

# Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Liatroma Connacht Gold

## Leitrim Senior Football Championship Final

8th October 2017

Páirc Seán MacDiarmada

3.30pm

Glenn an Chairthe/Cluainín  
Maohail

Referee  
Brendan Sammon

Fox Monumentals

Leitrim Intermediate Football  
Championship Final

1.30pm

Achadh an Síleann

Gaeil Liatroma

Referee  
Gareth Foley





**Proud to sponsor  
the Leitrim GAA  
Intermediate  
Football  
Championship**

**Best of luck to both teams  
in today's final**



# Coiste Chontae Liatroma

## Craobh Idirmheánach agus Craobh Sinsear Liatroma

### Cluichí Ceannais 2017 8ú Deireadh Fómhair 2017 Clár an Lae

- 1.20 Foireann Achadh na Síleann amach ar an bpáirc
- 1.22 Foireann Gaeil Liatroma amach ar an bpáirc
- 1.25 Toss for choice of ends
- 1.30 Fox Monumentals Intermediate Football Championship Final 2017 commences
- 2.00 Half time Interval
- 2.03 Carrick-on-Shannon Area Community Games  
Under 10 Team All-Ireland Champions, introduced
- 2.15 Second-half commences
- 2.45 Fox Monumentals Intermediate Championship Final 2017 concludes
- 2.50 Presentation of Man of the Match award by  
Gabriel Cronin, Dental Laboratories, Drumshanbo  
Presentation of Frank Reynolds Memorial Cup to winning captain by  
Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma Traolach O Baoil
- 3.00 Kiltubrid Pipe Band amach ar an bpáirc
- 3.10 Foireann Maothail amach ar an bpáirc
- 3.12 Foireann Gleann an Chairthe/Cluainín  
amach ar an bpáirc
- 3.20 Toss for choice of ends
- 3.24 Paráid na Fóirne
- 3.28 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 3.30 Connacht Gold Senior Football  
Championship Final 2017 commences
- 4.00 Half-Time Interval
- 4.01 Leitrim Under 16 Hurlers All-Ireland C Stephen Dorrigan Cup Winners  
introduced
- 4.15 Second-half commences
- 4.45 Connacht Gold SFC Final 2017 concludes
- 4.50 Presentation of Man of the Match award by  
Gabriel Cronin, Dental Laboratories, Drumshanbo  
Presentation of Fenagh Cup to winning captain  
by Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma Traolach O Baoil.

#### *Amhrán na bhFiann*

*Sinne Fianna Fáil,  
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,  
Buíon dár stua  
thar toinn do ráinig chughainn,  
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,  
Sean tír ár sinsear feasta,  
Ní shárfar faoin tíorán  
ná faoin tráill,  
Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil,  
Le gean ar Ghaeil, chun báis nó saoil,  
Le gunna scréach faoi  
lámhach na bpiléar,  
Seo líbh canaig amhrán na bhfiann*

# Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach



Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chroí a chur romhaibh go léir go Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada um thráthnóna le haghaidh ár gcluichí ceannais . Tá súil agm go mbainfidh sibh taitmeamh ás an lá.

I would like to welcome all our patrons to Páirc Seán this afternoon for the highlight of our year. It promises to be a great sporting occasion and a very entertaining day as we have the two big prizes in Leitrim Club Football up for grabs with our Senior and Intermediate Championships down for decision. Today is the day all our clubs strive to be involved in.

A special welcome to the four teams involved today their backroom teams

and their supporters.

The senior decider is a repeat of the 2015 final as Glencar Manorhamilton and Mohill do battle for the Fenagh Cup. This promises to be another epic encounter and is too close to call and I wouldn't rule out another replay to separate these teams. As Cathaoirleach it is hard to stay neutral when it comes to the Intermediate decider with my own club, Aughnasheelin, bidding to regain the Intermediate crown after a gap of nine years but standing in their way is an ever improving Leitrim Gaels side who have reached the final for the first time and that is a huge achievement in itself but I am sure they will not be content with this and a very keenly contested game is in prospect, hopefully we will get the right result on the day.

I would like to wish our match referees and officials the best of luck today. In Brendan Sammon and Gareth Foley we have two very capable and experienced referees for today's games. I want to wish them and their umpires and officials the best of luck in today's deciders. I want to pay tribute to all our referees in the county and thank them for their services week in week out.

It is not often that Leitrim wins All Ireland titles on the field of play but today we have the honour of introducing two teams that went all the way this year. Congratulations to our Under 16 hurlers who won the Stephen Dorrigan Cup and the Carrick Area U10 team who captured the Community Games crown . Full credit must go to all involved, keep up the good work.

A major thanks to our competition sponsors for their support and welcome to their representatives here today. Thanks to Aurivo Connacht Gold for their continued support of the Senior Championship. A special welcome to Collette and Kieran Fox of Fox Monumentals and many thanks for their continued sponsorship of the Intermediate Championship. Thanks also to Gabriel Cronin for his sponsorship of the Man of the Match awards for today's games.

Thanks also to PRO Declan Bohan and James Molloy for another fantastic programme for today's games, thanks also to our media for their excellent coverage of our games all year.

Thanks to the Páirc Seán committee for all their work to have the pitch in pristine condition for today's games and also to all our stewards who make big days here possible.

Finally thanks to you all for your support and for attendances at our games all year and I hope you all have a very enjoyable afternoon with us.

**Traolach Ó Baoil**

**Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma**

## Focal ón Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

We have arrived at last at Leitrim GAA's showpiece day, the County Senior and Intermediate Finals Day. With new structure in place for this year's championships at these levels, there were many twists and turns along the way but one fact is clear, the four best teams have earned the right to play in the respective finals and we hope that they will provide a feast of entertainment over this afternoon.

In the Fox Monumentals IFC Final, Leitrim Gaels will be hoping that their recent advancing strides in the All County League will be rewarded with championship success and entry to the draw for the 2018 SFC. Similar hopes will be on the minds of the lads from Aughnasheelin, as their consistent league form in All County League Division over the past number of years will be enough to carry them across the line. It will be an interesting and enthralling encounter.

The Connacht Senior decider brings old foes Glencar/Manorhamilton and Mohill together once again. The two most consistent league teams over the past number of seasons they will entertain similar hopes of silverware. Who will forget the excitement of the concluding minute of their replay encounter two years ago. The Glencar/Manorhamilton record of reaching their eighth final of the last ten seasons has been remarkable and they will be most determined to land their fifth title in this era. Mohill with arguably the finest of all current club panels stand in their way with ambitions of a second title in three seasons. Let the action begin!!

I wish to express my gratitude to the officials of all the clubs involved for their time, patience and endeavour in helping us compile this record of the 2017 Finals. Thanks to all our competition and club sponsors for their support of our games at all levels, it is appreciated by all who partake in our games, and indeed by all our supporters.

I take this opportunity to thank all our programme contributors including John Connolly of the Leitrim Observer, Tommy Moran, John Lynch and Seán Ó Súilleabháin. The many photographs that are included have been captured by James Molloy, Willie Donnellan and Therese Foy and we are delighted to reproduce them here.

We would like to thank John Lynch for the excellence of his coverage of Leitrim GAA at Shannonside Northern Sound Radio over the past twenty years. The tributes he has received recently have been most deserved and we wish him all the very best in his future endeavours. Maith Thú, a Sheáin.

As we reach the end of Championship Season 2017, I wish to record our appreciation of the media coverage our games have received throughout the season through the channels of the Leitrim Observer, Shannonside Northern Sound and Ocean FM. We are privileged to have John Connolly, Willie Donnellan, John Lynch, Benny O'Brien, Tony Ghee, Darragh Cox and others who readily cover our activities.

Finally, thanks to Mick and all at DPS Print for an excellent production and to our programme sellers for their distribution skills. As always, my appreciation is extended to James Molloy for all his behind the scenes efforts in this production.



**Déaglán Ó Buacháin**  
**Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí/Traolach Ó Baoil**  
**Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma**



# Leitrim Senior & Intermediate Football Finals 2017

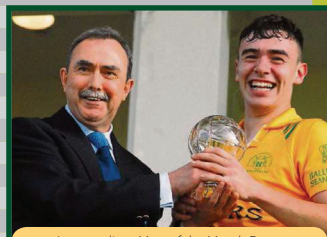
## Leitrim Senior County Finals

## Man Of The Match Recipients 1990 - 2016

Year	Man of the Match	Club
2016	Pearse Dolan	Aughawillan
2015	Replay Ronan Gallagher	Mohill
2015	Draw Darren McLoughlin	Mohill
2014	Gary Plunkett	Aughawillan
2013	Clement Cunniffe	St Mary's
2012	Paul Brennan	Melvin Gaels
2011	Gerry Hickey	Glencar Manorhamilton
2010	Paddy Maguire	Glencar Manorhamilton
2009	Paddy Maguire	Glencar Manorhamilton
2008	Shane Loughlin	Glencar Manorhamilton
2007	James Glancy	St Mary's
2006	Shane Canning	Mohill
2005	James Gill	Kiltubrid
2004	David McHugh	Annaduff
2003	James McGowan	St Mary's
2002	Donnacha Lynch	Allen Gaels
2001	Kevin Nolan	Allen Gaels
2000	Padraig McLoughlin	Aughavas
1999	Kieran Fox	Glencar Manorhamilton
1998	Joe Tiffoney	Melvin Gaels
1997	Noel Moran	Allen Gaels
1996	Dermot Reynolds	St Mary's (drawn game versus Allen Gaels)
	Gareth McWeeney	Allen Gaels (replay)
1995	Gene Bohan	St Mary's
1994	Aidan McKeon	Allen Gaels (versus winners Aughawillan)
1993	Declan Darcy	Aughawillan (drawn game versus St Mary's)
	Declan Darcy	Aughawillan (replay)
1992	Frank Smith	Aughawillan
1991	John Owens	Allen Gaels
1990	Mickey Quinn	Aughawillan (versus winners Ballinamore Seán O'Heslin's)



Senior Man of the Match Pearse Dolan, Aughawillan.



Intermediate Man of the Match Dean McGovern, Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins

### EVENT OFFICIALS

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**  
Seán Ó Súilleabháin

**FIELD OFFICER**  
Micheal Doherty

**EVENT CONTROLLER**  
Sean Mc Goldrick

**CHIEF STEWARD**  
Brian Mulvey

**LOCATION OF FIRST AID FACILITIES**  
Centre of Stand

### GROUND REGULATIONS Páirc Seán MacDiarmada

All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and the Rules and Regulations of Coiste Chontae Liatroma. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.

1. Spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.
2. The climbing of walls, stands or other buildings in the ground is forbidden.
3. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any objects.
4. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play and shall be ejected.
5. Any person who remains in the gangway or aisle may be ejected from the ground.
6. Any person who fails to comply with instructions from a steward or member of the Gardaí may be ejected from the ground.
7. The stadium management reserves the right of admission.
8. No smoking in Páirc Seán MacDiarmada except in designated areas.
9. Fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground, and any person in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground.

## Match Officials For Today's Games

### Senior Final Referee – Brendan Sammon (Aughnasheelin)

Brendan Sammon will take charge of his second Leitrim SFC decider today, having been the man in the middle as Glencar/Manorhamilton completed a hat trick of titles with victory over St Mary's-Kiltoghert in 2010. The experienced whistler has been refereeing in Leitrim since 2007 and over that period has taken charge of numerous finals at all levels including ACL Division 1 finals, the IFC decider between Gortletteragh and St. Patrick's Dromahair in 2012. He has refereed outside the county on many occasions, taking charge of Connacht MFC and MFL games.



Brendan is a former club player with Aughnasheelin over his playing career, and featured in the unique MFC A decider between Aughnasheelin and Ballinamore Sean O Heslin's in 1984, two teams from the Oughteragh Parish. In more recent times captured a JFC B medal with victory over St Osnat's in the noughties. He has been a great servant to his club and having previously held the roles of Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí. Brendan is a director of Sammon Builders and is married to current Aughnasheelin Rúnaí, Shirley, and they have three children Cormac, Aoife and Cian. Cormac is a member of the Intermediate Finalists Panel today so it will have been a hectic morning in the Sammon household!

His umpires are Padraig Sammon, Joe McGirl, Gary Prior and Jerome McWeeney.

### Intermediate Final Referee – Gareth Foley (Melvin Gaels)

Gareth Foley has been refereeing since 2006, while he was still a playing member with Melvin Gaels. Over the intervening years he has taken charge of finals in all grades including Under 21 A and B, the JFC A decider in 2016 between Aughavas and Ballinamore – Sean O Heslin's and a number of ACL League finals including the ACL Division 2 Final of 2011 between Ballinamore-Sean O Heslin's and Kiltubrid. His assignments at provincial level have included games the Connacht MFL and FBD League.



A former club and county player, Gareth has represented Leitrim at all levels and played in Connacht Championship Finals at Senior, Junior, Under 21 and Minor level unfortunately having to settle for a runner up medal on each occasion. He has the unique achievement of sharing in Leitrim's two most recent Connacht MFL victories, in 1991 he was a star wing back in 2014 was a selector on the winning team. As a player Gareth won a SFC medal with the Gaels in 1998 in 1992 won an IFC League and Championship double. He managed Melvin Gaels to their historic first ever MFC A title in 2016. A Carpenter by trade and Bus Company director, Gareth is married to Christina and they have two daughters Chloe and Saoirse. Saoirse was a member of the Leitrim Ladies U16 panel this year.

His umpires are Joseph Tiffoney, Terry Tiffoney, Daniel Branley and Oisín Walsh.

BEST OF LUCK TO THE  
AUGHNASHEELIN  
INTERMEDIATE TEAM  
FROM

CARMEL & JOE MC MANUS & FAMILY  
MULLINASELLA

*Take pride in how far you have come,  
have faith in how far you can go!  
Good luck Lads*



BEST WISHES TO THE  
AUGHNASHEELIN TEAM  
AND THEIR MANAGEMENT TODAY



# BEST WISHES TO THE AUGHNASHEELIN INTERMEDIATE TEAM & MANAGEMENT



FROM  
OSMAN COSTELLO  
TÁbhAIRNE  
AN  
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LOOKING FORWARD  
TO WELCOMING  
ALL THE  
AUGHNASHEELIN  
SUPPORTERS  
OVER THE WEEKEND

AUGHNASHEELIN GAA CLUB  
WOULD LIKE TO  
TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
THANK ALL OUR  
SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE  
TRAVELLED TO BE HERE  
TODAY AND TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK  
ALL OUR GENEROUS  
SPONSORS WHO HAVE  
SUPPORTED OUR CLUB  
THIS YEAR  
AND OVER THE YEARS

## AUGHNASHEELIN



# Aughnasheelin Summer Camp 2017

## The stars of the future





## Aughnasheelin Club History

Aughnasheelin GAA Club takes its beginning from 1889, when it was part of the Oughteragh Wolfe Tones team set up in the first year that Clubs were organised in Leitrim. Throughout the decades following and turbulent times in the 1930s and ravages of emigration over the years, Aughnasheelin has remained a strong and thriving club.

While our current club facilities are up there with the best in the county, it has taken many years of hard work to progress from Mick Gilhoolys field at “the shreheen” to where we are today. We are very proud of our club’s facilities, which were developed in 1984 for the centenary year and redeveloped in 2005, and indeed developments continue at our club as we are delighted to have completed our flood lighting project at the club in the past week.

Aughnasheelin has a long history of successful underage teams, and indeed many of today’s players on our intermediate team were county winners at all underage levels in Leitrim and represented Aughnasheelin at underage level for Leitrim. Some of our players today progressed to senior intercounty football including Barry McWeeney, Sean McWeeney (previous captain of Leitrim which we are very proud of), Conor Cullen part of the current panel, and notably Martin McHugh who was goalie on the 1994 Leitrim Connacht Championship winning team.

Aughnasheelin can boast a lot more than football: there are six all Ireland senior scór medals in the club, the current county chairman of Leitrim County Board is an Aughnasheelin man Terence Boyle, Seamus Prior from Aughnasheelin referred the Senior All Ireland Final in 1990, Michael Domican, Brendan Mulvey, Fergal Earley, Joe Earley, Paul Earley & Paddy McManus have all lined out for the Leitrim Senior Hurling team and indeed Paul and Paddy are Lory Meagher All Star Hurling Award Winners.

The intermediate championship in 2008 was a momentous occasion for the club, and today’s final is another one of those golden moments for the club. We are very proud to be here today, we have worked hard for it, and we hope that it is an enjoyable game for all and will be another historic day for Aughnasheelin.



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## AUGHNASHEELIN Pen Pics

	Giaran McGirl	32	Software Engineer	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the under 12 county title</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Kieran Donaghy</p>
	Sean Mahon	47	Factory Worker	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the under 12 county title</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Pat Cull</p>
	Paddy McManus	26	Recruitment consultant	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the under 12 county title</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Keith Boyle</p>
	Ben McGirl	18	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Aughnasheelin intermediate championship 2008 and getting to the county final in my first year on senior panel</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence My father Joe McGirl</p>
	Martin McHugh	47	Care Assistant Sligo G.	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Playing on the Leitrim team that beat Mayo in the Connacht final in 1994</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Martin Furlong Offaly goal keeper</p>
	Conor Cullen	19	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Fergal Earley's outside of the left boot point</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence My father Adrian Cullen</p>
	Fintan Fitzpatrick	20	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Watching Aughnasheelin win the intermediate championship in 2008 and also seeing Sean McWeeney as captain of the Leitrim Senior team</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence My father Richard Fitzpatrick</p>
	Dean Flanagan	29	Nurse	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the junior league in 2015</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Davy Fitzgerald</p>
	Cormac Sammon	18	Student	<p>Watching intermediate final win in 2008</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence My Dad, Brendan Sammon</p>
	Gavin Sammon	29	Quantity Surveyor	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Representing Leitrim U21 championship 2008</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Martin McHugh, the man is an inspiration to all GAA sportsmen and women defying the odds and beating cancer twice and still lining out for club</p>
	Gavin McWeeney	33	Psychiatric Nurse	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Aughnasheelin beating St Molaise Gaels in Connacht intermediate championship 2008</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Martin McHugh &amp; Co lifting the nestor cup in 1994</p>
	Fergal Earley	28	Construction worker	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you 2008 Intermediate championship win</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Niall Murray</p>
	Christopher McNulty	32	Carpenter	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim winning the Connacht Championship in 1994</p>
	Kevin Gallagher	24	Fitter in Lakeland dairies	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Aughnasheelin winning the championship in 2008</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Barry McWeeney</p>

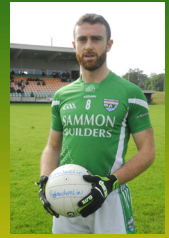
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## AUGHNASHEELIN Pen Pics contd.

	Ronan White	24	Graduate	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim won the Connacht Championship 1994</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence My father George and Martin McHugh for what he has gone through and he his still proud and committed to play for his beloved GAA</p>		Keith Sammon	23	Project engineer	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning minor championships</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Lee Keegan</p>
	Brendan Mulvey	27	Groundworks	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the intermediate championship in 2008</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Niall Murray</p>		Paul Earley	27	Cardiac Physiologist	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you PWinning county senior hurling championship in 2015</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Family and friends</p>
	Patrick Sammon	19	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Aughnasheelin winning intermediate final 2008</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Micky Quinn Aughwillan</p>		Niall Mulvanerty	23	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim's championship win over Sligo in Marckievicz Park in 2011</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Andy Moran</p>
	Sean McWeeney	26	Teacher	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the intermediate final in 2008</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Parents and family</p>		Conor Flynn	33	Quantity Surveyor	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the intermediate championship in 2008</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence My father Peter Flynn</p>
	Wayne Gilgunn	32	Garda	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Cathal Egan's winning point for us in under 21 final in 2006</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Declan O Sullivan</p>		Michael Domican	32	Teacher	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning division 2 league with Aughnasheelin</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence My father Joe McGill</p>
	Barry McWeeney	32	Project manager	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Intermediate final win in 2008</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence My Parents Seamus &amp; Margaret</p>					
	Philip Dolan	21	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the Connacht minor league in 2014</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Brian Leyden</p>					

## Aughnasheelin Team Captain and Management

**Barry McWeeney** is a 32 year old Project Manager from Miskawn, Aughnasheelin. He is married to Mary and has two sons Cillian and Ryan, avid GAA fans who try not to miss a training session! Barry has grown up with, and played football with the majority of the players on this team today since his early days of under 10s in Aughnasheelin. He lines out today with his equally talented brothers, older brother Gavin and younger brother Sean. Barry has played at all levels with Leitrim teams up to Senior level, and made the Connacht Railway Cup team in 2006. He was also part of the Sigerson and Ryan Cup winning team with IT Sligo in 2005 and FBD champions in 2007. Barry was a key player on the Intermediate Championship winning team for Aughnasheelin in 2008 and the Div 2 League winning team in 2014. Barry is a multi-talented player, and was part of the historic hurling team for Ballinamore Area Hurling Club in 2015 when they won the senior championship for the first time.



Barry doesn't restrict his time to playing only, in fact from February to October you can find Barry out at the football field every Saturday morning coaching the future stars of Aughnasheelin. He was one of the main initiators of the nursery academy in Aughnasheelin and we are very proud the high level of coaching that is going on with our under 6's under the direction of Barry McWeeney and Niall Murray. It is certainly at a level that any club in Leitrim would be happy to have. No doubt the senior teams of the future in Aughnasheelin will benefit greatly from the start that they are getting with Barry as a model and coach.

Barry comes from a strong GAA family in Aughnasheelin, and will lead out the team today with his sons by his side, his brothers and lifelong friends on his team, and this is a team that benefits greatly from the leadership, commitment and dedication of its captain.



**David Casey** is from Boyle, played all his football at club level with Boyle, and was a regular senior team player with Roscommon until his retirement from football due to an injury. David was captain of the Senior Team in Roscommon and played on the Railway Cup team for Connacht. David has had a successful coaching career to date, having been part of the Roscommon Senior Team Management, and Manager of St Croans, who got to the All-Ireland Intermediate Club Finals in 2015. This is David's first year in charge in Aughnasheelin, the place in the final was the challenge he set for himself at the

start of year and today that wish has been fulfilled.

**Adrian Cullen** is former Allen Gaels & Leitrim footballer, married to Cait and father of four children. His son Conor lines out at midfield today for Aughnasheelin and another son Ciaran, also a county minor, is acting as Maor Uisce today. Adrian won an intermediate championship title in 1989 and five Leitrim senior championship titles in 1991, 1996, 1997, 2001 and 2002 with his former club Allen Gaels. Adrian has represented Leitrim at all grades winning a Connacht U21 medal in 1991. This is Adrian's first year to be involved with the Aughnasheelin at senior level, but has coached for many years at underage level in Aughnasheelin and with development squads in Leitrim.

**Damien Flynn** is from Aughnasheelin, in fact next door to the football field! He is married to Patricia and has three children. This is his first year as a selector with the senior team but Damien has many years of coaching experience with junior teams in the past in the club and at underage levels in the last few years. Damien was part of the management with our under 12 team who won the Leitrim / Longford League in 2016. He has represented the club at all levels over the years and was a regular player for Aughnasheelin junior and intermediate teams over the years.



# Aughnasheelin Fox Monumentals

## Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship Finalists 2017



Rear (l-r): Ciaran McGirl, Sean Mahon, Paddy McManus, Ben McGirl, Martin McHugh, Conor Cullen, Fintan Fitzpatrick, Dean Flanagan. Cormac Sammon, Gavin Sammon, Gavin McWeeney, Fergal Earley, Christopher McNulty and Kevin Gallagher;

Front (l-r): Ronan White, Brendan Mulvey, Patrick Sammon, Sean McWeeney, Wayne Gilgunn, Barry McWeeney, Philip Dolan, Keith Sammon, Paul Earley, Niall Mulvanerty, Conor Flynn and Michael Dominican.

# Leitrim Senior & Intermediate Football Finals 2017

## FÍR IONAD

### 16. Seán Mahon

Seán Ó Mathúna  
Boggaun

### 17. Dean Flanagan

Déan Ó Flannagáin  
Derrinkehir McDonald

### 18. Cormac Sammon

Cormac Ó Bradáin  
Derrinkehir McDonald

### 19. Gavin Sammon

Gabhán Ó Bradáin  
Derrinkehir McDonald

### 20. Michael Domican

Mícheál Ó Domagáin  
Aughlin

### 21. Gavin McWeeney

Gabhán Mac Mhaonaigh  
Miskawn

### 22. Conor Flynn

Conchúr Ó Floinn  
Derrinkehir McDonald

### 23. Ciarán McGirl

Ciarán Mac Fearghail  
Drumany

### 24. Patrick Sammon

Pádraig Ó Bradáin  
Derrinkehir McDonald

### 25. Kevin Gallagher

Caoimhín Ó Gallchóir  
Knockacullion

### 26. Ronan White

Rónán de Faoite  
Derrinkehir McDonald

### 27. David Casey

Dáithí Ó Cathasaigh  
Boyle

### Bainisteoir:

David Casey

### Roghnóirí:

Adrian Cullen,

Damien Flynn,

Richard Firzpatrick

# Aughnasheelin

Achadh na Síleann

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Seán Mac Mhaonaigh  
Miskawn

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Kiltybarden

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Miskawn

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Conchúr Ó Cuilínn  
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Derrinkehir Roycroft

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## Leitrim Gaels

Gaeil Liatroma



### FÍR IONAD

16. **John Casey**  
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Leitrim Village
17. **Michael McManus**  
Mícheál Mac Mánaís  
Farnagh
18. **Ryan Goldrick**  
Ryan Ó Gualraic  
Kiltoghert
19. **David Regan**  
Daibhéid Ó Riagáin  
Tullylannon
20. **Mick McWeeney**  
Micheál Mac Mhaonaigh  
Lismakeegan
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Seán Ó Fearail  
Ballinwing
22. **Luke Donnellan**  
Lúcás Ó Dónalláin  
Leitrim Village
23. **David Popplewell**  
Daithí Popplewell  
Leitrim Village
24. **Andrew Guckian**  
Aindriú Mag Eocháin  
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25. **Liam Moreton**  
Liam Mortún  
Ballinwing
26. **Oisín Nee**  
Oisín Ó Né Hartley
27. **John Casey**  
Seán Ó Cathasaigh  
Drumshanbo
28. **Stephen McDermott**  
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29. **Mark Chandler**  
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Mal Guckian
- Roghnóirí:**  
Peter Goldrick,  
Karl Foley

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# Leitrim Gaels Fox Monumentals Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship Finalists 2017



Rear (l-r): James Flynn, Enda Moreton, Narada Patrasco, Michael Mc Manus, Colm Moreton, Conor Guckian, Brendan Flynn, Brian Treacy, Brian Mc Elgunn, Mick Mc Weeney, Andrew Guckian, Paul Guckian, Mark Chandler and Aidan Flynn;

Front (l-r): John Farrell, David Regan, Luke Donnellan, Liam Moreton, David Bruen, Eunan Treacy (Capt), Shaun Chandler, Aaron Mc Loughlin, Paddy Flynn, Ryan Goldrick and Oisín Nee.



## Leitrim Gaels Team Captain and Management

**Eunan Treacy** is a 28 year old originally from Leitrim Village. He is married to Jacqui and resides in Drumshanbo. He is employed by Waterways Ireland. This year is his third year to carry out the role of captain for the team. He was a member of the team that enjoyed Junior Championship success in 2012. He missed a huge portion of 2016 due to an injury, but he is back to full fitness and is thoroughly enjoying both his role as captain and his football. He can play anywhere in the forward line and has the very important job of free taking.



### **Peter Goldrick**

Married to Antoinette, he is father to two sons. Ryan, the eldest son is on the panel today. Peter is a former player for Kiltubrid. He joined Leitrim Gaels in 2006 coaching underage teams, and bringing them to success for titles on many occasions. 2017 is Peter's first year as a senior selector.

### **Mal Guckian**

Married to Paula, he is father to two daughters Robyn and Lottie. Mal hails from Kilnagross and played with St Marys as a youth. He joined Leitrim Gaels in 2005, and was chairperson to the club for many years. He has coached underage teams achieving many titles, he has coached the junior team in previous years and 2017 sees Mal's first year as senior manager. It has been a great honour for Mal to be associated with the team and management all year.








### **Karol Foley**

Originally from Kilmore, but living in Dromod for the last 11 years, Karol is married to Emma and they have one son Iarlaith. He won an Intermediate Football Championship with Kilmore in 2016 as a trainer, and he also managed the Roscommon Minors in 2017. For Karol personally, 2017 gave him a fantastic opportunity to work with his close friend Mal Guckian. It has been a pleasure for him to be involved with Leitrim Gaels, especially after his brother Daithi's involvement with the club when he managed the Junior A team that won the championship title in 2012.

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## LEITRIM GAELS Pen Pics

	James Flynn	24	Secondary School Teacher
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Captaining Leitrim U21's in 2014 and reaching Connacht final Greatest GAA Influence Mother Mary/ Family and friends		
	Enda Moreton	21	Teacher
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Playing in Croke Park with Leitrim hurlers Greatest GAA Influence Family		
	Narada Patrasco	19	Student (NUIG)
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Minor game against Sligo in 2016 Greatest GAA Influence Aidan O Shea		
	Michael McManus	23	Agri. Technician, Teagasc
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Tommy Murphy final 2006 Greatest GAA Influence Buff Egan		
	Colm Moreton	23	Construction worker
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Playing in the Lory Meagher Cup Final 2017 in Croke Park Greatest GAA Influence Conor Mortimer		
	Conor Guckian	25	Garda
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim winning the qualifier against Wicklow Greatest GAA Influence Dad (Michael Guckian), Joseph Guckian and Tommy Flynn		
	Brendan Flynn	23	Financial Advisor
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim Senior debut in 2013 and reaching the U21 Connacht final in 2014 Greatest GAA Influence: Continuous support and advice from my mother throughout my career		

	Brian Treacy	30	Civil Engineer
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Reaching the intermediate final with Leitrim Gaels Greatest GAA Influence Father (Michael Treacy)		
	Brian Mc Elgunn	19	Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Promoted to Senior league Greatest GAA Influence Family		
	Mick Mc Weeney	37	Firefighter
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim winning Connacht 1994 Greatest GAA Influence Jack O Shea		
	Andrew Guckian	19	Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim Gaels win Junior A final in Cloone Greatest GAA Influence Aidan O Shea		
	Paul Guckian	35	Farmer
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim winning Connacht 1994 Greatest GAA Influence Michael Mc Guinness		
	Mark Chandler	46	Chairperson
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Being part of the winning team for first game in Division 1 in 2016, also in 2017 playing a Junior B game with my Son Shaun and winning. Greatest GAA Influence: James Keane		
	Aidan Flynn	24	Teacher
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Junior Championship 2012 Greatest GAA Influence Tommy Flynn		

# Leitrim Senior & Intermediate Football Finals 2017

## LEITRIM GAELS Pen Pics contd.

	John Farrell	27	Farmer	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim winning Connacht 1994</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Michael Mc Guinness</p>
	David Regan	23	Teacher	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim in Croke Park</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Andy Moran</p>
	Luke Donnellan	25	Telecoms technician	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Junior A in 2012</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Sean Cavanagh</p>
	Liam Moreton	25	Teacher	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Representing my county in Croke Park and reaching an intermediate football final with my club.</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence: Gavin Mitchell</p>
	David Bruen	20	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim's invincible team that claimed back to back FBD league titles</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence: Charlie Burke</p>
	Eunan Treacy (Capt)	25	Lock Keeper	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning junior championship in 2012</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Father (Michael Treacy)</p>
	Shaun Chandler	18	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Senior team debut</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Family</p>
	Aaron McLoughlin	22	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim U21's beating All Ireland winners Galway</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence John Mc Keon</p>
	Paddy Flynn	18	Student(DIT)	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning U16 championship</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Peter Goldrick</p>
	Ryan Goldrick	18	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning minor league</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Family</p>
	Oisín Nee	19	Student	<p>Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Minor league final against Ballinamore</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence Mal Guckian</p>
	David Poplewell	27	Garda	<p>(missing from pic) Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Team mate Aidan Flynn lining out for Leitrim in junior championship final versus Kerry (2017)</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence: Ciaran Mc Donald</p>
	Stephen McDermott	19	Student	<p>(missing from pic) Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning u16 championship</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence: Lee Keegan</p>
	John Casey	42	Pro Driver	<p>(missing from pic) Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Division 1 promotion</p> <p>Greatest GAA Influence: James Keane</p>



# Leitrim Gaels Summer Camp 2017



## The stars of the future





## Leitrim Gaels Club History

Leitrim Gaels was founded in 1997 by a few determined people. Since forming, the club has progressed through all the divisions and in 2016 played in the Leitrim Senior League.

At an Adult level the club has won the Junior B championships(2001 and 2007), Junior C Championship (2009), Division 3 League title (2011), Division 4 League title (2010) and 2 Division 5 League titles (2004, 2010), as well as promotion to Division 1 in 2015 and 2017. At underage level we have many league and championship titles.

As a club we have seen a number of our players represent us at various county levels, something we are very proud of and we look forward to seeing this continue in future years.



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A photograph of the Donnellans pub building. The building is a two-story structure with a light-colored facade. It features three arched doorways. The left archway is labeled 'lounge', the middle one 'Bar', and the right one 'Donnellans'. There are Guinness and Heineken signs on the building. A black car is parked in front of the pub.

# Good luck to Leitrim Gaels in the final from Donnellans

A photograph of the Leitrim Inn Lodge. The building is white with black shutters. There are several hanging flower baskets with pink and white flowers. A sign above the entrance reads 'LEITRIM LODGE'. Another sign on the wall says 'PREMIER CHEF RENOWNED FOR GOOD FOOD 071-9621040'.

# Leitrim Inn Lodge

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## Lgcúimhne Seosamh Ó Floinn-Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma 2010-2014

Leitrim GAA lost one of its true visionaries over the past year with the passing of **Joe Flynn**, last May. Joe, the most recent former Cathaoirleach of Coiste Chontae Liatroma, a position he worked tirelessly at, served as Cathaoirleach in the years 2010 to 2014 and he led his management and county committee in an exemplary manner throughout this period. This was but just a small period of a lifetime of service to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael in multitude of varying capacities.



Joe was secondary educated in St Mel's College, Longford, with whom he won an All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal in 1963. He backed this up with a Leitrim MFC medal with St Mary's in 1965 and went on to play adult club football with the St Mary's Club into the 1970s. He quickly turned to the administration wing of the GAA and served his club as Chairman for a period during the same decade, while still a very young man. The referee's whistle came calling and Joe was not found wanting, a measure of his all round capability exemplified by the fact that he refereed two Senior Championship Finals. In 1979 he was man in the middle as Ballinamore-Sean O Heslin's defeated Gortletteragh and also refereed the final between the same two teams in 1982, in which the Ballinamore side was also victorious. Throughout this period, Joe was also immersed in Scór and won many county titles and a number of Connacht titles with his club, excelling in Ballad Group. Joe's most recent major role in his club was from 1994-96 when he completed the arduous role as Club Secretary. During that period, specifically 1995, St Mary's had what was arguably their greatest ever season winning the Leitrim SFC, IFC and MFC, a feat that is unlikely to ever be matched. They also reached the Connacht SFC Club final that same season, defeated by Corofin. Joe was a selector on that senior team.

It was inevitable, given his administrative talent, that his county would come calling. He became Cathaoirleach Bord na nÓg in 1990 and held the position for three years. Incidentally, during his tenure Leitrim won the Under 16 Fr Manning Cup in 1990 and the Connacht Minor Football League in 1991, reaching the Connacht MFC final of the same year. In 1995, as Team Manager of the County Vocational Schools team, he led his charges to a Connacht SFC success and an All-Ireland Final appearance in Croke Park in which they were unfortunately defeated by Donegal. With his avid interest in the development of players at a young age, it was no surprise that Joe served Coiste Chontae Liatroma as Coaching officer for a number of years throughout the 1990s. This period coincided with the introduction of outside coaches visiting clubs from the early 1990s and was a valuable outlet for the energies of young student footballers who directed their energies towards helping the young club players of the era. Joe oversaw its implementation in what was groundbreaking at the time. He oversaw the introduction and administration of the forerunners of the modern day Cúl Camps as Summer Camp fever hit many locations through the late 1990s. In 1996 he organised and overseen the very first School of Excellence in Leitrim as the best Under 14 Club Footballers of that year were brought together for a week in Páirc Seán in August of that year. It was novel initiative as Leitrim Captain of that era Declan Darcy and Tyrone's Peter Canavan imparted their knowledge to the youngsters on separate days during that week. A number of these young players went on to wear the County Senior Jersey.

From 2000 to 2009 Joe served as Leitrim's delegate to Connacht Council, a position he held and carried with great distinction, and we are sure that Connacht Council GAA was a much better place given his wisdom and knowledge of all things GAA. His influence extended well beyond the county and provincial boundaries. He served on the Games Administration Committee of Páirc an Chrócaigh 2006-2008, Central Hearings Committee 2009-2012, Central Appeals Committee 2012-2015 and his last position, a second period with the Central Hearings Committee 2015 to present.

Joe never forgot his roots and was essentially a community person who immersed himself in many local organisations for their betterment, no matter how much life threw at him. He became Chairman of the Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada following the retirement of the late George O Toole and held the position until he became Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma in 2010. During the term of his Chairmanship of the Páirc Seán Committee, the new stand came to fruition in 2007 and he was heavily involved in this project. He currently was Treasurer of the Páirc Seán Committee.

Joe was much respected former Principal of Carrick-on-Shannon Community School, a position he held from its opening until he retired in 2009 having previously spent the vast majority of his teaching career in Carrick Vocational School. Essentially, we in Leitrim GAA will always have fond memories of the impact the genial Joe has had in the administration of GAA affairs in the county and he has left a void that will remain extremely hard to fill. He was a great people person and away from the cut and thrust of GAA decision making and debate he was quite simply great company!

He is sorely missed by Mary, Clodagh, Nicholas, Cormac, Joseph Junior and the extended Flynn family. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh sé.



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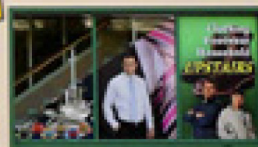
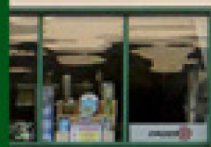
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## The stars of the future



## Glencar Manorhamilton Club History

In 2018, the Glencar Manorhamilton Club will celebrate its Golden Jubilee. Back in 1968 the club founders could scarcely have envisaged that the simple foundation they laid would grow into the very successful and all-encompassing GAA Club that it is today.

Thinking of the senior football team, today's final represents their third in a row and their eighth in ten years, including an historic four in-a-row county senior titles. Success has come also at Junior, Intermediate, U21, Minor and underage level, but more satisfying than all of that is the participation rate of practically every footballer in the parish.

Naturally, the club never loses sight of the future and with this in mind the Academy for the four to ten year old boys and girls is carefully nurtured and promoted and it is refreshing to note that a number of today's senior players lend their skills on a weekly basis as coaches in the Academy. It is a tribute to the underage efforts by club officers and coaches that our Under 13's, Under 15's and U17's have performed with great distinction in 2017.

Girls have become a vital part of the club since integration with the ladies section and Glencar Manor can be quite proud of the progress made and successes achieved over the years. The involvement of girls has led to a much greater family interest in all club activities whether on or off the field, ensuring that Glencar Manor retains its position as one of the foremost community based organisations in the area.

Cluainín hurlers continue to impress and are preparing now to defend their senior hurling title on October 14th. All of us have been thrilled with the All Ireland Hurling Championship of this year and while we play at a much lower level, the commitment and dedication of the players are no less than that in more successful counties.

Once again the club was represented at All Ireland Scór level by our Figure Dancers who took the National title and also by our Set Dancers who came so close. Míle Buíochas to the participants and all associated with Scór.

Club officials, members, pitch development workers, sponsors, supporters, players and the whole community will all combine to lead the club proudly into its second half century.



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## GLENCAR / MANOR Pen Pics



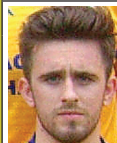



	Colin Gilligan	27	Accountant	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you James Kelly's Goal in 1999 Senior County Final Greatest GAA Influence: Gerry Clancy
	James Glancy	35	Games Development Offr.	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Captain of Leitrim County Senior Team in 2011 Greatest GAA Influence: My wife & family
	Evan Sweeney	26	Primary School Teacher	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Senior Championship in 2011 Greatest GAA Influence: Alan Sweeney
	Cian McManus	24	Student	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Leitrim U21 Championship in 2012 Greatest GAA Influence: Terry McManus
	Declan Byrne	20	Student	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Glencar Manor's 4-in-a-row Championship Titles 2008-2011 Greatest GAA Influence: Shane Ward
	Conor Dolan	21	Student	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Paddy Maguire's goal in Semi Final -v- Ballinamore in 2017 Greatest GAA Influence: Family
	Dan Maguire	32	Electrician	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you James Kelly's Goal in 1999 Senior County Final Greatest GAA Influence: Family
	Mark Fox	24	Civil Engineer	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Civil Engineer Winning Leitrim U21 Championship in 2012 Greatest GAA Influence: Kieran McGeeney

	Donnacha Devaney	17	Student	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning U16 League Final in 2014 Greatest GAA Influence: Killian McGriskin
	Anthony McDonald	30	Teacher	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning 2008 Senior County Final Greatest GAA Influence: Sean Boylan
	Christopher Jenkins	19	Student	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Junior B Championship in 2016 Greatest GAA Influence: Kieran Fox
	Paddy Maguire	28	Project Manager	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning 3-in-a-row Senior Club Titles Greatest GAA Influence: Family
	Tom Coyle	29	Construction Worker/Farmer	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim's Connacht Title in 1994 Greatest GAA Influence: Family
	Ruairi Sheridan	18	Student	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning U16 League Final in 2014 Greatest GAA Influence: Luke Sheridan
	Cian Killalea	18	Student	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning U16 League Final in 2014 Greatest GAA Influence: Kieran Fox
	Pat Gilmartin	35	Physiotherapist	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim's Connacht Title in 1994 Greatest GAA Influence: Thady McTernan/Gerry Reilly

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## GLENCAR / MANOR Pen Pics contd.

	<b>Aaron McDermott</b>   25   Physiotherapist
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Leitrim U21 Championship in 2012 Greatest GAA Influence: Parents
	<b>Shane Loughlin</b>   31   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning 1st Senior Championship in 2008 Greatest GAA Influence: Terry McManus/Tommy McGourty
	<b>Michael Loughlin</b>   19   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you James Rooney's point in Semi Final -v- Ballinamore in 2017 Greatest GAA Influence: Shane Fowley
	<b>Darren Sweeney</b>   31   Specification Engineer
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning 2008 Senior County Final
	<b>Fearghal Rooney</b>   19   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim beating Sligo in 2011 Connacht Championship Greatest GAA Influence: Family
	<b>James O'Brien</b>   25   Technology Teacher
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Playing with Leitrim Hurlers in Croke Park in 2017 Greatest GAA Influence: Seamus Moynihan
	<b>Niall Brady</b>   23   Social Care Worker/Nutritionist
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Connacht U21 semi final in 2014 Greatest GAA Influence: Shane Ward/Dermott McMorrow
	<b>Thomas McDonald</b>   35   Fireman
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning my 1st Senior Championship Title in 2008 Greatest GAA Influence: Keith Higgins

	<b>James Rooney</b>   23   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Leitrim U21 Championship in 2012 Greatest GAA Influence: Donal Wynn
	<b>Killian McGriskin (Capt)</b>   24   Construction Foreman
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Leitrim U21 Championship in 2012 Greatest GAA Influence: Lee Keegan
	<b>Adrian Croal</b>   27   Postmaster
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Scoring winning point in 2009 Championship Final Greatest GAA Influence: Family & Glencar Manor Coaches
	<b>Ronan Flynn</b>   23   Occupational Therapist
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Leitrim U21 Championship in 2012 Greatest GAA Influence: Dominic Kelly
	<b>Aaron Hickey</b>   26   Factory Technician
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning 4 in-a-row Senior Championship titles 2008-2011 Greatest GAA Influence: Colin Ryan
	<b>Brendan Bryne</b>   23   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Leitrim U21 Championship in 2012 & 2 All Ireland Scór titles Greatest GAA Influence: Alan Sweeney
	<b>Brian McDonald</b>   32   Mould Technician
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Captain of Club Senior Championship Winning Team in 2011 Greatest GAA Influence: Aidan Rooney

## Glencar Manorhamilton Team Captain and Management

**Killian McGriskin**, the Glencar Manorhamilton team captain, has a wealth of experience of big championship occasions. His footballing talents were well noted in his young days at school, college and club level and he was Manor's Young Player of the Year in 2010, the year he was promoted to the senior panel. Since then he has been a regular, lining out mostly in the backs or at centre-field, the position in which he plays today. Killian has also represented Leitrim at Minor, Under 21 and Senior levels, in tandem with his consistent performances with his club, which earned him the coveted Senior Player of the Year Award in 2015. Among his GAA highlights are winning the Leitrim U21 Championship title and he hopes to go one better today and bring the Fenagh Cup back to Manorhamilton. Knowing Killian and his style of play – high fielding, superb distribution, tough tackling and anticipation, movement off the ball, his boundless energy and his understanding with his midfield partner – he will certainly play a captain's part.



The Glencar Manorhamilton team manager, **Aidan Rooney**, will always be associated with Leitrim and 1994. It is well over 30 years ago now since he first donned a Leitrim jersey and in the intervening years he has fulfilled many a role as player and in team management in both Leitrim and Sligo. In the Yeats County he had the distinction of winning the Connacht Minor League

and reaching the Connacht Minor Championship Final with Sligo as well as a number of his successes with his adopted club St Mary's with whom his children play. His vast experience will be an added bonus for Glencar Manor today and if his players can perform to the same standards as their manager did during his playing career, we can expect a titanic struggle with the green and white of Mohill. It is very fitting that Aidan's fellow selector is none other than his team-mate from the 1999 Championship winning side, goalkeeper **Sean Boylan**. Sean is an astute judge of form and an experienced reader of the game at many levels. His words of advice in Aidan Rooney's ear could well swing the game in the club's favour.



# Glencar Manorhamilton

## Connacht Gold

### Leitrim Senior Football Championship Finalists 2017



Rear (l-r): Colin Gilligan, James Glancy, Evan Sweeney, Cian McManus, Declan Byrne, Conor Dolan, Daniel Maguire, Mark Fox, Donnacha Devaney, Anthony McDonald, Christopher Jenkins, Paddy Maguire, Thomas Coyle, Ruairi Sheridan, Cian Killalea, Pat Gilmartin and Aaron McDermott;

Front (l-r): Shane Loughlin, Michael Loughlin, Darren Sweeney, Fearghal Rooney, James O'Brien, Niall Brady, Thomas McDonald, James Rooney, Killian McGriskin (Capt.), Adrian Croal, Ronan Flynn, Aaron Hickey, Brendan Byrne and Brian McDonald.



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## FÍR IONAD

- 16. Colin Gilligan**  
Coilín Mac Giollaagáin  
Ross
- 17. Conor Dolan**  
Conchubhar Ó Dúláin  
Doonkelly
- 18. Ronan Flynn**  
Rónán Ó Floinn  
Ross
- 19. Cian McManus**  
Cian Mac Mánaís  
Cornaneane
- 20. Thomas Coyle**  
Tomás Mac  
Giolla Chomhail  
Skreeney
- 21. Daniel Maguire**  
Dónall Mag Uidhir  
Ross
- 22. Brendan Byrne**  
Breandán Ó Broin  
Clooneen Park
- 23. Declan Byrne**  
Déaglán Ó Broin  
Clooneen Park
- 24. Donnacha Devaney**  
Donnacha Ó  
Duibheannaigh  
Mulcaun
- 25. Michael Loughlin**  
Micheál Ó Lochlainn  
Gortnaskeagh
- 26. Christopher Jenkins**  
Cristóir Mac Seinicín  
Glenboy
- 27. Ruairi Sheridan**  
Ruairi Ó Sirideáin  
Amorset
- 28. Cian Killalea**  
Cian Mac Giolla Léith  
Gortinar
- 29. Shane Loughlin**  
Seán Ó Lochlainn  
Creamery Road
- 30. Mark Fox**  
Marcas Ó Sionnaigh  
Cornaneane
- 31. Aaron McDermott**  
Arron Mac Diarmada  
Curraghfore
- Bainisteoir:**  
Aidan Rooney
- Roghnóirí:**  
Sean Boylan

# Glencar / Manorhamilton

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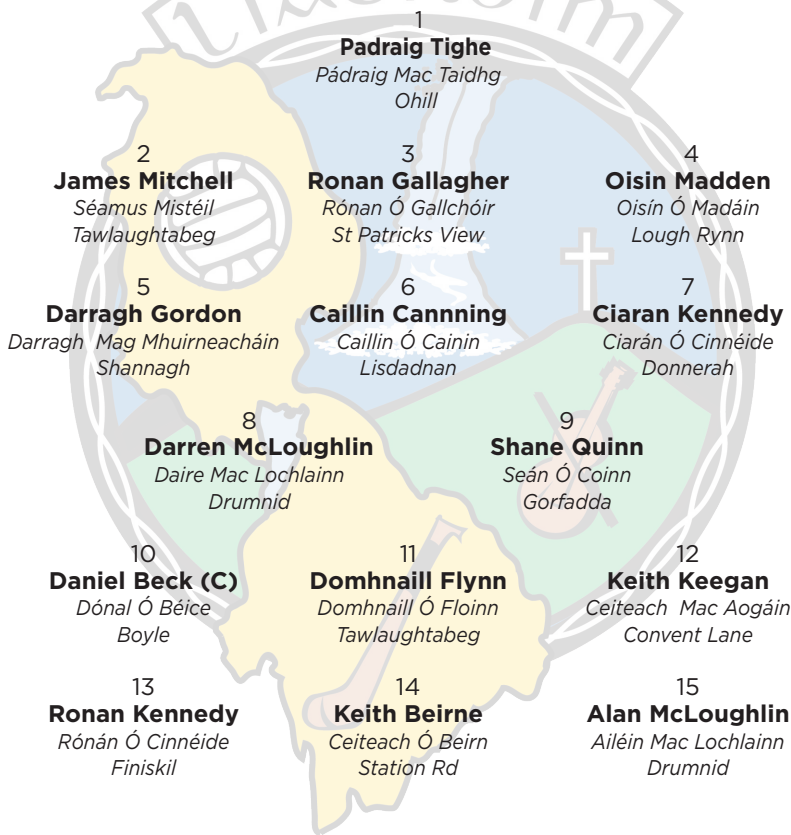


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# Leitrim Senior & Intermediate Football Finals 2017

## Mohill

Maothail



## FÍR IONAD

16. **Ciarán Baxter**  
Ciarán Mac an Bhacstair Cloone Rd
  17. **Shane McGowan**  
Seán Mac Gabhann Hill St
  18. **Ronan Gordon**  
Rónán Mag Mhuirneacháin Shannagh
  19. **David Mitchell**  
Daibhéid Mistéil Tawlaughtbeg
  20. **Fiachra McGuinness**  
Fiachra Mac Aonghusa Drumhanny
  21. **Gavin Kelly**  
Gabhán Ó Ceallaigh Aughrim
  22. **Evan Harkin**  
Eimhín Ó hEarcáin Glosdrumnan
  23. **Barry Lupton**  
Barra Ó Luptúin Kílclare
  24. **Ethan Harkin**  
Ethán Ó hEarcáin Glosdrumnan
  25. **Johnny Beirne**  
Seán Ó Beirn Station Rd
  26. **Eanna Madden**  
Eanna Ó Madáin Lough Rynn
  27. **Sean Harkin**  
Seán Ó hEarcáin Glosdrumnan
  28. **Alan Keenan**  
Ailéin Ó Cianáin St Patricks View
  29. **Stephen Flynn**  
Stíofán Ó Floinn Tawlaughtabeg
  30. **Niall Flynn**  
Niall Ó Floinn Tawlaughtabeg
  31. **John Farrell**  
Seán Ó Fearghail Convent Lane
  32. **Alan Armstrong**  
Alan Ó Labhraí Tréan Lough Rynn
  33. **Dermot Scollan**  
Diarmuid Ó Scolláin Drumbo
  34. **Ryan Murphy**  
Rian Ó Murchú Convent Lane
  35. **Kevin Flynn**  
Caoimhín Ó Floinn
- Bainisteoir:**  
Pauric Davis
- Roghnóirí:**  
Gavin Tonra,  
Pete McWade,  
Ian Higgins

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# Mohill

## Connacht Gold

### Leitrim Senior Football Championship Finalists 2017



Rear (l-r): John Farrell, Kevin Flynn, Ronan Gallagher, Gavin Kelly, Stephen Flynn, Caillin Canning, Keith Keegan, Domhnaill Flynn, Pádraig Tighe, Alan Keegan, Darren Mc Loughlin, Eanna Madden, Dermot Scollan, Evan Harkin, Ciaran Baxter, Niall Flynn, Keith Beirne, Alan Armstrong and Fiachra Mc Guinness;

Front (l-r): Ronan Kennedy, Darragh Gordon, Shane Mc Gowan, James Mitchell, Alan Mc Loughlin, Shane Quinn, Daniel Beck, Ciaran Kennedy, Ronan Gordon, Oisín Madden, Ethan Harkin, Barry Lupton, David Mitchell, Sean Harkin and Jonathan Beirne (Insert: Ryan Murphy).



## Mohill Team Captain and Management

32 year old **Daniel Beck** is our senior team captain and delighted to have captained this group of players for the last three years. Daniel is the eldest son of Valerie & Paul. Daniel now lives in Boyle with his wife Gillian and daughter Emma. Daniel works as a sales rep for EIR, Daniel has achieved so much in his sporting career. He has always been heavily involved in sporting activities in the local community and local sports. Daniel has won various underage medals at U 16, minor level and a senior championship medal with Mohill in 2006, also picking up FBD League medals with Leitrim in the past and more recently winning the double league & championship 2015, and league in 2016.



This year Mohill GAA are again managed by Padraic Davis in his third year, with selectors Gavin Tonra, Pete McWade and Ian Higgins. All four are from Longford, with Padraic, Pete and Ian coming from the Fr Manning Gaels club, while Gavin hails from Colmcille. The teams strength and conditioning coach is James Murray from Cavan Gaels, but is now based in Longford Town, with his business, peak fitness and performance.

**Padraic Davis** lives in Gortletteragh with his wife Emma, daughters Brónagh, Saoirse and sons Daithí and Donagh. He played with the Longford intercounty team for 12 years from 1995 to 2007. He played club football with Fr Manning Gaels with whom he won 4 Longford Senior Football Championships 3 in a row from 1996–98 and again in 2001. He also played Railway Cup for Leinster from 1998-2004. He was Longford's leading forward for many years in the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship and one of the greatest players the county has ever produced. He won an O'Byrne Cup with Longford in 2000.

After retiring from playing he went into management at inter county level. In 2010 he was the forwards coach to the Longford Minor team which won the Leinster championship. He was Manager of the Longford Under 21 team, which he led to a Leinster Final in 2011. He was also Longford Junior manager during this time and was a selector with the senior team in 2011, 2012 and 2013 winning division 3 and 4 national league titles in that period.

In 2015 he became manager of Mohill GAA winning the double, Championship and League, while securing a second league title and U-21 championship in 2016. Today he is involved in his 10th Senior championship final.

**James Murray** is from the Cavan Gaels club, but currently resides in Longford where he runs the Peak Fitness and Performance Gym. He is in his second year with Mohill Gaa. He has been involved with the Longford Senior team from 2013-2017 gaining invaluable experience in the whole area of strength and conditioning.

**Gavin Tonra** hails from the Colmcille club winning a senior championship there in 2008 as a player, while he also managed his club to an U-21 championship in 2015. He is a former Longford Goalkeeper and married to Padraic's sister Amanda.

**Pete McWade** is a former Fr. Manning Gaels player winning four senior championships in total and has also represented his county in all grades including senior. He has been involved with the Longford U-21 team management in the past. Today Pete contests his 10th senior final as either a player or mentor.

Another one from the Fr. Manning Gaels club in Drumlish, **Ian Higgins** a PE Teacher by profession. He has been involved in team management with his own club, as well as the Longford Seniors and U-21s from 2011-2014. He is a keen basketballer also.

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## MOHILL Pen Pics




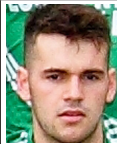













	John Farrell	33	Consumer Finance
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you 2006 County Final Greatest GAA Influence: Boney		
	Kevin Flynn	20	Apprentice Electrician
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the Minor Double in 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: My Parents		
	Ronan Gallagher	30	Trainee Garda
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Ronan Kennedy's (Chick) last minute goal to win in 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Brendan & Michael Gallagher		
	Gavin Kelly	30	Bank Official
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you 2006 Senior Championship Greatest GAA Influence: My Parents		
	Stephen Flynn	30	Operations Co Ordinator
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Leitrim Connacht Minor 1998 Greatest GAA Influence: Joe Brolly		
	Caillin Canning	22	Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning 2015 county final in 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: John Mc Guinness		
	Keith Keegan	20	Apprentice Mechanic
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Connacht Junior Championship Final Greatest GAA Influence: John Paul Mc Nulty		
	Domhnaill Flynn	25	Scientist
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you County Final 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Brian Beirne Ballinamore		
	Padraig Tighe	31	Shop Assistant
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Senior Championship in 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Dessie Dolan		

	Alan Keegan	19	Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you 2015 League & Championship Double Greatest GAA Influence: Matt Gaffey		
	Darren Mc Loughlin	29	Production Manager
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you 2015 Finals v Manor Greatest GAA Influence: Family		
	Eanna Madden	23	Physiotherapy Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you 2015 Championship final & Connacht U21 Semi Final Greatest GAA Influence: Lee Keegan		
	Dermot Scollan	36	Production Manager
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Connacht Minor Championship in 1998 Greatest GAA Influence: Matt Gaffey		
	Evan Harkin	17	Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Minor Championship 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Matt Gaffey		
	Ciaran Baxter	28	Store Manager
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning 2015 Championship Greatest GAA Influence: Johnny Mc Guinness		
	Niall Flynn	27	Teacher
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you 2006 Final & Ronan Kennedys goal in 2015 final Greatest GAA Influence: My father Stephen		
	Keith Beirne	20	Agricultural Contactor
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Minor and Senior double in 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: The Gooch Cooper - Kerry		
	Alan Armstrong	25	Civil Service
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Connacht with Leitrim Juniors Greatest GAA Influence: Podgy /Pete / Ian /Gavin		



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## MOHILL Pen Pics contd.

	Fiachra Mc Guinness   18   Student		Ronan Gordon   20   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Senior League 2016 Greatest GAA Influence: Darragh Gordon		Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Chicks Last Minute goal in County Final 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Gerry Mulkerrins
	Ronan Kennedy   25   Student		Oisín Madden   21   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Championship in 2006 Greatest GAA Influence: Family		Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Senior Championship 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Lee Keegan
	Darragh Gordon   22   Student		Ethan Harkin   19   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Senior Championship 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: My parents		Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning U21 Championship 2016 Greatest GAA Influence: Matt Gaffey
	Shane Mc Gowan   21   Student		Barry Lupton   32   Painter & Decorator
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Being part of the Minor Connacht league winners Greatest GAA Influence: Chris Barrett		Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Marching behind the Kiltubrid pipe Band in 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: My Family
	James Mitchell   21   Student		David Mitchell   19   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Senior Championship in 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: My Parents		Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Minor Championship 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Liam Jones
	Alan Mc Loughlin   24   Student		Sean Harkin   17   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning 2015 Senior Championship Greatest GAA Influence: My Family		Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning Minor Double in 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Brian Diyle
	Shane Quinn   24   Technician		Jonathan Beirne   24   Bar Manager
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you John Mulligans winning goal in FBD Final and Alan Armstrong's speech after Connaught Junior Final Greatest GAA Influence: Jayo Beirne		Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Winning the Senior League & Championship in 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Paul Galvin - Kerry
	Daniel Beck   32   Regional Sales Manager		Ryan Murphy   20   Student
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Captaining Leitrim at the Opening of Philly Mc Guinness Park Greatest GAA Influence: Matt Gaffey		Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you Senior championship final 2015 Greatest GAA Influence: Family
	Ciaran Kennedy   34   NS Teacher		
	Most Memorable Leitrim GAA Moment for you 2006 County Final Greatest GAA Influence: Family		

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## A Brief History of Mohill GAA Club

The Mohill Faugh a Ballagh GAA Club was founded in 1889. The first active Club in Leitrim and it has been going strong ever since. Mohill won their first Senior Championship in 1890 and again in 1910 and 1914, but had to wait until 1929 before winning again. They won in 1972 and for the first time in the new Millennium, under the management of Killoe man Tommy McCormack they brought home the Dick Ellis Cup in 2006.

There was very little adult success in next few years but we witnessed phenomenal underage success. 2013, was undoubtedly one of the most successful year in the Club's history. We took part in finals at every grade and that included, Senior League & Championship.

2015 was our greatest year with success at Senior, Minor , Junior and Under 12. The Senior Final between Mohill and Glencar ended in a draw, but the northerners hearts were broken in the replay when Mohill's Ronan Kennedy scored a last minute goal to give us a narrow victory. Padraic Davis a Drumlish man was the manager then, as he is today. Let's hope Glencar Manor will not be too eager to avenge that defeat.

Last year the eventual County Champions Aughawillan beat us by a point in the quarter finals but we went on to beat them in the Senior League.

The Club has a very active Bórd na nÓg with coaches out every Saturday morning organising and attending blitzes. We wish the panel and Management every success today. Fág a'bealach





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# A Fashion Statement

Tommy Moran

Back in the 1930's and 40's the great-grandfathers of the players lining out today would not have enjoyed the same glitz, glamour, colour, couture or media coverage when taking the field in a County Final.

Bicycle clips off, pump and connection in the inside pocket, toe-capped boots loosened from the handlebars of the High Nelly and the overcoat rolled into a ball and secured under the spring of the carrier. Bike shoved in under a bush, they were ready for the fray.

They had never heard of the process, down to the wire, blanket defences, small margins, strength and conditioning, hamstrings, cruciates, sports psychologists, backroom teams, development squads, Hawk-Eye, Marty Morrissey, centres of excellence, technical fouls, screw-in studs, black cards, fourth officials, GPS trackers, fourth officials, sweepers, winning ugly, stats, maor fóirnes, sponsors, track suits or physios --- and the only spray they would have known about would have been bluestone and washing soda.

The "dressing room" had no walls, a giant oak or chestnut tree provided a canopy of leaves. If a lace broke, someone might have a piece of a whang; socks had lost their colour and had as many holes as a strainer; togs were mainly home-made, with Ranks Flour, Indian Meal or Clarinda imprinted across the arse; the boots were rock-hard from the muck of the last outing and the leather cogs were worn down almost to the soles; legs, thighs and houghs still bore traces of the cow-dung from Ardrum Rock, the Grange or Legonommer. A club official of the time was recalled as announcing "we have fifteen kickers, but only fourteen knickers, so the goalie will have to stand in in his trousers" – a common occurrence at the time. Teams were certainly not worried about making a fashion statement. Referees often wore black – it was usually the Parish Priest or Curate who was entrusted with the whistle.

There was excitement aplenty, with supporters travelling by special trains, horses and waggons, ponies and traps, on bicycles, on foot or crammed into the back of a lorry like a load heading for Drumshanbo Mart. The main thing was to get there, Sunday evening was for football. Marching fife and drum or brass and reed or pipe bands led the heroes on to the field, cheered to the echo by hundreds of supporters, including a fair dash of "comely maidens" in blouses and flowery dresses that had probably come in the famous parcels from America. There were manly struggles, ferocious tackling, schamozzles go leor and Conor McGregor could have picked up a few tips on how to really box. Fr Eugene Cox, the former County Chairman, recalled for me a titanic struggle between his club, Annaduff, and Gorravagh. One of the Annaduff players had only one tooth left, but it was the size of a crocodile's. When the row started, the Gorravagh stalwart, Pat "the Grump" Murphy, flattened him with a haymaker to the jaw. He eventually got up, spitting blood, with his precious tooth in his hand. "Ya hoor ya Grump, how well you found it" was his only retort. A sportsman to the last.

The arrival of the Aughnasheelin, Leitrim Gaels, Glencar Manor and Mohill teams will be different today. Not a bike to be seen around Páirc Sean. The players will emerge from Audis, BMWs, Hyundais, Volkswagens, Dacias, Renaults, Jeeps, Crossovers and hatchbacks, uniformed in club track-suits, with kit bags bursting at the seams with casual gear, bicycle shorts (a sort of a Spanx for men), athletic vests, spare boots, deodorant, gloves, screw-in cogs, hair gel, shampoo and gum shields, most of them wired into an i-phone or an i-pod, as if they were on a drip. They don't need a drip, because the bottle of water is in hand, the manager having told them "hydrate, hydrate", "focus", "focus". They troop into the dressing room, doors and windows are closed to the world and the players "get into the zone". After the warm-up, the pep-talk. The knock on the door, time to enter the arena. The walls shake with the thunder of sprinting feet and then they spring over the bench as Willie and James try to calm them for the historic photo. Green and white, purple and green and primrose and blue are raised to the heavens and then comes a cacophony of sound that travels along the N4. Pride in the local parish.

On the terraces and the stands, even the Grannies have agreed to wear the club jackets. So have the Grandas, fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, children, teddies, even an occasional dog. Gone are the flowery dresses, replaced by casual tops, club jerseys and skin-tight denims --- the comely maidens of today are certainly making a fashion statement for all to see. The only throw-back to the old days is the marching band. Dessie Foley will lead Kiltubrid, Kiltubrid, with Leitrim Central Council delegate PJ Meehan on the bag-pipes, will lead the captains and the teams around the field, as Brendan Sammon prepares to get the game under-way.

The parade will evoke memories of former County Finals, of stars of the past, of departed players, officials and supporters, of men like Joe Flynn, George O'Toole, Pdraig Griffin, Patsy Guckian, John Joe Noone, Josie Murray, Bernard Murray and so many others who worked so hard to provide the magnificent stadium we enjoy today. No, it's not Dublin and Mayo today, but it is our day, our big day, our County Final. And which of us would not long to be out there on the pitch – even if we had to stand in in our trousers.





# The Special Attraction of Leitrim Final Day

John Lynch

The time of year again when all roads will head to Carrick-on-Shannon for the biggest day of the club season when it comes to the finals of the Leitrim Club Senior and Intermediate football championships.

It's a special feeling at his time of year for all involved in any capacity, and even with twenty years clocked up, when it comes to occasions like today's, there is a huge element of excitement that you simply can't help but get sucked in by.



Leitrim County Final Day is one that I have been privileged to attend a play a small part in since 1996. Even before then if I go back to my own secondary school days in Drumshanbo. I can clearly remember the excitement around the town in 1991 when Allen Gaels made the big break-through under the late Frank McKeon, who was one of the finest gentlemen of the sport that I had the honour of getting to know in later years. The feeling in the school was electric on the following Monday, it was also a huge help that Sean Wynne (a teacher in the school and now the vice-principal) played at full back on that team and the late Tony McGowan another Leitrim and Drumshanbo stalwart was also a teacher in D.V.S. back then and I also remember Tony enjoying the success.

So for sure GAA dominated the agenda and perhaps even the curriculum for at least one September Monday twenty six years ago. When I started working on County finals back in the mid 1990's the Gaels were also the dominant force for the first couple of years in 96 and 97. The balance of power shifted further north in 98 when Melvin Gaels were successful and again a year later when one of today's finalists Glencar Manorhamilton broke Fenagh hearts with a late winning goal that snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. That particular final provided the most dramatic ending until of course 2015 when Mohill inflicted the same pain on Glencar Manorhamilton in securing the biggest prize on offer in Leitrim Club Football and now of course the sides will do battle again today for the right to enter the winners enclosure later this evening.

Glencar Manorhamilton, in my view, deserve huge credit for their refusal to allow recent defeats in County finals affect them in a negative way. Since completing the hugely impressive four in a row championship triumphs between 2008 and 2011 they have suffered reversals in finals against Melvin Gaels, Mohill and Aughawillan.

2017 is the third year running for the North Leitrim men to return to HQ on final day and no doubt the experience of the aforementioned pain will act as a huge source of motivation for today's decider. Team manager Aidan Rooney will have worked extensively on their collective mental attitudes and how they will handle various possible situations that may arise like the start to last year's final where Tommy McCormack's charges constructed their platform for an eventual victory. Eight finals in ten years is a remarkable record and the experience collected is invaluable.

Padraic Davis will attempt to win the championship for the second time with his current side when he goes up against Rooney in today's side-line battle. Davis is perhaps the most experienced of the two men in charge today and has tasted inter-county managerial experience with Glen Ryan during his time charge in Longford.

In Sligo Aidan Rooney has to be one of the front runners to succeed another Kildare man, Niall Carew in charge of the Yeats County senior Side. Rooney has in the past guided the Sligo minors to a Provincial decider in his short but impressive managerial career. I also have no doubt that the current Mohill manager will manage at inter-county level in the future with his stock high in Leitrim and indeed in his native county.

The ingredients are in place for another very close game today. It would be foolish to predict otherwise going by the evidence that is presented before us. Both sides have, or are in danger of being without key players for the final and with that in mind it could perhaps come down to strength in depth among other factors. With that in mind I am slightly going for a Mohill win for my by now famously inaccurate County final prediction. But don't rule out a replay!

# Five things we learned during the 2017 Leitrim Club Championships

John Connolly



The new format for the Connacht Gold Senior and Fox Monumentals Intermediate Championship wasn't the only new thing about this year's Leitrim Club campaign as we in the Leitrim Observer tried out some new approaches to our coverage in 2017.

The modern world sees the online word as important as print editions, the immediacy of the online world a real plus, so moving with the times, and a little plug here, the Leitrim Observer's own website at [www.leitrimobserver.ie](http://www.leitrimobserver.ie) did a new column entitled "Five things we learned" throughout the Club Championship campaign.

It gave us a chance to discuss a few topics that might be missed in individual match reports and, to use another modern phrase, take a helicopter view of both the Senior and Intermediate Championships.

The columns, the Senior out on a Monday and the Intermediate on Tuesday, seemed to get a good response and in that spirit, we take a County Final special Five Things we learned during the 2017 Leitrim Club Championship.

## **TIMING IS EVERYTHING**

Anyone who witnessed Kiltubrid battling to save their Intermediate Championship would have been astonished they been told that day that Leitrim Gaels would be contesting the Final in October and are considered by many to be favourites! That day against Kiltubrid they were badly off the pace but have been transformed by the knockout stages so timing your effort right is huge.

## **OLD FIRM STILL HOLDS SWAY**

The emergence of new exciting teams in Ballinamore and Kinlough meant we thought this year, there could be a shake-up in the pecking order in Leitrim. Instead, it is the Old Firm who still holds sway as only Melvin Gaels have contested a Senior Final outside of Mohill, Glencar/Manorhamilton, Aughawillan and St. Mary's Kiltoghert have contested a Final since 2009!

Out of eight finals from 2010 up to today, Glencar/Manorhamilton will have contested six, St. Mary's four, Mohill three and Aughawillan two so the more things change, the more they stay the same!

## **AUGHNASHEELIN THE ONLY UNBEATEN TEAM**

Mohill and Glencar/Manorhamilton both suffered one loss in the Group stages and Leitrim Gaels lost twice in the Intermediate so Aughnasheelin go into Finals day as the only team without a loss. The only points they dropped came against Ballinaglera when they drew 1-11 apiece so can they finish off the campaign unbeaten today?

## **NEW FORMAT A WINNER**

If you listened to fans midway through the new Group system, you'd have got the impression that the new format was a total disaster with everyone complaining incredibly that there were too many games. Six weeks later, I don't think they can be any complaints as there have been competitive games, lots of shocks and drama.

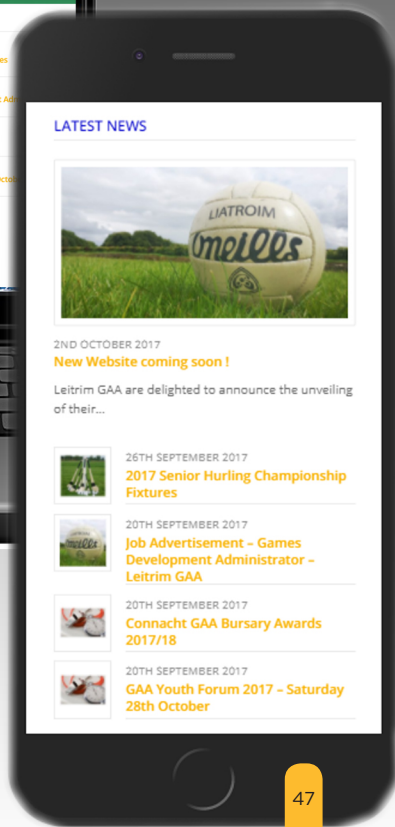
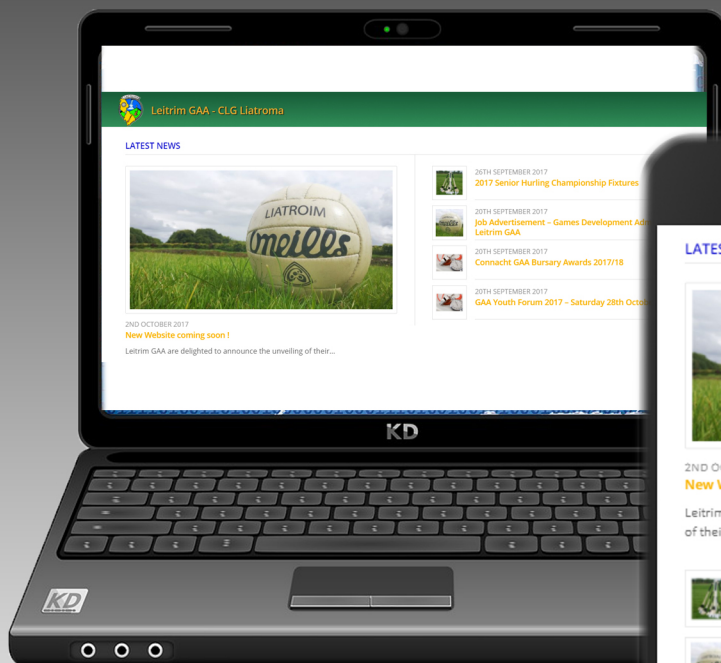
Now there are some issues where teams could get hammered in their first three games and then resurrect their year with victories in the last two games, something Dromahair did to great effect this year, and there was quite an amount of one-sided games at Senior level.

The County Board are undertaking an extensive review and they might consider tweaking the system in various ways and maybe spreading the competition out a bit longer to allow players some rest time but overall, the new system has been a success.

So take a bow Mohill GAA Club whose motion proposed the new system, Allen Gaels who proposed a slightly different system, the clubs of the county and the Leitrim County Board for being open to new ideas. Change isn't a bad thing and certainly not in this case.

Anyway enjoy the matches and check in with [www.leitrimobserver.ie](http://www.leitrimobserver.ie) on Monday and Tuesday this week for the Five Things we Learned from the Senior and Intermediate Finals.

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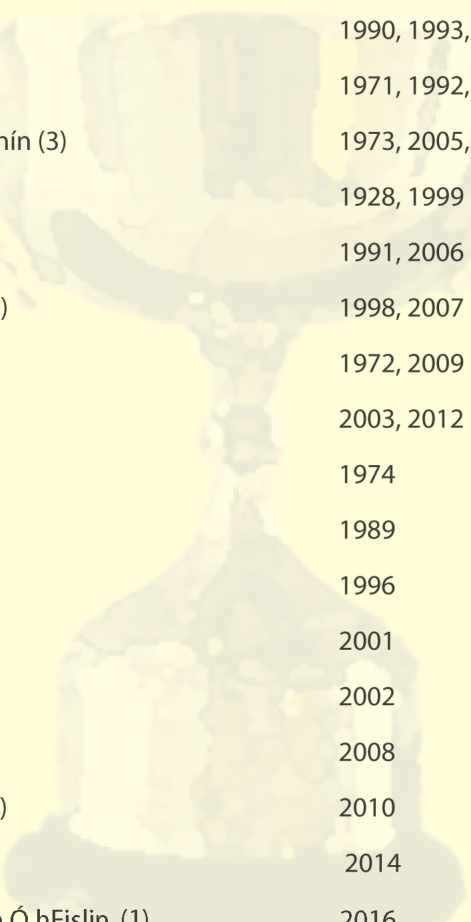
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# Crabhb Peil Idirmheánach Liatroma

## Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship Roll Of Honour

(Compiled by Seán Ó Súilleabháin)



Naomh Muire, Cora Droma Rúisc (4)	1995, 1997, 2000, 2004
Achadh Easa (3)	1990, 1993, 1994
Gaeil na Meilge (4)	1971, 1992, 2011, 2015
Gleann Chairthe/Cluainín (3)	1973, 2005, 2013
Maothail (2)	1928, 1999
Carraig Álainn (2)	1991, 2006
Droim Oir Bhealaigh (2)	1998, 2007
Cluain (2)	1972, 2009
Gort Leitreach (2)	2003, 2012
Fíonach (1)	1974
Gaeil na hÁilne (1)	1989
Baile na gCléireach (1)	1996
Eanach Dubh (1)	2001
Cill Tiobraid (1)	2002
Achadh na Sileann (1)	2008
Achadh an Mhuilinn (1)	2010
Droim Dhá Thiar (1)	2014
Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin (1)	2016

# CRAOBH PEIL SINSEAR LIATROMA

## Leitrim Senior Football Championship Roll Of Honour

(Compiled by Seán Ó Súilleabháin)

Sean O'Heslins, Ballinamore (20)	1913,1922,1930,1933,1935,1936,1939, 1956,1964,1967,1968,1969,1972,1973,1975,1979, 1982,1986,1988,1990
Cloone (11)	1911,1934,1937,1942,1944,1946,1947,1948,1950, 1951,1980
Aughawillan (11)	1923 (Kiltyhugh), 1976, 1978, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2014, 2016
Aughavas (9)	1915,1940,1949,1952,1954,1955,1963,1966,2000
Melvin Gaels (7)	1959,1960,1961, 1962,1965,1998,2012
Glencar/Manorhamilton (6)	1977, 1999, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
Fenagh (5)	1906,(1910 probable), 1912,1919,1932
Mohill (6)	1890,1914,1929,1971,2006,2015
Gortletteragh (5)	1905,1970,1981,1985,1987
Allen Gaels (5)	1991,1996,1997,2001,2002
St Mary's, Carrick on Shannon (5)	1958,1995,2003, 2007, 2013
Bornacoola (4)	1938,1943,1953,1957
Gorvagh (4)	1924,1925,1926,1927
Eslin (3)	1891,1916,1917
Carrigallen (2)	1941,1945 (Tully)
Annaduff (2)	1928, 2004
Drumreilly (1)	1931
Aughnasheelin (1)	1918
Sheemore Gaels (1)	1974
Kiltubrid (1)	2005

# Looking Back – Ag Féachaint Siar

Le Seán Ó Súilleabháin



## 50 Years Ago - 1967

- Leitrim shocked Roscommon in the Connacht Semi-final – winning 2-8 to 2-6, raising high hopes for a Connacht title. Disaster in the Connacht Final as Mayo win by 4-15 to 0-7.
- Seán O’Heslin’s win the first of their three-in-a-row of Senior titles, beating Melvin Gaels by 1-4 to 0-3, but their was no cup to present to their Captain, Paddy Dolan, as Aughavas, winners in 1966, hadn’t returned the cup.
- The gate “takings” at the Senior final was £197.
- Fenagh won the Junior Championship, beating Glencar by 2-4 to 0-3 in the Final.
- The Minor Championship was won by Drumshanbo, beating Dromahair in the Final.
- Gortletteragh became the first club to open their own club grounds on 13 August 1967
- Fr Barney Doyle was Co Board Chairman and Tomás Ó Riordáin was Rúnaí.

## 25 Years Ago - 1992

- Leitrim beat London in Ruislip by 3-17 to 2-10 in the first round of the Connacht Championship. Another disappointing loss to Roscommon in the semi-final, 2-12 to 2-10
- P J Carroll resigns as Bainisteoir and in comes John O’Mahony
- In the National League on 1 November, Leitrim draw with Cork, the All Ireland Champions.
- Leitrim’s under 21s won the Hastings Cup
- Aughawillan won the first of their three-in-a-row of senior titles beating Carrigallen 0-10 to 1-6.
- Aughawillan advance to the Connacht Senior Club Final, losing out to Knockmore i bPáirc Achadh an Mhuilinn in the rain.
- Ballinaglera win their first ever Championship beating Dromahair in the Junior Final, after a replay. St Mary’s are Minor Champions.
- Tony McGowan was Cathaoirleach of Leitrim Co Board and Tomás Ó Móráin was Rúnaí.



## Leitrim Hurlers Day in Croke Park Le Seán Ó Súilleabháin



Leitrim in an All Ireland Final in Croke Park! Ní tharlaíonn sé sin go minic. We were often represented there on the big occasions, like when Colm O'Rourke, an Aughavas man, played for Meath in All Ireland Football Finals or when Séamus Prior refereed the 1991 All Ireland Football Final or when the Aughnasheelin Ballad Group, All Ireland Scór winners, sang at the interval, but a Leitrim team, in hurling or football, taking to the pitch is another story.

On 10 Meitheamh 2017, Leitrim Senior hurlers achieved a life-time's dream when they took the field on the hallowed ground in the Lory Meagher Cup Final against Warwickshire. A good Leitrim crowd turned up to see this unique event. Leitrim people recalled the rare occasions when the green and gold of Leitrim graced the same pitch.

On 10 Samhain 1914, Leitrim played Cork there in the semi-final of the Croke Cup. Cork won. On 10 October 1938, Leitrim played Kildare in the All Ireland Junior "Home" Final and won by 1-6 to 0-5. They forgot, however, that there were no medals given out until they had played and beaten London. Two weeks later, after a "good" night in the Belvedere Hotel, they lost to London in Croke Park. In 1959, Leitrim lost to Derry in the National League Semi-final in Croke Park. Who will ever forget our 1994 showdown with Dublin in the All Ireland Senior Football Semi-final? A memorable occasion, although Dublin won. In 2006, we lost the Tommy Murphy Cup Final to Louth at headquarters. Our only football success in Croke Park was achieved by the Leitrim ladies who beat Wexford in the All Ireland Intermediate Final in 2007.

In Hurling, Leitrim won the All Ireland "C" Under 16 final in Croke Park in 1983.



The Leitrim team who were defeated by Warwickshire in the Lory Meagher Cup Final on Saturday, June 10, in Croke Park. (Back, from left) Declan Ryan, Kevin Clerkin (Manorhamilton), Kevin O'Connor (Ballinamore), David McGovern (St. Peregrine's Dublin), David Carton (Abbeyknockmoy Galway), Gavin O'Hagan (Manorhamilton), Thomas Glancy (Carrick-on-Shannon), Karl McDermott (Captain) (Manorhamilton), Enda Moreton, Liam Moreton, Clemen Cunniffe, Colm Moreton, Conal McGuire (Carrick-on-Shannon), Pádraig O'Donnell (Abbeyknockmoy Galway), Fergal Earley (Ballinamore). (Front) Conor Byrne (Erin's Own Cork), Alan McSharry, Patrick Clerkin (Manorhamilton), Zak Moradi (Thomas Davis Dublin), James O'Brien (Manorhamilton), Kevin McGrath (Carrick-on-Shannon), Declan Molloy (Abbeyknockmoy Galway), Vincent McDermott, James Glancy (Carrick-on-Shannon), Morgan Quinlan (Ballinamore), Cathal O'Donovan (Timoleague Cork), Paul Earley (Ballinamore). Photo by Willie Dornellan.

In the 2017 Lory Meagher Cup, Leitrim's hurlers lost to Fermanagh in the opening round in Enniskillen, but beat Cavan and Lancashire before losing to Warwickshire in Páirc na hÉireann, Birmingham. The crunch match was against Sligo in Páirc Sheáin and there the Leitrim lads played the game of their lives winning by 3-15 to 3-8. Croke Park was the next stop.

“There were men from Dublin and from Cork, Fermanagh and Tyrone.....” So goes the famous ballad Seán South from Garryowen. Leitrim were boosted by men from Galway, Dublin and Cork but the bulk of the panel play with Iomáint Chora Droma Rúisc, with Cluainín Iomáint and Iomáint Bhéal an Atha Móir well represented as well. However, the man who originally came from Kurdistan in Iraq, Zak Moradi, was the centre of attention in the build-up to the game. Leitrim put up an outstanding performance in the first half and, confounding the pundits, led at half-time by two points. However, Warwickshire, driven by former Antrim great, Liam Watson, ruled the roost in the second half and won by 0-17 to 0-11. All in all, it was an outstanding achievement by Bainisteoir, Martin Cunniffe, assisted by his team of Michael Coleman, Paddy O'Connor and Miream Cunniffe to reach the final and to give Leitrim folk a day in Páirc an Chrócaigh.

# Leitrim Hurlers Day in Croke Park

Photos: Willie Donnellan



Saturday 26 August day was a special day for hurling in Leitrim. At the Ionad Sármhaitheasa Liatroma in Annaduff, Leitrim's under 16 hurlers won the All Ireland Under 16 "C" title, beating An Lú in the semi-final by 2-9 to 2-8 and beating Dún na nGall in the final by 3-12 to 1-3.

What was remarkable about this win was that Leitrim had a panel of just sixteen players, and fifteen of the sixteen play with Iomáint Chora Droma Rúisc. The odd one out being Cluainín's Michael O'Brien.

To make the success even more special, the trophy for this competition is named after a great Leitrim hurler, the late Stephen Dorrigan from Gortletteragh. What an occasion then when the trophy was presented to the Leitrim captain, Seán O Ríordáin, by Stephen's mother and father, Helena and Mickey Dorrigan.

While underage hurling in Leitrim is in crisis at the moment, the Carrick-on-Shannon club took the brave decision a couple of years ago to play in Roscommon and this has proved an incredible success. It is amazing that just one club could backbone a county team to win such a competition. If only two or three more hurling clubs could do the same in Leitrim.

The Leitrim team was managed by Hilary Phelan, assisted by Niall Ó Riordáin, Timmy White and Ray Kelleher, who, ironically, was a member of the last Leitrim team to win this competition in 1983.

Way back in 1983, Leitrim won this title beating Longford in the Final in Croke Park and, with much the same team they won the corresponding Minor title in 1984.

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**Sunday 12th November**

Winners of (A) v Sligo MacHale Park or Carrick on Shannon

Roscommon v Galway Galway Venue

**FINAL: Sunday 26th November**

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**Sunday 22nd October**

(A) Leitrim v Sligo Markievicz Park

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The success of the **Leitrim Hurlers** in reaching Croke Park for the **Lory Meagher Cup Final** and the **County Junior Team** winning the **Connacht Final** for the first time since 2004 have provided highlights of the year so far. We look to build on this success into the future. A total revamp of underage playing structures has taken place and while dramatic in nature, it is bedding in nicely with a major increase in the numbers of games for young players that will hopefully see a rise in standards into the future. This year, over **1,200 children** will participate in the annual **Leitrim GAA Kellogg's Cúl Camps**.

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