

BEANN EADAIR GAA

Club Update April 2022



Dear Member,

Welcome to the Beann Eadair April Newsletter update! After a number of weeks of terrible weather and pitch closures we hopefully have the worst of the weather behind us. It would appear that we will be able to run the club in a more traditional manner that is have more fun.

I would like to wish all the players mentors and parents supporters a great year.



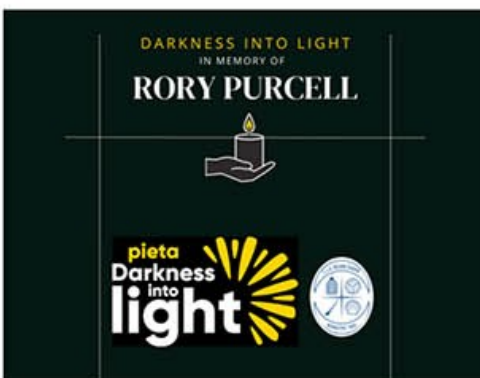
RORY PURCELL

If anything has ever put what we do into perspective, the tragic passing of Rory Purcell has made me appreciate even more what we have in Beann Eadair.

I knew Rory personally and he was a fun loving young man with a mischievous sense of humor. In the aftermath of his passing, I believe it is worth noting that it is important we take care of each other. I read something recently which stated if you wish to ask someone if they are ok..... ask them twice.....

We organised Pieta house to come meet and talk to Rorys teammates who played with Rory over the previous years.

Rory had progressed to play with the U19 and adult team and the adult team raised €1000 independently which they donated this to Pieta house in memory of Rory. Well done lads.



DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

In memory of Rory, we holding our Bens Darkness into Light "Rory's Walk" on the 7th of May. We will meet at the clubhouse at 4.30am and from there, we will walk - via the Summit - to the East Mountain where we will watch the sun rise. We will then walk back to the clubhouse via Dungriffin Road, where we will get some nice warm refreshments.

We would encourage you and your families and friends to join us in memory of Rory and in support of Pieta House and the great work they do.

Link to register and donate will be sent out via socials and whatsapp groups.



MINOR GIRLS TEAMS

We are very proud to be fielding two minor ladies teams in Beann Eadair this season, for the first time ever in the history of the club!



SUB-COMMITTEES

For your information we have set up 3 sub committees-here's a brief overview:

-  Coaching and Games (Chairperson Paul Gaffney) - this committee looks at player numbers; registers teams with the county board; appoints & develops coaches; arranges mentors nights.
-  Facilities (Chairperson Aidan Comerford) - this committee looks after the maintenance and development of the facilities of the club
-  Fundraising and social (Chairperson Philip Quigley) - this committee arranges all fundraising events and social events. The workload on this committee is big (as you'll see in Dates for Your Diaries) and we will most likely have a subgroup off this committee - all volunteers welcome!



Eugene Kolychev, from Ukraine, after his first game of GAA with our social mens team. Slava Urkaini!

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COFFEE AT THE CLUB

As some of you saw on Saturday, Cheeky Rascal, our Bens Coffee Trailer, will be in situ in the club for the next 4 weeks to provide us with some quality coffee and yummy snacks on Saturdays - if demand is there, we'll extend!



Shout out to our U15's who held a Cash for Cakes bakesale this Saturday to raise money for their feile gear - a smashing success!



SPORTS CAPITAL GRANT

Yay to us! We have been approved for a Sports Capital Grant for €98,500. This was applied for by the previous committee, so huge well done to all involved! The grant is for these specific projects:

- Pitch fencing
- Dressing Room extension
- Disabled toilet
- Pitch drainage



LEARNING THROUGH FUN

Games are important and we all strive to win which is also important. I would like to remind all that at the younger age groups (U8 to U12) the mentor role is to teach the skills of the game and develop the enjoyment of playing football hurling and camogie.

This is encouraging skills and mistakes and congratulate players when they do something well.... anything well..... a part of this is also teaching the players to respect the referees.... this comes from the line as they will follow your example...this example is at all age groups!



MENTOR NIGHT

Thanks to Paddy Gorey, our GPO, and the rest of the coaching and games committee for running an informative and very enjoyable mentor night recently - more to come so watch this space which will be posted on what's app and social media!

BEANN EADAIR BRANDING



BRANDING THE CLUB

Let's promote our club colours! Our club colours are royal blue and white and we are busy branding the club with these colours. We typically wear royal blue, navy and white.

We want all our mentors and players to wear our club gear and colours! To this end, we are sourcing new gear for our minor and adult teams (windbreakers and mid-layer tops for arriving to games). We will continue this into the future and link this with the purchase of Feile gear. Why? Our club gear gives us identity, unity and a sense of belonging as a club! Everything we wish to continue grow into the future!



COACHING COURSES

Paddy plans to run a couple of foundation courses over the coming months and a hurling session for the U8 to U10 coaches.

A level 1 course is provisionally planned for November.....from personal experience we cannot recommend this enough!

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Dates for Your Diaries!



REGISTRATION

We have had huge success in completing registration this year.... I would like to thank Liam Pitcher, Philip Quigley, Nikki Saarsteiner & Dave Quinn who have done a fantastic job in ensuring we are all registered, which also means all are insured. Big thanks to all who have registered and reminder to register if you haven't yet done so.

We will collect the Ogra memberships in September to keep it in line with the school year. Our fantastic TY students are compiling all our Ogra membership data in the coming weeks.

We as a club also understand that sometimes finances can be tight and under our inclusive policy, if you are struggling to meet the fees please feel free to contact one of the 4 people above or myself and we will ensure you are registered and all matters in regard to this will be kept discrete and confidential.



STRATEGIC PLAN

We have started work on our strategic review - first step is, to set up groups in the Exec Committee to build a framework on various topics. The committee will have this completed by the end of May. We will then invite the membership in for a number of workshops to ask for your view during the month of June. Once this is complete, we will collate this and then distribute it to the membership in October for further review and we will put it forward for approval at the next AGM.

Topics we will cover will include gender balance - giving the girls and women of the club a stronger voice and representation for their needs, facilities, getting the opinions of the youth (U16 and above) of the club, further development of the ethos of the club; what should we strive for in regard to stating our ambition (our goals) for the future? I would encourage all to attend the workshops in June as this will be your opportunity to have your say in how your club will be shaped into the future - YOU ARE THE CLUB!



COMPLIANCE

Well done to Mark Hughes, our Child Protection Officer, who has completed the Sports Ireland Audit. All sports bodies in Ireland are governed by Sports Ireland.

Next up, we need to ensure we are all compliant with regard to child protection. Garda Vetting has moved to Fioreann so there will be greater visibility on this.

Garda vetting has to be renewed every 3 years as does completing the child protection course. Mark is currently building the methodology on how we will complete this with the U8 teams and then will roll this out across the rest of the teams.

Mark and Paddy are organizing Child Protection Courses. This may not be the glamorous side of the game, but it is critical nonetheless, in ensuring a safe environment for our younger members. We'd be really grateful if you could work with Mark in completing this!

Looking forward to an exciting and fun filled year ahead!

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Cathaoirleach, Beann Éadair CLG



