

Cumann Lúthchleas Sael  
Coiste Chontae LIATROMA

Comhdháil bhliantúil  
2020

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# Coiste Chontae Liatroma

## Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2020

Clár

Óstán Bush, Cora Droma Ruisc

3pm

15/12/2019

Miontuairiscí

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí  
Tuarascáil na bhFochoistí  
Tuarascáil an Chisteora  
Oráid an Chathaoirligh  
Toghachán na nOifigeach  
Na Rúin  
Críoch



## **Miontuairisí Comhdháil Bhliantúil 16 Dec 2018**

The Annual Convention of Coiste Chontae Liatroma was held í Óstán Bush, Cora Droma Rúisc 16ú Nollaig 2018. Bhí Cathaoirleach Traolach Ó Baoill i gceannas ag an gcuinniú.

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

Andy Redican President of Leitrim G.A.A. addressed the meeting

The minutes of 2017 were proposed and seconded

### **The following reports were adopted:**

Óráid an Cathaoirleach 2018

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí Coiste Chontae Liatroma 2018

Tuarascáil Coiste na gComórtas CCC 2018

Tuarascáil Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí 2018

Tuarascáil Oiliúna 2018

Tuarascáil Insurance Officer 2018

Tuarascáil Oifigeach Forbartha 2018

Tuarascáil GAA Inclusion / 'Games for All' 2018

Tuarascáil Coiste Iomána 2018,

Tuarascáil Scór Cultúr agus Teanga 2018

Tuarascáil Coiste Liathróid Láimhe 2018

Tuarascáil Chathaoirligh Coiste na nÓg. 2018

Tuarascáil Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg. 2018

Tuarascáil na Réiteoirí 2018

Tuarascáil Health & Wellbeing 2018

## **Treasurer's Report**

After the treasurer's report was gone through Con and Martin answered questions, Martin thanked Con Dolan, Brian and Fergal Ormsby and Cathy in Croke Park for all their work on this, Con Dolan Auditor thanked Leitrim County Board and especially Martin and Brian for work done with accounts. Martin also thanked all sponsors and Joe and Rosie Dolan for their 9 years of sponsorship, supporters in Dublin and New York, the clubs and all the gate people who helped him during the year.

### **Óráid an Chathaoirligh**

Cathaoirleach Traolach Ó Baoil addressed convention.

**Na hOifigigh** Noelene Geoghegan was elected as Assistant Treasurer and all remaining officers were re-elected unopposed.

**Standing orders** were adapted

**Bye Laws** were adapted

### **Na Rúin**

Motions for competition 1 to 12 were left over for the first County Board meeting which took place on 16/12/2018

As follows

Motion 1 – Passed

Motion 2 – Passed

Motion 3 – Withdrawn

Motion 4 – Withdrawn

Motion 5 – null and void

Motion 6 – Withdrawn

Motion 7 – Passed

Motion 8 – Failed

Motion 9 – Failed

All award winners were congratulated.

Prayer were offered for all deceased during 2018 and that concluded the meeting

# Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma 2018

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I would like to welcome you all here to the bush hotel today for our annual convention, it's hard to believe that another year has passed so quickly. I would like to welcome our president Andy Redican and president of Connacht Council Gerry Mc Govern. Looking back on the year as a whole it has been a mixed year for Leitrim G.A.A. and we faced a lot of challenging times but there are a lot of positives to be taken from our experiences and I am sure that Leitrim G.A.A. will be the stronger going forward.

## County Football

On the county scene we had our ups and downs but there are lots of reasons to be optimistic for the future. The year kicked off with a FBD game against our neighbours Roscommon in our training centre this was a fantastic occasion even though the game didn't go in our favour, we had a huge crowd on the night and was a great advertisement for our facilities thanks to all who helped out on the night. We had a disastrous start to the season but thankfully the management and team were able to turn things around after starting poorly in the league we got a couple of wins under the belt and were making progress before mother nature intervened and we lost a couple of rounds due to inclement weather.

With us travelling to New York we conceded the re-fixed London game as not to impact on club fixtures. We had a great extra time win in New York and the lads deserve great credit for their performance. Another difficult day in Pairc Sean against Roscommon but the lads showed great heart and finished the game strong and they brought this form to the qualifiers with a great win over Louth and a great performance against Monaghan. I would like to thank the management for their efforts all year. Thanks to Brendan Guckian and all the management team of Michael Moyles, Seamus Quinn Enda Lyons Kevin Ludlow and Philip Howard for all their commitment to the development of the Leitrim team for the last two years. Brendan and his management were a pleasure to deal with and have left the team in a good place and I want to wish them well in their future endeavours. Thanks to Joe Cox and Pdraig Mc Gourty and Thomas Keenan for their work with U20 team, this year this was a very difficult year at this

level with only one game for team and us losing a few players to senior squad it was very hard to get lads to commit to train all year for one game. Thankfully this situation will change for next year. Thanks also to Seamus Quinn and Joe Cox for the Junior team. I want to pay tribute to all players who give of their time to the Leitrim cause, I know it takes a huge commitment from all involved and is very much appreciated.

Thanks to Niall and Karen Gallogly for keeping the team fed and nourished all year. Thanks to the medical team especially Ciara our physio and also Ronan O Rourke and Aoifa Wrynn Doctor, Thanks also to our kit men Leo and Pat and Brian Blake for their work with senior and U21 teams. Thanks also To Alan Doonan for doing a very professional job on stats all year.

I want to especially thank all our exiles and all who travelled stateside for our big game in May and made it a very memorable occasion even though I wasn't there myself I want to express our thanks to all who made the team and traveling party very welcome and really treated everyone so well thanks also to all who helped with the functions and I want to wish the Leitrim club in new York the best of luck in 2019

Thanks also to our sponsors Joe and Rosie Dolan of the Bush Hotel for Senior and U21 teams sponsor As their sponsorship has come to an end I would like to pay tribute to them for their continued support over the last decade and came to our rescue in difficult times and is very much appreciated and I want to wish them well in the future and I am sure we will have continue to avail of your great service in the years ahead. We will be making a presentation to Joe at our awards night in January to mark their great service to Leitrim G.A.A. and if any of your clubs are having a function please give them due consideration, thanks also to John Mc Manus for his sponsorship towards the senior team. It may be the end of an era for the bush but it is a fresh start for our new sponsors Seamus and Catriona Clarke from JP Clarkes of New York and I would like to welcome them on board for the next three years. The new jersey was launched in J P Clarkes last weekend and a great night was had by all and hopefully other great nights of celebration will be had in the years to come. As we look forward to the new season I want

to wish the new management team of Terry Hyland, Jason Reilly Gary Donohue and Pdraig Mc Gourty the very best of luck and I am looking forward with optimism as I believe we now have the players and management that will deliver for Leitrim.

## Hurling

Hurling within the county are having mixed fortunes with Carrick hurling on a high having won the Connacht title for the first time indeed they are the first club in Leitrim to achieve this and I want to congratulate Olcan and his charges for their achievement to date and wish them well in the all-Ireland semi-final. However hurling within the county is struggling with only Carrick and Cluainin Iomaint field teams at the moment hopefully this can be addressed going forward as it is not good for hurling with only two teams at adult level.

On the county scene the Leitrim hurlers had victory snatched from their grasp in the league final as Lancaster snatched a draw to force extra time but lost out in extra time. Following on from their fantastic displays in 2017 Leitrim were promoted to the Nicky Rachard for 2018 we found the going tough and were relegated back to the Lory Meagher for next year. Leitrim have a good crop of underage talent coming through and these young lads can rein vigour Leitrim and it augers well for next year. Leitrim had a good year at underage level and this has to auger well but we need to try and regenerate hurling in a lot of areas. I want to welcome Darragh Cox who along with Michael Coleman will be trying to improve matters and will be working in our schools and clubs. Darragh will be a big addition as he shares his time with Sligo and I wish him well. Congratulations to Declan Molloy on securing an All Star award for his efforts this year

Leitrim Hurling lost one of its Stallworth's this year as Paddy Phelan went to his eternal reward this year he only stepped aside this time last year but didn't get long to enjoy his free time may he rest in peace.

## Club Football

It was another hectic year on the club front with a good spread of clubs taking silverware this year with nine clubs being victorious. Congratulations to Aughawillian on reclaiming the senior crown and also the JB and to Fenagh on the intermediate and Glenfarne on the JA, congrats

also to Manor on the D1 title, Allen Gaels D2, Eslin D3 and Ballinaglera D4 also Melvin Gaels U20A and St Mary's the B title. Thanks to the CCC for all their hard work all year on the completion of the fixture calendar in a very timely matter, thanks John secretary and Vincy chairman also to Michael Doherty Seamus mc Manus and Patrick Mc Morrow, Sean Mc Goldrick, Sean mc Cartin and Hillary Phelan for their efforts. Thanks also to our competition sponsors your support is very much appreciated, Aurivo Senior sponsors and Smiths Monumentals who came on board this year as Intermediate sponsors and also Pyrmid Bookmakers for Junior championship this was their last year as new rule prevents gambling sponsorship of G.A.A. and I want to welcome Vistamed on board for next year, thanks also to Liam Higgins for his U20 sponsorship. Thanks also to Gabriel Cronin for his man of match sponsorship for Senior and Intermediate and Tommy Mc Cormac for his sponsorship of man of match awards for Junior and U20 championship. Thanks also to Paul Maye of Dunnes and the Swan Bars for our league sponsorship.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to complete fixtures in the calendar year with clubs unwillingness to play without county players and it is unfair on club players to spend our best months sitting idle and then having to cram several games into a short time span. We have a motion on the clar today trying to address this and I would urge all our clubs to give it serious consideration. I believe it will benefit the clubs in the long run and it should be given a chance.

## Referees

I would like to thank all our referees for their continued service to Leitrim G.A.A.. Thanks also to their umpires who play a very important role in our games. Thanks also to referees coordinators Sean Mc Cartin and Mary who looks after the underage games, we had a huge amount of games this year and our coordinators were under pressure to make sure all our games were covered and thankfully they succeeded in their efforts. We desperately need more referees to come on board and we have increasing number of clubs with no referee's, this situation cannot continue and it won't be long before games will be cancelled due to no referee been available. We have yet again set about a recruitment campaign and thankfully we have got a number of interested parties willing to take up the whistle. We are looking at a mentoring programme for all new referees with a number of our established referees helping out the new recruits to ease

their pathway to becoming top referees. I want to complement our referees on National and Connacht panels Eamon O Grady, Ray Mc Brien, Michael Mc Girl, Patrick Guckian, Kevin Mallon and Enda Egan and also congratulations to Patrick Guckian and Fintan Mc Brien on their awards this year. Our clubs and players put in a huge amount of effort and training into preparing for our games and they deserve our commitment to supply top officials for our games. We will continue to assess and mentor even our established referees and help them in whatever way we can. A number of issues arose during the year and have been taken on board. We are all human and mistakes will be made all we can do is to minimise mistakes and I want all to show our referees the utmost respect for the job they do as they are an integral part of our games.

## Underage Coaching

As we all know our youth are our future and we must give them the very best opportunities to achieve their full potential. Our clubs are doing great work in developing their players and have to be commended. We have now completed the second year of our new games structure and they seem to be working well but we cannot sit still and we need to keep reviewing our structures to insure our games structure are fit for purpose. This year we had U13 regional competition and this went very well and this is an area that could be expanded upon to give lads the chance to play at their own age level and I believe this is the way forward. Some of our clubs are struggling with numbers and amalgamations are becoming necessary and we must insure that all players regardless of ability are catered for as these are the players that will be needed for our adult teams in the future. Thanks to our underage committee for all their work on delivering our games structure in a timely manner. Thanks to Gerry Gallogly who has been at the helm for the last three years and has also been our Children's Officer as Gerry has indicated that he is stepping back from his roll, I want to wish him well but thankfully he will continue to be an active referee. Thanks to Sean Mc Goldrick for all his work on the fixtures and Secretary Mary for organising referees also to Kevin, Barbara and Noeleen for all their work all year. I would like to welcome Noeleen on to our executive as she takes on the role of assistant treasurer.

On the coaching front we had mixed fortunes this year. We lost James Glancy earlier in the year and I was sorry that we couldn't sort out our differences and was disappointed to see him leave. He had

raised the bar in relation to coaching and I want to thank him for all his work in Leitrim and want to wish him well in his future endeavours. We have three GDAs now in place as we got further funding under the weaker counties grant to help with the employment of our third GDA. We now have Enda Lyons, Stephen Mc Gurin and Sean Gallagher working with our clubs and reports are very positive and we now have a great support structure for our club coaches and hopefully we will see the dividends in the future. They have compiled a very useful coaching guide for all our clubs and will be running workshops early in the new year. Thanks also to our games manager Thomas and Coaching Officer Hughie for their time and commitment to all aspects of coaching and making sure that all our development squads are well catered for. As you can see from Hugh's report a huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes, thanks also to all the coaches that give of their time to train all our development squads at all levels. Thanks to all our club coaches who are doing trojan work with the youth of the county and are embracing all the help that is available. There is a huge appetite from our young players to learn as the numbers at our cull camps can testify as over 1700 took part this year this is a huge number for a county the size of Leitrim. There is a huge interest in all coaching workshops that have been ran which goes to show that all our coaches are only too eager to improve and learn. We in Leitrim G.A.A. are committed to helping our coaches in whatever way we can and the GDAs are only too willing to help and with us all working together progress will be made. John Tobin retired from his role in Connacht coaching and I want to thank him for his service over the years and wish him well in his retirement. I want to welcome his successor Cathal Cregg on board and want to thank him for his help and support this year. In 2019 our coaching team will be focusing further to help our clubs to improve their coaching structures. The Children officer roll is becoming very important for all our clubs and is vital that every club appoints a suitable person for the roll and again training will be organised for officers. The children first act came into law in May this year and clubs and county boards had six months to get their affairs in order and I want all our clubs to insure that everyone involved with underage has Garda vetting and safeguarding done thus protecting all involved. This is becoming a very serious issue and one that cannot be ignored. Clubs must insure that their children's officer has a record of everyone involved in underage and their courses if in doubt there will be ample opportunities to avail of courses in 2019. At county level we have to



follow suit and all our referees will also have to be covered under these regulations before they will be allowed referee underage games. Again I want to thank Gerry Gallogly for his commitment to the children's officer roll for the past three years and I want to welcome Mark Heslin on board as he takes up the roll going forward.

Thanks to all our sponsors at underage Barna Waste, Westlink Coaches, John Mc Cartin, Newtowngore Eng. and Coxes Stakehouse main sponsor of coaching and games

## IT

We now live in a world where instant communication is a must and if we don't embrace it we will be left behind. Thanks to our IT committee especially our PRO Declan who keeps all our followers on facebook and twitter up to date and with live updates on our matches it is still proving very popular. As you can see from Declan's report this is the future of communication. We in the G.A.A. world are not good at promoting all the good work that goes on and I would urge all our clubs to use the club section to promote all the good work that goes on within our clubs. A lot of our clubs are using the club section on website but I would urge all to embrace this facility and promote all the good work going on within our clubs. Thanks also to James Molloy and Declan for the excellent programmes that they produced during the year especially our county final programme publications to be proud of. it is fantastic to have such a professional programme for our big day.

Thanks also to the local media for promoting our games with extensive coverage to Leitrim Observer, Shannonside Radio and Ocean Fm. Gur a mhaith agat to John Connolly, Philip Rooney, P J Leddy, John Lynch and Kevin Blessing and Pascal Mooney at the national press especially the hurling games.. Thanks also to, Willie Donlon, Terese Foy, Declan Gafney and James Moley for their photo coverage. This time last year we said goodbye to John Lynch but it was premature and I want to thank him for help this year with a few different projects and for covering our sponsors event last week. We are looking toward the future and possible streaming of our games as we need to keep to the fore in promoting our games this is an area we will explore further in 2019.

## Scor

I would like to thank our scor committee under the leadership of Clair Crossan for their promotion of the cultural side of the G.A.A.. Leitrim has a very proud tradition of scor participation and scor success and this year was no different as we had Four acts in Scor na nÓg and Aughnasheelin Ballad group and Bornacoola questiontime team in scor sinsir in the all Ireland finals in Sligo this year but another title evaded us. It was great to see one of our own Kathy Butler as Bean an Ti on the day and Laura Crossan as a Judge it goes to show the esteem Leitrim is held in scor circles. I want to thank all in our clubs who promote the cultural side of the G.A.A. and maybe there are people in our clubs that are not blessed with football or hurling skills and could be blessed with singing dancing or music skills and could become part of your club I would encourage all clubs to participate this year and wish all the best in 2019 and maybe we could bring another all Ireland to the county. This is a special year as we celebrate fifty years of scor participation and I would urge all clubs be part of it. Thanks again to Claire and her committee of Gerry Keegan, Brendan Reynolds, Rosin Kennedy and Laura Crossan and hopefully in the landmark year that lies ahead we can add to our tally of all Ireland titles.

## Finance

Financial issues are always to the fore in any organisation and of course Leitrim G.A.A. is no different, as you can see from the accounts it takes a huge amount of money to keep the show on the road but thankfully we are showing a surplus for the year and considering we had the trip to America this year this is a great achievement. A huge amount of credit and thanks must go to our treasurer Martin for all his work on the finances, he has done Trojan work all year to insure we are in a good place financially and I want to thank him sincerely for all his work all year. One of the big changes this year is the sponsorship of our county grounds and I want to welcome Avantcard as our partner for the next three years we were conscious of the historic nature of Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada and thankfully Avantcard were anxious to keep the name and wanted to be associated with the name and we are now known as Avancard Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada. Thanks to all our sponsors for your support all year and it is very much appreciated. Thanks also to our diaspora in America for helping us out with a fundraiser while we were in New York your continued support for Leitrim is much



appreciated. Our supporters club continues to be a huge benefit to Leitrim G.A.A. and is our major fundraiser and I want to thank all for making it such a success to both our committee in Leitrim and chair John and our Dublin based committee under the stewardship of Mike Feeney for all their work. When it comes to the supporters club we suffered two huge losses this year with two of our Stallworth's going to their eternal rest this year, Shay Reynolds who has been at the helm of the supporters club for a long number of years and will be sadly missed. And what can I say about Jim Meehan who passed away this year, Jim was an integral part of Leitrim G.A.A. for a long number of years and finance was his speciality and he has been a great servant to Leitrim G.A.A. and the amount of money Jim has raised for Leitrim G.A.A. is astronomical and has turned Leitrim's fortunes around on several occasions, we will be forever in your debt, may you rest in peace. Thanks also to all our clubs for their continued support.

Thanks also to Eamon Duignan, Mike Feeney, Sean Mc Girl, Pdraig White, Fergal Mc Gill and Colin Regan for setting up the Leitrim wall fundraiser to finish our centre in Annaduff. There is huge interest in this project and proving very popular and we will commence the construction of this in January anyone interested in purchasing a brick for yourself or in memory of a loved one contact Brian Blake or any member of executive. Thanks also to Brian Blake for all his work for Leitrim G.A.A. for his countless hours that go beyond the call of duty and is very much appreciated. Thanks also to our accountant Con Dolan for keeping an eye on our finances and also Mairead for her countless hours she has put in for the last few weeks and is very much appreciated. There are still a few gremlins in our accounts package but thanks to Mairead all these have been highlighted and should be sorted going forward. I want to pay tribute to the staff of Croke Park who are always willing to give advice and help in whatever way they can thanks Fergal Ormsby and a special word to Kathy Slattery and her staff in the finance department. As we steamroll towards 2019 we have a lot in place and are in a good place for next year but we have to keep on top of our finances as something unforeseen could put us in trouble. Again I want to pay tribute to Martin and want to wish him well as he embarks on another challenge as he doubles up and takes on Connacht treasurer early in 2019. I want to specially thank Martins band of merry men and women who do all our gates all year regardless of whether your continued support is much needed.

## **Health and Wellbeing /Games for All**

The health and wellbeing of all our members is of the utmost importance and it is a growing part of the G.A.A.. I want to thank chairperson Barbara for all her work in trying to promote Health and Wellbeing, I know it's not easy getting new concepts off the ground but we are making steady progress. We in Leitrim G.A.A. want to help our clubs in whatever way possible in this regard but we need the support of the clubs, there is no point in us running programs for clubs if they won't support them as was the case this year having to call off safe talk training on two occasions due to lack of numbers. This is a relatively new concept for the G.A.A. and is growing rapidly as the huge numbers at the healthy club seminar in Croke Park recently. Indeed our Leitrim Health is Leitrim Wealth seminar in the bush hotel organised by Hubert Mc Hugh and Valerie Coogan is going from strength to strength, following on from Melvin Gaels completing their healthy club phase two it is great to see two more clubs taking up the challenge with Aughnasheelin and Glencar Manor now taking part in phase two with both clubs getting actively involved well done all and want to wish them well in their endeavours and the Leitrim committee are only willing to help in any way we can. I want to thank Barbara and her committee of Niall Brady, Hubert Mc Hugh, Declan Loftus, Kathern Williams and Gerry Gallogly and their continued efforts to promote health and wellbeing in our clubs. Your clubs are doing a huge amount of work for the health of your members but I want every club to appoint a healthy club officer this year and we will organise training for them early in the new year the task is not as hard as you think and we can all benefit.

## **Developments**

On the development front we are very near completion of our training centre in Annaduff. A lot of work has been done this year with major improvement work done on the interior of the building. We also done a lot of maintenance on the two playing surfaces this year as well, with the huge amount of use that the centre gets we will have to continue to maintain the pitches to keep them in top condition. We will have the official opening of the completed centre next year. It took a long time to get here but at least we now have a facility to be proud of. We also did some improvements in Pairc Sean this year with the removal of some of the perimeter wire fence and replaced it with a railing and we hope to replace the rest in 2019, we also fitted out an

office for our GDAs so that they are all working together from the same base. We have fantastic facilities in Pairc Sean and have great facilities for our disabled but we need to add toilet facilities on the top floor and we hope to have this completed early next year.

I want to complement all our clubs for all the work they do in trying to upgrade their facilities. A good few clubs are already in the middle of major developments and have to be commended for their efforts. It's great that our clubs are investing in the future. I want to congratulate the Drumreilly club on winning the club ground of the year award, well deserved.

I want to thank our development officer Sean for all his work in overseeing the applications for Connacht club grants and organising club officer training during the year and there will be training for club officers on 21st January. I want to complement Kiltubrid and Aughavas for launching club plans this year and St. Mary's are also close to completion. I would urge all our clubs to put a plan in place as we all need to have goals and objectives going forward.

We are pleased to launch our own plan for the next three years here today and I want to thank Sean for all his work on this project thanks also to Enda, Hughie and Stephen and all who contributed and also Emmett Haughian from Croke Park for helping out.

## Handball

Thanks also to our dedicated committee under the stewardship of Jamie Murray who look after handball affairs within the county and all who represent us in the various competitions throughout the year. As you can see by reports they had a busy year.

Thanks to all our workers in both Pairc Sean and Annaduff for the fantastic work they do to keep our facilities spick and span, your dedication is much appreciated, thanks also to the Pairc Sean committee and all our stewards for making match days in Pairc Sean possible. Thanks also to Maureen Anna, Cathy, and Noeleen for their kitchen service all year and all our visiting teams and officials are very complementary of the service they get in Pairc Sean. A special word of thanks must go to the St. Mary's club for the use of their facilities on big match days for without their support it would be very difficult to host double headers thanks again. Congratulations to all our award winners this year especially my

clubman Seamus Prior on the hall of fame award for his involvement in G.A.A. all his life and he holds the honour for being the only Leitrim man to have refereed all Ireland finals well done to all our winners.

## Committees

I would like to thank everyone who help out for Leitrim G.A.A., to all our management teams at all levels best of luck in the coming year. Thanks also to all sub committees who do all the ground work all year. Thanks to PJ Meehan who continues to do a fantastic job as insurance officer he has a great grasp of all things insurance and looks after claims for all our clubs. Thanks to Enda Tiernan who represents us at national level and John Mulvey and Pat Feeley at Connacht level also the executive for guiding me all year and especially Attracta our hard working secretary for the professional way she conducts her business. On behalf of Coiste Liatroim I want to acknowledge the help and support of Connacht Council especially John Prenty, Adrian Hassett and Cathal Cregg, mile buiochas to you all. Thanks also to the many in Croke Park who are only too willing to help with any queries especially our own Fergal Mc Gill and Colin Regan. I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to all who were bereaved during the year. Leitrim lost some great servants this year but it is their family's that have truly lost. A special word of condolence to Meehan, Phelan and Reynolds family's and also many other great Leitrim Gaels on their loss this year. Ar dheis de go raibh anam. Finally thanks to you all for supporting me in my role and I appreciate you putting your faith in me to be your representative for one more year. We will continue to strive to improve the fortunes of the G.A.A. community and working together we can learn valuable lessons and improve our lot in Leitrim G.A.A. and thus improve our future. I look forward with great optimism for next year I believe 2019 will be a good year for Leitrim G.A.A..

Go raibh maith agat arís agus is main liom leat go leir a nollag sona agus sport rathuil bhliain nua.

Traolach O Baoil, Cathaoirleach





# Tuarascáil an Rúnaí 2019

Fáilte go gach éinne. Tá mo cuig bhliain mar Rúnaí ar Choiste Contae Liatroma ag teacht chun críche agus ba mhaith liom tuairisc ar an mbliain sin a chur ós bhur gcomhair

I welcome you all to this year's convention. As the year 2019 is nearing its end this also means the end of my tenure as your County secretary with the 5 year rule taking effect from this convention. Five years that has absolutely rolled into about two years or so it seems, it has passed by so quick, but on the whole it has been a wonderful five years which I have thoroughly enjoyed.

We had some downs but on the whole we saw a lot of ups over the five years, Leitrim GAA now have 3 full GDO's, changes to our underage and senior structures, our Senior football team being the first team in the GAA history to have a penalty shootout, our Seniors gaining promotion to D3, our Hurlers winning the Lory Meagher Cup, our U17 Hurlers also winning an All-Ireland title, securing senior sponsor from across the Atlantic and to top all that we finally saw the official opening of our Centre of Excellence in Annaduff.

Over the past five years I have met many people and made many friends both in the County, nationwide and abroad. It has been an absolute honour to serve as Secretary for the County and an honour both I and my family will always be proud off.

## County Football Teams

### Senior:

**FBD:** Our senior's first outing of 2019 was in the FBD league when we faced Mayo in Carrick. They put in a great effort but the game finished in a draw which meant it went to penalties to decide a winner. This was the first game ever in Gaelic Football to be decided on penalties. They say penalties are like flipping a coin and unfortunately we didn't guess right.

**National League:** We started the National League campaign with a whirlwind of football winning our first four games, this left Leitrim people thinking this could be the year where Leitrim could get out of D4, morale was very high in the county and with good reason after

11 or so years, 1st rd. we beat Wexford at home 3.15 to 0.11, 2nd rd. we beat Wicklow in Aughrim 1.16 to 1.12, 3rd rd. we beat Antrim in Carrick 0.14 to 1.10, 4th rd. we beat Limerick 0.12 to 0.11 in Kilmallock, to make it 4 wins from our opening 4 games

These 4 wins meant that one more win would see us in the final which we duly achieved by beating London in Carrick 1.9 to 0.7.

With a league final and promotion to D3 for 2020 secured but we still had 2 games to play.

In our next game we played Derry in Celtic Park and were beaten 2.16 to 1.12 but our final game we were home to Waterford and beat them 1.20 to 2.9 meaning we were going into the League final against Derry with some momentum.

It was a great honour to be involved with a Leitrim team contesting a final in Croke Park. The lift it gave everybody in the County was clear to see on the day. Although we did not win the final we still are promoted to D3 next year which has been an objective for many years now. Best of luck to the team in 2020.

**Connacht Championship:** After our league campaign we had high hopes going into the Connacht Championship, however we were not prepared for what Roscommon threw at us in our quarterfinal game in the Hyde. We were on the wrong end of a 3.17 to 0.12 scoreline which left us in the draw for the qualifiers.

In the first round of qualifiers we played Wicklow at home and came away winners on the day with a score of 0.15 to 0.13. Next up was another home game against Clare in the second round of qualifiers, but we exited this year's championship after losing 3.17 to 0.17.

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to Terry Hyland and all his management team who in their first year of management surpassed expectations with success in our league campaign. It was a pleasure working with you all. Terry will also take the U20 county team under his reign in 2020 so I wish him best of luck going forward with the Seniors and U20's



**U20:** Our U20 team took part in the newly named U20 Philly Mc Guinness Cup competition. They played three games and were defeated in all games to score lines of the following - Longford 3.14 to 2.11, Fermanagh 0.10 to 1.6 and Sligo 0.13 to 0.9.

In the Connacht championship we hosted Roscommon in the quarter final in Carrick, after a brilliant game of football we were very unlucky to be defeated by 1 pt, 3.17 to 4.13 it was heartbreaking for the team. A special word of thanks to Joe Cox and his management team.

**Juniors:** In the Connacht Junior championship we were given a walkover in first round from Roscommon. We then faced Mayo in semi-final in Castlebar, Mayo proved too strong for us on the evening defeating us 2.15 to 1.14. Mile buiochas to Seamus Quinn and his backroom team for their efforts during the year.

## Hurling:

**National League:** Leitrim played in D3B of the National Hurling league this year. Unfortunately the league did not go to plan and we lost all four games - some of them by the narrowest of margins, Cavan 2.9 to 1.11, Sligo 2.14 to 0.19, Longford 2.18 to 0.16 and Fermanagh 2.15 to 1.12. This left us bottom of the table at the end of the league.

**Lory Meagher Championship:** After a disastrous league we did not get off to a great start in this championship either with our trip to Manchester to play Lancashire in the first round ending in defeat on a scoreline of 0.20 to 1.15. We turned it around however in the next two games by defeating Cavan 2.16 to 1.16 and Fermanagh 2.18 to 1.16 to reach the Lory Meagher final.

Leitrim were heading back to Croke Park, the Hurlers this time to play Lancashire in the Lory Meagher final. Again the people of Leitrim rowed in behind the team and the support on the day was wonderful.

The game itself was close but it looked to be slipping away from us as we approached full time losing by 3 points, when James Glancy rocketed home a goal in the dying minutes to draw level and bring the game to extra time.

Leitrim upped their game to come out winners on the day, achieving what no Leitrim team had done previously, they set a record to be the first team to win an All Ireland title in Croke Park.

The excitement was electrifying and an excellent result for the team, congratulations to the players and their management of Martin Cunniffe, Michael Coleman, Paddy O'Connor, Lucia Tyrell and Hilary Phelan, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the management team for their work and dedication with the team over the last number of years. This also means promotion for the team to the Nicky Rackard Cup for 2020, so best of luck to all involved in 2020.

Congratulations to James Glancy and Enda Moreton on being awarded All Stars at the GPA All Stars awards held earlier this month.

I want to congratulate our U17 County Hurling team on their win in the Celtic Challenge Cup. A week after our seniors won the Lory Meagher this bunch of lads added their own All Ireland title to the pot by beating Longford in a brilliant display of hurling in Tullamore. Nice to witness two Leitrim teams winning All Ireland titles within a week of each other. A great day for those up and coming hurlers in the County. Congratulations to the team and management.

The Stephen Dorrigan tournament took place this year with Wicklow coming out winners,

Thanks to the organisers for running this competition.

**Medics:** A special word of thanks to all the medics and physio's that worked with all our different panels through-out the year.

## Catering:

A special word of thanks to Adrian Cox and Niall Gallogly for catering for our teams.

## 1994 Team:

At the Connacht final in Salthill the Leitrim 1994 Connacht champions were honoured by Connacht Council, and we duly had the same privilege on our county final day in October in honouring this great team, however the man above had other ideas at that precise time and denied them their walk out on to the pitch in Carrick. Thanks to all who attended on the day, and a special thanks to Tommy Moran who entertained us that night in the Bush Hotel

## Mc Govern Centre of Excellence:

On September 7th we officially opened our COE in Annaduff, official opening performed by G.A.A. President John Horan. The standard of finishing and amenities in the centre is up there with the best in the country.

We now have a COE that we can all be very proud of and which will be utilized by footballers, hurlers, handballers of all ages and levels for many years in the future.

Our County teams now have a base and a facility where they can work out, train and have team meetings, something that we have lacked for many years. I've no doubt it will give us the platform to improve and compete going forward.

The bricks on the walls on the way into the facility adds a really lovely touch and is a monument that has been a massive success in terms of fundraising. Many thanks to the committee in Dublin and our own committee in Leitrim for all the hard work and multiple hours at meetings put into getting this completed. I am not naming anyone from those committees in the fear of omitting someone.

But one individual I want to single out for praise here is Brian Blake, who has put in tremendous effort and hours of hard work from start to finish on the whole project. The many hours he devoted to this project have been instrumental in it being so successful as he was on site every day. Thank you Brian

Thanks to the many people who travelled from New York, England and all over Ireland for the opening of the facility. Many thanks to the personnel from Croke Park and Connacht Council who attended on the day. Thanks to Eileen Magnier for all your publicity on the day.

A special thank you to the Mc Governs from Aughavas, Tony and Bernadette for your generosity in sponsoring the naming rights of the centre.

Finally, thanks to everyone that bought bricks for the walls as this injected the much needed funds to complete the facility.

**Referees:** Thanks to all our Referees who officiated our games throughout the year and also to those who were involved at Connacht and National Level. Without these men putting themselves out there we would have no games.

To Sean Mc Cartin and the referees committee for their commitment throughout the year thank you..

I congratulate Seamus Mulhern and Mark Mc Closkey on their awards of Senior and Underage referee of the year.

**CCC:** Thanks to the CCC for their diligent work throughout the year in getting our games played within the calendar year and according to the planner set out at start of year.

Vincy O Rourke, and John Keenan and their CCC committee of Micheal Doherty, Pat Mc Morrow, Seamus Mc Manus, Sean Mc Cartin, Hilary Phelan and Sean Mc Goldrick who co-ordinated the underage fixtures.

## Coiste na nÓg

Thanks to Paul, Mary and the Coiste na nÓg committee for their work with all the underage games through-out the year

**Club Winners and Runners Up:** congratulations to all our county title winners from U12 right up to Senior in Leagues and Championship, and commiseration to the teams who lost out on final day. A full list of all winners is in this book.

**Award Winners:** Congratulations to all our award winners for 2019 at all levels.

I also would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following on their awards from the Leitrim Sports Partnership on Saturday 23rd November, Colm Moreton – Sports Individual Senior, Senior Hurlers – Senior Team of the year, Terry Hyland – Coach of the Year, Glencarmanorhamilton – Club of the Year Junior Hazlett – Volunteer of the Year, Mickey Martin – Hall of Fame

## Insurance:

Thanks to P.J. Meehan for looking after all insurance matters in the County

**Media:** A Special word of thanks to John Connolly, Phillip Rooney, P.J. Leddy, John Lynch, Pascal Mooney, Willie Donnellan, James Molloy, Therese Foy, the Leitrim Observer, Longford Leader, ShannonSide Radio, and Ocean FM for their continued extensive coverage of our games.



I want to say a special word of thanks to James Molloy who put the cover of this book together for me, supplied photo's and has done so for the last five years, much appreciate your work, Thank you. Also thanks to the Leitrim Observer for photo's supplied

**Clubs:** Thanks to all the secretaries and other personnel in the clubs for your support and co-operation during the year, and over the last five years to me.

**Stewards:** Thanks to all the stewards who work at Pairc Sean on the days of our games, Connacht Council will be providing a stewards course early in 2020 for everyone and any new people who want to be stewards should attend as the course we provided in 2016 has now expired.

## Avantcard Páirc Sean Mac Diarmada

I would like to thank the Pairc Sean committee for their diligent work on the upkeep of the pitch for all our games and to have it in perfect condition. A special thanks to Sean Mc Goldrick and Micheal Doherty. I will also include our FÁS scheme workers in Páirc Sean in the office especially Roisin, Marie and Sean for all your help over the years, and the lads outdoors for their continued work in Pairc Sean.

A lot of work was done in Pairc Sean over the last few years; however, more work is required. This includes finishing off all the perimeter fence, the toilets along the main entrance and the addition of flood lights with possibility of the laying of a new all weather pitch would see it finished to a very high standard.

Special thanks to Maureen, Anna, Kathy and Mary for all the catering that is done in the kitchen on match days, the service they provide to those travelling and to the local media is not matched anywhere in the country.

On Saturday 22nd June 2019 the day our Hurlers were in Croke Park in the Lory Meagher Final, our Senior footballers were playing Clare in the qualifiers in Pairc Sean on the same evening, those ladies were out in Pairc Sean that morning at 7am preparing the sandwiches for the evening so that they could travel to Croker to support the hurlers and make it back to Carrick for the football. Thanks for all your work ladies.

## Programmes: :

To Declan our PRO – a word of thanks for your work on our matchday programmes, especially for the Senior final in which there was a tremendous amount of work involved. Your live scores updates on twitter and FB keep all our expats in Perth, Wisconsin and elsewhere around the globe up to date with our games. All our exiles very much appreciate these live updates.

I want to Congratulate Declan on being awarded the Gaelic Writers Association PRO of the year award for 2019 in October, certainly well and truly deserved.

As your five year term ends and you are to embark on another role I wish you the best.

I would like to say a special thanks here to James Molloy for all his help over the last five years with the programmes.

**Scór:** Thanks to Claire and the Scór committee for your continued work with the Scór and congratulations to all who took part in all our Scór competitions, to the winners in Leitrim and Connacht. Congratulations to St. Mary's on taking home the All Ireland Junior Ballad group title. Great honour for the club and County.

**Supporters Club:** Thanks to Mike Feeney of the Dublin Supporters, John Mulvey of the Leitrim committee, and to all the clubs for their endeavour to continue to sell the Leitrim Supporters club tickets. This is a significant fund raiser for the county.

**Finance:** A special word of thanks to Martin Mc Cartin for his work with the finances of the County. Martin is a very diligent worker it's been a pleasure working with you over the last few years.

**Sponsorship:** Huge thanks to all our sponsors for their continued sponsorship. To Seamus and Catriona Clarke of JP Clarkes NY who came on board this year as our Senior sponsor for which we are very appreciative, along with John Mc Manus, Cox's and Gallogly Catering, Connacht Gold Aurivo for our Senior Club, Smiths Monumentals for our Intermediate club, Vistamed for our Junior club competitions Paul Maye Dunnes and Swan Bar for our Leagues, Gabriel Cronin and Tommy Mc Cormack for man of the match wards and all other sponsors who sponsored throughout the year. Underage sponsors are mentioned in the Coiste na nÓg reports.

**Bereavements:** To anyone who suffered losses and bereavements during the year, sincere condolences to you and your family.

**Committees:** The business of Coiste Chontae Liatroma are run by a lot of personnel ranging from the committees to the clubs to the people on the ground. Thank you to all personnel in all clubs for their work and for the use of their pitches for games.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my own club St. Mary's for all the times they gave use of their pitch and club house to Leitrim County Board on match day in Pairc Sean. Without this a lot of doubleheaders would certainly not be run as smoothly in Pairc Sean as they currently are. I would also like to say thank you to all the club executive and club members for courtesy afforded to me over the last five years.

To the executive committee I would like to sincerely say thank you to you all for all your help to me over the last five years. For those of you that are completing your five year term and vacating your positions today and others who are stepping down from current position held for personal reasons I wish you all the best – Terence Boyle, John Keenan, Declan Bohan, Hugh Clinton, Sean O Suilleabhain, Stephen Flynn.

To the rest of the executive who have some of their 5 year term left I wish you the best for the rest of your term and in 2020

To Terence I would like to say a big thank you, we have worked together for five years and to say that Terence is coolness personified would be an understatement as was put to the test on a few occasions. He weighed up every situation before making comment's and decisions, his handling of situations with his calm nature is to be acknowledged and admired. He never once made a rash judgement in error.

Terence, as you may know, does not do airplanes very well. Instead of flying to the various games we had in the UK, Terence would drive the Leitrim GAA van, filled with all the gear bags and take the ferry across. While this meant a longer day of travelling, it inadvertently was a great benefit to the lads playing as this meant they could board their flights with just walk on luggage and not have to worry about checking in luggage.

You hear reports of rifts between executives in other counties but I have to say with his nature this was not likely ever to happen. There were disagreements over certain issues but it was always sorted and never caused friction so thank you for being so easy to work with and a great pillar of support.

His chairmanship will leave big shoes to fill for the incoming chairperson.

Terence I wish you all the best.

I wish to acknowledge all the support and assistance afforded to me this year and over the last five years from various personnel in Croke Park, I'm only going to name a few as there is to many personnel to name you all that I was in constant contact with. Kathy, Emma, Bernard, Kevin, Fergal to name but a few. I also want to say a big thank you to John Prenty, Adrian, Cathal, Attracta and Amanda in Connacht Council. John you were always a pleasure to deal with, you were always there with answers when needed.

### **Summary:**

Over the five years of my role as secretary I have seen many changes in Leitrim GAA,

- The underage structure going from U12, 14, 16 and 18 to U13, 15 and 17. This was undoubtedly one of the better moves going forward for underage football.
- The new changes that is due to take effect at adult level in 2020.
- The appointment of our 3 GDAs.
- The completion of our COE in Annaduff

I have worked with many different managers of county panels and it has been an absolute pleasure to be part of this and I thank you all for your courtesy and contribution to Leitrim G.A.A.

I would like to say thanks to the winning clubs of Senior, Intermediate and Junior for their hospitality to Terence and myself on our visits to your clubs on county final nights.



I have many good memories of my 5 years, including, but not limited to:

- The opening of our Mc Govern Centre of Excellence in Annaduff
- Multiple trips to England with Terence in the Leitrim van for both football and hurling games, as Declan Molloy made reference to in his speech at the civic reception in Leitrim County Council when he mentioned about the Leitrim Van travelling up and down the N4 at all times of the day and night as he thanked us for taking the gear across for the games.
- The trips to New York for the big game there and for the Leitrim Club Dinner Dance and our visits to Clarkes salon.
- Walking out on to Croke Park with both the Footballers and the Hurlers in action in Finals

One memory that I wish I didn't have is the day in Rathcline G.A.A. grounds that our game came

to a standstill when Alan Mc Tigue had to be airlifted to Galway University Regional Hospital after collapsing on the field of play. Thank God he has made a full recovery.

If I have inadvertently omitted anyone or anything in this address I apologise – this end of year report is the most difficult of them all as it is hard to reflect on 5 years.

A special word of thanks to Roy, Cian and Colm for your continued encouragement and support. Means everything to me.

Finally I wish each and every one a very happy Christmas and Best of Luck for 2020.

Mar fhocal scoir, tá súil agam go mbeidh Nollaig Shona agaibh go léir agus go n-éirí libh uile i 2020

December 2019

Attracta Ni Raghailigh,  
Rúnaí  
Coiste Chontae Liatroma













# Tuarascáil Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

As we cast our mind back on the 2019 GAA season that draws to a conclusion, we can reflect on a year that has brought great highlights across many varying spheres of activity and helped gladden the heart of many Leitrim people, such as 2019. While we yearn for a return to the glory days of a quarter century ago, this past season has produced arguably more highlights and good news stories for Leitrim GAA than in any year since that glory year.

The year commenced with a welter of excitement as our footballers blazed the proverbial trail through the Allianz Leagues to take us all the way to promotion to Division 3 after eleven seasons marooned in the basement division. The Allianz League final with Derry on the last Saturday in March and the weeks leading up to it placed us in the National GAA Spotlight as we became 'THE STORY' of Spring 2019. Television cameras and features on the Six-One News came with regularity as we were thrust into the national limelight. Column inches, requests for interviews and photographs, online hours of analysis became the norm as our footballers delivered on a run of form and thousands descended on the capital for the final event. The only lowlight was the final result but the prize of promotion which had eluded a generation of Leitrim Senior Footballers had been achieved and we look forward to building on that in 2020.

Not to be outdone, our Hurlers followed in great style. They again reached the Lory Meagher Cup Final in June and this time silverware was delivered in Croke Park, following an extra time thriller with Lancashire. The joyous scenes that greeted the presentation of the Cup to Team captain Declan Molloy were truly memorable as a Leitrim Male Captain climbed the steps of the Hogan to collect an All-Ireland trophy for the first time ever. While our footballers were engaged in Qualifier action on the same evening in Avantcard Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada, it was a glorious return for the hurlers as they arrived back with silverware to be introduced to the packed stand at half time. A memorable end to a glorious day!!

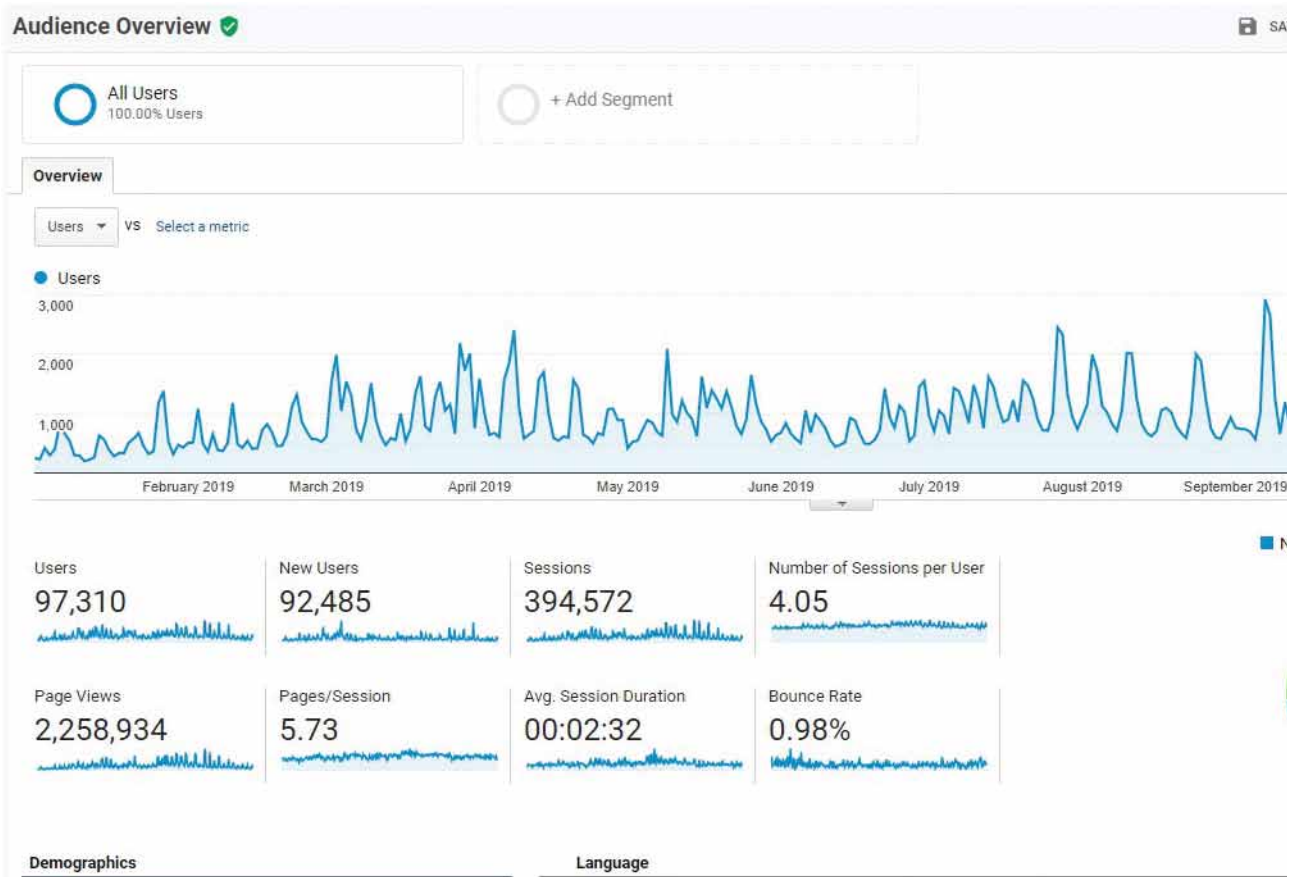
Further national coverage surrounded the Official Opening of the McGovern Aughavas Centre of Excellence in Annaduff on September 7th. More 'Lights, Camera Action!' as Eileen Magnier had us on the Six-One News and Main Evening

News as a plan that had commenced fifteen years previous came to magical fruition and has gained National recognition. Surely this was a triumph for all of the people who have eased through its development through bad times and good. The 'Leitrim Wall' has been a project that captured the imagination of the public at large and the generosity of so many has afforded our training base the finishing touches it has richly deserved. We are indebted to so many for this feat and the monumental finish will serve as reminder to future generations of belief of so many in or future as we can now concentrate on the playing development of our present and future playing resources.

Keeping up with all this good news through [www.leitrimgaa.ie](http://www.leitrimgaa.ie) and our social media channels was an increasing challenge in 2019. To this end I wish to record my appreciation of the assistance of Brendan Doyle, James Molloy and Brian Blake. Leitrim Twitter Page has now 19,381 Followers which is a 12% increase on the 2018 figure. Indeed over the past three seasons our Twitter Followers have increased by a staggering 45% which is phenomenal and a measure of the thirst for immediate news! For a county of our size we punch above our weight in so many ways and we should never underestimate ourselves. Our clubs have to be applauded in the manner with which they have engaged in this medium of communication and there are many fine exemplars out there among our clubs of how to keep the masses satisfied with immediacy of updates from match venues, a number of which have included still images and brief but nonetheless well timed action segments. Keep up the good work.

Facebook has seen an equally impressive increased growth rate. Today's 'Followers' number 9,003 and this has increased from 7,563 since this time last year, which is a 19% increase. The number of 'Likes' has increased from 7,687 to 8,696, an increase of 13%. We are very pleased with these increased figures over the past year as the Leitrim story gains momentum.

The following graphic gives a measure of the not to be underestimated variant among our promotion tools that is [www.leitrimgaa.ie](http://www.leitrimgaa.ie). The figures outlined are astounding with regard to the vehicle that is the Leitrim GAA Website.



This snapshot of the traffic that has been through our most consistent version of media interest serves as reminder of how valuable this outlet is as it carries not alone a historical record of our activities but its consistency of engagement throughout the year also demonstrates the respect with which it is held and the constancy that it provides going forward. Social media outlets may come and may go with regard to popularity trends. This vehicle is here to stay!

While the National Print Media, Television and Online Media gave us a huge share of coverage during this special year and we are most grateful for that through their many journalists too numerous to mention, we must also acknowledge the contribution of Paschal Mooney who has covered many of our games for National Media on days when the spotlight may not have been shining entirely on us. We must never underestimate our local media whom we have depended on for the greatest share of our coverage over many, many years now and their archival material will be invaluable to historians into the future. We thank John Connolly, Philip Rooney, P.J. Leddy, Willie Donnellan and all at the Leitrim Observer for all that have done in promoting our activities over the past season. Indeed the Observer Supplement to mark the 25th Anniversary of our Greatest Day was a true

highlight of print media last July and surely a Collector's item for all. We were delighted to be associated with Connacht Council honouring of our 1994 Heroes at the Connacht Final last June and were also pleased to have all present at our County Finals in October to honour them in front of our own.

Our radio coverage was equally well served by Shannonside/Northern FM and Ocean FM and we take this opportunity to record our appreciation to Sports Editors Dave Hooper and Austin O Callaghan respectively. Many thanks also to their match commentators John Lynch of Ocean FM and Darren Mulvey of Shannonside/Northern Sound FM who brought the excitement of the fields of play into many homes and not just locally but across the globe as this world gets increasingly smaller.

We were delighted to welcome a new media venture in 2019 as Breifne Earley launched his 'Leitrim Daily' Podcast. Innovative and growing, this media venture has given great share of coverage to Leitrim GAA activities over the past number of months since its launch last July. Previews and post match interviews from a host of venues around the county during the championship season have been a breath of fresh air and have provided many

with the opportunity to comment of the joys and satisfaction of victory, combined with the despair and disappointment of defeat. Well done Breifne and the best of luck with it into the future.

Coverage of our events was enhanced on all occasions by the combined photographic images captured by many over the season and in addition to Willie Donnellan and James Molloy, we must acknowledge the work in this vital field of Declan Gaffney, Therese Foy and Stefan Hoare. We were delighted to afford Ger Foy the opportunity to capture some of the images of County Final Day and wish her the best of luck into the future. Many thanks all.

While we produced programmes for all home Allianz Hurling and Football League matches and Club Championship matches, the biggest undertaking is the production of the County Finals Programme. Again we are indebted to club officials for their co-operation in the gathering of information for the 60 page production. Thanks, as always, to James Molloy for his dedication and expertise in this task which takes many hours over a highly pressured short time frame. Well done to DPS Print on the quality of production, despite the pressure we place them under and my thanks also to the many programme sellers who braved the elements to deliver the package!

It has been my privilege to have served Leitrim GAA in this role over the past five years. I was particularly honoured and humbled to have been awarded the Gaelic Writers Association

PRO of the Year Award for 2019 last month. I can unequivocally say that this would not have happened but for the excellent year that Leitrim has experienced on and off the field and I was delighted to accept the award on behalf of all who made a contribution to the many good news stories that came our way throughout the season. I was just delighted to help facilitate some of its delivery along the way.

I wish my successor the very best of luck in the role as we look forward to many other great stories unfolding. I again record my appreciation to Brendan Doyle and Brian Blake for their assistance on many occasions during the year, and a special word of thanks again to James Molloy for the countless hours of time spent on both photography and Match Programme Production.

Finally I wish to pay tribute to fellow County Management Officials who vacate their particular portfolio today. Many thanks to Cathaoirleach Terence Boyle, Leas Cathaoirleach Stiofán Ó Floinn, Rúnaí Attract O Reilly, Leas Rúnaí John Keenan, Oifigeach Forbartha Seán Ó Suilleabháin and Oifigeach Oiliúna Aodh Ó Cliontuín for the efforts you have made on behalf of CLG Liatroma over the duration of your term and best wishes with whatever role you may find yourself in as we look forward to shaping the future of Leitrim GAA.

Déaglán Ó Buacháin

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí Liatroma





# Chairperson CCC Liatroma 2019

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Looking back on 2019 it has been another busy year on the domestic fixture schedule.

At adult level the County footballers reaching the Division 4 League Final and our County hurlers winning the Lory Meagher Cup, plus our footballers getting to the 2nd round of the qualifiers meant for even a tighter schedule of fixtures.

Division 3 and 4 League games started on the 2nd of March and Division 1 and 2 began after the County League campaign in April.

We had ten out of the eleven rounds of League games in Div.1 completed pre championship.

Div. 2 was finished bar the final and Divisions 3 & 4 were completed. The final round of Div.1 plus the Div. 1 and 2 League Finals took place in October.

Our Championship started at the end of July and in an action packed summer which concluded with the Junior B Final on Nov.3rd. With November comes the U20 championship with this concluding on Nov.24th.

The proposals for next year's League structure ratified at last year's convention meant that the competition at league level especially Div.1 and 2 this year was the most competitive and interesting in years. With so much at stake it augers well for the new trimmed down 8 team leagues in 2020. Also our Championship in 2019 had an extra dimension to it. While some games may have been one sided overall the intensity was there right down to the relegation series as everyone was playing for places on the 2020 roster. Our new 10 team championship next year with only 3 teams to qualify in each group should intensify each game and we look forward already to what should be a gripping summer of football.

Looking forward to 2020 clubs should look at the new league structure with enthusiasm - 7 league games to be played with your county players on board and 7 without. This will give our County players the space and breathing room to better perform at both levels and the 2nd competition will give everyone the chance to keep playing and if utilised correctly can only help clubs in their on-going quest to build

a panel of players. It is important to point out that next year the overall number of club adult games will increase by a minimum of four so it will be all the more important that clubs have their homework done with regard to each own's fixture schedule in order to achieve their best possible results.

At underage level the 3rd year of the structural review changes were continued. U13, U15 and U17 competitions were played in league and championship. The U12 cross border competition continued in June and playing against clubs in Longford adds a fresh dimension to games at that age group. The U13 regional competition was continued and a further U14 regional competition was rolled out. These competitions are proving popular and useful and the GDOs and coaching committee continue to assess and monitor these competitions.

Another important development to note at underage level is that 4 clubs are now putting in 2 teams in the younger grades. On the other hand the continuous depopulation of our rural areas saw another 2 clubs amalgamate in the last year. This is just a snapshot of what is coming down the tracks as our rural clubs are finding it more and more difficult to put out teams and our town teams, some of which have to deal with the challenge of increasing numbers.

At national level, a welcome development is that Croke Park has designated the age groups that Leitrim has been using for a number of years now to be rolled out Country wide. This will make it easier for Leitrim clubs to go outside the county and play at like for like age groups. All the other underage programmes are dealt with by the respective Youth and Coaching officers in their reports.

Congratulations to all our championship and league winners in both football and hurling at underage and adult level. Commiserations to all those who were not so fortunate.

Thank you to all the clubs and their pitch coordinators who put their grounds at our disposal during the year. A serious amount of work by the nameless volunteers each weekend goes into getting our games played especially in championship time and this should not be overlooked.

Thank you to all our referees and their officials for carrying out their duties in a very professional manner all year and to Sean McCartin and his hard working committee for their continued good work.

Thank you to the various County Board Officials who we worked with throughout the year.

A big thank you to my fellow C.C.C. members, Patrick Mc Morrow, Seamus McManus, Michael Doherty, Sean Mc Cartin, referees co-ordinator, Hilary Phelan, hurling co-ordinator, Sean Mc Goldrick, underage co-ordinator and last and by no means least our ever reliable and

approachable secretary John Keenan. It was a pleasure working with each and everyone of this committee for the last 5 years.

Finally, to all the clubs and especially the club secretaries thank you for your co-operations in 2019.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2020.

Nollaig Shona daoibh go leir.

Uinsionn O Ruairc,  
Cathaoirleach C.C.C. Liathroma 2019

# Tuarascáil Oiliúna 2019

A Chairde, 2019 has been another busy year for Leitrim G.A.A. Coaching & Games, with many positive initiatives and programs implemented by our GDA's during the year. Our games programme, Cul Camps, club support programs, Primary schools programmes and the success of our regional competitions are all very positive areas of development.

Off the field the highlight of the year must be the official opening of the McGovern Leitrim G.A.A. Centre of Excellence. This splendid facility is the envy of many larger Counties and will prove to be an invaluable asset to the development of players in Leitrim for decades to come.

On the field, Leitrim have had a very positive year, our senior County hurlers winning the Lory Meagher, our senior County footballers gaining promotion to division 3 stand out, while at underage our U17 Hurlers have once again been the highlight of the year, achieving great success in the Celtic Challenge emerging as Division 6 champions.

It must also be recognised that there are challenges that face us as we go forward. Our football academy structure which has been very successful in producing players to backbone the County senior football squad for the past number of years, requires upgrading and to facilitate this, Coaching & Games have recently conducted a collaborative review of the academies. On foot of this review and under the guidance of the steering committee, coaching and games have developed a new Player Development Framework to encompass both club and County, which will be published shortly and which will give a new fresh focus to how we view and approach player development into the future.

Another positive has been the work of our GDA's, Enda, Sean and Stephen who have been very active during 2019, working with clubs, schools and academies.

At club level the GDA's were involved in developing nursery programmes, U9 & U11 Go-Games blitz series, preparation for the U12 Skills Challenge, supported coaching sessions, skills and physical fitness testing and delivery of the club mentor programme. A series of

formal coach education courses and non formal education workshops for club coaches were also organised.

At Primary schools the introduction of the 5 star centre and new fundamentals movement programme have proved very popular while the lads also provided coaching assistance and coach education to the Post primary schools. The GDA's also provided support to all the County academies.

I would like to complement the GDA's on the standards they are setting and thanks to the club coaches for their engagement with the lads.

## County Talent Development Squads

### Hurling

Competition grades for hurling developing Counties were restructured this year to only include competition at U15 and U17 with a developmental blitz for U13.

#### U-13 Hurling

Our U13 Hurlers participated in the Connolly-Cunniffe blitz tournament. Well done to the players and coaching team of Mark Boyle and Brian Keane for their work throughout the year.

#### U-15 Hurling

Our U15 hurlers took part in the National U15 Academy tournament, the Hibernia Cup. In the group stage, they beat Sligo and Cavan, losing out to Longford. They then beat Armagh in the tier 3 semi-final but again lost out to Longford in the tier 3 final. Thanks to Hilary Phelan, Benny Mc Loughlin, Stephen Mc Manus and Niall O'Riordan for their dedication and hard work with the lads.

#### U-17 Hurling

Pride of Place this year goes to our U17 Hurlers. Congratulations to the players and coaching team on their great success in the Celtic Challenge competition where Leitrim emerged as Division 6 champions when they defeated Longford in the final in Tullamore.



Well done to all concerned and thanks to the coaches. Hilary Phelan, Ray Kelleher, Niall O'Riordan and Stephen Mc Manus for the great work that they have done with this squad.

Stephen Dorrigan Cup Kildare and Wicklow contested this years Stephen Dorrigan Cup final, played in Leixlip. Wicklow won the cup for the first time after an excellent game.

## **Football**

### **U-14**

This year seen the first U14 squad picked from the regional competition with 8 players from each region selected to go forward to the Development squad. Players were put through physical and skill testing to assess their levels. Training sessions were designed around areas the players needed to develop or improve on. The squad participated in the Sean Purcell Connacht Blitz producing excellent performances, beating Mayo West and losing by a point to Galway West on day one. Day two saw the squad beat Sligo White and Mayo East.

A big thanks to coaches Enda Lyons, Shane O'Rourke and Noel McGirl who put great time and effort into this squad.

### **U-15**

Following a gym programme running from December to March, the U15 squad commenced weekly training sessions.

The squad took part in the Dermot Earley Blitz and the National U15 tournament. The squad were competitive and competed well in all games. Following the completion of the group stages, we lost out to Carlow in the finals played in Abbottstown.

Thanks to Mark Heslin, Brendan Doyle, Martin Feeney and Sean Gallagher for their input during the season.

### **U-16**

Following a gym programme running from December to March, the U16s began their on-field training in mid-April. Training sessions were sporadic as players were absent due to U17 commitment, exam preparation, Gaeltacht, holidays and other sports.

The squad took part in the Gerry Reilly, Ted Webb and Fr. Manning tournaments during the year. Preparation for these tournaments proved difficult for various reasons, which was not fair to either management or players. These very issues providing much discussion and debate at our academy review meetings.

Thanks to Mark Heslin, Brendan Doyle, Martin Feeney and Sean Gallagher for their input with the squad during the season.

### **U-17**

Following a gym programme running from December to March, on field training for the U17 squad got started a lot later than planned due to the club U17 league going on until mid-April. In preparation for the Connacht Championship the squad trained twice a week and played five challenge games, beating Fermanagh twice, Antrim, Louth and Longford respectively. The Connacht Championship proved a step up in class for the squad and began with a loss to Mayo, who would later go on to contest an All-Ireland semi-final. Next up, a trip to Hyde park which ended in defeat to Roscommon. Defeat to Sligo at home followed and our involvement in the competition concluded with defeat to a Galway team who went on to contest the All-Ireland final.

Thanks to Joe Honeyman, Damien McWeeney, Declan Bohan and Stephen McGurrin for their work with the squad.

## **Club Under 12 Skills Challenge**

### **Football**

The Clubs of the County have gone from strength to strength with regard to skill development. We had a record 26 teams competing in the County Skills competition in the newly opened McGovern Centre of Excellence, with Annaduff, Fenagh, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's going on to represent the County in the provincial finals in the Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence.

In the final, St. Mary's won the scoring competition and finished 5th overall, while Annaduff placed 3rd overall with Fenagh St. Caillins and St. Joseph's finishing in the top 10 in Connacht, a fantastic achievement and testament to the work been done in the County by the Clubs and the GDA's.

**Hurling**

In the hurling competition Leitrim were represented by teams from Carrick Hurling & Cluainin Imaoint. Well done to the players and coaches for their participation in the competition.

**Esquires Leitrim/Longford Cross County U12 League**

Our U12 cross County leagues proved again to be a great success and has grown in popularity each year in both Counties. This year 14 Leitrim clubs took part, winning 6 of the finals. Hopefully, with the National directive for all Counties to move to the U13-U17 age grades, this competition can be expanded to other age groups and continue to drive the standards within our own clubs.

**Regional Competitions**

Following on from the success of our inaugural regional u13 competition last year, the coaching and games team added the U14 age group for 2019. Both competitions proved to be very competitive and popular with the players, Southern Gaels defeating Sliabh an Iarainn gaels in the u13 final and defeating Eastern Gaels in the U14 final. A big thanks to the coaches who helped in each of the regions. For this competition to grow and flourish and if we as a County want to expand the competition into other age groups, we will need more assistance from club coaches to help prepare each regional team.

**Club coaching support programme**

Five clubs, Glenfarne Kiltyclogher, Drumkeerin, Dromahair, Carrigallen & Leitrim Gaels completed the Connacht club support programme. The primary purpose of the Club Coaching Support Programme is to build self-sufficiency and self-sustainability within each

club in all aspects of coaching/management and player development.

There are 4 Phases to the Programme:

- Assessment of the current status of Coaching and Games within the club. (Club Coaching Forum)
- Identification of prioritised coaching projects for year. The Club must identify at least 3 Coaching and Games objectives that will contribute towards the primary purpose)
- Provision of Practical Coaching Assistance.
- Assessment and review of the programme.
- Each Club that is accepted on the programme may avail of a grant to the value of €1000.

**Kellogg's GAA, Cul Camps**

Once again, our Cul Camps out performed the previous year. In 2019, a record 1915 children at 15 different venues attended Leitrim GAA Cul Camps across the County. Leitrim GAA also had the highest ratio of primary school children attending Cul Camps in the Country.

Thanks, to the camp coordinators, the coaches, and especially to the children for making 2019 another memorable Cul Camp season.

In addition to the official Cul Camps, a number of clubs ran their own camps. Well done to St. Mary's, Glencar/Manorhamilton and especially to Glenfarne/Kiltyclogher who ran their first ever summer camp. Coaching & Games facilitated this as part of the Connacht GAA Club support Program.

Below is an Illustration of the numbers in attendance per camp.



## Schools

### Primary

#### Football

Coaching commenced in the primary schools in March and ran for a ten-week block finishing in June. I would like to thank Shane O'Rourke, Noel McGirl, Peig Heslin, Noel Mahon, Killian McGloin and Cyril McKeon for their work on our behalf in the schools

I would also like to thank Ciaran Kennedy and the members of the Cumann na mBunscoil committee for their work in the primary schools.

The following are some of the programs that Coaching & Games are implementing in our primary schools.

- Five Star Centres
- Physical Literacy Program
- 10-week coaching block

#### Hurling

Thanks to Hurling GPO, Darragh Cox and Hurling Mentor, Michael Carroll for their work in promoting and coaching initiatives in the primary schools.

### Post Primary

Our Post primary schools committee have been very active in the promotion of Gaelic games through a number of projects supported by the GDAs.

- Future Leaders TY programme
- Corn Breffnie competition
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd blitz competitions

## Conclusion

As this is my final Coaching & Games Report, I would like to thank a number of people for their support over the last number of years.

- The Provincial Officers, John Prenty, John Tobin and Cathal Cregg
- The members of the Leitrim Executive and in particular the members of the Steering Committee, Terrence Boyle, Attracta O'Reilly,

Martin McCartin and Declan Bohan.

- The underage games program coordinators, Sean McGoldrick, Declan Bohan, Vincent O'Rourke and Barbara Byrne.
- The Leitrim GAA Coaching & Games team, Games Manager Thomas Keenan, GDA's Enda Lyons, Sean Gallagher and Stephen McGurrin. Thanks for all the work and commitment you put into the area of coaching, player development and club support throughout the year.

Finally, I want to thank the Clubs and Club Coaching Officers for their support and commitment over the last four years.

It has been a privilege for me to serve as the Leitrim GAA Coaching Officer over the last four years and I am very proud of the progress that has been made by Coaching & Games during my tenure.

Leitrim pioneered the underage structure of U13,15 & 17, this was a difficult but brave decision. On foot of this change, we were able to decouple our underage games from adult football which allowed us provide a much more meaningful program of games to our underage players.

We now have a games program that delivers approximately 350 games each year to our young stars. Huge credit must go to Sean McGoldrick who oversees the timely delivery of games at each age grade. This is a phenomenal achievement and the envy of the other Counties in the province. Well done Sean.

Leitrim Coaching & Games also pioneered online booking of places on our Cul Camps. We discontinued the system of walk in's on the first morning of camps, a system that took up most of the first morning with administration and critically a system that made it impossible to safely estimate the resources required to run the camp. While Leitrim were the first county to adapt an online booking policy, all counties are being urged to follow suit as the National Cul Camp Committee recognise the safety value of the policy.

Our three GDAs are working closely with our Clubs and are supporting coaches in areas such as skill development, setting up and running of nurseries, supporting club coaches with session planning and execution, coach education and



the provision and monitoring of athletic and conditioning programs,

The GDA's have also been running initiatives such as the U9 & U11 Festival's of Football, Friday Night Lights and the hugely successful regional competitions. Well done Enda, Sean and Stephen.

Finally I would like to wish my successor, Paul Murphy, the best of luck in the role of Coaching Officer and I also want to wish our County and Club teams every success in the future.

Happy Christmas and wishing you every success in 2020.

Go Raibh Maith Agat,

Aodh O'Clintun

# County Children's Officer's Report 2019

It was a very busy start to 2019 for our club children's officers. They had to take in a lot of information starting with the role and responsibility that they have within their clubs. The information included different areas within

- Garda vetting
- Recruitment policy
- Child safeguarding risk assessment
- Child safeguarding statement
- Code of behaviour (underage)
- Safeguarding workshops
- Minimum coaching qualifications

Due to the importance of the club children's officer role we held a meeting on the 27th of February for all club children's officers. This was an excellent meeting with lots of questions and sharing of information between all the participants.

Child safeguarding workshops were in high demand and to date in 2019 there has been 22 workshops delivered involving 379 participants. This was a massive workload for our tutors within the first few months and meant clubs had to be patient when requesting the delivery of a workshop and we thank them for their patience. I would like to thank Brendan Harper for delivering the workshops in Manorhamilton and a special thank you to Matt Gaffey who delivered most of our workshops (16) in a very short space of time.

The new online child safeguarding workshop refresher is now online. Details have been emailed to the club children's officers and secretaries.

We ran a safeguarding 2 workshop for the club children's officers on the 13th of March. Twelve of our clubs were represented on the night. It is vital that all club children's officers have completed this workshop and I would ask that any children's officers, who are staying on in their role next year or anyone newly appointed to the role, attend the next available workshop if they have not already done so.

The safeguarding 3 workshop for designated liaison persons ran on the 8th of April.

The 2019 child safeguarding risk assessment and the revised child safeguarding statement has been released and has been emailed to the club children's officers and secretaries. These documents replace the existing risk assessment and safeguarding statement that has been mandatory by law since March 2018. Any club that doesn't complete the risk assessment and display the child safeguarding statement in a visual area at their club grounds risk being contacted by TULSA and further to that, being placed on a non-compliance list. The statement is a Bonafede contract between the club, players and parents and parents are entitled to request a copy of the child safeguarding statement.

There will be a new generic GAA email address for each club children's officer. These email addresses and passwords will be issued through the club secretary and will be ready for use in the next few months.

I would like to thank all the active club children's officers for their hard work throughout 2019 and ask them to keep up the good work.

Mark Heslin

Leitrim GAA County Children's Officer

# Tuairisc an Oifigeach Forbartha 2019

## Training Events in 2019

On 21 January 2019, a post AGM training night for Cathaoirligh, Rúnaithe and Cisteoirí was held in the Bush Hotel

On 13 Márta 2019, an information event in relation to Trusteeship was held in Avantcard Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada.

## Pitch Inspections – Club Grounds of the Year

Pitch Inspections were carried out on all pitches and reports presented to clubs. Comhghairdeas to Achadh an Mheasa who received the Club Grounds of the Year award for 2019.

## Club Plans

Four clubs are interested in producing club development plans. We are awaiting appointment of facilitators by Croke Park before proceeding.

## Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta 2019

There were a large number of applicants for the Gaeltacht grants offered by Coiste Contae Liatroma. Leitrim County Board GAA was pleased to receive support from Leitrim County Council towards these awards. Grants of between €200 and €400 were given to the winners.

Is deas a fheiceáil go bhfuil an méid sin daoine óga ag dul go dtí an Ghaeltacht chun a gcuid Ghaeilge a fheabhsú. Buíochas do na buachaillí agus na cailíní go léir a chuir isteach ar na scoláireachtaí agus comhghairdeas do na buaiteoirí. Buíochas freisin do Choláiste na bhFiann agus Coláiste Ó Direáin a thug páirt-scoláireachtaí dúinn.

Seo iad na buaiteoirí:

### Coláiste Ó Direáin

Erica Ridge, Gortininty, Aughamore.

Olwyn Mc Cartin, Mullyaster, Newtowngore.

### Coláiste na bhFiann

Cathal Kenny, Drumduff, North Drumshanbo.

Tara Gill, Leamonish, Fenagh.

Roisin Bracken, Corryolus, Carrick on Shannon.

Eadaoin Lee, Drumcong, Co Leitrim.

Paul Moran, Castleroggy, Ballinamore.

### Monetary Awards

Chloe Murphy, Farnagh, Carrick on Shannon.

Aoileann Ni Ualghairg, The Old Rectory, Dromahair.

Padraig Maguire, Aughavas, Co Leitrim.

Matthew O Boyle, Drumgeaglom, Leitrim Village.

James Gilhooly, Killargue, Dromahair.

Jake Hackett, Beaghmore, Carrigallen.

Sarah Brady, Cornaneane, Manorhamilton.

Sarah Greene, Aughavas, Co Leitrim.

Paul Moran, Castleroggy, Ballinamore.

Amelie Mc Grath, Larkfield, Manorhamilton.

Hannah Stenson, Corderry, Keshcarrigan.











# Hurling Report 2019

## Cluainin Iomaint - Sligo Leagues U8-15 2020

Cluainin Iomaint hope to again enter the Sligo leagues in 2020.

## Carrick Hurling - Roscommon Leagues U8-18 2019

As has been the case for the last number of years Carrick Hurling continue to play at all ages from U8 to U18 in the Roscommon Leagues. Prior to U12 all other games are played on a blitz basis with Carrick playing away from home. This increases the cost of participation but is indeed a necessity to improve teams from the grass root up. We thank Roscommon for continuing to allow our teams to compete on their fields of play along with teams from Longford & Mayo.

This year Carrick hurling made it to the U14 shield final losing out to Longford Slashers.

Due to serious fixture congestion and injuries Carrick Hurling pulled out of the U16 Roscommon League 2019. It proved a wise decision and paved the way for U15 success detailed below.

## Cluainin Iomaint U13 – D5 Tain Og Winners 2019

In this Cluainin played Truagh Gaels, Erne Gaels, Bellnaleck, St. Eunans and Easkey on their path to the final. In the final played in Breffni Park on July 6th Cluainin came good for a famous victory over Knocks-Grattans of Fermanagh.

## Carrick Hurling U14 hurling Feile 2019

This year the Hurling Feile was held in Cork and Kerry, between June 7th and 9th. Carrick, for their part represented themselves and the County very well and enjoyed the experience immensely.

## Carrick Hurling U15 – D3 Tain Og Winners 2019

In the group stages Carrick played Ballyvary

and Westport of Mayo, Western Gaels of Sligo and Longford Slashers in an excellent semi-final that took extra time to divide the teams.

Carrick played the final of the on July 13th in Breffni Park, Cavan versus Naomh Moinne from Dundalk in Co. Louth. To quote Martin Fogarty – National Hurling Development Manager in his report from the day "Carrick were absolutely on fire and try as they might Naomh Moinne just could not match them".

## Leitrim U15 – Hibernia –Peter O'Keefe Cup Runners-up 2019

This is the inaugural year of the U15 competition (which replaces U16) played on largely the same format as the Celtic Challenge. Leitrim played in the group stages against Longford, Cavan, Sligo and Monaghan played on dates in May, July & August beating all but Longford during that phase.

The finals and semi-finals were played on the one day, Saturday 7th September in Kilinkere, Co. Cavan.

Leitrim overcame a very physical Armagh side in the semi-final but ultimately failed again against neighbours Longford in the final. This is something that needs attention at National Level as to play both the semi and final on the same day detracts somewhat from what was overall a wonderful competition.

## Leitrim U17 Corn Tom Hogan – Celtic Challenge Winners 2019

Leitrim have entered a team to this All-Ireland competition since its inception, with this year being no exception. Having played 6 matches in the competition Leitrim lost just twice, to Donegal and Roscommon but found their edge when it mattered in the last 4 games beating Mayo, Sligo, Cavan (semi final) & Longford (final) with an average score of 3-15 from those last 4 games. The final was won in O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Finals day Saturday 29th June (a week after the seniors Croke Park exploits) in what was an immense display of teamwork and skill that Longford just could not match.



## Leitrim Senior Club League – The Paddy Phelan League

This competition starts in April and is ran when gaps in the sporting calendar appeared. 21 games in total were played in this years league competition.

Carrick Hurling, Cluainin Iomaint, Wolfe Tones, Slashers, Clonguish and Mullahoran all competed in the Round-Robin League with Carrick eventually being crowned the winners beating Cluainin 4-12 to 1-11 in the final on Saturday 16th November.

## Leitrim Senior Club Championship

Carrick Hurling and Cluainin Iomaint contested this year's final with Carrick emerging victorious on Saturday 19th October in Pairc Sean.

In what proved to be an excellent match it took extra time to separate the two teams with Carrick emerging as winners, but only just on a scoreline of Carrick Hurling 1-20 v Cluainin Iomaint 0-21.

## Connacht Junior Club Hurling Championship

Carrick Hurling played Naomh Eoin of Sligo in the Connacht semi-final on 28th October in Markievicz Park. Unfortunately with a number of notable absentees Carrick could not match last year's Connacht winning run. Carrick went down on a scoreline of 0-17 to 1-11. What is impressive from a Carrick hurling point of view however is the number of players from the underage structures that have graduated to the senior team with almost 50% of the starting team under 21 years of age.

## National Hurling League Division 3B

Allianz HL 3B 2019	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
Sligo	4	4	0	0	42	8
Longford	4	3	0	1	-1	6
Fermanagh	4	2	0	2	9	4
Cavan	4	1	0	3	-34	2
Leitrim	4	0	0	4	-16	0

Leitrim played four games in the 2019 National Hurling League losing all four.

Leitrim start the 2020 league with an away match to Fermanagh on Jan 26th followed by Cavan, 2019 Nicky Rackard winners - Sligo and Lancashire.

## Leitrim Senior Hurlers – Lory Meagher Cup Winners 2019

Lory Meagher Cup 2019	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
Lancashire	3	2	0	1	17	4
Leitrim	3	2	0	1	6	4
Fermanagh	3	2	0	1	4	4
Cavan	3	0	0	3	-27	0

Senior Hurlers played 3 games in what was a very close fought group qualifying to play in the final in Croke Park on Saturday 22nd June versus a Lancashire side made up largely of players from Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford, Clare and Limerick working in England. It took a last minute equalising goal from James Glancy to bring the game to extra-time on scoreline of Leitrim 2-16 Lancashire 1-19. Leitrim's superior fitness levels shone in extra time driving the team on to a deserved 2-23 to 2-22.

Leitrim will now go on to the Nicky Rackard Cup for 2020 drawn in in Group 1 with Donegal, Longford and Armagh. Mayo, Monaghan, Tyrone and Warwickshire are all in the other side of the draw.

## Leitrim All Stars

Congratulations to James Glancy & Enda Moreton, key players with Carrick Hurling and Leitrim on being awarded All-Star's at the event held at GAA GPA All Star Awards held at The Convention Centre, Dublin on November 1st. What makes this double success even more remarkable is that the selection is made from players in the Christy Ring, Nicky Rackard & Lory Meagher cups – a total of 20 County Teams!



## Appreciation

I would like to thank everyone within and beyond the county who has given assistance during 2019 in the promotion of hurling at all age grades. I would like to thank the players in all age groups for their efforts during the year. I would also like to thank the player and mentors of the club and county teams who have driven things on in 2019 to another high for hurling in the county. Without the input and assistance of Leitrim GAA and all the staff at Pairc Sean and the excellent facility at Annaduff COE, the promotion of our national sport would not be possible.

Onwards and upwards for 2020!

Hilary Phelan,  
Secretary, Leitrim Hurling Board Nov. 2019



# Insurance Officers Report 2019

Another busy year on the insurance front as player injury claims continue to flow in.

The online submissions of documentation has made recording of injury details easier and saves on postage.

All clubs should advise their players of the need to have health insurance in place if possible, as there is a risk of picking up an injury along the road of their playing career. The injury benefit fund is under severe pressure to pay out on the large number of claims nationally.

Clubs are reminded of the need to inform the county executive of any changes to or development planned at their facilities, also all fund raising activities should be notified and cleared with GAA Insurance at Croke Park.

Willis are no longer dealing with insurance claims as and from 30th November 2019.

DWF are the new company processing claims from 1st December 2019.

Referees are reminded to have any injuries recorded in their game reports as the insurance

claim process requires proof of the game having taken place and any injury to a player noted.

I would like to thank all referees for their assistance with the claims process through the year past.

All club officers should ensure their facilities are a safe environment for players and supporters.

Monaghan GAA are developing and piloting the Safe Club programme which is being seen by Marsh Insurance as the way forward for all counties. Its a good possibility that Leitrim Clubs will be asked to take this initiative on board in the near future.

Thanks to all club insurance officers for their work on behalf of their clubs and players. Thanks to all at G.A.A. HQ in Carrick on Shannon for their assistance.

Best wishes to all retiring officers who have given 5 years of good service to Leitrim G.A.A..

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and best of luck for 2020.

P.S. O Miachain.



# Coiste na Réiteoiri 2019

As Referee Administrator, I would like, first of all, to thank all referees and linesmen for officiating at all League and Championship games during the year. Take into consideration that there were a large number of games between Adult, Underage and Ladies in the county in 2019. During Championships, linesmen had also to be appointed. So, you can see that it was a demanding year for our referees and linesmen as on 3 occasions we had to go outside the county to Sligo, Cavan and Longford to officiate at league games.

## Referees

Referees should apply the playing rules on an impartial basis, communicating decisions clearly to players and team officials in an effective manner. It is important to deal with dissent firmly and fairly. It is vital to work as a team with other match officials and maintain composure regardless of the circumstances. This year was a great example of the workmanship between the officials.

Continuing on from last year our 3 referee advisors were Seamus Prior, Stephen Flynn and Pat Flanagan. The advisors were a big help to the referees as they told them what they needed to improve on. We are very thankful of the advisors help throughout the year.

## Training

Properly trained referees is our target through attendance at courses and seminars so as to enhance knowledge of the rules and up to date interpretations and clarifications. Referees also undertake written examinations and their progress is monitored through assessment of performance. The structures are there and are continually being developed, with trained tutors who are there to help and assist our referees. During 2019, two referees completed the foundation course and they are now taking charge of underage games and linesmen at the Adult games in our county.

Once again we call upon clubs in the county to face up to their responsibility and supply us with the names of people who are willing to take up refereeing.

## Attitude

If our recruitment and training of referees is to be successful there must be an attitude of respect and support from Clubs and their officials. Referees are committed and dedicated to their work and in any game a referee always has a reason for making an objective decision according to the Rules of our games. Because that decision does not meet with our approval is not justification for destructive criticism or abuse by players or officials. Human errors are inevitable with referees, as they are with players and team officials, but none are deliberate, and we should temper our frustration with a level of tolerance and discipline.

All clubs should adhere to these rules and be punished if abusive behaviour appears on social media.

I wish to congratulate all our referees who represented our County, at both provincial and national level, especially Eamon O'Grady who refereed the Senior Club Connaught Championship Semi Final and Final and National League Games, Patrick Guckian who refereed the Connaught Intermediate Semi Final and Final and Patrick also done the Connaught Minor A Championship Final and Mick Mc Girl who refereed the Leo Kenney League Final . I look forward to them all getting recognition during the forthcoming year.

I want to congratulate all referees who took charge of the finals in our county in the year this year. I think everybody will agree with me that the standard of refereeing in all our finals and indeed all of our games was very high. Let me say at this stage that there is no room for complacency, there is always room for improvement. Any referee is only as good as his last game. At this stage I would like to congratulate the following award winners, our Senior Referee of the Year for 2019 Seamus Mulhern. Seamus has given great service and has proven to be most reliable and trust worthy official travelling to North Leitrim on several occasions to officiate games. Well done to Seamus. May I also congratulate our Coiste na nOg Referee of the Year Mark Mc Cluskey. Well done to both Referees.

## Umpires

The Importance of good umpires has constantly been emphasised to referees. They are a vital part of the team which controls our games and referees must select people who have the ability to work together as a team, who work out routines for noting incidents not seen by the referee and who have a system of taking up the best position to view the flight of a ball. Their appearance is important and their alertness and concentration should never lapse. Decisions should be made and signalled with conviction. There should never be a conflict of signals. Umpire training is now available in conjunction with county Administrator.

## Thanks

I wish to say a very special thanks to all the referees and all their families help and for their co-operation during the year. Without the support of their families it would not be possible for them to provide the level of service they have provided.

Finally to the rest of my colleagues on the CCC under the able Chairperson Vincent O Rourke and Secretary John Keenan and also to Michael Doherty, Pat Mc Morrow and Seamus Mc Manus, Thank you for your co-operation during 2019. It was a pleasure to work with you all.

Sean Mc Ártain,  
Coiste na Reiteoirí

# Leitrim Handball Report 2019

Handball in Leitrim got a boost in 2019 with the establishment of new clubs in Annaduff and Manorhamilton, while Drumkeerin HC will be relaunched early in 2020. Added to this was the opening of the McGovern Centre of Excellence in Annaduff, with one Handball court completed to a top class standard, and the second court to be completed in the near future, which is envisaged will improve the performance of our handballers in competition.

This is a brief report of the Handball activities for the year.

## 40x20 Handball

### 40x20 Colleges Handball

Drumshanbo's Ciaran McMorrow reached the Connacht Colleges A 40x20 Junior Final losing to Galway's Mickie Kelly.

A 5 strong team took part in the Colleges B finals held in Collooney and Oxfeld in Sligo

Karl Foley and Dean Cornyn were narrowly beaten in Junior Doubles held in Collooney in a trilling game

Aoibhe Logan was narrowly beaten in the Junior Singles held in Oxfeld

The team of Conor McLoughlin and Pauric Maguire Played in the First year Doubles competition. They defeated Sligo in the Semi Final and Mayo in the Final, taking the Connaught First Year title.

### Cumann na mBunscol

Seven Children from Leitrim went forward to play in the Connaught Cumann na mBunscol Finals in Salthill. They were Sean Nolan, Daire McCabe, Senan McGowan, Aaron Grey, Oisín McGarry and Thomas McKeon, all representing St Patrick's NS Drumshanbo and Caoimhe Maguire (Aughavas NS).

### Connacht Juvenile Championship

On Sunday March 3rd Leitrim hosted the Connaught A Juvenile Finals in Drumshanbo and Fenagh Handball Clubs.

Seven finals were played in Drumshanbo and six in Fenagh.

This is the top level of juvenile Handball in Connaught and saw players from all 5 Connaught counties coming to Leitrim

The only Leitrim player taking part in the competition was Ciaran McMorrow from Drumshanbo Handball Club.

Ciaran was narrowly beaten in the final by Cormac Finn from Sligo and came away with the Silver Connaught Medal.

### Connacht B Juvenile Championship

12 young people from Leitrim took part in the Connacht Semi Finals in Moycullen Co. Galway on Sunday April 7th. 3 players went through to play in the finals in Ballaghaderreen on Sunday April 14th.

Caoimhe Maguire from Aughavas played in the U13 Girls competition and was narrowly beaten by her Galway opponent.

Amy O'Donnell and Aoibhe Logan from Drumshanbo Handball Club who went up a grade to play U16. Amy and Aoibhe were also narrowly defeated in an outstanding final.

## 60x30 Handball

### Cassidy/Heeran Memorial Tournament

Fenagh Handball Club hosted the Cassidy/Heeran tournament on Sunday July 21st. This is a 60x30 doubles tournament with the players matched up on the day. The Cup Final was won by Michael Ginley and Michael Bruen who defeated Danny Reilly and Aaron Connaghton 31-18. The Shield Final was won by Ed Lee and Joel Smith who defeated Leo Logan and Mark Murphy 31-29

### Connacht 60x30 Championship

In the Connacht Junior 60x30 semi-final Jamie Murray was defeated Galway's Seamus Conneely

Ed Lee took on Willie Corcoran (Galway) in the Diamond Masters Connacht semi-final, which



Ed won comfortably 21-10,21-10. He met Mayo's Kevin Geraghty in the final which he also won comfortably. In the All-Ireland semi-final Ed defeated Cavan's Michael Brady on a score line of 21-9, 21-3.

There was no joy for Ed in the Diamond Masters All-Ireland 60x30 final, where he lost out to Tipperary's Billy Mullins on a score line of 21-6, 21-8.

Niall Scollan,  
PRO Leitrim Handball

# Oifigeach Cultúir agus Teanga AGM Report 2019

## Scór na nÓg

There was a huge amount of effort put in by clubs this year at Scór nÓg. Participating clubs were Mohill, St. Mary's, Kiltubrid, Aughnasheelin, Leitrim Gaels, Sean O' Heslins, Melvin Gaels, Dromahair. We were delighted to have nearly all entries in categories this year at the County Final. Congratulations to all of the clubs who took part and who continue to keep the tradition alive.

The Cormac MacGiolla Shield was proudly presented to Laura Crossan, Cultural officer of St Mary's by Ailbhe McGill, Bornacoola.

Ballad group representatives from St Marys Kiltoghert are no strangers to the All-Ireland Scór. The 2019 all Ireland was the group's 4th consecutive year to compete in the final. And perseverance bore the fruit of success, bringing Leitrim their first Junior all-Ireland Ballad group title. A fabulous win for club and county. **Scór na mBunscoileanna**

Scór na bPáistí unfortunately did not come to pass for 2019. There is a sincere hope among our members and the schools to host it again for 2020.

## Scór Sinsir

It was great to see some familiar faces returning to Scór Liatroma arís. The quiz was held in the full table quiz format. Bornacoola emerged the winners after the 10 rounds were complete. Aughnasheelin won the overall Club of the Year. Ailbhe McGill was there to present the Cormac MacGiolla Shield to Cultural Officer Sile McNulty. Despite six strong entries in the Connacht

final from Leitrim Aughnasheelan Ballad group was the only successful act through to the All-Ireland. A huge turnaround on prior years with 4-6 of the Connacht titles going to Leitrim.

The All Ireland Final was also broadcast live on YouTube once again. This is a huge hit for eager scor fans that cannot make the trip or secure tickets for the All-Ireland. Bornacoola worked hard in the All Ireland Quiz and Aughnasheelin in the Ballad Group. But succession was not to follow for our former all-Ireland champions.

Leitrim did win one prestigious award; Kathleen Moffatt from Bornacoola was presented with a honorary presentation for long service to scor. A veteran to the competition from the start it was a lovely gesture and acknowledgement to her dedication to the competition.

## 2019 – 50th Year of Scór

2019 marked the 50th Year of Scór. In Leitrim, we hope to continue to reiterate the messages of Coiste Náisiúnta Scór and Coiste Scór Chonnacht which is trying to increase participation in Scór. The Leitrim Scór committee have begun reaching out to each of the cultural officers within the clubs to offer support, guidance and encouragement. We hope that this will encourage more clubs to get involved. Craic agus Ceoil are the core element of Scór so we hope to promote and maintain scor as just that.

## Rule Changes

A forum and conference was held in Croke Park May 2019 to amend the current scor rule book. While a lengthy process, a new rulebook was finally approved by the national committee in October 2019.

Some of the main changes to note...

Leiriu (play) is reverting back to being called Nuachleas, a very welcome change.

In Solo Singing, battery operated Keyboard to be permitted as an accompaniment, played by another person of eligibility. This also applies to Recitation.

And the table quiz is to change to the first 6 rounds to be held as before in table style. The top 3 teams progress to the stage for a final 2 rounds. The top county team will qualify for the provincial round. The top 3 from the provincial round proceed to the All-Ireland.

Further Minor changes have also been applied and full details can be found on our facebook page and gaa.ie.

Huge thanks to the clubs and County Committees for their financial backing and support.

Special thanks to our County secretary, Attracta O'Reilly and Chairperson Terence Boyle for their continued support & guidance throughout the year.

To the mentors in each club for their time and efforts putting entries together.

Thanks to all our loyal social supporters and club members for travelling to competitions.

Claire Crossan,  
Cathaoirleach Scór Liatroma

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING 2019

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Leitrim GAA continue to support Health and Wellbeing in our clubs. At this stage most clubs have appointed a Healthy Club Officer. As we are now in AGM season I urge the remaining few clubs to do so.

From January 17th to February 21st over half the clubs in Leitrim took part in the weekly "Ireland Lights Up" in conjunction with Operation Transformation. Some choose to just do the walks while others took the opportunity to organise exercise classes and boot camps. I had the pleasure of launching St. Mary's Club Walks and participating with them on the first night. Carrigallen Club had record numbers attending and were one of the clubs from around the country visited by the Operation Transformation Television Camera Crew to have their walk shown during the series.

On February 18th we held our Healthy Club Officer Training in The Bush Hotel, delivered by Colin Regan. Three Quarters of our clubs attended.

It is our aim in early 2020 to get the remaining Club Officers trained and any new officers who may be elected to the post.

It was our pleasure again on the 27th March to be involved in "Leitrim's Health Is Wealth". It was another outstanding success with two rooms full to capacity aided by video link. Huge thanks to Hubert and Valerie for all their hard work on this.

In April the Dromahair Club organised a very successful SafeTALK which was also attended by other organisations in the club area.

In August Terence attended the gambling tutor workshop, something we hope to roll out to clubs early in the new year.

Over the next few weeks the HSE are planning 5 workshops in Leitrim under the heading "Lifting The Silence On Suicide" and we are promoting these workshops.

Congratulations to Aughnasheelin and Glencar Manor Clubs for completing the healthy club programme following on from Melvin Gaels and they received their awards in Croke Park a few weeks ago. Hopefully we will be well represented in next phase which starts in January.

Finally I would like to thank to the rest of the committee, Hubert Mc Hugh, Declan Loftus, Niall Brady, Ronan Flynn, Katherine Williams, Terence Boyle and Attracta O'Reilly for their help and support during the past year.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy 2020 and look forward to working with you again next year.

Is Mise,

Barbara Loughlin Byrne,  
Chairperson, Leitrim's Health and Wellbeing Committee.



# Coiste Na nÓg Chathaoirligh 2019

As I Have reached the end of my first 6 months as chairman of Coiste a nÓg I wish to take this opportunity to reflect on the year passed. First I would like to thank all the underage clubs for all there help throughout the year. This was the third year of our new underage structure and thankfully it has worked out very well with 356 competitive under age games played from U13 to U17 and it was great to get all our games and final finished by the third week in November, With a very high standard of football played this year with all our finals very competitive with only a point or two separating teams at the final whistle including our shield finals. Thanks to all the clubs for the use of their football pitches for different games and finals sometime at short notice and I must commend all clubs on the very high standard of club grounds at present and it shows clubs are making great efforts at all the club grounds.

## Nursery Programmes:

It's great to see that every club has a nursery programme up and running within their club at this stage and all are utilising the help and advice from our GDAs. This will bring great benefit to our clubs and our county in the years to come.

## Festivals of Football:

The U9's and U11's had a great programme of blitz's running throughout the year, with the U9's getting 3 festival's of football with over 160 players playing a minimum of 6 games at each event and the U11 players getting 2 festivals of football with 180 players getting a minimum of 6 games again at each event in the COE, organized by our GDA team, with huge attendances. It is very hearting to see so many clubs bring two teams to participate in each of the events. Coaching and Games also introduced the Silent Side line direct coaching from the parents and coaches are not permitted and this has proven to be a really positive step.

## Cross County:

Our U12 cross county leagues were again a great success, with 14 Leitrim Clubs taking part and winning 6 of the finals, this again proved to be a great success and has grown in popularity

each year in both Counties. Hopefully with Longford moving to the U13,-U17 age grades, this competition can be expanded to the other age groups and continue to drive the standards within our own Clubs.

## Friday Night Lights:

We held our inaugural Sky Sports Friday night lights on Friday the 15th of March in the COE where 120 U14, and U13 lads where added to random teams to play 5 games. It was a brilliant success with very positive feedback from the kids themselves. Since night one Coaching & Games have ran 4 more dates and it has gotten rave review from both parents and kids alike.

## Regional Competitions:

Following on the success of our inaugural regional competition last year the coaching and games team moved it into U13 & U14 age groups with great success with the Southern Gaels defeating Eastern Gaels in the U14 and Southern Gaels defeating Sliabh an Eireann Gaels in the U13 with both being exceptional Finals. For this competition to grow and flourish we need more assistance from club coaches, if we as a county want to expand the competition into other age groups, coaching and games require more club coaches to help prepare each regional team.

## Feile:

Leitrim Clubs hosted 11 teams with some great performances all over Connacht from the Leitrim clubs, and Leitrim ended its wait for a winner with Annaduff winning out over Doonbeg in Pairc Sean, well done to the Annaduff club, coaches and players. A big thanks to all the Clubs who hosted and for the use of their pitches without clubs this event cannot happen within our county.

## County Development Squads:

Well done to all our county development squads which represented Leitrim in various competitions over the past twelve months. We have squads at U14, 15, 16 & 17 Thanks to all the trainers and backroom teams who put in a huge amount of time and effort in training, organising

challenge games, and all the Gym sessions earlier in the year it takes a lot of time and effort by these dedicated people to produce the next generation of Leitrim Footballers and well done to all. And we wish them all the best in 2020 Thanks to all the clubs for the use of their facilities and their facilitation of squad training and games.

### **Coaching and Games:**

A huge amount of gratitude must go to our Coaching and Games team for introducing and driving all the above initiatives, and for their work on the ground with the clubs and the schools all around the county, Thomas Keenan, Enda Lyons, Sean Gallagher and Stephen McGurrin and our Coaching Officer Hughie Clinton

### **Cul Camps:**

A record year for Cul Camps again with 15 venues and a total number of 1915 kids in attendance and a split of 831 girls and 1084 boys. A big thanks to all the clubs who host the cul camps for having the venues in such brilliant condition.

Scór: Congrats to all our Scór na nÓg winners over the past twelve months and continued success to Claire Crossan and her backroom team this year I would be hoping all clubs would take part this year to celebrate fifty one years of scór in Leitrim.

### **Competitions:**

Congrats to all our winners of the various underage competitions from U13 to U17 and it was great to have all finished in the third week in November, You can check Secretary Mary Kenny report for winners and runner ups.

Going forward for 2020 we hope to continue the progress of the last twelve months and hopefully improve

on it and in the long term it is going to improve club underage & senior football in the years to come and later County football, Thanks to the hard working underage review committee who have put a serious amount of work and time is to this and we hope it will be a great success in the years ahead.

### **Referees:**

Thanks to all our referees who officiated at all our underage games throughout the year, It takes great time and dedication and some of these

lads where often called in a very short notice, even travelling long distances to officiate so that the game takes place and thankfully no games had to be cancelled, we would urge clubs to try and encourage past & present players to take up refereeing as there are still a number of clubs without referees within the county A special word of thanks to Sean Mc Goldrick and Mary Kenny who had a lot of work doing the fixtures and appointing referees and a great job was done, Thanks to Referees coordinators Michael Doherty & Sean Mc Cartin for all their hard work recruiting new referees and organising training sessions and promoting our younger referees in Connacht and we now have Leitrim Referees officiating at the highest level in Connacht and hopefully further a field in the future and I would plead with you all to respect all our referees and especially our new ones and encourage them on if we haven't referees we will have no games as the slogans says give respect get respect.

Media: Thanks to John Connolly, Philip Rooney, Willie Donnellan & James Molloy and others who made sure we got great coverage throughout the year in the Leitrim Observer. And a big thank you to our PRO Declan Bohan for all photos and promoting our games and activities in the last year

Sponsors: Thank to all our sponsors of the various teams all year it was greatly appreciated by all and especially all the young players.

Roll of Honour: I would like to congratulate the winners at underage level. Referee, Mark Mc Closky Bornacoola. U17 Player: Barry Mc Weeney Kiltubrid,, Under 16 Player Gavin Reynolds St Marys. These were all deserving winners.

Finally I would like to thank the senior board especially Terence, Attracta , Martin & Declan the executive and all the other committees for their help & advice during the year which was greatly appreciated and a big thank you to my fellow officers who have done tremendous work during the year from organising games, appointing referees, and collecting gates on finals day thanks to Mary Kenny, Noeleen Geoghegan, Hughie Clinton, Sean Mc Goldrick, and Bernie Goldrick. Mile buiochas.

Nollaig Shona Dhuit

Is Mise

Pol O Murchu,  
Coiste na nÓg Chathaoirigh

# Coiste na nÓg Tuairisc an Runai 2019

First of all we welcome Paul Murphy as our Coiste na nÓg Chairperson. This is a brief summary of our activities and my report at the end of another very busy year.

## County development squads

We would like to say well done to all our county development squads for all their hard work and commitment throughout the year and to all their managers and mentors for all their hard work training these young lads. From U17, U16, U15 and U14. The lads did both their clubs and county proud, they worked hard and played some very good skill full football. We would like to say a big thank you to our coaching and games for all their hard work and commitment and amount of work being put in to our clubs and schools and for the development of our underage players as these are the future players for both club and County. We also like to thank the managers mentors of all county development squad for their commitment to our county development teams for all the hard work they put in all year coaching our teams. It was very much appreciated by Coiste na nÓg and their parents,

The following were the management for our county development squads for 2019:

U17 - Joey Honeyman, Damien Mc Weeney, Declan Bohan, and Stephen Mc Gurrin GDA

U16 - Mark Heslin, and Sean Gallagher GDA

U15 - Mark Heslin, Gary Reynolds, Sean Gallagher GDA

U14 - Enda Lyons, Shane O Rourke, Noel Mc Girt, Michael Glancy

## Under age competitions

Once again this year we played around 356 competitive games from U13 to U17, We also had second teams in the U13 and U15 for teams that were able to have two teams at this level. This proved to be a very successful and also gave all their players football. We had very high standard of football in all competitions in both league and championship with one or two finals going to replays. In the U13 league St. Mary's over came Mc Diarmada Gaels to win D1 and St. Brigids over came St. Josephs to win D.2. In U15 Gortletteragh and McDiarmada Gaels contested D1 final with Gortletteragh winning and Allen Gaels and Melvin gaels contested the D2 Final with Allen Gaels winning. In U17 St. Mary's and McDiarmada Gaels contested the D1 final with St. Mary's winning and Leitrim Gaels and St. Caillins Fenagh contested the D2 Final with St. Caillins Fenagh winning after replay

## Championship Finals

U13 D1 St. Mary's White v St. Caillins Fenagh with St. Mary's winning

D2 Naomh Padraig Dromahair v Rinn Gaels with Rinn Gaels winning

D3 St. Mary's Blue v Glencarmanorhamilton with Glencarmanorhamilton winning

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U17 D1 St. Mary's v McDiarmada Gaels with St. Mary's winning after replay

D2 Dolan Cup, Allen Gaels v Mohill with Allen Gaels winning

U15 D2 Leitrim Gael v St. Josephs with Leitrim Gaels winning

D3 Mohill v Naomh Padraig Dromahair with Naomh Padraig Dromahair winning

Di1 is not complete yet.



We congratulate all teams who won titles for their clubs this year, We were treated to some very good and exciting games which are a testament to all the hard work and endless hours of coaching done in our clubs and county throughout Leitrim, in all kinds of weather throughout the year, We thank all the dedicated mentors who give up of their time to coach our juveniles from U6 up to minor in the development of our players who are the stars of the future for Leitrim.

## Nursery Programme

It is great that all clubs have set up a nursery programme with the help of our GDA who helped clubs and gave a lot of advice and assistance to the club coaches,

## U9 and U11

These blitzes were very well attended and well organized by Enda , Sean and Stephen a lot of work being did in both clubs and county development of our young players, They played their blitzes in Centre of Excellence Annaduff which were organized by our GDAs and coaching and games committee. The coaching and games committee introduced the Silent side line direct, coaching from parents and coaches are not permitted and this has been a positive step forward.

## U12 Cross Border Competition

Once again Leitrim U12 took part in the Longford /Leitrim cross border competition, This has proven to be worthwhile competition and a positive competition, It is hoped that it will start in other ages as well.

## Regional Competitions

This year we had regional competition at both U13 and U14 which was played the same evening. This has proven to be a very competitive competition with very good standard of football being played by all teams involved, The finals were U3 Southern Gaels v Sliabh an Eireann with Southern Gaels winning. In the U14 Southern Gaels v Eastern Gaels with Southern Gaels winning, The finals were very well contested and very good games to watch with very good football being played by all teams involved..We need to get more coaches from clubs involved to help with the coaching of teams and especially if the expand the competition to other age groups ,and players would benefit from playing

in competition in the long run. Thanks to all the clubs and coaches who help out this year.Very much appreciated.

## Feile

Leitrim hosted 11 teams this year in Feile. And played very good football. We would like to congratulate Annaduff on their win and their coaches and players. We would like to thank all the clubs who hosted and for the use of their pitches we would like to thank the organizing committee and everyone who help out in any way for the smooth running of the competition .We would also like to thank the referees and their officials.

## CUL Camps

This year was a record year again for cul camps and very well attended and enjoyed by the boys and girls, Thanks to the clubs who hosted the cul camps and to all the organized them and all the coaches.

## Roll of Honour

Juvenile referee; Mark Mc Cluskey

County U16 player of the year; Gavin Reynolds St. Mary's

County U17 player of year; Barry Mc Weeney Kiltubrid

I would like to congratulate them and say well deserved.

## Sponsorship

We are very grateful for all the sponsorship for our county juveniles and Club competition sponsors, it was very much appreciated by all.

Thank you to all the staff at Avantcard Pairc Sean committee and staff and Sean Mc Goldrick for all your help. Thanks also to Leitrim Observer, James Molloy ,Willie Donnellan, John Connolly, Philip Rooney, PJ Leddy also Shannonside radio and Ocean FM for your extensive coverage of all our games. We would like to thank all our Referees linesmen who Officiated at our games. Once again thanks to all the clubs who made grounds and facilities available to us and all who worked on having pitches lined out and flagged for all our games and finals.

I would like to say a big thank all our coaching and games development Administrators Thomas Keenan, Enda Lyons, Stephen Mc Gurren, Sean Gallagher our coaching officer Hughie Clinton for all their hard work and all the do with our clubs. They put a lot of commitment in our juveniles and hard work for the development of our players and our development squads. It is very much appreciated by all,

I would like to thank the ccc and fixtures committee for all of their hard work throughout the year.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to my fellow officers Paul Murphy Noeleen

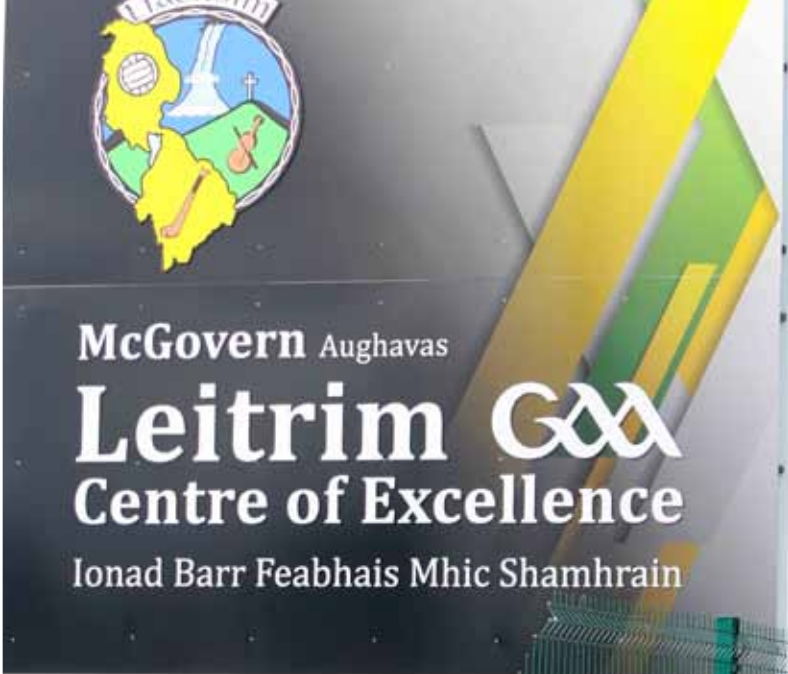
Geoghegan, Sean Mc Goldrick Barbara Byrne, Bernie Goldrick, Hughie Clinton and Kevin Mallon, for all their help and support throughout the year it was very much appreciated.I would like to thank the senior committee Terrence, Attracta, Martin, Declan and the CCC committee for their help and support throughout the year , it also was very much appreciated,

To all who had Bereavement throughout the year I offer my sincere sympathies,

Maire ni Cionnaith,  
Runai  
Coiste na nÓg









# Committees 2019

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# Coiste Chontae Liatroma

## Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2020

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Rúnaí:	___ Déaglán Ó Buacháin
Leas Rúnaí:	___ Attracta Ni Raghailigh
Cisteoir:	___ Martin Mac Artáin
Leas Cisteoir:	___ Nollaig Ni Lochlainn
Oifigeach Forbartha:	___ Traolach Ó Baoil
Oifigeach Oiliúna:	___ Pól O Murchu
Oifigeach Cultúra agus Teanga:	___ Clár Ní Chrosáin
Oifigeach Páistí:	___ Marc O hEislin
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:	___
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	___ Pádraig Ó Ficheallaigh
Árd Comhairle:	___ Éanna Mac Tiarnáin
Comhdháil Connacht: (4)	___ Martin Mac Artáin
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## Standing Orders

In order that the proceedings of Convention are carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed:

The Proposer of a Resolution of an amendment thereto may:-

- 1. Speak for five minutes, but not more than five minutes.
- 2. A delegate speaking to a Resolution or an amendment must not exceed three minutes.
- 3. The Proposer of a Resolution or an amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other delegate can speak for a second time to the same resolution or amendment.
- 4. The Chairman may at any time, when he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the Proposer for a reply and when that has been given, a vote must be taken.
- 5. A Delegate may, with the permission of the Chairman, move "That the question be now put" after which, when the Proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- 6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda, except by the consent of the majority equal to two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

## Voting Strength

Club	Votes	Naomh Muire	4
Achadh Easa	4	Naomh Osnaid	
Achadh Mhaoileann	4	Cathaoirleach	1
Achadh na Sileann	4	Leas Cathaoirleach	1
Aislinne	4	Runai	1
Baile na gCleireach	4	Leas Runai	1
Barr na Cuille	4	Cisteoir	1
Beal an Atha Moir-Sean Ui Heislin	4	Leas Cisteoir	1
Carraig Alainn	4	Oifigeach Forbartha	1
Cill Tiobraid	4	Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli	1
Cluain	4	Oifigeach Oiluina	1
Droim Caorthainn	4	Oifigeach Cultur agus Teanga	1
Droim Dá Eithear	4	Oifigeach Ogra	1
Droim Oir Bhealaigh	4	Comhairle Connacht (2)	2
Eanach Dubh	4	Ard Comhairle	1
Fiodhnach-Naomh Caillin	4	Cumann na mBunscoil	1
Gaeil Liatroma	4	Scoileanna Dara Leibheal	1
Gaeil na hAilne	4	Coiste Iomana	1
Gaeil na Meilge	4	Coiste Liathroid Laimhe	1
Gleann an Chairthe/Cluainin	4	Coiste na nÓg	1
Gleann Farna/Coillte Clochair	4		
Gortleitreach	4	Total	111
Maothail	4		



# RÚIN 2019

## **Motion 1**

That Comhdháil Bhliantúil requests the Ard Chomhairle to appoint, as a matter of urgency, a committee to consider the implementation of a TMO (Television Match Official) using existing TV coverage only. This committee to decide on which situations the TMO should be used (eg in relation to scores only, or other matters).

This this committee, produce recommendations in regard to future use of this technology and also examine any rule changes that may be required, depending on the situations where TMO use is recommended.

## **Motion 2**

That clarification be provided through Páirc an Chrócaigh in situations where play is called back to view Hawk-eye. Confirming that all play is null and void and are all scores, yellow, black and red cards are rescinded which occur in the intervening period?

Ballinamore Sean O hEislins

## **Motion 3**

Aughnasheelin GAA Club would like to propose the motion that if a team at Senior , Intermediate or Junior level are unable to field a team of 15 players for a match then the playing number could be reduced to 13 aside and still be a valid match. This would apply to league competitions.

Aughnasheelin

# LEITRIM BYE LAWS 2020

## County Convention:

1. The Annual County Convention convened in accordance with Rule 3.10 shall elect the following officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer. It shall appoint a Children's Officer and Development Officer as recommended by the outgoing County Committee. It shall elect two representatives to the Connacht Council and one representative to the Central Council. Officers and Representatives to be elected/appointed in accordance with Rule 3.11, and delegates elected in accordance with Rule 3.12 following Nomination in accordance with Rule 3.13.

2. In accordance with Rule 3.18, the County Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Provincial and Central Council representatives, a named representative of each of the following committees: Hurling Committee, Handball Committee, Primary Schools Committee, Post-Primary Schools' Committee and the Co. Referees' Administrator (appointed in accordance with Rule 3.19 (h), TO 2019- and 2 named representatives of each adult club, one of which, at least, being Club Chairperson or Secretary. All shall have voting power.

3. In accordance with Rule 3.20 and subject to Rules 3.21 and 4.2 TO 2018, the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees membership of which shall be set out in these in these byelaws.

(i) Management Committee – This committee shall consist of the officers of the County Committee elected at the previous Annual Convention plus the Central & Provincial Council representatives and also will include Children's Officer and the Chairpersons of Youth, Hurling and Handball committees.

(ii) County Competitions Control Committee – The County Competitions Control Committee which controls all games, with the exception of Post-Primary Schools' games, shall consist of 8 members which shall include the County Referees' Administrator, who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees,

a nominee of the County Management Committee, with voting rights, who shall act as secretary to the committee, A named representative of Youth Committee who shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all games at Under age and shall have voting rights only on matters relating to all games at underage and Secretary Hurling Committee who shall have voting rights only on matters relating to all hurling games. The remaining 4 members of the Committee shall be nominated by management for appointment of the County Committee

(iii) County Hearings Committee - It shall consist of 6 members nominated by Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

(iv) County Planning, Physical Development and Safety Committee – It shall consist of eight members to include County Development Officer, the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the County Committee together with 4 other members to be appointed at the First County Committee Meeting

(v) County Cultural Committee – shall consist of eight members to include County Officer for Irish Language and Culture (who shall act as Chairperson), Secretary, Treasurer and 5 other members nominated by the Management committee and appointed by the County Committee.

(vi) County Coaching and Games Development Committee/Youth committee – shall consist of eight members and include the County Coaching Officer (who shall act as Chairperson), shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all Youth Activities within the County and shall consist of a Chairperson Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, all of whom shall be appointed by the Co. Committee. R. 3.20(m), T.O, 2018 and shall include the County Games Development Manager, 6 other members nominated by Management Committee for appointment by County Committee. And shall include one representative of each underage club recommended that this person is club coaching officer

(vii) County Public Relations/Marketing Committee – shall consist of eight members to include the County Public Relations Officer (who shall act as Chairperson) Secretary and six other members to be nominated by management for appointment by county committee

(viii) County Referees Administration Committee – shall consist of eight members to include the County Referees Administrator (who shall act as Chairperson) a Secretary to be nominated by the Management committee and six other members all of whom shall be appointed at the first County Committee Meeting.

(ix) County Finance Committee – shall consist of eight members to include the County Treasurer (who shall act as Chairperson) and seven other members to be appointed at the first meeting of the County Committee.

(x) County Information Technology Committee – shall consist of eight members to include the County Public Relations Officer, a Secretary and six other members to be appointed at the first meeting of the County Committee.

(xi) County Team Management and Panels Committee whose membership shall be as outlined in the charter for County Committee/ Player Relationships as approved by Ard-Comhairle from time to time and whose functions shall be as outlined in R. 3.20 (xiii), TO 2018

(xii) Fixtures Analysts Two Fixture Analysts will be appointed by management committee.

(xiii) Health and Wellbeing Committee / Games for all Committee. It shall consist of 6 members nominated by management. It shall have the responsibility of all health related matters and inclusion of all members.

4. In accordance with R 3.19 (l) TO 2018 the Co. Committee shall appoint the following Subcommittees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws:

Hurling Committee - It shall consist of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and PRO who shall be appointed by the County Committee and one nominated representative of each club which fields a team in an official hurling competition in the current year. It shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all activities

relating to the promotion of hurling activities within the county from underage to adult level, with the exception all of matters relating to games that fall under the jurisdiction of the County CCC. It shall also be responsible for all matters relating to the preparation of County Hurling Teams at all levels.

There shall be a Post-Primary Schools' Committee consisting of (a) a representative of each affiliated Post-Primary School; (b) a named representative of the Co. Coaching & Games Development Committee; (c) a GDA for responsibility of post primary schools.

Its functions shall be the promotion, development and control of Gaelic Games in Post-Primary schools.

It shall have a CCC consisting of 5 members including the Cathaoirleach and Runai of the PPS Committee and 3 members from three affiliated schools. It shall organise competitions, where appropriate, and encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic games as is feasible. Hearings where prescribed and requested shall be to the County Hearings Committee

An Executive Workgroup may be formed with pro rata representation from Colleges and Vocational Schools.

The officer board shall be appointed by the County Committee following consultation with the Post-Primary Schools' Committee.

The Officer Board and Executive Committee shall reflect the respective strengths of College and Vocational Schools within the county.

The Post-Primary Schools' Committee shall hold an Annual Forum and forward motions to the provincial body. It shall also elect representatives to the provincial body.

The structure at county level shall feed onto the provincial structure.

Handball Committee. It shall consist of six members and one named representative of each handball club in representative of each handball club in the county. It shall be responsible for the promotion and organising all handball activities within the county

5. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the County Committee shall be ex-officio members of all sub- committees. But NOT the Hearings Committee



6. Transfers shall be dealt with in accordance with R. 6.5 T.O 2018

Applications shall not be considered unless received on or before last day of February in any year.

7. (a) The County Committee Chairperson may call at any given time a special meeting of the County Committee giving three days notice in writing, setting out the agenda, time and venue of meeting. The quorum for the special meeting to be one quarter of the members entitled to attend.

(b) A special County Committee meeting shall also be convened if requested, in writing, by five clubs.

8. Proposals for make changes to any competition under the control of the County Committee shall be submitted along with motions for County Convention. A special meeting of the County Committee to deal with these proposals shall be held in December/January.

9. Attachment to First Club: On joining the Association for the first time a person shall have an unfettered choice of clubs.

## Coiste Chontae Liatroma Awards 2019

Jim Lynch Hall of Fame: .....	Sean Maxwell, Drumreilly
County Player of Year: .....	Shane Moran, BallinamoreSOH
Senior Club Player of Year: .....	Conor Dolan, Glencarmanorhamilton
Intermediate Club Player of Year: .....	David Bruen, Leitrim Gaels
Junior Club Player of Year: .....	Alan Doonan, Fenagh, St. Caillins
Senior Referee of Year: .....	Seamus Mulhern, St. Mary's
Minor Player of Year: .....	Barry Mc Weeney, Kiltubrid
U16 Player of Year: .....	Gavin Reynolds, St. Mary's Kiltoghert
Coiste na nÓg Referee of Year: .....	Mark Mc Cluskey, Bornacoola
Club Grounds of Year: .....	Aughavas G.A.A.
County Hurler of Year:.....	Enda Moreton, Leitrim Gaels
Senior Club Hurler of Year:.....	James Glancy, St. Mary's Kiltoghert
Junior Hurler of Year: .....	Shane Mallon, Bornacoola
Senior Handballer of Year:.....	Ed Lee, Fenagh
Juvenile Handballer of Year:.....	Benoit Mc Kiernan, Annaduff

# Coiste Chontae Liatroma Roll of Honour 2019

## Swan Bar ACL D4

Winner  
Kiltubrid 1-12

Runner-Up  
Leitrim Gaels 0-7

## Swan Bar ACL D 3

Winner  
Ballinamore SOH 3-17

Runner-Up  
St. Mary's 4-7

## Dunnes Bar ACL D 2

Winner  
Drumreilly 1-13

Runner-Up  
Ballinaglera 3-6

## Dunnes Bar ACL D1

Winner  
Mohill 1-10

Runner-Up  
St Marys 1-8

## Leitrim Senior Hurling Championship Final

Winner  
Carrick Hurling 1-20

Runner-Up  
Cluainin Iomaint 0-21

## Paddy Phelan Cross Border League

Winner  
Carrick Hurling 4.10

Runner-Up  
Cluainin Iomaint 1.11

## U20A Championship

Winner  
St. Mary's Kiltoghert 2.11

Runner-Up  
Fenagh St. Caillins 0.12

## U20B Championship

Winner  
St. Brigids 0.18

Runner-Up  
St. Josephs 2.8

## Vistamed Leitrim JB Football Championship

Winner  
Fenagh St. Caillins 2-14

Runner-Up  
Glencar-Manorhamilton 1-6

## Vistamed Leitrim JA Football Championship

Winner  
Glencar Manorhamilton 1-12

Runner-Up  
Annaduff 0-6

## Smith Monumentals Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship

Winner  
Leitrim Gaels 1-8

Runner-Up  
Drumkeerin 0-7

## Connacht Gold Leitrim Senior Football Championship

Winner  
Glencar-Manorhamilton 0-16

Runner-Up  
Ballinamore SOH 0-15

# Underage Role of Honour 2019

..... Winner ..... Runner-Up

## U17 Championship John Mc Cartin Newtowngore Engineering

D1..... St. Mary's 1-13 ..... Mac Diarmada Gaels 2-9

D2..... Allen Gaels 1-10 ..... Mohill 0-9

## U15 Championship ..... West Link Coaches

Div 1 ..... Glencar manorhamilton 3.8.... Gotletteragh 2.7

Div 2..... Leitrim Gaels 2-10 ..... St. Josephs 1-6

Div 3 ..... Dromahair 4-18 ..... Mohill B 1-6

## U13 Championship ..... Barna Recycling

Div 1 ..... St. Mary's White 4-9..... Fenagh 0-13

Shield Final..... GlencarManor Yellow 2-11..... St Brigids 0-12

Div 2..... Rinn Gaels 2-13 ..... Dromahair 2-8

Div 3 ..... GlencarManor Blue 1-14..... St Marys Blue 1-13

## U17 League

D1..... St. Mary's 1-15 ..... Mac Diarmada Gaels 0-5

D2..... Fenagh 3-23 ..... Leitrim Gaels 4-14

## U15 League

Div 1 ..... Gortletteragh 4-7 ..... Mac Diarmada Gaels 1-11

Div 2..... Allen Gaels 3-9 ..... Melvin Gaels 0-9

## U13 League

Div 1 ..... St. Mary's White 8-9..... Mac Diarmada Gaels 2-5

Div 2..... St. Brigids 1-14 ..... St Josephs 2-6

## Regional Competitions

U 13..... Southern Gaels 9-6 ..... Sliabh an Iarainn Gaels 5-6

U 14..... Southern Gaels 5-10 ..... Eastern Gaels 2-11



# FIXTURES FOR 2020

## Allianz Football League Roinn 3 2020

Saturday 25 January 17:00 Rd. 1 Doire v Liatroim Celtic Park, Derry Sunday  
 Sunday 2 February 14:00 Rd. 2 Liatroim v Corcaigh Avantcard Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada,  
 Sunday 9 February 14:00 Rd. 3 An Longfort v Liatroim Glennon Bros. Pearse Park  
 Sunday 23 February 14:00 Rd. 4 Liatroim v Uíbh Fhailí Avantcard Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada,  
 Sunday 1 March 14:00 Rd. 5 An Lú v Liatroim Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda  
 Sunday 15 March 14:00 Rd. 6 An Dún v Liatroim Páirc Esler, Newry  
 Sunday 22 March 14:00 Rd. 7 Liatroim v Tiobraid Árann Avantcard Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada,

## Allianz Hurling League Roinn 3B

Sunday 26 January 14:00 Rd. 1 Fear Manach v Liatroim Brewster Park, Enniskillen  
 Sunday 16 February 14:00 Rd. 3 Liatroim v An Cabhán Avantcard Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada,  
 Sunday 23 February 14:00 Rd. 4 Sligeach v Liatroim Markievicz Park, Sligo  
 Sunday 1 March 12:30 Rd. 5 Liatroim v Lancashire Avantcard Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada,

## Connacht GAA Senior Football Championship 2020

### Quarter Finals

Saturday 2nd May	London	v	Roscommon	McGovern Park, Ruislip
Sunday 3rd May	New York	v	Galway	Gaelic Park, New York
TBC	Leitrim	v	Mayo	

### Semi Finals

TBC:	NY/Galway	v	Sligo
TBC	Mayo/Leitrim	v	London/Roscommon

### Final: June 14th

## Nickey Rackard 2020

Rd. 1 May 9/10th Leitrim v Longford  
 Rd. 2 May 16/17 Donegal v Leitrim  
 Rd. 3 May 30/31st Armagh v Leitrim

## 13/14.June Semi-Finals

1st Placed Team Group 1 v 2nd Placed Team Group 2  
 1st Placed Team Group 2 v 2nd Placed Team Group 1  
 13/14.June Relegation Play-off - 4th Placed Team Group 1 v 4th Placed Team Group 2  
 27th June Final - Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner

# County Fixture Analysts Survey - 2019

## Questions

### County Details

- 1. Name** ..... Declan Bohan
- 2. E-Mail Address** ..... bohan.declan@gmail.com
- 3. Are you a member of the CCC** ..... No
- 4. County Status** ..... Strong Code Football
- 5. Number of Adult Clubs** ..... 23
- 6. Number of Adult Football Teams in 2019** ..... 46
- 7. Number of Adult Hurling Teams in 2019** ..... 2

### **8. Were changes made to the County Competition Structures in 2020 based on a review of 2019?**

If Yes, please give details.

Competition Structures were reviewed through 2018 and changes to be implemented in 2020 were decided on in December 2019. Leagues are to be restructured in 2020 to have all First Teams playing in three divisions of 8 Teams, 8 Teams and 7 Teams respectively. Second and third teams of clubs will play in a Reserve League across two divisions, numbers dependent on affiliated teams.

Championships have been also restructured to reduce the number of teams in SFC from 12 to 10, IFC from 12 to 10, JFCA from 11 to 10 with remaining teams affiliated to be spread across existing JFCB and the introduction of JFCC.

Further details on Restructuring 2020 are here: <http://www.leitrimgaa.ie/2018/12/convention-2019-how-the-motions-fared/>

### **9. What date was the Master Fixture Plan circulated to the Clubs?**

22 February 2019

### Master Fixture Plan

### **12. Provided a summary on how the Master Fixture Program in 2019 performed? Highlighting what worked well and what areas need improvement.**

The 2019 Master Fixture Plan 2019 performed excellently. Due to the fact that all players are available to clubs for all league games, clubs were required to play an inordinate number of games in a short time frame in July in advance of Club Championship commencement. The plan was nonetheless achieved and this less than ideal scenario of as many as 5 league matches in cases being played in less than 3 weeks will be addressed in 2020 with the introduction of new structures.

### **13. Was any round of Club league moved due to Inter-County Teams?**

If yes, please give details

Round 1 was moved because Leitrim qualified for Allianz Division 4 League Final 2019

### **14. Was any round of Club Championship moved due to Inter-County Teams?**

If yes, please give details

No

## April Window

### **15. What type of Football games were played in the April Window?**

e.g. League, Championship or both League and Championship

Three Rounds of Adult Football Leagues Division 1 and 2. No Championship games played.

### **16. What type of Hurling games were played in the April Window?**

e.g. League, Championship or both League and Championship

As we have only 2 Adult Hurling Teams at present, any possible games played at this time would have been league matches played in Cross County Leagues.

### **17. Give a summary of how the “April Window” is perceived within your County?**

(From the view of the clubs and County Board)

Traditionally Leitrim does not play Club Championship games until after exit from County Competitions. April Window is viewed favourably as the traditional commencement of the Adult League Competitions with a run of games for Clubs' First Teams.

## May & June Window

### **18. What type of Football games will be played in the “May & June” Window?**

Depending on the progress of the County Footballers/Hurlers in respective Inter County Competitions, additional league matches are scheduled. It should be borne in mind that all County Players are available to their clubs for First Team League Matches.

### **19. What type of Hurling games will be played in the “May & June” Window?**

As Leitrim has only two adult club teams they play matches in Cross County Leagues when organised.

### **20. Has your County tried anything different to provide a fixture program to club players during the ‘May & June’ Window when Inter-County Players are not available?**

As part of the restructuring referred to earlier, in

2020, we are introducing a Secondary League Competition to be played for not including players involved at Inter County level. The League Divisions structure will mirror the main League Competitions Structure with Divisions of 7 Teams, 7 Teams and 6 Teams across Divisions 1-3 respectively.

## Availability of Inter-County Players

### **21. Summary of Inter-County players availability to the Club League Fixtures?**

As outlined above, Inter County players will be available to clubs in the Premier League Competition.

## Underage Grades

### **22. Please give a summary of the Age Grades of Competitions that are provided by your County Board in 2020?**

Official Competition is played at Under 13, 15 and 17. Games below that level are played in accordance with Go Games Model.

## Additional Comments

Leitrim GAA has planned for considerable change in its Adult Competitions Structures for 2020. The restructured Leagues will take considerable pressure off Inter County Players with the reduced number of League Matches in the Premier League. The culture of expecting Inter County Players to play all games in the main league structure has been maintained but the number of these games has been reduced by four which will ease the burden on all parties. The Secondary League Competition is of paramount importance heading into 2020 as it will provide regularity of activity for what we consider elite club players. The net result will be an increase of guaranteed league games to these players from 11 in 2019 to 14 in 2020. This is significant progress and we need to ensure that the secondary competition is treated with respect by all parties involved in its implementation. While providing extra matches to elite club players, it also affords clubs the opportunity to progress players from reserve teams by giving them game time at a higher level of club football while Inter County Players are not available to them. This is a most positive development.

In altering the format of the proposed Reserve League Structure at the decision making stage



by putting in place two divisions rather than the proposed three, this competition structure will require careful monitoring in the 2020 season. It is clear that, with a number of teams of former potential Division 2 standard operating in an exclusively Reserve League structure for the first time in over three decades may lead to testing challenges ahead with regard to the provision of meaningful competitive football for second teams of stronger units. This may lead to ongoing restructuring of the Reserve Competitions with increased numbers of divisions to meet the challenged posed by gaps in standards that are likely to become apparent in Year 1 of its operation.

The restructured championship format, while still taking a similar timeframe to fulfil, should lead to an increase in standard with the reduced number of teams in each grade. The very fact that there will be three first teams operating at Junior A level should increase the chance that we will have representatives at Connacht Junior Club Championship going forward, while with respect accepting that this is not guaranteed.

The number of mismatches that have been evident, particularly at Senior level, in recent years should see a reduction. Playing standards will continue to require monitoring.

While the number of guaranteed games for club players in the championships has reduced by one for 2020, with the introduction of the secondary league competition, the overall guaranteed games for elite club players in Leitrim will have increased from a minimum at the higher level of 17 to 19 in the 2020 playing season and this is a positive step forward. While the implementation of the new structures will, inevitably, introduce fresh challenges for players, clubs and the CCC, we would respectfully implore that they are embraced with enthusiasm by all parties involved and we can then earnestly make an informed critique at the conclusion of the incoming playing season.

Our clubs are to be commended for the leap of faith they made in December 2018. It's nearing time to deliver on that promise made!

## Adult Championship Details 2019

Please list each Adult Championship that your County runs in in each Grade (e.g. Senior, Senior B, Junior B etc.), giving a summary of the structures (e.g. Straight Knock Out, Group Stage, No. of Team per group etc.) and how many teams are in each championship?

### Football

Grade e.g. Senior, Intermediate etc	Number of Teams	Format e.g. Straight Knock out, back door, Round Robin 4 team etc. (DD/MM/YY)	Date of first round (DD/MM/YY)	Date of Final (DD/MM/YY)	Min No. of Games each Team got
Senior	12	Round Robin 2 Groups of 6 Teams each	27/07/2019	13/10/2019	6
Intermediate	12	Round Robin 2 Groups of 6 Teams each	27/07/2019	13/10/2019	5/6
Junior A	10	Round Robin 1 Group of 4 Teams and 2 Groups of 3 teams each	28/07/2019	27/10/2019	2/3
Junior B	8	Round Robin 2 Groups of 4 Teams each	04/08/2019	02/11/2019	3

### Hurling

Grade e.g. Senior, Intermediate etc	Number of Teams	Format e.g. Straight Knock out, back door, Round Robin 4 teams group etc.	Date of first round (DD/MM/YY)	Date of Final (DD/MM/YY)	Min No. of Games each Team got
Senior	2	Straight Final	19/10/2019	19/10/2019	1

## Adult League Details 2019

Please list each Adult League Competition that your County runs giving a summary of the structures and how many teams are in each League?

### Football

Name	Number of Teams	Format e.g. Play each team once, double round, split league etc.	Date of first round (DD/MM/YY)	Date of Final (DD/MM/YY)	Min No. of Games each Team got
Division 1	12	Single Round	06/04/2019	27/04/2019	11
Division 2	12	Single Round	06/04/2019	12/10/2019	11
Division 3	11	Single Round	02/03/2019	14/07/2019	10
Division 4	11	Single Round	02/03/2019	21/07/2019	10

### Hurling (Note Leitrim Hurling Teams play in Cross County Leagues)

Name	Number of Teams	Format e.g. Play each team once, double round, split league etc.	Date of first round (DD/MM/YY)	Date of Final (DD/MM/YY)	Min No. of Games each Team got
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

## Adult Championship Details 2020 Projected Based on Number of 2019 Affiliated Teams

Please list each Adult Championship that your County runs in each Grade (e.g. Senior, Senior B, Junior B etc.), giving a summary of the structures (e.g. Straight Knock Out, Group Stage, No. of Team per group etc.) and how many teams are in each championship?

### Football

Grade e.g. Senior, Intermediate etc	Number of Teams	Format e.g. Straight Knock out, back door, Round Robin 4 team etc.	Date of first round (DD/MM/YY)	Date of Final (DD/MM/YY)	Min No. of Games each Team got
Senior	10	Round Robin 2 Groups of 5 Teams each	TBC	TBC	5
Intermediate	10	Round Robin 2 Groups of 5 Teams each	TBC	TBC	5
Junior A	10	Round Robin 2 Groups of 5 Teams each	TBC	TBC	5
Junior B	8	Round Robin 2 Groups of 4 Teams each	TBC	TBC	4
Junior C	6	Round Robin 2 Groups of 3 Teams each	TBC	TBC	3

### Hurling

Grade e.g. Senior, Intermediate etc	Number of Teams	Format e.g. Straight Knock out, back door, Round Robin 4 teams group etc.	Date of first round (DD/MM/YY)	Date of Final (DD/MM/YY)	Min No. of Games each Team got
Senior	2	Straight Knockout Final	TBC	TBC	1



## 2020 Adult League Details based on 2019 Affiliated Teams

Please list each Adult League Competition that your County runs giving a summary of the structures and how many teams are in each League?

### Football

Name	Number of Teams	Format e.g. Play each team once, double round, split league etc.	Date of first round (DD/MM/YY)	Date of Final (DD/MM/YY)	Min No. of Games each Team will get
Division 1 Premier League	8	Single Round	TBC	TBC	6
Division 1 Secondary League	8	Single Round	TBC	TBC	6
Division 2 Premier League	8	Single Round	TBC	TBC	6
Division 2 Secondary League	8	Single Round	TBC	TBC	6
Division 3 Premier League	7	Single Round	TBC	TBC	6
Division 3 Secondary League	7	Single Round	TBC	TBC	6
Reserve League 1	12	Single Round	TBC	TBC	11
Reserve League 2	11	Single Round	TBC	TBC	10

### Hurling (Note Leitrim Hurling Teams play in Cross County Leagues)

Name	Number of Teams	Format e.g. Play each team once, double round, split league etc.	Date of first round (DD/MM/YY)	Date of Final (DD/MM/YY)	Min No. of Games each Team will get
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

# Quality Statements 2019

Quality Statement	Achieved (Yes or No)
1. Did the adult league season begin no earlier than February?	Yes
2. Did the adult league season concluded by the end of October?	Yes
3. Was the season'sw length between 6 to 9 months for every player? (in terms of internal competitions only)	Yes
4. Were Adult players provided with the following minimum meaningful competition games during the season? (Meaningful games = League & Championship). Strong Code – 16 Weak Code – 8 Dual Code – 12 (In each Code)	Adult Players playing football with First Teams were provided in general with a minimum of 17 Games. As we have only 2 Hurling teams their programme was largely dependent on the number of Cross County League Matches.
5. Was the master fixtures plan circulated to all clubs before the end of February?	22 February 2019
6. Were the start & end dates specified in the Master Fixture Plan met?	CCC performed exceptionally well with regard to delivery of MFP.
7. Were confirmed weekly fixtures posted on the County Website before 10am on Tuesday each week during the season?	Yes
8. Were all Adult Championship Fixtures – including relegation play-offs where relevant - completed by the end of October?	Yes
9. Were the finals for competitions that progress onto Provincial level, played at least two weekends before a team is required to play in the Provincial Championship?	Football Yes Hurling Final played 9 days before Provincial Championship.
10. Was any eliminated from the championship (including relegation play-offs) before the start of July?	No
11. Did any games in the Adult Championship that were drawn, affect the scheduled dates for the remaining rounds of the competition?	No
12. Was the maximum gap between official games any club's 1st team greater than three weeks?	2 gaps of 4 weeks each in 2019 to be addressed in 2020 with introduction of Secondary League Competition
13. Did your County should review their postponements & re-fixtures policy in 2019?	No
14. Does your County have regulations that provides that a game in County League is moved to the away team's pitch, if the home teams pitch is unplayable?	Yes
15. Did you Master Fixture Plan contain a contingency in the event a County exits the Championship earlier than planned or progress further than planned?	Yes
16. Were any rounds of the Championship – as originally laid out in the Master Fixtures Plan –postponed due to the progression of any County team?	No
17. Were any rounds of the League – as originally laid out in the Master Fixtures Plan – postponed due to the progression of any County team?	Yes, Round 1 as Leitrim qualified for AFLD4 Final

<b>Quality Statement</b>	<b>Achieved (Yes or No)</b>
18. Was a forum/review held with engagement with players and club representatives before the Master Plan for 2019 commenced.?	No
19. Did County Officers/CCCC meet with County Managers before the Master Plan for 2019 commenced?	Yes
20. Is there a provision included in the County Teams/Players Charter that outline when players will be released to play with their Clubs?	Yes



**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

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# **LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

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Leitrim County Committee G.A.A. are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the statement of financial position of the Committee and of the surplus or deficit of the Committee for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis.

The Committee is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Committee. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Committee and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Committee

**Traolach O Baoil**  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Attracta Ni Raghailigh**  
**Rúnaí**

**Mairtín Mac Artain**  
**Cisteoir**



**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT****TO THE MEMBERS OF LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.**

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We have audited the financial statements of Leitrim County Committee G.A.A. (the committee) for the year ended 31 October 2019 which comprises the Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

**The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the Committee's members, as a body. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Committee's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Committee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the statement of financial position of the Committee as at 31 October 2019 and of its surplus for the year then ended and,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Executive Committee in the preparation of the Financial Statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Committee's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

**Responsibilities of the Committee for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Committee's Responsibilities Statement, the Committee are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal controls as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

**Con Dolan**

**for and on behalf of Con Dolan Accountants Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Audit Firm**

3 ú Nollaig 2019

7 Railway Road  
Cavan  
Co Cavan  
H12 W981

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

	Schedule	2019 €	2018 €
<b>Income</b>			
Gate receipts		144,431	144,221
Commercial revenue	<b>A</b>	181,355	128,810
Income from associated bodies	<b>B</b>	361,648	376,565
Fundraising activities	<b>C</b>	365,384	174,237
Other income	<b>D</b>	356,413	359,572
Contra income	<b>E</b>	249,254	167,439
JP McManus Donation		100,000	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,758,485</b>	<b>1,350,844</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Match day costs	<b>F</b>	14,709	14,006
County team administration	<b>G</b>	381,566	474,494
Upkeep and maintenance of grounds	<b>H</b>	100,258	142,961
Administration expenses	<b>I</b>	245,521	227,998
Coaching and games development	<b>J</b>	163,419	172,323
Grants / promotional	<b>K</b>	228,989	142,499
Contra expenses	<b>L</b>	249,254	167,439
Payment to clubs of JP McManus Donation		100,000	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>1,483,716</b>	<b>1,341,720</b>
<b>Surplus for the financial year</b>		<b>274,769</b>	<b>9,124</b>

The Income and Expenditure Account has been prepared on the basis that all activities are continuing activities.

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2019**

	Notes	2019 €	€	2018 €	€
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Property, plant and equipment	5	1,928,078		1,523,279	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Trade and other receivables	6	66,222		57,928	
Cash and cash equivalents		46,410		153,306	
		112,632		211,234	
<b>Current liabilities</b>	7	(345,833)		(363,632)	
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			(233,201)		(152,398)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			1,694,877		1,370,881
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	8		(258,380)		(209,154)
<b>Net assets</b>			1,436,497		1,161,727
<b>Reserves</b>					
Income and expenditure account			1,436,497		1,161,727

The financial statements were approved by the executive committee and authorised for issue on 3 ú Nollaig 2019 and are signed on its behalf by:

**Traolach O Baoil**  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Attracta Ni Raghailigh**  
**Rúnaí**

**Mairtín MacArtain**  
**Cisteoir**



**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

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**1 Accounting policies****1.1 Accounting convention**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"). The presentation format conforms generally with the standard format as recommended by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

The financial statements are prepared in euros, which is the functional currency of the committee. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest €.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

**1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the executive committee have a reasonable expectation that the committee has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the executive committee continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

**1.3 Income and expenditure**

All income including grants are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

**1.4 Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write-off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and Buildings	2% SL
Office Fixtures and Fittings	20% SL
Computer Equipment	33% SL
Motor Vehicles	20% SL

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to surplus or deficit.

**1.5 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

**1.6 Financial instruments*****Basic financial assets***

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables are initially measured at transaction price.

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019****1 Accounting policies****(Continued)*****Other financial assets***

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in surplus or deficit, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

***Classification of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, bank loans, are recognised at transaction price.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired from suppliers for its activities. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised at transaction price.

***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.7 Capital grants**

Revenue grants are accounted for in the year in which they are confirmed as receivable and are credited to the Income and Expenditure account. Capital grants receivable are accounted for in long-term liabilities in the year in which the related capital expenditure is incurred. This account is amortised to the income and expenditure account on the same basis as the related fixed assets are depreciated.

**2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the committee's accounting policies, the executive committee are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant.

**3 Operating surplus**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	€	€
Operating surplus for the year is stated after charging:		
Fees payable to the committee's auditor for the audit of the committee's financial statements	5,170	5,133
Depreciation of owned property, plant and equipment	60,033	50,479
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**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019****4 Employees**

The average monthly number of persons employed by the committee during the year was:

	<b>2019 Number</b>	<b>2018 Number</b>
Administration	1	1

In addition Croke Park and Connacht Council part funded 4 (2018 - 4) coaching positions within the county during the year. The committee also benefited from the placement of 5 (2018 - 4) individuals who are employed on a community employment scheme.

**5 Property, plant and equipment**

	<b>Land and Office Buildings</b>	<b>Fixtures and Fittings</b>	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 November 2018	1,994,539	14,411	10,090	7,300	2,026,340
Additions	464,285	1,877	550	-	466,712
At 31 October 2019	2,458,824	16,288	10,640	7,300	2,493,052
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 November 2018	476,025	13,969	8,052	5,015	503,061
Depreciation charged in the year	59,010	486	1,617	800	61,913
At 31 October 2019	535,035	14,455	9,669	5,815	564,974
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 October 2019	1,923,789	1,833	971	1,485	1,928,078
At 31 October 2018	1,518,513	442	2,039	2,285	1,523,279

**6 Trade and other receivables**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other receivables	66,222	57,928

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019****7 Current liabilities**

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Amounts owed to credit institutions	9	174,617	168,617
Trade payables		24,200	17,287
PAYE and social security		634	933
Other payables		45,094	141,870
Accruals		101,288	34,925
		<u>345,833</u>	<u>363,632</u>

**8 Non-current liabilities**

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Capital grants	10	90,420	83,300
Loans		167,960	125,854
		<u>258,380</u>	<u>209,154</u>

**9 Borrowings**

	2019 €	2018 €
Bank loans	232,729	190,221
	<u>232,729</u>	<u>190,221</u>
Payable within one year	64,769	64,367
Payable after one year	167,960	125,854
	<u>232,729</u>	<u>290,645</u>

**10 Capital grants**

	€
Balance at 1 November 2018	83,300
Grants received during the year	9,000
Amortisation in the year	<u>(1,880)</u>
Balance at 31 October 2019	<u>90,420</u>



**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

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**11 Contingent Liabilities**

Leitrim County Committee G.A.A. has guaranteed club loans. The outstanding balances at 31 October 2019 are: Annaduff CLG €20,377 (2018 - €27,666), Bornacoola CLG €8,580 (2018 - €14,703) and Drumreilly CLG €12,543 (2018 - €21,522).

**12 Approval of financial statements**

The executive committee approved the financial statements on 3 ú Nollaig 2019.

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.  
SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

**(These schedules do not form part of the audited financial statements)**

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****SCHEDULE OF INCOME****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

	2019	2018
€	€	€
<b>Gate Receipts</b>	144,431	144,221
<b>Schedule A Commercial Income</b>		
Bush Hotel	-	15,000
O'Neills Sports	58,995	59,334
Connacht Gold	5,000	3,000
Dunnes / Swan Bars	2,500	2,500
Mac Manus Pharmacy	2,000	2,000
Gallogly Outdoor Catering	1,000	1,000
Cox's Steakhouse	10,440	6,000
Pyramid Bookmakers	-	1,000
Lough Rynn Castle	3,500	2,000
Kerrigan Quarries	1,500	1,500
Barna Waste	1,500	1,500
Newtowngore Engineering	1,500	1,500
AvantCard	10,000	10,000
Tyrrell Air	-	3,000
JP Clarkes New York	17,237	-
WestLink Coaches	2,300	3,000
GA Menswear	-	2,000
Smith's Monumental	1,500	1,500
Sign Warehouse	-	1,230
Mercedes Ireland	-	1,000
The Landmark Hotel	1,100	1,000
St Phelim's Nursing Home Dromahair	-	1,000
AIB Ballinamore	-	1,000
Vistamed	2,500	-
Joe Leydon	2,000	-
Mike Carty	1,240	-
McGoverns, Aughavas	50,000	-
Other sponsors	1,200	3,900
Programme franchise	4,343	1,321
Programmes senior football	-	2,525
	181,355	128,810

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****SCHEDULE OF INCOME (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

	€	2019 €	2018 €
<b>Schedule B Income From Associated Bodies</b>			
National football league share	40,399	34,130	
National hurling league share	14,839	15,064	
Commercial distributions central	185,316	175,000	
Team grants received central	25,640	12,550	
Office admin grants received	30,000	30,000	
Team grants received provincial	-	59,500	
Players mileage reimbursement football	16,740	21,178	
Players mileage reimbursement hurling	17,594	10,263	
Players nutrition reimbursement football	16,800	13,200	
Players nutrition reimbursement hurling	14,320	5,680	
		361,648	376,565
<b>Schedule C Fundraising Activities</b>			
Supporters club	114,483	111,799	
Cairde Liatríom Income	-	560	
Dinner Dance	1,880	2,610	
Other fundraising	3,391	5,156	
Brick in the Wall Fundraising	237,847	25,784	
New York Supporters Club	7,783	28,328	
		365,384	174,237
<b>Schedule D Other Income</b>			
Club Affiliation Fees	113,979	145,328	
Fines	3,700	4,600	
Summer camp income	107,478	93,536	
Connacht Council	101,761	82,114	
Coiste na Nóg	10,843	15,223	
Coiste Pairc Sean / COE income	17,317	12,227	
Handball income	1,100	514	
Jobsbridge income	-	5,000	
Scór Income	235	1,030	
		356,413	359,572



**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****SCHEDULE OF INCOME (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

	€	2019 €	2018 €
<b>Schedule E Contra Income</b>			
Floats	4,000	8,100	
Match tickets	120,682	60,635	
N.F.L fixtures	32,190	11,811	
Player's injury scheme	92,382	86,893	
	<hr/>	249,254	167,439
<b>JP McManus donation</b>		100,000	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		1,758,485	1,350,844

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

	€	2019 €	2018 €
<b>Schedule F Match Day Costs</b>			
Venue rental	12,870	11,849	
Match day catering	1,839	2,157	
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		14,709	14,006
<b>Schedule G County Team Administration</b>			
Players kilometre expenses	103,265	110,048	
Buses	6,880	6,325	
Nutrition costs	7,522	11,000	
Strength and conditioning	9,666	15,180	
Team meals and catering	56,727	50,446	
Accommodation	13,702	10,694	
Other match day costs	1,962	1,859	
Team administration costs	4,924	2,507	
Team managers and selectors expenses	69,270	67,294	
Hospital / doctor / specialist bills	28,510	17,013	
Physiotherapy	17,720	15,479	
Medical equipment / supplies	841	4,007	
Sportsgear	39,407	37,431	
Training facilities	9,117	4,035	
Laundry	735	242	
Functions / presentations	1,922	4,628	
Equipment	4,326	15,748	
Players insurance	4,570	4,863	
Order of Malta	500	1,250	
New York Trip	-	94,445	
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		381,566	474,494
<b>Schedule H Upkeep and maintenance of grounds</b>			
Pairc Sean	68,709	85,251	
Annaduff	31,549	57,710	
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		100,258	142,961

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

	€	2019 €	2018 €
<b>Schedule I Administration expenses</b>			
Printing, stationery and office administration	52,251	46,302	
Postage	1,200	1,400	
Telephone	7,127	6,007	
Audit and accountancy	5,170	5,133	
County convention meeting	-	220	
Congress expenses	1,526	920	
Expenses of county board officers	25,571	25,306	
Sundry expenses	9,664	10,191	
Scor expenses	300	1,100	
Kit van costs	4,380	2,496	
Bank charges	2,728	2,885	
Referee's costs	47,567	47,456	
Pairc Sean loan interest	2,079	1,203	
Supporters club expenses	25,025	11,900	
Cairde Liatroim expenses	900	15,000	
Depreciation	61,913	52,179	
Amortisation of grant	(1,880)	(1,700)	
		245,521	227,998
<b>Schedule J Coaching and games development</b>			
Coaching materials	40,303	56,876	
Summer camp expenses	91,266	88,922	
Games development expenses	9,187	2,054	
Promotions	-	290	
Catering	9,597	9,386	
Bus hire	6,655	7,670	
Physiotherapy / hospital bills	5,086	4,175	
Training facilities	1,325	1,930	
Team administration	-	1,020	
		163,419	172,323

**LEITRIM COUNTY COMMITTEE G.A.A.****SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019**

	€	2019 €	2018 €
<b>Schedule K Grants / Promotional</b>			
Advertising	-	2,793	
Handball	761	120	
Coiste Na Nog	36,350	30,451	
Gaeilge grants	1,000	1,400	
Gifts and presentations	1,060	7,329	
Dinner dance	5,046	5,940	
Complimentary tickets	1,450	800	
Hurling committee	135,634	85,453	
Brick in the Wall fundraising expenses	47,688	8,213	
		228,989	142,499
<b>Schedule L Contra Expenses</b>			
Floats	4,000	8,100	
Match tickets	120,682	60,635	
N.F.L Fixtures	32,190	11,811	
Players Injury Scheme	92,382	86,893	
		249,254	167,439
<b>Payment to clubs of JP McManus donation</b>		100,000	-
		1,483,716	1,341,720











McGovern Aughavas

# Leitrim GAA Centre of Excellence

Ionad Barr Feabhais Mhic Shamhrain



**Official opening of Leitrim GAA Centre of Excellence September 7th 2019**

## Coiste Chontae Liatroma Awards 2019

**Jim Lynch Hall of Fame:**  
Sean Maxwell, Drumreilly

**County Player of Year:**  
Shane Moran, Ballinamore Sean O Heslin's

**Senior Club Player of Year:**  
Conor Dolan, Glencar Manorhamilton

**Intermediate Club Player of Year:**  
David Bruen, Leitrim Gaels

**Junior Club Player of Year:**  
Alan Doonan, Fenagh St. Caillin's

**Senior Referee of Year:**  
Seamus Mulhern, St. Mary's Kiltoghert

**Minor Player of Year:**  
Barry McWeeney, Kiltubrid

**U16 Player of Year:**  
Gavin Reynolds, St. Mary's Kiltoghert

**Coiste na nOg Referee of Year**  
Mark Mc Closkey, Bornacoola

**Club Grounds of Year:**  
Aughavas G.A.A.

**County Hurler of Year:**  
Enda Moreton, Leitrim Gaels

**Senior Club Hurler of Year:**  
James Glancy, St. Mary's Kiltoghert

**Junior Hurler of Year:**  
Shane Mallon, Bornacoola

**Senior Handballer of Year:**  
Ed Lee, Fenagh

**Juvenile Handballer of Year:**  
Benoit Mc Kiernan, Annaduff

**Glencar Manorhamilton  
Connacht Gold  
Leitrim Senior Football  
Champions 2019**



**Carrick Hurling  
Leitrim Senior  
Hurling Champions  
2019**

**Leitrim Gaels  
Smith Monumentals  
Leitrim Intermediate  
Champions 2019**



**Glencar Manorhamilton  
Vistamed  
Leitrim Junior A  
Football Champions  
2019**