thank individually but a special mention to Keith Doran who served up all the burgers on the day. For the record, the picture below shows Barbara Doran presenting the Michael Doran Cup to Burren, the Shield was won by Kilcoo and the Plate went to Killanny from Monaghan.

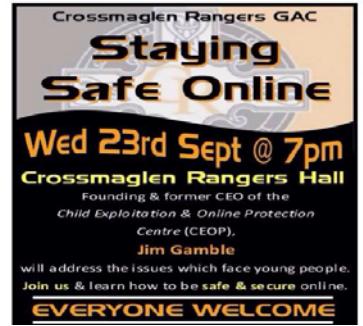


Thanks to Eithne Murphy, there are some wonderful pictures of the day on our facebook page but the photograph below just sums up the whole day in a way that words could never do.



Staying Safe Online

Crossmaglen GAC have invited everyone to attend their Staying Safe Online conference next Wednesday night. We would encourage our managers, coaches and our parents to attend this conference which deals with crucial issues of protection for our children and young people.



Camogie trip to Dublin

Over 70 of our camogs and their supporters travelled to All Ireland Camogie finals day in Croke Park last Sunday. It was a particularly memorable day for Killeavy's Eimear O'Brien who was able to parade around the field with her teammates from the Armagh u14 squad while Meabh Greene was an official flag bearer on the day and also got walking on the hallowed turf.

St. Michael's Drama Production

Killeavy GAC is delighted to be able to host a production of Widow's Paradise by the St. Michael's Drama Group. The play will run for two nights Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October in the Youth Club hall with all proceeds going to the Killean Chapel Restoration Project.



Club Opening Hours

With pool and darts starting up for the winter months, the Social Club will once again be open from 8.00pm on Thursday nights. Note that we have an early opening on Sunday at 1.00pm for the All-Ireland final.

Last week's results

Jun Football	Killeavy II	1.08	Ballyhegan	0.07
u16 Football	Clann Eireann	4.12	Killeavy	0.05
u14 Football	Clan na Gael	7.13	Killeavy	5.13
u14 Hurling	Keady	4.10	Killeavy	0.04

Upcoming fixtures

Sat 19 th	Sen Football	Killeavy v Harps (in Ballymacnab)	5.00pm
Sat 19 th	Jun Football	Clonmore v Killeavy II (in Armagh)	7.45pm
Sun 27 th	Jun Football	St. Patrick's v Killeavy	2.00pm

Lottery News

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There was **NO** winner of the £5,300 jackpot
 There were **SIX** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

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