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**Martin Brennan** Senior B Hurling Championship Final

Western Gaels V Coolera Strandhill 12:45 pm

**Referee: Pat Maguire** 



Senior Hurling Championship Final

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Referee: Gus Chapman



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## Chairperson's welcome



Is mór an sásamh é fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir go dtí Pairc Markievicz tráthnóna inniu le haghaidh na cluichí ceannais seo i craoibh sinsear agus craoibh sinsear B iomániocht Chontae Shligigh.

It is a real pleasure today to have the opportunity to see four teams in action in the one venue for our Senior and Senior B finals. I want to bid a warm welcome in particular to the players, management, officials, families and supporters of all four clubs participating.

I want in particular to wish today's officials well – Pat Maguire, Gus Chapman and their teams. Today has been designated by the GAA as Referees Respect Day and I want to salute all those who take the whistle, a flag or don the white coat.

Without our officials there would be no organised games. They are volunteers who are entitled to enter the field knowing they have the full support of the officials and mentors of all the participating clubs in what ultimately is just a game.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors, our partners, members of the media, Club Sligo members and club members generally for their sustained dedication to Sligo GAA. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Míle buíochas,

Seán Ó Cearbhaill - Cathaoirleach CLG Sligeach

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## Clár an Lae

## Martin Brennan Senior B Hurling Championship Final

- 12.33 Coolera Strandhill take to the field and go to Scoreboard End
- 12.35 Western Gaels take to the field and warm up at Town End
- 12.43 Referee makes toss with Team Captains.
- 12.45 Throw In
- 13.20 Half Time interval
- 13.30 Second half commences
- 14.05 Game ends
- 14.10 Trophy presentation, in the main stand

Should the game end in a draw. There will be two ten-minute periods of extra time. If the sides are still level after extra time, the game will go to a replay at a date to be fixed.

## **Senior Hurling Championship Final**

- 14.48 Easkey take to the field and go to Scoreboard End
- 14.50 Naomh Eoin take to the field and go to Town End
- 14.55 Referee makes toss with Team Captains.
- 14.58 The national anthem Amhrán na bhFiann.
- 15.30 Throw-in
- 15.35 Half Time interval
- 15.37 Introduction of the Sligo U16 All Ireland winning team of 1971 to the crowd
- 15.45 Second half commences
- 16.20 Game ends
- 16.30 Presentation of the Shoot the Crows player of the match award
- 16.33 Presentation of senior championship trophy to winning captain

Should the game end in a draw. There will be two ten-minute periods of extra time. If the sides are still level after extra time, the game will go to a replay at a date to be fixed.

## **Today's officials.**



The match referee in the Martin Brennan Senior B Hurling Championship Final is Pat Maguire from the Naomh Eoin Club. He will be assisted by Michael Conway from Easkey, who is also the standby referee and by linesman Michael Larkin.



The Senior Hurling Championship Final will be refereed by Gus Chapman from the Shamrock Gaels club, His linesmen are Ciaran O'Donnell, who is the standby referee, and Timmy McCarthy.

## Fáilte



Fáilte romhaibh go léir go dtí an lá is móir sa bhliain iomániacht na club i Sligeach.

Finals days are always special but today is a first for Sligo hurling as we have the top four teams in the county all playing here today and the prospect of seeing the very best of our hurling talent on show.

This has been another year of great progress for Sligo hurling where we have defied the odds for our size in terms of playing numbers.

At club level we are seeing a growth in participation with new names on the fixtures list in our underage competitions.

In the intercounty stage, we have seen the emergence of a new young team that is sustaining itself in Division 2B and in the Christy Ring Cup while in underage competition, we brought home both the U17 Celtic Challenge and the U15 Hibernian trophy.

The challenge now is to build on those achievements. The support and investment in development work that creates success at intercounty level will also benefit the standard of club hurling which in turn will increase competition for places on those county teams.

Through the Sligo GAA Centre of Excellence, we have the capability and the support systems to maintain this progress and we look forward to further good days ahead as we build on the achievements of this year.

Back to today, I look forward to two great contests and plenty of entertainment – I trust the you all too enjoy the day.

### Seán Reynolds

Cathaoirleach, Coiste Iomána Sligeach





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## Andrew Kilcullen – hurling All Star

As we get towards the end of the playing season we find heads turning to announcements of awards for the year.



It was good news for Sligo and for Easkey in particular this week with the selection of Andrew Kilcullen on the team of the year for those

playing in the Christy Ring / Nickey Rackard and Lory Meagher Cup competitions - the pick of eighteen counties.

Andrew has emerged in 2022 as one of the game's ace sharpshooters, accurate from both play and placed balls and very much at the heart of this emerging young Sligo team. He is also an accomplished footballer who filled the centre forward berth for his club in their recent run to the county Intermediate championship final.







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## 1970 / 71 - The Revival of Underage Hurling in Co Sligo.

## (By Joe Quinn, Tourlestrane)

Sligo County Hurling Board will honour the winning 1971 U16 All-Ireland Hurling Team during half time of today's Senior Hurling Championship final. In the early 1970s, Sligo took part in the revive hurling programme and first took part in a 1970 U16 All-Ireland competition for counties where hurling was developing.

The driving force behind this revival of hurling in Co Sligo was Jarlath Mc Donagh, a native of Turloughmore, Co Galway who obtained a teaching position in Tubbercurry Vocational School in the late 1960s and brought his love and enthusiasm for hurling to the school and area.

Jarlath's enthusiasm soon invigorated the youth of the area, many of whom had never held a hurley let alone to become the owner of one, something which Jarlath organised through the generosity of Coiste Iomana.

He enrolled the help of Rory O Beirne in Easkey Vocational School which added some more players to the panel and set Co Sligo up to compete in the special U-16 hurling competition organised by Coiste lomana in 1970 for sixteen counties involved in the revival of hurling.

Sligo won victories over Mayo, Leitrim and Armagh to reach the All Ireland final against Derry, with the added bonus of it being played in the GAA headquarters of Croke Park, the dream of every GAA person. Derry were much stronger than the Sligo lads and the Yeats County had to console themselves with the experience learned. However, having almost tasted sweet success, Sligo redoubled their efforts and vowed to be back again. This dream came to fruition in 1971 when Sligo defeated Mayo and Longford to set up an All-Ireland clash with Armagh in the final, again in Croke Park. This 1971 U-16 hurling team became the first Co Sligo team to win an All-Ireland Final in Croke Park.

Subsequently many of the players were involved in winning the All Ireland Vocational School All Ireland final in 1972.

## U16 All- Ireland Hurling Champions 1971 Sligo's First Ever All-Ireland Hurling Title

Following that 1970 defeat Sligo panel started the 1971 campaign strongly beating Mayo - 7-9 to 4-4 - in Charlestown with the Sligo Champion setting a headline " Quinn destroys Mayo". Although only a goal ahead at half time, the report noted "in the second half there was a transformed Sligo team, brilliantly led by centre forward Joe Quinn – Quinn with his easy graceful style shattered the Mayo defence smashing home no less than 3 goals and 6 points".

The report points out he was heavily supported by brothers Tommie & Pat Richardson, Eugene Walsh, Miles McIntyre, Reggie McNulty, Fintan Smith, Stephen Tempany and Peter Gallagher.

In the Connacht Final Sligo played Longford in Carrick-on-Shannon leaving no doubt that they were heading back to Croke Park. The reports set out how Sligo's McIntyre & Walsh had to work around two giant-like Longford midfielders, but with the back line on the day of Smith, Gibson, Calpin and Richardson keeping the Longford team at bay and a strong effort from the full panel, the Sligo men won out on a 4-8 to 1-2 score line. Pat Richardson was named the man of the match and despite playing with an injury Joe Quinn produced a number of magnificent long-range points. The Sligo scorers on the day were John

Connolly (2-2), Joe Quinn (1-6) and Martin Noonan (1-0).

On Saturday 22nd October in Croke Park, the Sligo U-16 Panel made history by winning the U16 Hurling Final against Armagh.

Clad in the black and white of their county with matching helmets the Sligo Youth easily overpowered their opponents. Sligo opened the scoring in the third minute with a goal from John Connolly into the Railway end, with Michael Ryan adding a point directly after. Shortly after Joe Quinn soloed through the Armagh defence to score his first goal of

the match. Quinn added three points with Gerry Browne adding 1-01 and John Connolly a point to complete Sligo's first half score. Armagh's luck was not in, and they could only manage a goal to leave the half time score at Armagh 1-0 Sligo 3-06

Sligo opened the second half playing against a strong wind but this didn't stop the Yeats team. <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>



Although Armagh got the first score Quinn guickly responded and pointed and Sligo then got a goal after another Tourlestrane man Tommie Richardson dropped a 70 yard free into a crowded goalmouth. Two further Quinn goals and a

Michael Ryan point finished the scoring.

Final Score: Sligo 6-9 Armagh 1-5

Scorers: T Richardson 1-0, G Browne 1-01, M Noonan 0-1, J Quinn 3-04, J Connolly 1-01, M Ryan 0-02.

Sligo Panel: Michael Langtry (Curry), Stephen Henry (Tourlestrane), Myles McIntyre RIP (Cloonacool), Reggie McNulty (Tubbercurry), Fintan Smith (Easkey), Tommie Richardson (Tourlestrane), Gerry Browne (Easkey), Eugene Walsh (Mullinabreena), Pat Richardson (Tourlestrane), Martin Noonan (Tubbercurry), Joe Quinn Cpt (Tourlestrane), Stephen Tempany RIP (St Farman's), John Connolly (Curry), Peter Gallagher(Cloonacool), Michael Ryan (Curry), Des Gibson (Easkey), Gabe Calpin (Easkey), Peter McIntyre (Cloonacool), Mickey Curran (Tourlestrane), Bobby Coleman(Bunninadden), Peter Leonard (Tubbercurry), Michael Brennan (Tourlestrane)

Management: Jarlath McDonagh & Rory O'Beirne.

Back Team: Colm Mullarkey, Mick Burke, Peadar Gorman (RIP) and Joe Cawley (RIP)

## SLIGO TEENAGE HURLERS WIN ALL-IRELAND TITLE

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## 1971 U-16 Hurling Panel



Michael Langtry



Reggie McNulty









Tommie Richardson

Tommie Richardson: Tourlestrane.

Gerrv Browne

#### Michael Langtry: Curry.

Excellent goalie with great judgement, skill and confident in possession. One of the youngest members of the team. Won his second medal in 1972 with Co Sligo Vocational schools. Won senior county hurling championships with Tubbercurry.

#### Stephen Henry: Tourlestrane.

A dedicated young player and a solid defender. Has two All-Ireland medals. The second won in 1972 with Sligo Vocational Schools. Has won senior football championships with Tourlestrane.

#### Myles Mc Intyre RIP: Cloonacool.

Determined and relentless who never gave up. Won his second All-Ireland medal in 1972 with Sligo Vocational Schools. Good footballer and very proud Cloonacool player.

#### Reggie Mc Nulty: Tubbercurry.

Renowned for his lightning pulling ability which made many of his opponents dance the "Ostrich dance". Won his second All-Ireland medal in 1972 with Sligo Vocational Schools. Continued on to have a strong GAA and Hurling career within the county

#### Fintan Smith: Easkey.

Great attacking wing back. Skilful and reliable on the ball. Very determined. Won his second All-Ireland medal in 1972 with Sligo Vocational Schools. Often referred to as the "Lionhearted". His excellent skill, fearless courage and command of the game ensured Sligo always had the advantage at centre half back. His reading of the game was second to none. Won his second All-Ireland in 1972 with the Sligo Vocational schools. An excellent footballer also.

#### Gerry Browne: Easkey.

Another excellent half back. Completed what was arguably the strongest line on the team. He could attack with ease. Won his second All-Ireland in 1972 with Sligo Vocational Schools.

#### Eugene Walsh: Mullinabreena.

Superbly fit and ran many of his opponents into the ground. Distributed the ball very well. At home in midfield or half forward. Won his second All-Ireland in 1972 with Sligo Vocational schools.

#### Pat Richardson: Tourlestrane.

Brother of Tommie was a fearless opponent and good distributer of the ball. Never lacked in commitment. Enthusiastic player who never gave up.

#### Martin Noonan: Tubbercurry.

One of the youngest players with great skills who could take a score from anywhere given half a chance. Won his second All-Ireland medal in 1972 with the Sligo Vocational schools.

#### Joe Quinn: Tourlestrane.

Team Captain and centre half forward. Very skilful, determined and a prolific scorer. Scored 3-4 in Croke Park in the All-Ireland final. Won his second All-Ireland medal in 1972 as captain of the Sligo Vocational schools. Played senior hurling for Sligo during the 70's, 80's and 90's. Has 9 senior club county championship medals won, 7 hurling and 2 football.

#### Stephen Tempany RIP: St Farnans.

Another skilful half forward with a determination to succeed. Great at linking up with the other forwards. Won his second All-Ireland medal in 1972 with the Sligo Vocational schools.

#### John Connolly: Curry.

Renowned for his left handed strike and brilliant goals. An excellent goal poacher who could punish any lapse in the opposing backs. Won his second All-Ireland medal in 1972 with Sligo Vocational schools.

**Peter Gallagher: Cloonacool.** A tough forward who never gave up and excelled at the "pull on the ground" which baffled many backs. A wholehearted player who knew how to take a goal.

#### Michael Ryan: Curry.

An elusive corner forward who could show up in unexpected places to clinch a marvellous score. Could get scores at vital times in the game.

#### Dessie Gibson: Easkey.

Great energy and his fitness level was second to none. Opponents had a hard time keeping up with his speed and skill.

#### Gabe Calpin: Easkey.

A very talented hurler. Very fast on the draw. Versatile player who could excel in any position on the field.

#### Peter Mc Intyre: Cloonacool.

One of the younger team players. A brother of Myles who had good striking ability. Won his second All-Ireland medal in 1972 with the Sligo Vocational schools

#### Mickey Curran: Tourlestrane.

A fast elusive hurler who could turn on a sixpence. Backs worst nightmare. Knew how to take his scores.

#### Bobby Coleman: Bunninadden.

A player who never lacked enthusiasm and great at motivating his team players to greater heights.

#### Peter Leonard: Tubbercurry.

An accomplished player with a long puck. Reliable and determined. Won his second All-Ireland in 1972 with the Sligo Vocational schools.

#### Michael Brennan: Tourlestrane.

A stylish left handed player who could sell a dummy to his opponent and take his scores well. A good underage player.

#### James Murphy: Tubbercurry.

A dangerous corner forward who could punish any mistake by the backs.

#### Donal Cahill: Bunninadden.

Exuded enthusiasm and really helped to drive the team to greater heights.



Joe Quinn

John Connolly



Peter Gallagher



Dessie Gibson



Gabe Calpin



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## **Development breeds success**

2022 will be remembered as a good year with all Sligo's county teams competing well.

One of the big reasons for that uplift is the focus of the Sligo GAA development team based out of our Centre of Excellence.

The work they are doing is building capacity in coaching and games development all around the county. This is the work that Club Sligo, first established in 2012, exists to support.

Sligo's first ever Connacht U20 football championship this year following closely on the Connacht minor success in 2021 was the culmination of five years' work by a very committed group of players working in close harmony, with consistent management structures over the period.

The group embraced that work and also built an identity as representatives of Sligo of which we can all be proud.

Our U16 footballers won their national competition the Fr Manning Cup and in hurling Sligo won the Celtic Challenge Michael Ferry Cup - the All Ireland U17 competition for hurlers outside the elite hurling countries – and our U15 hurlers were successful in the Peter O'Keeffe shield final as they began to get a taste for competition at intercounty level. As we build this capacity to compete year on year, we are shaping a new tradition that will underpin further future success and set a standard in turn for those that follow,

Our senior county players in both codes now form two strong, committed groups, based at the Centre of Excellence that are fully engaged with modern training methods and the application of sports science to Gaelic games.

We now have, for the first time ever, young Sligo footballers and hurlers who are used to winning, and who are happy to play with that expectation.

That emerges from having a focus first on the rounded development of the player from a young age with an emphasis on skill development, in a team context, and on learning how to practice well, with good habits and a positive attitude towards playing in a team environment.

This work is only possible when we are investing in the knowledge and skills of the people that work with our youth in bringing them from excited kids to mature and capable young men.

This is the work that is at the heart of what Club Sligo is there to support – creating a new culture for the games that evolves year on year.

## 2022 - a year of underage hurling success

2022 has been a great year for underage hurling in Sligo with teams lifting trophies in both the U15 and the U17 age grades.

At U15 level, Sligo participated in the Hibernia challenge and after coming through games against Wicklow, Armagh, Mayo, and Leitrim they reached the O'Keeffe Shield final against Roscommon which they won 4-10 – 0-17.

The U17 team participated in the Celtic Challenge and after emerging from a group that included Donegal, Tyrone and Mayo, they won a quarter final over Leitrim and a semi final over Meath to set up a final date vs Mayo in early June.

That game was played in glorious sunshine at Markievicz Park and amid great excitement, Sligo emerged as winners by a single point.







## 2022 Hurling Championship Story

After a number of years when the championship was stunted by the pandemic, this year's championship pitted all six teams competing into a round robin together that gave the opportunity for five championship games with four progressing to semi-finals.

Today's finalists emerged on top of the round robin table with Easkey placed first. They then went into semi finals with Easkey facing fourth placed Western Gaels in a west Sligo derby and Naomh Eoin pitted against neighbours Coolera Strandhill,

Easkey were made to fight all the way in their clash against Western Gaels only sealing the victory in the final minutes. Coolera Strandhill likewise put it up to Naomh Eoin until well into the second half but the Kent Park side eventually wriggled free to run out as assured winners on the day.

Name	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
Easkey	5	5	0	0	80	30	50	10
Naomh Eoin	5	4	0	1	142	89	53	8
CooleraStrandhill	5	3	0	2	111	66	45	6
Western Gaels	5	2	0	3	62	80	-18	4
Calry/St Joseph's	5	1	0	4	82	131	-49	2
Tourlestrane	5	0	0	5	37	118	-81	0

Semi-finals Easkey 2-13 Western Gaels 2-10 Naomh Eoin 2- 23 Coolera Strandhill 2-10

## Sligo Senior Hurling championship, roll of honour

	CLUB	WINS	YEARS WON	RUNNERS	YEARS RUNNER-UP
2	Craobh Rua	27	1943, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1954, 1955, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1670, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994	5	1990, 1991, 1998, 1999, 2000
2	Tubbercurry	13	1969, 1977, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006	5	1980, 1983, 2005, 2007, 2011
3	Calry St. Joseph's	11	2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017	4	2002, 2003, 2004, 2006
4	Tourlestrane	7	1981, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1991	4	1977, 1986, 1993, 2001
5	Dromard	6	1906, 1907, 1911, 1934, 1935, 1942	2	1929, 1943
6	Easkey Sea Blues	4	1962, 1963, 2020, 2021	2	1984, 2019
7	Western Gaels	1	2010	5	2008, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2017
	Coolera-Strandhill	1	2018	4	2010, 2012, 2013, 2016
	Naomh Eoin	1	2019	5	1986, 1997, 2018, 2020, 2021
	Curry	1	1936	0	
	Sligo	1	1929	0	
	Sligo United	1	1919	0	
	Sligo Wanderers	1	1905	0	
8	Grange	0		1	1962

## Edwin Mullane, a busy man

When the story of county hurling final day 2022 is being told in years to come, the story of one man will stand out, win or lose. Edwin Mullane, a native of Dublin but now resident in the shadow of Ben Bulben will be competing today in two finals.

This afternoon he lines out at full forward for Naomh Eoin in his first Sligo senior championship final.

As soon as the game is over it's a quick shower and a dash all the way to Tuam where this evening he will be competing in the Connacht final of the Senior Scór where he will be representing Sligo and the Naomh Molaise Gaels club in the Connacht finals of Scór in the Recitation competition.





It's not the first time the versatile Edwin has show his diversity of skills. Two weeks ago, he was on the edge of the square for Naomh Eoin on the Saturday afternoon as they won the semi-final that set up today's contest. That evening he won the Sligo Senior Scor competition and the next day he was part of the Naomh Molaise Gaels team that contested the Connacht Gold Junior A football final. A busy man indeed...



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# Naomh Eoin

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2 Darragh Feehily	3 y Cathal Jordan	4 Donal Keaveny
5 Arthur Wall	6 Niall Feehily	7 Fergal O'Kelly-Lynch
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13 Liam O'Kelly-Lyn		15 Joe Carroll



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## Leo and Jim Gray - Sligo Sports Stars book

**LOCAL HEROES:** A CELEBRATION OF SLIGO SPORT is a unique local sports book due for publication later this month.

Written by award-winning local journalists, Jim and Leo Gray, the book is a virtual encyclopledia of local sporting achievement, featuring more than 70 chapters across over 20 local sports.

Naturally, the book includes a comprehensive and wide-ranging focus on GAA and will be of particular interest to football and hurling fans throughout the region.

In all, there are 16 chapters of compelling GAA stories, covering everything from the legendary heroics of Sligo's Connacht Championship winning teams right up to the recent ground-breaking triumphs for the county's under-age footballers; the glorious progress of Sligo hurlers, the captivating Croke Park success of the county ladies' All-Ireland winning squad, and the enduring passion for Gaelic games at club and grassroot level.

GAA fans will enjoy riveting essays on the county's four football All-Stars, Mickey Kearins, Barnes Murphy, Eamonn O'Hara and Charlie Harrison.

Hurler Keith Raymond, who won three All-Ireland medals and five Champion 15 awards (the equivalent of the football All Stars), offers an absorbing insight into his success-laden career, while an indepth study of the county's outstanding advances in hurling includes thoughtful observations from Darragh Cox, Mick Burke, Henry Cox and Hurling Board Chairman, Sean Reynolds. It looks at Sligo's 2007 Provincial Championship triumph with The Breheny brothers, Tommy and Mark, captain Noel McGuire. And the multi talneted Kieran Quinn.

Sligo's previous provincial win in 1975 is also covered in pieces with Paddy Henry, John Brennan, Tommy Cummins, Tommy Carroll. Mickey Kearins and Barnes Murphy, each of whom outline their own take on the twists and turns of what was an epic adventure for Sligo football.

Of more recent vintage are Paul Henry and Dessie Sloyan's perspectives as managers of the county minor and under 20 teams of 2021 and 2022 while the book also looks on the vibrant club scene in Sligo and takes a look from the perspective of officials and administrators

LOCAL HEROES: A CELEBRATION OF SLIGO SPORT is the most comprehensive collection of Sligo sports stars ever assembled between the covers of a book and is a must read for

all Sligo sports fans. Published by Red Stripe Press, it will be launched later this month and will be available in all local book shops.



Foreword by Tommie Gorman

## Wheelchair hurling Inclusive hurling

Wheelchair hurling and camogie is going from strength to strength around the country with League games now being staged in Sports Halls across the Country to ensure that the games can be enjoyed by both able bodied and people with different abilities, alike.

Sligo recently hosted the Connacht GAA round of the M. Donnelly GAA Wheelchair Hurling / Camogie Interprovincial League Round Four in Banada Hall, Tourlestrane.

This festival of hurling started off with the four provincial wheelchair hurling teams – Munster, Leinster, Ulster & Connacht – entering the hall through a guard of honour of young camogie and hurling players from Tourlestrane.

In the games that followed the home side (Connacht) won one game and lost two to finish second in the league behind Munster.

Great credit and sincere thanks to the Tourlestrane GAA Club, and especially Pat Carty and Dermot Walsh, for ensuring the sports hall was in good playing condition and there was great road signage in place.

Thanks also to Sligo and Connacht GAA and to SSRP (Sligo Sport & Recreation Partnership) for their support, and to everyone for their support, encouragement, and co-operation on the day.

Finally, and most importantly a real thanks to the players who came from the four corners of the Country and did their best for their Provincial teams and enjoyed this marvellous sporting occasion in "The Yeats County". Thanks to all managers, coaches and helpers with the teams, and the parents and supporters who came out and encouraged the players.



The Connacht GAA Wheelchair Hurling /camogie team: Pat Carty Cpt (Tourlestrane - Sligo), Aidan Hynes (Calry - Sligo), Stephen Melvin (Owenmore Gaels - Sligo), Shane Curran (Moycullen - Galway), Liam O'Boyle (Knockmore - Mayo), Peter Egan (Kilmovee - Mayo), John Blake (Athenry, Galway), Tom Fleming (Charlestown - Mayo). Managers: Tim Hynes & Pat Carty.

## Sligo GAA grounds to go smoke free



Sligo GAA this week announced that its county ground, Markievicz Park and its Centre of Excellence at Scarden are to go Smoke Free starting with this weekend's opening games of the Homeland Senior Football Championship and the Connacht Gold sponsored intermediate and Junior championships.

There are already a number of smoke free grounds in the county and Sligo GAA Chair of Health and Wellbeing, Trevor Coen revealed that the hope is that all clubs in the county will make their grounds smoke free by the end of 2023.

As part of this new initiative, all pitch viewing areas of both grounds will become smoke and vape free zones. There will be prominent signage at both grounds and the GAA will also be getting support from the HSE with

information leaflets and QUIT packages under the Healthy Ireland (HI) banner.

Mr. Coen continued, "We now have over half of the clubs in the county participating in the GAA's Health Club initiative and as part of their commitment in that regard, a number of clubs have already made their grounds smoke free – specifically Curry, Eastern Harps, Shamrock Gaels, St Johns and St Molaise Gaels - while a number of others have started the process - Owenmore Gaels for Connolly Park in Collooney, Ballymote for their Corran Park and Coolaney / Mullinabreena for Nace O'Dowd Park.

Mr Coen said, "the focus is not about 'clamping down on people. It is about encouraging people to quit smoking and also about not having people around our grounds smoking in any form around young people.

There have been pilots in a number of counties around the country and the feedback is positive. For those that feel they have to smoke or vape, we will be providing designated areas near the perimeters of the ground but we will be encouraging people to abstain for the hour and a half or so that they are with us"





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