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

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Not Bronze, not Silver, not even Gold..... Killeavy goes Platinum

Some weeks ago, we reported in the bulletin that the club had been visited by an assessor for the Club Maith accreditation scheme. Club Maith (literally Good Club) is a set of over 100 standards describing excellence in all operational aspects of running a GAA club. The scheme looks at club governance including the roles and responsibilities of committee members; financial stability; games and coaching including all aspects of child welfare, duty of care, recruitment and the promotion of health and wellbeing advice for members; community involvement; cultural activities; marketing strategies and much more. It is not a measure of how successful a club is in terms of cups and medals but is intended to allow clubs to be benchmarked against best practice standards across the full range of GAA club activity. A Club Maith award makes a clear, proven statement about the quality of a Club, right across the board.

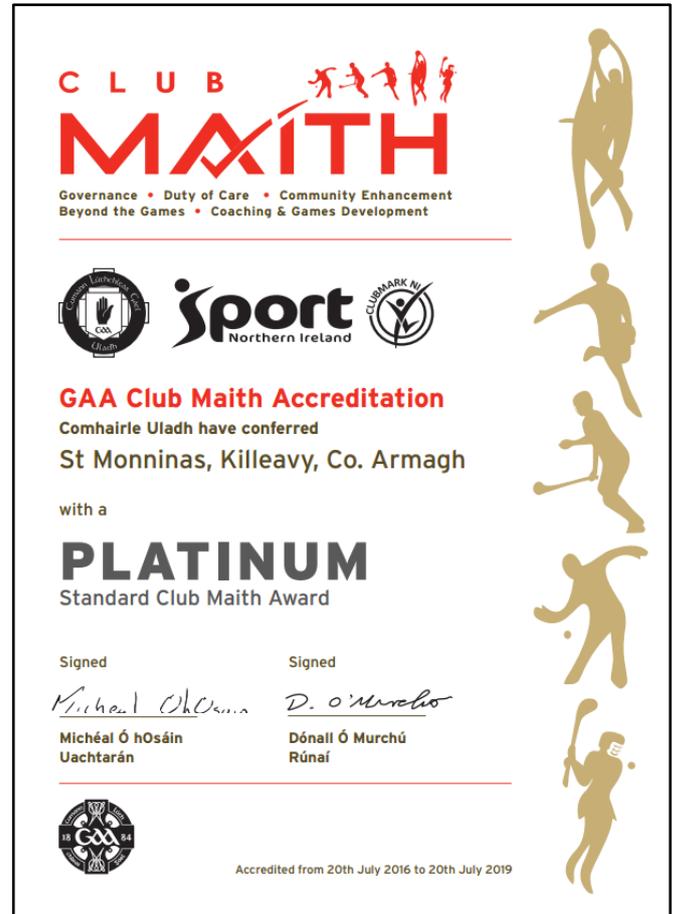
There are four levels of Club Maith award:

- The Bronze award shows that a Club meets the minimal operating standards and procedures set out by the GAA. This means it will deliver a GAA code and will have the basic Club governance procedures in place.
- The Silver award is conferred on good Clubs, ie those which provide at least one GAA code at all levels and which show some involvement in Gaelic cultural activities.
- The Gold award is conferred on excellent Clubs, ie those which are fully-integrated, offering at least one male and one female Gaelic code as well as taking part in Scór.
- The Platinum Award is a special award which can be obtained only by outstanding, fully integrated, community-based GAA Clubs. Successful Clubs will meet all the Club Maith criteria and will deliver at least four Gaelic codes as well as taking part in Scór.

Killeavy GAC is delighted to announce that the Ulster Council have decided to confer the Platinum Award on our club. In their message confirming their decision, the Ulster Council congratulated the club on a "fantastic application which reflected an extremely strong and proud club". This is a tremendous achievement not just by the Club Maith committee who put together our submission but for all our members and friends who serve on committees, coach our teams, promote our culture, help us fundraise and organise all of our activities. It is also not just something that has come about by accident but is testament to the efforts of many previous generations who have served our club.

While the award is nice as of itself, it is also crucially important when it comes to making applications for grants. Funders such as SportsNI or the National Lottery are increasingly looking towards these awards as reassurance that monies that they give out are being used by responsible organisations and for the purposes intended. Note also that the award is not just a one off snapshot of the workings of the club. In our portfolio for example we had to prove our long term commitment to excellence through attendance records at training courses and seminars and by laying out our future development plans for both personnel and infrastructure. Similarly, we cannot now just lie back on our laurels as the award is for a three year term – until July 2019 – and will need to be applied for again at that time.

The Club Maith framed certificate will be presented to the club by Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh Michael Hasson at a special event later this year. Once again, a huge thank you to all our committee members, coaches, members and friends whose commitment to excellence has made this award possible. Well done all.



Sports Association Newry & Down

Congratulations to club Vice-Chairman Michael O'Neill who has been appointed Secretary of the Slieve Gullion branch of the newly formed Sports Association for Newry and Down (SAND). The association will be responsible for distributing all sporting grants for the Newry, Mourne and Down super council.

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Gaelic4Girls

Last Monday, a day never to be forgotten by over 60 of our young ladies as they enjoyed a fantastic blitz competition in Croke Park. This was the culmination of the national Gaelic4Girls scheme that has been running in the club and across the country for the past 12 weeks. All credit to Sinead Reel and our coaches and parents who have ensured the success of the scheme and we look forward to seeing a few of these ladies back in Croke Park some day in the not too distant future.

Last week's results

Jun Football	Killeavy II	2.10	O'Hanlon's	2.07
u18 Football	Carrickcruppen	0.05	Killeavy	4.17
u14 Football	Killeavy	1.08	Crossmaglen	1.16

This week's fixtures

Fri 29 th	Jun Football	Crossmaglen II v Killeavy II	7.30pm
Sun 31 st	Sen Football	Whitecross v Killeavy	2.00pm
Sun 31 st	u16 Hurling	Craobh Rua v Killeavy	7.00pm
Mon 1 st	u18 Football	Killeavy v St. Patrick's	7.30pm
Mon 1 st	u14 Hurling	Derrynoose v Killeavy	7.00pm
Tue 2 nd	u14 Football	Armagh Harps v Killeavy	7.30pm
Wed 3 rd	u10 Football	Killeavy v Forkhill	6.30pm
Thu 4 th	u12 Hurling	Killeavy v Cuchullains	6.45pm
Fri 5 th	Jun Football	Killeavy II v Pearse Og II	7.30pm



Generous Sponsorship Announcement

A big thank you to ABP for sponsoring all the jerseys for the Killean, Meigh and Cloughogue primary school teams that took part in the recent Tom Mallon tournament. ABP have also sponsored equipment and jerseys for our u6/8 football teams and coats and tracksuit tops for all of our coaches. Pictured are Niall Kearney (ABP Procurement Manager), Roger Sheahan (ABP Purchasing Manager) presenting Club Chairman Larry Magennis and Paul Watters with coats and tracksuit tops.

Please use respect (and the bins)

The club has well over a dozen bins liberally spread across our Memorial Park grounds. Despite this, a volunteer comes into the ground every Saturday morning and fills at least one black bag with litter that has been left lying around – in some cases only metres away from a bin. Please remember that this is your club and always do **your** best to help maintain it in good order.



Gaeilge sa Chlub Scholarships

Ulster GAA have just announced scholarships for GAA members applying for Ulster University's Irish Language Diploma from September 2016 in what is the fourth year of this collaboration with Ulster University. Over 70 scholarships have been awarded to date and it is likely that this commitment from Ulster GAA will benefit a further 30 learners in the year ahead.

The Gaeilge sa Chlub ('Irish in the Club') scholarship scheme for adult learners of Irish is a joint initiative from Ulster GAA and Ulster University which aims to promote the use of Irish within clubs throughout Ulster by providing financial assistance to GAA members who sign up for a Diploma in Irish Language course.

Anyone interested in applying for the Irish Diploma Scholarships from Ulster GAA are asked to contact Fionntan O'Dowd for further information: 028 (048) 3751 7180 or email fionntan.odowd.ulster@gaa.ie

Lottery News

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There was **NO** winner of the £2,800 jackpot
There were **THREE** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Betty Davey	Omeath	Elizabeth Carroll
Martin Larkin	Ayalogue Road	Club Killeavy
T. McParland	c/o Mulkerns	Mulkerns Eurospar

Promoter Prize – £25 – Terry Byrne
Prize money this week **£100** Next Jackpot

£2,900