

An Mhaigh Tír na nÓg G.A.C. Notes (week commencing 15/03/10)

Floodlit Ceremony

The official opening of our impressive new floodlit facilities at Páirc Thír na nÓg took place last Friday evening. Former President of the GAA, Paddy McFlynn, was among the distinguished guests at this celebratory event. Accompanied by his good friend and Moy stalwart Mick Millar, 92-year-old Paddy said he was delighted to be present at such an historic occasion.

Also in attendance were a large number of club members, officials, players, family members and friends of An Mhaigh G.A.C. who were encouraged by Chairman Peter McKearney to take part in the countdown to the official switching on of the lights at 7.00pm. A guard of honour, which also consisted of our senior men and ladies footballers, was then formed from the clubrooms as scores of young underage boys and girls made their way out onto the fully floodlit training pitch.

There followed a series of mini exhibition games involving our youth players, with county stars Philip Jordan and Ryan Mellon among those acting as referees. Hot food, tea and refreshments were served in an open marquee while Sean Kelly supplied background music for an event that was blessed with good weather. Information on Suicide Awareness and Alcohol and Drugs Prevention was also available on the night.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this an evening to remember and came along to show their appreciation for one of the most significant developments in our club's history. Credit also must go to those individuals on our club's Development Committee who worked hard to acquire these new floodlights.

Ag Éisteacht Programme

Representatives of An Mhaigh G.A.C. were privileged to welcome Paraic Duffy, Árd Stiúrthóir CLG, and Kieran Leddy from Croke Park to our clubrooms on Monday night past (15 March) as part of the G.A.A.'s Ag Éisteacht programme.

The purpose of this session was to provide a representative cross section of our club with access to the senior officers of the Association to share opinions, hopes and aspirations on any area of the G.A.A. It proved a very worthwhile event as both of the high-ranking Croke Park officials were kept informed of the priorities and needs of the club at local level while also discussing wider topics concerning G.A.A. matters.

Afterwards, Árd Stiúrthóir Paraic Duffy presented our club Chairman Peter McKearney with a special commemorative plate to mark their visit. We thank both Paraic and Kieran for honouring us with their presence and also thank those who contributed to a very interesting and enjoyable session.

A special word of thanks to Kay Duffy and those who helped prepare the tea and refreshments on the night.

Table Quiz

The club's Annual Table Quiz will be held in P.B.'s Bar, Moy on Friday 26th March at 8.00pm. This event is being organised by the ladies players and management teams who invite all club members and friends to come along and enjoy what should be a great night's craic. More details next week.

Senior & Reserve Men

An Mhaigh senior and reserve footballers will play Kildress at home in the opening round of this year's Tyrone All-County League Division One on Saturday 3rd April. The throw-in times will be 3.00pm (reserve) and 4.30pm (senior).

Well done to Colm, Ryan and Sean who were all involved in Tyrone's exciting victory over Cork in the N.F.L. at Omagh last Saturday night. Colm and Ryan scored two of the goals while Sean's second half introduction helped raise Tyrone spirits. It is hoped that Philly will also be back in action for the county team in the coming weeks.

Senior Ladies

The draws have taken place for the 2010 Ladies Senior Club Championships. An Mhaigh will play St Dymphna's (Dromore) in the quarter-finals of the Intermediate grade on the weekend of May 27th – 29th. The winners of this game will meet either Ardboe or Trillick in the semi-finals on July 17th or 18th.

Under 18 Boys

An Mhaigh Under 18 lads played Rock in a floodlit challenge game at Páirc Thír na nÓg on Thursday 11th March. It proved to be a very good run-out for the Moy players who recorded a morale-boosting win against their grade two opponents.

An Mhaigh minors will begin their grade three league campaign with a home game against Killeeshil on Sunday 28th March. For more information on training and fixtures, please contact Paud Loughran, Martin Deeney or Paul Dynes.

Well done to An Mhaigh player Eunan Deeney who lined-out at right half back for Tyrone in the opening round of the Ulster Minor League against Derry last Saturday. Eunan played the full game which ended in a draw.

Under 18 Girls

There was disappointment for An Mhaigh Under 18 girls last Sunday as no referee turned up for their league game at home to Stewartstown. For more information on training and fixtures, please contact Niall Conlon, Colin Mackle or Sinéad McNicholl.

Under 14 Boys

An Mhaigh Under 14 boys maintained their impressive start to this year's league campaign with another big win at home to Naomh Padraig (Derryresk and Brocagh) last Saturday. For the second week in succession, the Moy lads produced a free-scoring and disciplined display which keeps them at the top of their section.

Team & Scorers: Tom Loughran; Patrick Mackle, John Millar (1-1); Patrick Lavery, Chris O'Neill (0-1), Stephen Donnelly; Ross Lavery (2-4) and Declan Conroy (1-0); Francie Kelly (1-0), Shay Armstrong (0-4), Reece O'Neill (1-0); Ryan Coleman (4-4), Mark Regan (1-0). **Subs (all used):** Eoghan Kelly, Rory Magee, Matthew Collins, Lorcan O'Hanlon, Conor Foster, Patrick Daly, Philip Mallon and Jack Campbell.

League Record: Played 2, Won 2, Drawn 0, Lost 0, Points 4. Moy's next league match will be at home to Augher on Saturday 27th March. Training takes place each Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Paul Kelly, Aidan Coleman or Marty Conroy.

There was no winner of the Under 14 squad's final 'Guess The Score' competition as no one correctly predicted the score of last Saturday night's Tyrone v Cork N.F.L. match.

Our Under 14 squad and management will set off for County Galway this weekend. They will leave the Moy at 8.00am on Saturday morning and play two games against host club Caherlistrane later that day. Then, following an overnight stay, An Mhaigh will play Corofin Under 14s on Sunday morning before taking part in mini-games at half-time in the Tyrone v Galway N.F.L. match at Tuam stadium that afternoon.

Underage Training

Training for An Mhaigh Under 10 boys takes place at Moy pitch every Saturday morning from 9.20am to 10.30am. Meanwhile, training for An Mhaigh Under 8 and 12 boys and Under 8, 10, 12 and 14 girls takes place at Moy pitch each Sunday from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Gaelic Fun Start

Gaelic Fun Start fundamental activities for boys and girls aged six years and under continues in St. John's Primary School, Moy each Monday evening from 6.30pm to 7.25pm. Children must be registered and accompanied at these activities by a parent/guardian. For further details, please contact Karol on 077 38982368.

Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member of Club Tír na nÓg in 2010, please contact any member of An Mhaigh G.A.C.'s executive or development committee. This membership scheme is open to any individual, family or business who wish to join.

Meanwhile, ordinary club membership for the year 2010 is now due. The fees are as follows: Adult £30 and Youth £10. New members, and those who wish to renew their membership, should note that payment can be made to any member of the executive committee. The closing date for membership is Wednesday 31st March.

Sympathy

It was with deep regret that the committee, players and members of An Mhaigh G.A.C. learned of the death on Monday (15th March) of Mr Edward Fearon, Dungannon – father of our esteemed youth team mentor Gerry and grandfather of our underage player Eoin. To the entire Fearon family, we at the club extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Sincerest sympathy is also extended to our club physio Donna Shiels who was bereaved last week by the death of her aunt. To Donna and the deceased's entire family circle, we express our heartfelt condolences.

New Arrival

Congratulations to An Mhaigh club members Declan and Nuala Curran who were blessed with the birth of their second child, a beautiful baby girl, last week. The new arrival, who has been named Cliodhna, is another granddaughter for our Honorary Club President Frankie Duffy and his wife Kay. Best wishes to all concerned.

Club Website

Our club website has been revamped and is well worth a visit to see the new-look home page and updated photo gallery. All the latest club news and a calendar of upcoming events, fixtures, training sessions etc are just some of the easily accessible features included in the site. Please log onto www.moy-gfc.com

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