

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Dhún na nGall



Cluiche Ceannais - Craobh Peile Sinsear 2020



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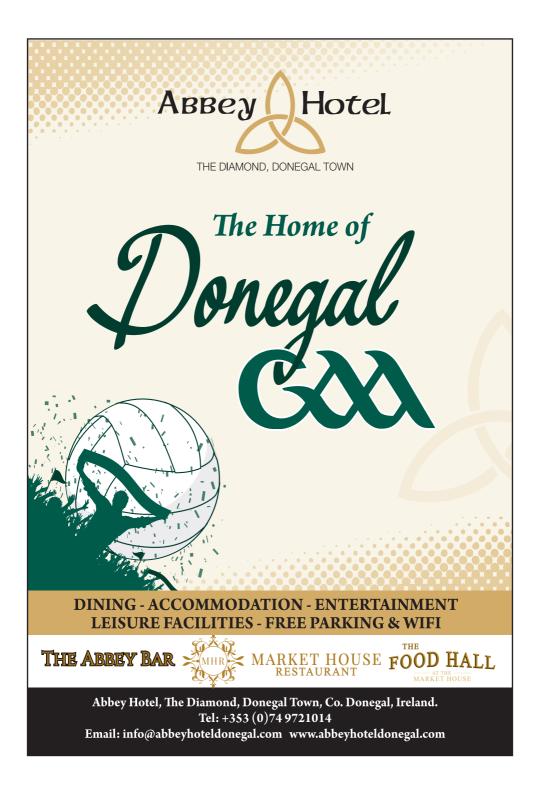
Cill Chartha V Naomh Conaill



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I bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill - Bealach Féich Dé Satharn an 14ú Lúnasa 2021 ag 8.00 i.n.

Clár Oifigiuil - €3.00



Fáilte on Cathaoirleach

Ar son CLG Dhún na nGall, is mór an onóir dom mar chathaoirleach ar bhord na contae, fáilte a chuir romhaibh anseo tráthnóna inniú go Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill chuig cluiche ceannais na condae sa pheil sinsear a cuireadh ar ceall anuraidh de bharr an víreas.

Comhghairdeas ó chroí le na hoifigigh, lucht bainistíochta, lucht tacaíochta agus go háraithe na

himreoirí ó CLG Chill Chárta agus Naomh Conaill. Caithfidh sé go raibh sé iontach deacair fócas a choinneal thar thréimhse chomh fada agus atá sé ó'n dáta a bhí an cluiche seo le himirt anuraidh. Tá mé cinnte go mbeidh sar-chluiche againn agus ádh mór ar an dá fhoireann..

On behalf of CLG Dhún na nGall it is a great honour for me as County Board Chairman to welcome all to Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill this evening. I congratulate the Officers, and Mentors of the two clubs and a special welcome to the panels of players from Kilcar and Naomh Conaill to this long awaited 2020 Senior Football Final. I also welcome all supporters both those here in Ballybofey and those on-line watching our stream.

The arrival of the virus COVID-19 to our country at the beginning of 2020 and the subsequent closing and altering of what was normal society has been a very stressful and difficult period for all of us. The many members of our families who live abroad and have been prohibited from visiting since it's arrival, and indeed those who have lost family through sickness, you are all in our thoughts this evening.

This also allows me the opportunity to express on behalf of the Donegal GAA a word of great gratitude towards the immense and unselfish support by our volunteers towards our older and younger members in reaching out to those in need. There are many people struggling and feeling the effects of loneliness and stress and being involved on and off the field within the GAA is a more important community project now than ever. I encourage all clubs to promote membership now like never before, as being involved at underage, Scór, fundraising, coaching, and all other areas available within your club, is vital for our club's survival.



Both of today's finalists have been at the forefront of underage development in the county in recent years, and those members who promoted and structured competitions for the youngsters involved deserve credit. The parents who saw to the delivery up and down to training, underage games, and encouraging participation - we recognise that effort. That all family members and club supporters can't

attend today is regulated by NPHET and those in charge at National Committee level in making these decisions. We are all committed to continue to assist the reduction of the spread of the Covid Delta variant and hopefully in the not too distant future numbers attending shall increase to the demands required.

Covid-19 regulations restricting spectator attendance saw rapid growth in streaming of our games into the living rooms of Gaels throughout Donegal, Ireland and beyond our shores, to the benefit of our diaspora across the globe. The process is simple - click on the link on the Donegal website and follow the instructions to log onto BeoSport who are providing the stream on behalf of CLG Dhún na nGall

I thank our sponsors Michael Murphy Sport and Leisure for their continued support and the Mc Geehan family for the man of the match award. The referee today is Mark Dorrian from the Fanad Gaels club in his first County final and I wish him and his officials well. The Sean MacCumhaills club, as always, have today's venue in top shape for the final and I would like to acknowledge the great work they put in throughout the season, year after year to ensure Páirc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill is always the best that it can be, I wish both teams the very best of luck and may the best team win.

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom buíochas a thabhairt do Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure i Leitir Ceanainn as an urraíocht. Ba mhaith liom fosta aitheantas a thabhairt do na coitséalaithe sna cumainn a chuireann a gcuid ama ar fáil go deonach le chinntiú go bhfuil na buachaillí agus na cailíní óga ag foghlaim na scileanna a bhaineann le cluichí s'againne.

CLUICHE CEANNAIS CHRAOBH SHINSEAR 2020

DHÚN NA NGALL

Urraithe ag Spórt & Fóillíocht Micheál Ó Murchú Sponsored by Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure

07:00 PM Gates Open

07:40 PM Teamsheets given to the Referee

07:42 PM Cill Chartha take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to town end goals. Cill Chartha will use the town end dugouts.

07:45 PM Naomh Conaill take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to river Finn end goals. Naomh Conaill will use the river Finn end dugouts.

07:45 PM Oifigigh an Chlúiche amach ar an bpáirc

07:52 PM Toss

07:58 PM Amhrán na bhFiann

08:00 PM 2019 Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Donegal Senior Football Final a waterbreak will take place between the 15th and 20th minute of each half

Leatham Naomh Conaill leave the field first, Cill Chartha to wait at centre of pitch.

09:30 PM Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Ann McGeehin

09:35 PM Presentation of the Dr. Maguire Trophy by Mick Mc Grath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae

Ground Regulations

OI. All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to thefollowing Ground Regulations and to the Rules and regulations of Cumann Luthchcleas Gael. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.

02. Fireworks, smoke canisters, gas- horns, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground and any person in found to be in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground

03. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.

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05 Unnecessary noise from the use of radio sets, gas-horns and behaviour likely to cause confusion Of nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the ground.

06. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object the pitch.

07. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play.

08. Any person who fails to comply with the instruction from a Garda or Steward may be ejected from the ground.

09. In general, the right of admission is reserved to the Ground Management.

10. The Ground Management reserves the right to refuse admission to or eject any person who refuses to be searched by a member of the Garda Siochana.

11. Any person who remains in or obstructs a gangway or circulation area may be ejected from the ground.

12. The Ground Management reserve the right for it's servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence In the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.

13. All persons in the grounds are reminded of their obligation under Section 18(3) of the Fire Services Act 1981 to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire to anyone using the grounds.

Niamh Douglas

Niamh Douglas is a member of CLG Malainn. From the age of 10, Niamh has participated in many Scór na nÓg competitions representing her club in both solo singing and ballad group categories. Having progressed from Scór na nÓg to Scór Sinsir, Niamh was crowned county champion in solo singing in February of this year. Niamh is proud to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann in MacCumhaill Park today.



Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn, Buíon dár slua Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn. Faoi mhóid bheith saor, Seantír ár sinsir feasta Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráil Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil, Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil Le gunnascréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.

Mark Dorrian – Referee Senior Club Championship Final

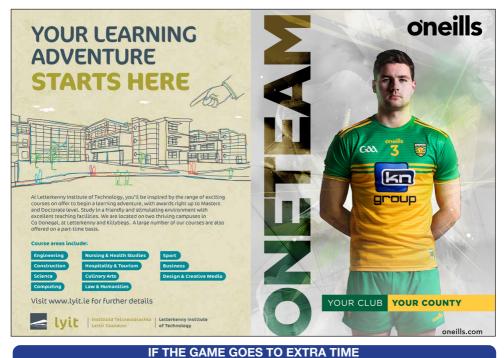


Mark Dorrian is a member of the Gaeil Fhánadá club and An Garda Síochána. He is 28 and in his 11th year of adult refereeing. He is also on the Ulster Panel of Referees for the last 7 years. In 2019 he refereed the Ulster U20 Leo Murphy Cup final between Cavan and Down, took charge of the Ulster U17 League final and was the man in the middle for the Intermediate final. Also in Donegal he has ref'd the 2017 County Minor Final, the 2015 U21 A final and the 2014 Junior A Final. In the 2020 championship he took charge of 4 Senior Championship Group stage games and the quarterfinal between Realt na Mara Bundobhráin and St Eunans

Today's Officials

Referee - Mark Dorrian Standby Referee - Jimmy White Linesperson - Shaun McDaid Fourth Official - Val Murray





9.44 PM Toss and Update Teamsheets to the Referee
9.45 Start of Extra Time - First Half
9.56 End of Extra Time First Half - Teams remain on pitch
9.58 Start of Extra Time - Second Half
10.10 End of Extra Time



IF LEVEL AFTER EXTRA TIME - PENALTIES 10.15 PM Players Register with the Referee and Toss 10.17 PM Penalties

Trophy Presentation Guidelines

Covid Guidelines advise the physical handing over of cups be avoided. Instead the trophy will be placed on a stand on a presentation podium between the presenter and the recipient. Hand sanitising measures will be in place.

Special attention will be be paid to facilitating speeches. The sharing of microphones will be avoided; with two people will be speaking there will be two microphones available to avoid their sharing.

County Boards were advised to retain trophies until a later date after the presentation is completed but CLG Dhún na nGall have decided to allow the winning team to retain the Dr Maguire Cup. It is expected, however, that the club will be sensitive to Covid guidelines in the use, and sharing, of the trophy.



Wishing CLG Chill Chartha players and management the very best in the County Final from Terance, Colleen, Shea & Senan and all at Atomic Hairdressing, prond Sponsors of CLG Chill Chartha

Commentary for today's stream of the deferred 2020 Senior County final will be supplied by Highland Radio's Head of Sport Oisin Kelly and with expert analysis from Martin McHugh, Brendan Devenney and Brendan Kilgannon.









Fishermen Net the Big Catch

But it almost Slipped Away

(Peter Campbell - Donegal Democrat)

Fishermen net the big catch - but it almost slipped away. That was the Democrat heading after Killybegs collected the Dr Maguire for the third time in the 1990s with a one point win over Naomh Columba 0-10 to 1-6 in the 1995 final in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.



John Cunningham was leading his team to

victory the first time at the age of 28, having led Donegal to Ulster minor (1985) and U-21 success and the latter to All-Ireland success in 1987.Jimmy White was again player/manager and managed to hop one over the bar as Killybegs came from two down at the break - 0-4 to 0-2 - to go four up in the first 10 minutes of the second half. Naomh Columba had their own player/manager, Michael McNelis, again in charge.

That spell of domination in the third quarter was the mark of quality that was within this Killybegs squad. But Naomh Columba showed their fighting spirit to get back on terms, thanks to a Paul O'Donnell goal. The Fishermen brought their 'professional' home from Glasgow Celtic for the match and the highly talented Declan Boyle made his mark on the game, hitting what in the end proved to be the winning point. Surprisingly, though, in his aftermatch interview White said he was surprised at the introduction of Declan Boyle, who he felt wasn't going to play any part in the game.

Naomh Columba threatened to spoil the party three minutes into added time when their super sub Gregory Doherty fired at the Killybegs goal through a crowded goalmouth but the ball just gathered too much trajectory and went over rather than under the crossbar, much to the relief of the Killybegs contingent.

After the game Pauric Gillespie of Naomh Columba said: "We lost it in the first half. We could have buried goals. We had three chances and should

have buried them. They got their heads up in the second half and hit us and we found it hard to get back."Winning player/manager Jimmy White: "It was the toughest match I ever played in. At half-time it looked bad and to be honest I thought our backline kept us in it in the first half. Our goalkeeper made two or three great saves and we

should have been seven or eight points down at half-time. But in the second half we got four points and once we got in front I felt we were going to win it, even though Glen came back and got the goal. It was just a relief to hear the final whistle.

"Well, we always knew there was spirit in the team. At half-time we felt that we weren't going to lose this one again, even though we knew Glen were tough battlers. And they did battle, they came back in the second half. But our team has been around for a long time and they probably don't get the credit they deserve and they showed battling qualities today even though Naomh Columba matched them the whole way.



"To be honest, Declan Boyle's appearance even surprised me. I knew he was coming home but he wasn't going to play any part. We got him in on the sideline and on the team list, togged out, but I didn't think he would have been on the field at any stage today."



Senior Championship Final 1995 - Score by Score

Na CEÁLLA BEAGÃ 0-10 • NAOMH COLUMBA 1-6

By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

5 mins: Pauric Gillespie points for Glen. 0-0/0-1

8: Pauric Gillespie making an impression at fullforward on Peter McGinley scores his second point. 0-0/0-2

16: Conor White and Conal Gallagher combine to give Manus Boyle his and Killybegs' first score. 0-1/0-2

19: Barry Cunningham and John Ban Gallagher line it up for the speedy Mark Boyle to level. 0-2/0-2

24: Pauric Gillespie and Gerard Cannon combine for Gillespie's third point. 0-2/0-3

31: Killybegs have missed a few while 17-yearold Gerard Cannon added a fourth for Glen. 0-2/0-4

Half-time: Killybegs 0-2, Naomh Columba 0-4

31: Paul Callaghan finds Mark Boyle who is fouled. Boyle goes for goal from the free but hits a post and Conor White fires over the rebound. 0-3/0-4

34: Manus to Mark Boyle who converts with his left. 0-4/0-4

35: Paul Callaghan converts from the kick-out to edge Killybegs in front 0-5/0-4

36: A foul on Mark Boyle gives Manus the chance to put his side two ahead. 0-6/0-4

39: Killybegs' growing in confidence. 'Feet' and 'Flippers' involved, ie, Paul Murrin and Conal Gallagher, whose finish is outstanding from an acute angle. 0-7/0-4

40: A free from Jimmy White from near half-way hops over the bar. He had scored an idential one against Dungloe. 0-8/0-4

42: Naomh Columba back in it when they break through Noel and Paddy Hegarty and Paul O'Donnell times his run to find the net. 0-8/1-4

47: Pauric Gillespie avails of a short pass from Jimmy White going awry and he levels matters. 0-8/15

55: Manus Boyle converts a tricky free to give his side the lead. 0-9/1-5

62: A Glen free goes wrong. Manus wins possession and Declan Boyle, the Celtic signed local lad, makes his trip from Glasgow worthwhile with a vital point. 0-10/1-5

63: Seamus Carr finds Paddy Hegarty. Paddy dummies the pass but may have got a slight flick. Gregory Doherty wins it chest high and from about 15 metres swings his boot at it. It looks good enough for the net but wings its way over the bar. A point not enough to deny Killybegs.



KILLYBEGS: Ian Cunningham; Barry McGowan, Peter McGinley, Trevor McNern; Jimmy White (0-1,f), John Cunningham (capt), Francis Murray; Barry Cunningham, John Ban Gallagher; Mark Boyle (0-2), Conal Gallagher (0-1), Paul Callaghan (0-1); Conor White (0-1), Manus Boyle (0-3, 2f), Paul Murrin. Subs: Eamon Glancy for C White 55; Declan Boyle (0-1) for P Murrin 57.

NAOMH COLUMBA: Kevin Doherty; Eunan McIntyre, John Joe Doherty, Patrick Cunningham; Gerard Cannon (0-1), Dessie Cunningham, Conal Gavigan; Noel Hegarty, Noel McGinley; Seamus Carr, Paddy Hegarty, Georgie Doherty; Conal Cunningham, Pauric Gillespie (0-4), Paul O'Donnell (1-0). Subs: Gregory Doherty (0-1) for Georgie Doherty 56; John Kelly for P O'Donnell 60.

REFEREE: Austin Wallace (Burt)



1 Minute with Stephen McGrath

Ainm/name: Stephen McGrath

Club: Naomh Conaill

Áit is fearr ar an pháirc / Favourite Position: Goalkeeper

Caitheanh Aimsire / Hobbies: Playing and listening to music and socialising with friends

Caithimh aimsire / Hobbies: Music, Netflix

Laoch d'óige / Childhood hero: Finbar McConnell

An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir túleis / Best Player you have played with: Michael Murphy

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir túina éadan / Best Player you have played against: Michael Murphy An cluiche is fearr ar imir túann / Best game you have been involved in: Third game, and second

senior final replay, against Gaoth Dobhair in 2019. A special and unforgettable night.

An treanálaíis fearr ar an fhoireann / Best trainer within the squad: Eunan Doherty, man is part machine

An treanálaíis measa ar an fhoireann / Worst trainer within the squad: Myself, James Plumber and Jordan will have to hold up our hands for this one

An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann / Best motivator within the squad: Leo McLoone, a real leader and always rallies the troops heading into battle

Aon phisreog / Any superstitions: None

An t-amhrán is fearr leat / Favourite Song: Queen - The Show Must Go On

An scannán is fearr leat / Favourite Film: "The Big Short" - I have no idea why I enjoy it so much but I have watched it loads

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire / Favourite Holiday Destination: Abu Dhabi, Dubai

An béile is fearr leat / Favourite Meal: Pasta Carbonara, Fillet Steak

An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú / Best advice ever received: Better to say nothing and be thought a fool than open you mouth and remove all doubt

An tionchar is moort mar imreoir / Biggest influence on career: My father - from carrying me across the river to the pitch for u-10 training, testing me under the high ball as a young lad in the garden and taking me to countless Tyrone matches. He is the reason I am on the field today without a doubt.

Oibrídeonach ar leith sa chlub / Club Volunteer of note: Martin Shanky Smith - had the field in great order all year and was never off the lawnmower

An t-amhrán a n-éisteann túleis roimh chluichí / Song you listen to before big games: Usually don't listen to music before matches. Just discuss game plan with boys and think about my jobs.

An scil is tábhachtaí / Most important skill: Ability to use both feet

An bua peile is móatáagat / Biggest Strength in your game: Accurate kick-outs

An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú / Area of your game you would like to improve: Always learning

Comhairle do dhaoine óga / Advice for youngsters: Listen to coaches and always assume the person giving advice knows something about the game you have still to learn

Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomráair sa todchaí / Young Player within your club to look out for: Daniel Gildea

An rud is fearr fán CLG / Best thing about the GAA: it brings together a community in a way nothing else can.

Batman / Superman - Batman Instagram / Snapchat - Snapchat

Up Early / Lie in - Up early X Factor / Strictly Come Dancing - X Factor Socks / No Socks - Socks Chinese / Pizza - Both





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Damien Ó'Dónaill - RTE Raidió na Gaeltachta

Tá an lá mór tagtha inár mullach aríst agus lá ina mbíonn muid uilig ag súil go mór leis sa chontae, sin lá an chluiche ceannais i bPáirc Mhic Cumhaill, ach tá rudaí i bhfad níos difriúla i mbliana agus an cluiche ceannais le n-imirt beagnach bliain iomlán i ndiaidh na gcluichí leath cheannais. Níl aon



dabht ann ach go raibh an dá fhoireann is fearr sa chluiche ceannais i ndiaidh na craoibhe anuraidh ach d'imigh sin agus tháinig seo agus seo bliain iomlán úr agus is deacair buaiteoir a roghnú don chluiche seo.

Tá sraith na contae bainte ag Naomh Conaill ach d'imir Cill Chartha gan a gcuid imreoir contae le linn na sraithe agus beidh siad iontach sásta leitheidí Mhic Breartaigh agus col ceathrar Mhic Aoidh a bheith ar ais acu. Sílim go bhfuil dul chun cinn ollmhór déanta ag Naomh Conaill ón chluiche ceannais in éadan Ghaoth Dobhair dhá bhliain ó shin agus tá imreoirí contae acu féin agus scoth na n-imreoirí acu. Tá rud eile ag Naomh Conaill, is ea sin taithí le roinnt blianta i gcluichí móra agus go háirithe go bhfuil an chraobh bainte ag an mhór chuid d'fhoireann Naomh Conaill le blianta beag anuas.

Tá mé ag súil le sár-choimhlint tráthnóna inniu agus tá a fhios agam go mbeidh muintir Chill Chartha agus Naomh Conaill ar fud an domhain ag tabhairt cluas éisteachta

don raidió nó súil a chaitheamh acu ar líne. Is ócáid ollmhór a bheas ann don dá chumann mar nuair a shéidtear an fhídeog dheiridh anocht beidh na leabhair staire le hathscríobh agus ainm úr le cuir leis an liosta de bhuaiteoirí ar chorn an Dr Mhic Uidhir.

Ar deireadh ba mhaith liom ard-mholladh a thabhairt do choiste riaracháin na gcluichí i nDún na nGall as mar a chuaigh socruithe na gcluichí anuraidh agus is mór an trua nár éirigh leo an cluiche ceannais a imirt anuraidh ach is deas anois anocht go mbeidh deireadh leis an tséasúr agus ní bheidh muid dímhaoin i bhfad go mbeidh craobh 2021 ar obair.

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Stair CLG Cill Chartha

Cé nar ghlac Cill Chartha páirt in imeachtaí Chumann Luthcleas Gael go dti 1924 bhí cluichí gaelacha a imirt roimh sin. Ní raibh cumann peile ar bith eagraithe sa Pharóiste roimh 1920. Bhí sacar a imirt ins an Pharóiste roimh 1920 ach tareis na Black and Tans theacht anseo thosaigh na gasúr óga ag imirt peil ghaelach de bharr athbheochaint náisiúnachas sa cheanntar. Nuair a d'imir foireann Chill Chartha ar an trá i gCaiseal, Gleanncholmcille don chead uair i 1924, ba ar trí charr a dtarraingt ag capaill an córas iompar a bhí acú. I 1925 buaigh Cill Chartha Craobh Sinsir an Contae I 1933 agus 1935 buaigh an chumann Straith Sinsir an Chontae ach de bharr imirce ní raibh an chumann an-láidir i rith na tríochaidí.

I rith na dachaidí, ach go h-airaithe i rith an chogaidh, ní raibh an chumann ábalta foirne láidir a chur chun na páirce de bhar easpa córais iompar. I 1948 tháinig feabhas ag ghnóthaí eacnamaíochta agus d'éirigh leo an chuiche ceannais de Craobh Soisear an Chontae a bhaint amach ach fuair Na Dúnaibh an lámh in uachtar orthu. Bhí an chlub an lag ag tús na gcaogaidí ach rinneadh iarracht mór i 1951 chun an chlub a atheagrú. I 1953 bhí foireann mionúr ag imirt faoin ainm An Charraig agus bhí siad comh maith agus a bhí ins an Chontae. Bhí biseach ag teacht ar gnóthaí eacnamaíochta ins an Pharóiste comh maith mar go raibh Gaeltarra Éireann agus comhlucht foraoiseachta ag cur fostaíocht ar fáil. I 1959 bhuaidh siad Sraith Sinsir na Contae nuair a bhuaidh siad ar An Chlochán Liath ins an cluiche ceannais. Fuair Séan Mac Cumhaill an láimh in uachtar orthu i gcluiche ceannais Craobh Sinsir na Contae. Bhí siad ins an cluiche ceannais den Craobh arís i 1963 ach fuair Séan Mhic Chumhaill an buaidh orthu. I 1964 d'éirigh le foireann na Mionúr Craobh an Chontae a bhí bir si agus thosaigh siad ag imirt i Craobh Soisear na Contae.

Bhí an Pháirc in aice na trá, i dTamhnaigh a bhí a úsáid ó na fícheadaí maith le leor, gidh go raibh sé goirid, agus bhí neart scríofa faoin suíomh álainn agus an radharc álainn i mbá Thamhnaigh leis na "Grandstands" ar gach taobh. Bhí grinneall gainimhe aige a bhí i gcónaí tirim agus bhí sé réasúnta réidh Roimh na ficheadaí chuir muintir na h-áite clocha móra amach i gcoinne na taoide agus líon sé suas an spás le gaineamh na trá. Tógadh balla stroighne cois na h-abhann i 1950/'51 sa dóigh nach mbeadh briseadh agus réabadh a dhéanamh ar an talamh. Ag deireadh na gcoaghadaí agus ag tús na seascadaí, bhí mórán leoraithe agus tarracóirí ag tógáil gairbhéil agus gainimhe ón trá. Mar gheall ar seo bhí an taoide ag ithe giota indhiaidh giota den talamh go dtí nach raibh fágtha ach tuairim dhá dtrian den gnáth pháirc imeartha. Ní raibh sé sásúil i gcóir cluichí do dhaoine fásta gi go raibh sé measartha maith do na buachaillí óga.

Ceannaíodh píosaí talaimh in aice na h-abhna ó fheirmeoirí Thamhnaigh agus bronnadh ar an chlub iad. Tugadh Páirc Chuimhneacháin Mhícheáil Óig Mhic Phaidín air agus osclaíodh é i Mí Lúnasa 1964

Bhí an pháirc seo a úsáid go dtí 1984 nuair a tógadh agus fosclaíodh an páirc úr atá ar shuíomh na páirc a bhí in aice na trá. Bhí tús ciúin go leor leis na seachtóidí agus ní raibh leidiú ar bith a thabhairt faoin ré órga a bhí le teacht. Bhain an chlub, a bhí ag imirt sa roinne Soisear, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Dhún na nGall sa bhliain 1970. Bhain an club an Craobh Soisear na Contae i 1971, Craobh faoi-21 i 1972,1973 agus 1974. Bhí fear óg darbh ainm Mícheál Mac Giolla Chearra ag imirt leis na foirne faoi-21 agus bheadh cliú agus cáil air níos moille. Bháin sé bonn Craobh Uladh ag imirt le Dún na nGall i 1974. Bhain siad Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (Dhún na nGall) i 1975. D'éirigh leo Sraith Sinsir na Contae a bhaint i 1975 agus i 1979.

Ag deireadh na seachtóidí cuireadh tús le obair ar an pháirc úr. Bhí na cluichí ar fad a imirt ar Pháirc Cuimneachain Mhicheáil Óg Mhic Phaidín ach bhí páirc eile a dhíth ar an chlub. I 1980 rinne an foireann sinsir éacht nuair a bhain siad Craobh Sinsir na Contae. Bá iontach an lá sin don chlub. Bhí laoch nua eile le feiscint an lá ud, sé sin Máirtin Beag Mac Aoidh. Ní raibh sé ach ocht mbhliana déag d'aois ag an am. Gan aon dabht ba seo an éacht ba mhó riamh ar pháirc na himeartha agus thug sé seo misneach don chumann agus don fhoireann óg seo. O Tús na naochtaí tá athrú mór tagtha ar na aiseanna ata a chur ar fáil ag an chlub. Seomraí feistis nua, Car clós nua agus bóthar nua. Comh maith le sin tá obair a dhéanamh ar ná páirceanna imeartha agus ar an timpeallacht agus is cinnte go bhfuil na h-aiseanna seo comh maith is atá sa tír. I 2017 Fósclaíodh an pháirc úr Traenála ar an suiomh Páirc Chuimhneacháin Mhícheáil Óig Mhic Phaidín. Béidh Comórtais Náisiúnta Péile na Gaeltachta ar siú i gCill Chartha sa bhliain 2024 agus tá ar intinn againn athrú mór a chur ar a gcuid áiseann roimhe sin, idir pairceanna agus foirgneamh.

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Craobh Sinsir Dhún na nGall (6) 2018, 1993, 1989, 1985, 1980 agus 1925 Sraith Sinsir Dhún na nGall 2019, (14 ina iomlán) Craobh Sinsir Tacaiochta Dhún na nGall (3) Sraith Sinsir Tacaiochta Dhún na nGall (1) Craobh Soisear Dhún na nGall (3) Craobh Soisear Tacaiochta Dhún na nGall (3) Craobh Faoi-21 Dhún na nGall (6) Craobh Mionúr Dhún na nGall (4)



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Cill Chartha – Path to the Final

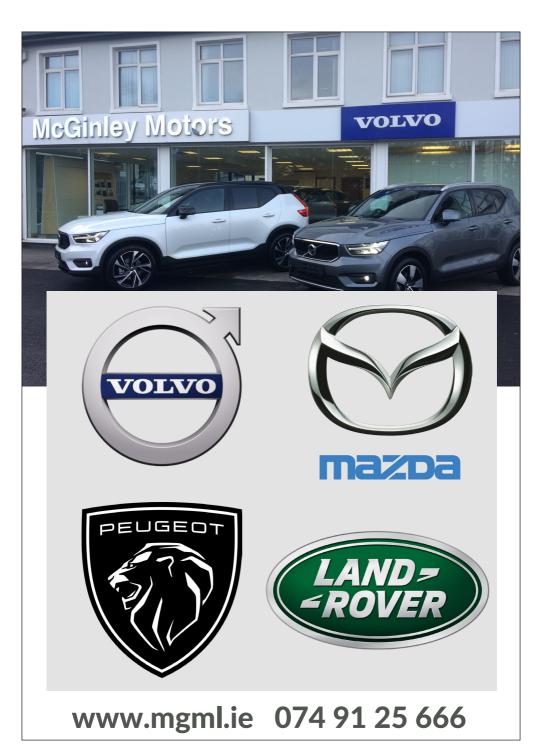
Kilcar started their journey to the county final with a resounding 26 point victory over Termon in Towney. They burnished their credentials as real contenders by taking early control of their Round 2 game against St Eunans in O'Donnell Park but looked vulnerable in the second half as the Letterkenny side gained control of the game and would have been dis-appointed at sharing the points - 1-9 apiece. Normal service was resumed in Rounds 3 and 4 with comfortable victories at home to Glenswilly and away to Glenfin.

Half-time in Towney and Kilcar were well set to cruise into the semi-finals - 12 points clear of St Michaels on a 2-8 to 0-2 scoreline. The men from Creeslough and Dunfanaghy were to prove no pushovers, however, with a stunning comeback in the second half to get within two points of the home side and red hot favourites. Captain, Matthew McClean goaled to put Kilcar back into a six point lead at the end of normal time but a super Michael Langan strike had the margin back to two when Enda McFeely blew the final whistle.

Gaoth Dobhair ended Kilcar's hopes in 2019 but it was to be very different game in 2020 with six points from Patrick McBrearty underpinning an impressive performance in a very wet Páirc Ui Dhomhnaill. An Eamonn Collum goal kept Gaoth Dobhair in touch as the sides turned around on level terms 1-3 to 0-6 at the break but Kilcar were the dominant side throughout the second period and were good value for their five point victory 0-14 to 1-6.







A Word From Martin Regan - Naomh Conaill

Thar ceann imreoirí agus lucht bainistíochta C.L.G Naomh Conall ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh gach duine anseo inniu chuig ócáid speisialta seo. It is a huge honour for me to lead Naomh Conaill on this special day in the Donegal GAA calendar.



While this year is certainly

different to other years, it does not in any way take from occasion we find ourselves in and it is a day we are extremely proud to be involved in. On behalf of the players and management, I would like to thank the committee members in Naomh Conaill for their support and backing, not just this year but over the last number of years.

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To the Naomh Conaill supporters, I know how difficult a lot of our supporters have found this year, not being able to attend games. However, we know yet again we have your full backing as always. To all our sponsors who have so kindly donated to us throughout the year and to our families who

have made huge sacrifices to allow us prepare as best we can for this and all games throughout the year - thank you.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche bríomhar, spórtúil again, go mbainfidh sibh uiligsult as agus go dté sibh slán abhaile.





A word from Naomh Conaill Chairman – Martin Smith

On behalf of everyone involved in Naomh Conaill I want to take this opportunity to wish our senior team the very best of luck in the 2020 County final. To Martin Regan and his backroom team, we say thank you for your dedication and hard work. To all the players and their families, we thank you for all



you have done for the club in keeping us at the top in football over the last number of years. I want to say a huge thank you to my fellow officers and executive committee and all those unsung heroes who support our club over the years. There is a huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the club going.

This year is a huge year for our club as we celebrate our Centenary and I would like to pay tribute to everyone who has played their part over the last 100 years in keep the club at the top. There has been good days and bad days but we have kept going through it all.

It is great that we are finally getting the opportunity to play the 2020 County Final, it has been a long wait and its fitting that at long last it is going ahead. The last 18 months have been hard on all of us who love the GAA and particularly hard on GAA clubs. I want to say a big thank you to all our sponsors who even during the hard times have continued to support us. To the people of the parish and all Naomh Conaill people home and

abord we thank you for your support during these troubled times.

To our fantastic team that has done so much for the GAA in our community I can never thank you enough. Since we first won the Dr Maguire in 2005 you have given some fantastic memories. The players, management and their families we say thank you so much for the joy you have given us.

It's a pity that not all our wonderful supporters will be able to travel to support our team today and I'm sorry to all who were unable to get a ticket for the game. Hopefully in the not-too-distant future things will get back to normal.

Finally, I offer our sympathy to all the families in our parish who have lost loved ones over this past year.

A word from Naomh Conaill Captain - Ciaran Thompson

On behalf of the Naomh Conaill players, I would like to give a warm welcome to the small number of supporters lucky enough to be here today and to the rest able to enjoy it on the live stream.

County Final day is a huge occasion in the GAA calendar and one that we

are immensely proud to be involved in. Kilcar and Naomh Conaill have both been there or thereabouts the last number of years and this is testament to the hard work and



dedication from players and the backroom teams in both clubs. Additionally, the brilliant work being carried out at underage level within the two clubs must be noted and a huge thanks to all involved throughout the last number of years.

We have built up a very healthy rivalry with Kilcar in recent years and hopefully this will continue in good spirit here today.

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Naomh Conaill – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Weight	Occupation
Stephen Mc Grath	32	6ft 1"	13St 7lb	Claims Assessor
Kevin Mc Gettigan	25	5ft 10"	11st	Student
AJ Gallagher	30	6ft	12st 3lb	Safety Instructor
Anthony Thompson	35	6ft 1"	13st 7lb	Engineer
Eoin Waide	33	5ft 11"	12st	Ground worker
Leo Mc Loone	32	6ft 1"	14st	Teacher
Ciaran Thompson	26	6ft 2"	14st	Student
Marty Boyle	36	6ft 1"	12 st	Machine Operator
Dermot Molloy	30	6ft	14st	Construction
Ethan O'Donnell	24	6ft	11st 7lb	Fibre network planner
Brendan Mc Dyer	34	5ft 10"	12st	Wind farm manager
Charles Mc Guinness	24	6ft 3"	15st	Coach Driver
John O'Malley	28	5ft 10"	12st 7lb	Student
Jeaic Mc Kelvey	21	5ft 10"	12st	Student
Eunan Doherty	28	5ft 9"	13st	Accountant
Keelan Mc Gill	21	6ft 1"	12st 10lb	Student
Nathan Byrne	20	6ft 3"	13st	Student
Seamus Corcoran	31	6ft	12st 7LB	Garda
Stephen Molloy	32	5ft 10"	11st	Sales Rep
Hughie Gallagher	28	5ft 11"	12st	NCT Technican
Odhran Doherty	21	5ft 11"	13st	Defence Force
Ciaran Brennan	28	6ft 2"	13st	Accountant
Ciaran Gallagher	22	6ft 3"	15st	Occupational Therapist
JD Boyle	23	5ft 9"	12st	Student
Jason Campbell	28	6ft 1"	13st 7lb	Defence Force
Ultan Doherty	23	6ft	13st	Architectural Technician
Daragh Gallagher	33	6ft 1"	14st 4lb	Biologic Technician
Logan Quinn	23	5ft 11"	12st	Civil Servant
Shean Roarty	20	6ft 1"	12st 5lb	Commis chef
Cian Doherty	21	5ft 10"	11st 5lb	Student
Connor Roarty	18	5ft 10"	11st 9lb	Factory worker
Eoghan Mc Gettigan	23	5ft 11"	11st 7lb	Student
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- 19 Michael Hegarty Micheál Ó'hÉigeartaigh
- 20 Conor McShane Conchur Mac Seán
 - 21 Ryan Ó'Donnell Rian Ó'Domhnaill
 - 22 Eoin Love Eoin Mac Cnill
 - 23 Cormac Cannon Cormac Ó'Ceanainn







28 Daniel Lyons - Donal Ó'Laighin

29 Seanie Boyle - Seanaí Ó'Baoil

30 Gary Molloy - Gearoid Ó'Ludhug



Kilcar – Player Pen Pic

Kevin Campbell	Project Manager	31	60	Goalkeeper
Barry McGinley	Net Maker	33	59	Defender
Barry Shovlin	Electrician	32	5 10	Defender
Pauric Carr	Warehous Specialist	29	59	Defender
Dara Doogan	Student	21	5 11	Midfielder
Ryan McHugh	Office Administrator	27	59	Defender
Ryan McShane	Supervalu	19	59	Defender
Eoin McHugh	Marketing	26	58	Midfielder
Ciaran McGinley	Garda	32	63	Midfielder
Conor Doherty	Production Operator	24	5 10	Forward
Stephen McBrearty	Factory Worker	24	60	Forward
Andrew McClean	Student	25	57	Forward
Mark McHugh	Sales Rep	30	5 10	Forward
Patrick McBrearty	Account Manager	28	60	Forward
Matthew McClean	Engineer	27	5 10	Forward
Darragh O'Donnell	Project Manager	29	59	Forward
Eamonn McGinley	Garda	34	63	Goalkeeper
Ryan O'Donnell	Student	21	59	Defender
Mark Sweeney	Operations Manager	33	56	Forward
Michael Hegarty	Sales Rep	42	5 11	Defender
Conor McShane	Fire Officer	40	5 10	Defender
Cormac Cannon	Student	25	60	Midfield
Kenny Doogan	Student	21	59	Defender
Eoin O Donnell	Production Operator	22	5 10	Goalkeeper
Brian O'Donnell	Student	22	57	Defender
Shane Gillespie	SNG Sports	22	60	Forward
Seanie Boyle	Student	19	58	Forward
Cormac Ó Léime	Student	20	5 10	Defender
Jason Campbell	Diamon Driller	25	67	Midfield
Eoin Love	Student	18	5 10	Defender
Pauric Love	Student	19	6	Defender
Eoin Cormack	Student	20	6 0	Forward
Aidan McGinley	Muniteori Bunscoil	25	60	Forward
Dylan O'Gara	Student	20	5 11	Defender
Christopher Cunningham	Sliabh Liag Distiller	27	5 10	Defender
Daniel Lyons	Student	23	5 10	Defender
Gary Molloy	Factory Worker	22	57	Forward





Best of Luck to Kilcar from

Captain's Say – Matthew McClean

Is mór an onóir dom a bheith i mo chaptaen ar fhoireann CLG Chill Chartha agus muid anseo fá choinne Chluiche Ceannais na Contae. Ba mhaith liom fearadh na fáilte a chur roimh ár lucht tacaíochta atá anseo inniu agas go háirithe na daoine go léir atá ag tabhairt tacaíocht dúinn ón mbaile.



CLG Chill Chartha is a proud club and it's an honour for us to be representing the club today. I would like to thank all the people of Cill Chartha for the support you have given to this team over the years. It is most unfortunate in these challenging times that you are not all here with us in MacCumhaill Park. We, as players will miss this, but we hope to do you proud and return to Cill Chartha with the Dr. Maguire.

I hope today's Donegal Senior Championship is a great spectacle. Naomh Conaill are a team with a lot of experience at this stage and pose a great challenge for us, but it's something we as a team are looking forward to. Donegal Club Football has shown over the past few seasons that it is in a good place with the standard of football being played. Hopefully both teams display the football they are capable of and make it a great occasion to be part of.

I would like to thank John McNulty, his management and backroom team for all the hard work and professionalism you have

shown this year in preparing us to get to this stage. It was a difficult year to prepare any team with so much uncertainty regarding fixtures and training but you have done a fantastic job.

To John Carr, the CLG Chill Chartha officials and everyone involved with the club, thank you for the help and assistance you have given us. Thank you to our sponsors whose continued support enables to prepare each year. Without this support we would not be in the position we are in today.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.

Maitiú Mac Giolla Aon

Focal beag ó Chathaoirleach CLG Chill Chartha – Sean MacGiolla Chearra

Mar Chathaoirleach ar CLG Chill Chartha gabhaim comhgairdeas le foirne Chill Chartha agus Naomh Chonaill as ucht bheith i Cluiche Ceannais Croabh Sinsir Peile na Contae anocht.

This past 18 months will live long in our memories as the global pandemic that is Covid 19 brought huge disruptions to our everyday lives. For many it will have been a period were they lost a loved one

or fought the battle against the virus and for others it was a period that put our sporting lives into perspective. Hopefully now we see light at the end of the tunnel as things are gradually getting back to some form of normality.

In light of this we have finally got a date for the much awaited 2020 County Final. Its been a long wait since both teams won their respective semi-finals and little did we know then that we would have to wait 10 months for the final to be played. It's been a testing time for both teams and management due to the uncertainty of the situation but I am sure both clubs have prepared well for tonight's game.

Unfortunately due to the covid restrictions the crowd for the final is limited to 500 and this simply will not satisfy the huge number of supporters that both clubs have following them. With both teams having played in County Finals over the last four years and having experienced the great atmosphere the fans bring to the occasion, it is going to be a strange and eerie feeling in MacCumhaill Park tonight. For those of you who weren't lucky in getting a ticket for tonight's game I am sure you will give your full backing to the lads wherever you are watching.

Today's game is a repeat of the 2017 County Final in which we emerged winners after a closely contested battle and we are in no doubt of the task that's ahead. I'm sure Naomh Conaill will want to avenge that final defeat and we've all seen the never say die attitude that's been installed in their



squad by team manager Martin Regan (who just happens to be my son-in-law). In 2017 I had one grand daughter screaming for Naomh Conaill and today I have three lovely grand daughters screaming for them with my daughter Orlagh and my wife Valerie (also from Glenties) sitting on the fence. I wish Martin goodluck on the day and may the team who performs best on the day lift the Dr. Maguire.

I take this opportunity to congratulate John McNulty, his maor foirne Aidan McCarron and all the backroom team who have left no stone unturned in getting the team back to the County Final. Some might say John Mac is our lucky charm, but I believe John wears his heart on his sleeve and brings pride, spirit and above all passion to any team that he manages. I wish everyone the best of luck today and I have no doubt that if we play to our ability, we will be victorious again.

Behind every team there is a number of volunteers whose work behind the scenes go unnoticed. From the men looking after our pitches, Mary Football and Aisling who launders and prepares all the gear, the lotto sellers, bingo organisers, club draw sellers, gate collectors and all members of the Club Executive, who altogether keep the show on the road. A big thank you to everyone involved.

I would like to thank our main sponsors, The Blue Haven, Martin Donnelly 'Gaelic Armour', Atomic Hair, Centra Kilcar and all other sponsors who would have contributed in any way throughout the year.

Finally, my heart goes out again to our supporters and indeed the Naomh Chonaill Supporters who would have travelled from far and near to be here today. No matter who's victorious tonight, I would ask everyone to try and adhere to all health guidelines and rules and be safe for yourself and for those around you.

Oráid John McNulty – Bainisteoir Cill Chartha

Tá onóir mhór orm foireann peil Chill Cartha a threorú go dtí an ocáid iontach seo inniu, cluiche ceannais na contae anseo i pPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill i mBéal Átha Feich.

It is a personal honour for me to manage the Kilcar team this year, and to have made it to this County Final is something very special to us all. These lads are a brilliant group of people and they deserve to be where they are today.



I am so grateful to the club officials who backed us this year and helped us prepare especially in these very strange circumstances brought about by Covid -19. It most certainly has not been easy at times. Thank you to our sponsors, match officials and all those who have contributed to our journey this year. I really appreciate the work that has been done.

This is Naomh Conaill's fourth county final in a row and that tells the level this team is at.

We look forward to the challenge presented today and are under no illusion it is not going to be an easy battle but one I hope is enjoyed by all.

A special word of thanks to all our supporters at home and away who because of this difficult year and the current conditions were unable to attend many of our matches. We thought of you at every championship game and today will be no different.

We wish that you could all be here with us.

Finally, thank you to all the mams, dads, wives and girlfriends and all those who have supported our players at home to allow them the time and the level of commitment that is needed to compete at this level in Donegal. We know it is not always easy and we appreciate all you have done.

Sean Mac An Ultaigh Bainisteoir







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Naomh Conaill - Path to the FInal

Naomh Conaill cruised through the new format league stages of the Senior County Championship with four wins from four and an average winning margin of 19 points as they accounted for Milford and Termon in Davy Brennan Memorial Park and recorded away wins in Ardara and in Glenswilly.

The knockout games proved a sterner test. Naomh Conaill started well but an Eoghan McGettigan red card and an injury to Ciaran Thompson saw Glenfin pull themselves back into the game. A black card saw the numbers even up approaching half-time and Naomh Conaill took advantage to go in 0-7 to 0-3 up at the break. Naomh Conaill moved up several gears on the resumption, led 1-13 to 0-3 at the waterbreak and thereafter cruised to a semi-final date with St Eunans. In the semi-final a cagey low-scoring first half - 0-3 each at the break - ended with a red card for AJ Gallagher. The second half mirrored the first as a determined Naomh Conaill rear-guard kept St Eunans at bay and they led 0-8 to 0-6 at the end of normal time but the Letterkenny men struck twice in an added seven minutes to force extra time. Eunans opened up a three point gap and looked to heading to the final when a controversial Leo McLoone goal levelled matters. Under the "winner on the day regulations" the game looked like heading to penalties until Ciaran Thompson, with virtually the last kick of the game, grabbed victory for Naomh Conaill on a 1-10 to 0-12 scoreline.



Founded in 1921 the club has served the Glenties, Fintown and Edeninfagh areas very well since then. The club caters for underage groups from 6 years of age right up to U-18, U21 and Seniors. There is also a very active Ladies' branch covering underage and adult teams.

In the early days it was senior players who were mostly catered for. While teams did contest County Finals in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's no trophies were ever won. It would be 1965 that we saw another team reach a senior final again only to lose out in a replay to a very good St Josephs (Bundoran/Ballyshannon) team. Indeed. having won the Junior Championship the previous year hopes were high in this senior final but it was not to be. In the following vears there was some success at the underage and Intermediate levels but it would be forty years before we reached another senior final. In 2005 a very young side reached the final against St Eunan's and after a replay the Dr Maguire Cup came to the Parish for the first time. At this time a string of U21 teams came to the fore, plaving in 8 consecutive finals between 2006 and 2013 winning five in all.

We next reached a Senior Final in 2009 but lost out to St Eunan's. In 2010 we regained the Dr Maguire Cup at the expense of Na Cealla Beaga and went to the final of the Ulster Club Championship only to go down to a powerful Crossmaglen team. We lost out in the 2012 final to St Eunan's but when we renewed acquaintance in the 2015 Final the Boys in Blue came out on top. That year too we won the Comortas Peile na Gaeltachta - Naisiunta for the first time when it was played in Ardara and we retained the title in 2016 when the final was played in Contae Chorcaigh. We were back in the Senior Championship final again in 2017 with St. Eunan's. This time out they avenged the 2015 defeat. We qualified for the final once again in 2018 with Gaoth Dobhair as opposition. The last time these sides met at this stage of the competition was in 1941 when the Magheragallan men were victorious. That trend was to continue and Gaoth Dobhair went on to win Ulster and then advanced to the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship only to be beaten by Corofin.

With Gaoth Dobhair as the defending Donegal and Ulster champions, we were to lock horns with them again in the 2019 County Final. After an exciting trilogy of games, it took the 2nd replay to separate the sides and on a memorable Wednesday night 30th Oct we emerged as County Champions. In the Ulster club Championship, we beat Castlerahan (Cavan) in the quarter final and Clontibret (Monaghan) in the semi. However, a slick Kilcoo outfit defeated us in the final in Omagh and the Seamus Mc Ferran Cup went east to the Mourne County.

And so, we find ourselves back in the 2020 county final this evening by virtue of a onepoint victory over St Eunans in the semifinal eleven months ago on 13th Sept 2020! The fact that we are here again tonight competing for the premier GAA trophy in the county is testimony to the hard work and commitment of those who have been involved at both adult and underage level in the club. Indeed, the club has competed in and enjoyed numerous successes at all underage competitions down through the decades and we owe a great deal to those who look after and coach our underage teams to such a high standard.

The Naomh Conaill Journey Continues

by ALAN FOLEY - DONEGAL DEMOCRAT GROUP, SPORTS EDITOR

Things have, not to understate it, been a bit up and down over the last 18 months, although one thing that's remained constant in recent years has been the steady rise of Naomh Conaill.



The calendar year of 2019 ended with the disappointment of losing

the Ulster Club SFC final to Kilcoo one early December Sunday afternoon Omagh on a 2-11 to 2-9 scoreline. Not too many in Glenties might say it, but when the dust settled the year was just the next in the progressive steps being taken by the Naomh Conaill club. They would've peeled back the sheets on 2020 intent on reclaiming the Dr Maguire they won so thrillingly against Gaoth Dobhair in the second replay the night before Halloween. The celebrations went on into the wee hours. They'd have remembered their run in Ulster.

Then the world stopped and when it got temporary respite, Donegal almost got a championship played off, only for Lockdown II to force a postponement of their domestic final in October. Alternate dates and possibilities were thrown about. Eventually all those plans were thrown out.

Since that loss to Kilcoo, Naomh Conaill have won 15 matches on the bounce two in the hastily-constructed and neverconcluded Regional League, then six in the club championship which took them to a final meeting with Kilcar. With that appointment on ice, Naomh Conaill breezed through 2021 to date with seven from seven to seal a third ever domestic league title, to add to their previous victories in 2002 and then in 2011. In the days after that league clicher against Killybegs, Martin Regan and his team finally got confirmation of the 2020 final taking place tonight, Saturday, August 14, cementing their final preparations which meant the moving target was finally static. Naomh Conaill and Kilcar

have produced their best and worst against one another in recent years. Hammering and narrow wins ebbing from one side to the other. Now, there's the latest chapter.

For the almost innocence of their first senior win in 2005, where their well-drilled side overcame St Eunan's in a claustrophobic replay to light the bonfires from Fintown, Naomh Conaill added titles in 2010, 2015 and, as previously discussed, 2019.

Their momentum over the last few seasons - they were also finalists in 2009, 2012, 2017 and 2018 - has taken them to the forefront of club football in Donegal. But Regan will be more than aware that it wasn't that long ago people were heralding the beginning of an era of dominance from St Eunan's, then Kilcar and most recently Gaoth Dobhair. One swing of John O'Malley's boot saw to that. One step can start a journey.

The different but not uniqueness of this spillover championship final means that Naomh Conaill, in their centenary year, can win a league and championship double, which is something they've never managed to date. In fact, they might even win a second championship later in the year. One, though, will do them for now.

Bomaite Le Kevin Campbell, CLG Chill Chartha

Ainm/name: Kevin Campell, Caoimhin Ó'Coílín Club: CLG Chill Chartha Áit is fearr ar an pháirc / Favourite Position: Goalkeeper An Pháirc imeartha is fear / Favourite Pitch: Towney Caithimh aimsire / Hobbies: Working Laoch d'óige / Childhood hero: Kenneth Kennedy An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir túleis / Best Player you have played with: Michael Hegarty An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir túina éadan / Best Plaver vou have plaved against: Patrick McBrearty in bad humour An cluiche is fearr ar imir túann / Best game you have been involved in: 2011 u-21 County Final An treanálaíis fearr ar an fhoireann / Best trainer within the squad: Andrew McClean An treanálaíis measa ar an fhoireann / Worst trainer within the squad: Mark Sweeney An duine is spreagula ar an fhoireann / Best motivator within the squad: Conor Doherty Aon phisreog / Any superstitions: Left foot first, right foot second An t-amhrán is fearr leat / Favourite Song: Suspicious Minds An scannán is fearr leat / Favourite Film: The Road to Roscommon Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire / Favourite Holiday Destination: New York An béile is fearr leat / Favourite Meal: Steak and Chips An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú / Best advice ever received: "Campbell, when you get the ball, just give it to Mark" An tionchar is moort mar imreoir / Biggest influence on career: John McNulty and Neilly Byrne Oibrídeonach ar leith sa chlub / Club Volunteer of note: Mary Football An t-amhrán a n-éisteann túleis roimh chluichí / Song you listen to before big games: The Parting Glass An scil is tábhachtaí / Most important skill: Keeping my mouth shut An bua peile is móatáagat / Biggest Strength in your game: Getting a good pass to Mark An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú / Area of your game you would like to improve: Fitness Comhairle do dhaoine óga / Advice for youngsters: If you think you are not great out the field, stick with it and play in goals Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomráair sa todchaí / Young Player within your club to look out for: Seimí McGinley and Conor O'Donnell An rud is fearr fán CLG / Best thing about the GAA: Meeting your friends on a regular basis. Batman / Superman - Superman Instagram / Snapchat - Instagram Up Early / Lie in - Up early oneills X Factor / Strictly Come Dancing - Strictly Come Dancing Socks / No Socks - Socks

Chinese / Pizza - Both Playstation / X-Box - Too Old



OFFICIAL GAA PLAYING RULES CHANGES 2021

DENYING A GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY: HURLING

(Senior Inter-County only)

If any of the following infractions are committed, on an attacking player with a goal-scoring opportunity, either inside the 20-metre line or the semi-circular arc.

- To pull down an opponent or
- To trip an opponent with hands, arm, leg, foot, or hurley or

- A penalty puck shall be awarded to the team affected. Additional to being issued a caution (yellow card), the offender shall be sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes.

Exception: If the infraction is a second cautionable infraction, the offender shall be ordered off for the remainder of the game, including extra-time when played



TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTION:

A player who sustains a suspected head injury, if instructed by the referee, shall temporarily leave the field of play for further assessment before the player's fitness to return is determined



MISCONDUCT AT GAMES BY TEAM OFFICIALS (Inter-County only)

misconduct at games by team officials and the introduction of the issuing of yellow & red cards and match suspensions in place of term suspensions for several infractions.

The following changes were made to the rules around

game

Yellow cards can now be issued to team officials for the following Infractions.

- To make an unauthorised incursion onto the field of play.
- To challenge the authority of a referee, umpire, linesman or sideline official.
- To threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to an opposing player or team official.
- To threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to a player of own team.

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presents the potential of a goal-scoring opportunity or another advantage to the team offended by creating or capitalising on time and space.

the advantage to run by maintaining his arm in the upright position for up to five seconds after the foul or for less time if it becomes clear that no advantage has accrued

If he deer ns no advantage to have accrued from where it occurred, except as provided under exceptions (v) and (vi) of Rule 2.2. 5 sec He shall apply any relevant disciplinary action

INTERFERING WITH A KICK/PUCK OUT

It's now a foul to interfere with a goalkeeper by jumping up and down, waving hands or hurley, or any other physical or verbal interference considered by the referee to be aimed at distracting the player taking the kick/puck out. 16





- pulling or jostling), threatening or abusive conduct towards, or threatening language to, a referee, umpire, linesman or sideline official. • Any type of assault on a referee,
- umpire, linesman or sideline official.



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Cill Chartha have the Quality to Prevail by RYAN FERRY, DONEGAL NEWS

KILCAR will go in search of seventh Donegal their Senior Championship title when they take to the field against Naomh Conaill tonight. The Towney men won the championship in 1925, 1980, 1985. 1989, 1993, and 2017, and they would dearly love to add another one to their roll of honour.



Most of the current panel were involved four years ago when they got the better of Naomh Conaill in a low-scoring final and Patrick McBrearty lifted the Dr Maguire Cup. Things didn't guite go to plan over the next two years, but they were in superb form last August and September. They recorded comfortable wins over Termon. Glenswillv. and Glenfin in the group phase, while they also played out a 1-9 apiece draw with St Funan's in O'Donnell Park on their second outing. St Michael's did come with a late fightback in the guarter-final, but Kilcar did enough to win by 3-14 to 3-12.

The semi-final was played on a damp and miserable Saturday evening in Letterkenny but Kilcar had the answers to see off Gaoth Dobhair. They played a smart and sensible game and had the firepower to win by 0-14 to 1-6. There's no doubt that they would have fancied their chances in the final but it was then put off and the players were left in limbo for a number of months.

It won't have been easy for John McNulty and his management team at the start of the year when the country was in lockdown but his side do come into the rescheduled decider off a decent league campaign so far. They have played six games winning four, while they lost to Naomh Conaill and St Eunan's.

Of course, they did not have their county players for any of those matches, and while their young players have performed well in the league, the heavy artillery will be back in for the decider.

Central to their cause will be the aforementioned Patrick McBrearty, who looked sharp for

Donegal during the intercounty season. The McHughs - Eoin, Ryan, and Mark - have played in many big games down through the years, and if they bring their best, Kilcar will be hard to stop.

Andrew McClean had a frustrating season with Donegal as injury ruled him out for the most part. However, he is now back fit and will provide energy and endeavour as always, while his older brother Matthew is team captain and one of their chief scoretakers. Ciaran McGinlev provides size and physique at midfield and they don't come much more reliable in Donegal club football than Conor Doherty and Pauric Carr.

Ryan McShane was the fresh face into the Kilcar side last year and he has since shown his worth at Donegal Under 20 level, while Kevin Campbell has made the number one iersev his own this year.

Kilcar were seen as the young pretenders for many years as they looked to push on after securing minor and Under 21 titles However, their 'golden generation' are all now seasoned and in their mid-twenties.

They will believe they have the quality to prevail and bring the Doctor 'in through' once again.

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Best wishes to the Kilcar senior team and management



Legendary Donegal Photographer - Michael Jack

Michael Jack O'Donnell passed to his eternal reward on Saturday May 3rd. Back in Autumn 2020 he looked forward immensely to the stream of the County Final featuring his beloved Naomh Conaill. He was regularly in contact with the PRO for updates on its fate. It is fitting when it is finally played he is remembered by tributes from his colleagues.



Ba le croí trom a chuala mé faoi bhás Michael Jack O'Donnell Dé Satharn. Fear uasal go smíor a chnámh a raibh fíor bhródúil as CLG Dhún na nGall i rith a shaol. Duine cairdiúil a bhí ann agus bhí sé ina mháistir mar ghrianghrafadóir agus an-bhróid aige ina cheird. Bhí sé iontach éasca oibriú le Michael i mo ról mar OCP ar Bhord na Contae. Mo chomhbhrón agus comhbhrón na hoifigí go léir i CLG Dhún na nGall le Bernie, lena a mháthair, Nora agus leis an teaghlach agus a chairde go léir. Suiamhneas síoraí tabhair do a Thiarna.

Michael was a gentleman to the core, a passionate Donegal supporter, a master of his craft, so amiable and easy to deal with and a huge help in my role as Donegal PRO. Cheerfully professional and always eager to be keep abreast of everything about Donegal football he remained on the Donegal Media list throughout his illness and was still among the first to respond to emails thanking me for news or letting me know he wasn't going to make the upcoming game but might make it next time. Tragically it was never to be. His courtesy, good humour, quiet efficiency, wisdom and re-assuring presence will be sorely missed by all. John McEniff, PRO, CLG Dhún na nGall

Ba mhaith liom mo chomhbhrón a chur in iúl do theaghlach agus cairde Michael 'Jack'. Fear cinéalta, uasal, lách a bhí i Michael. Michael was ever present at the games and events and his kind words and guidance always gave me great courage. He would always mention his old friend and colleague Séamus Mac Géidigh and both are now together again. Michael will be dearly missed. Slán leat a chara! Damien Ó Dónaill, RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta

Michael 'Jack' O'Donnell started his career with the Donegal Democrat in the early '80 and later in that decade purchased the long lens that was his greatest companion on the sports fields of Donegal and Ireland. For us who knew him during that time, the one constant was his personality didn't change. He was always positive and none more so than in recent years, showing great courage in dealing with his illness - an example to all of us. Michael 'Jack' was the longest serving member of the press corps in the county. His love of Donegal was only superseded by his love of his native Naomh Conaill. His passing will leave a great void in our lives and even more so in the lives of Bernie and the O'Donnell family. Peter Campbell - Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat

Michael was the definition of a gentleman. Such an unassuming and sincere man. Loved the banter with him. A brilliant character and will be sadly missed. Paddy McGill, Ocean FM

The Press box is a strange kind of place, split between Radio & Television people, Newspaper people and

photographers. Surprisingly, given their jobs sometimes communication between those present can be at a low level as everyone does their thing. If and when Michael Jack O Donnell arrived, and that had been the case, things always changed for the better. Michael had that wonderful ability to interact positively with everyone and make you feel the better for it. He

brought that same attitude into his battle with his illness and fought the good fight from start to finish. Rest In Peace Michael Jack, the Press box will be forever a lesser place without you. Charlie Collins

I was sad when he I heard a couple of weeks ago that Michael Jack was in a spot of bother and that his time among us was limited. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, I was unable to call to see which would have been difficult. Michael Jack O'Donnell was a brilliant photographer and a legend in GAA photography. But most of all he was just a nice man. One of the best. Slan a chara. Tom Comack, Iconic News

Slán go fóill a chomradaí and I know we will meet again in a place where there is no more pain and the moon is an angel's wing. Gerry McLaughlin, Donegal Post & Irish News

A great photographer, gentleman and character. He will be sadly missed. Ger Diver, CLG Dhún na nGall

Really sorry and saddened to hear the news on the passing of Michael Jack O'Donnell - the county lost a true gent. He'll be badly missed on match day. A huge character and a wonderful man who wore the green and gold and the blue and white on his heart. Oisin Kelly, Highland Radio

Michael was dauntless, cool even and in every sense of the word. He never panicked. He was the Han Solo of the sports photography world. And what a photographer he was. He was a colleague, a mentor but above all, a friend. The bounce and life his images breathed into the sports pages was amazing and, I hope others don't mind me saying, unrivalled. On May 15th, it was both strange and sad that Michael wasn't there in person as Donegal finally opened their season away to Tyrone, their greatest foes. But there is absolutely no doubt we'll all carry him in our hearts from here on in. And because of that, he'll never miss a game again. Frank Craig, Donegal News

Michael was one of those people you'd look forward to seeing at matches. He knew football, knew the players, their weaknesses and their strengths, and he wouldn't be a bit shy in pointing them out. His assessments would be fair, but by god he didn't mince his words. Over the decades he documented Gaelic games across the county in magnificent detail and his photographs captured generations of players and managers and supporters. He himself was a supporter and that seeped into his work. He has died far too young. We'll miss those rosy red cheeks, his wide grin and his sharp wit, but through his photography Michael Jack has bequeathed to us a rich, visual legacy that will live long and his photos will evoke fond memories for generations to come. Damian Dowds. Inishowen Independent.

Michael Jack O'Donnell - Tributes from his Colleagues

A deep sadness swept across Donegal on May 3rd as news of the death of popular Glenties photographer Michael O'Donnell filtered through. Armed with an infectious wit and a lexicon of one-liners that would slice raw iron, Michael was universally loved by the Donegal press corps. Michael – just like the thousands pictures of pictures he produced - leaves an imprint on history, which will last well into the future. The green and gold of Donegal might have beat from his heat but it was the blue of Naomh Conaill and Glenties that coursed through his veins. Chris McNulty, SportsHub



So saddened to hear about the death of Michael Jack. The Naomh Conaill clubman proved a great source of strength to me when I had my own health troubles shortly after a wrote a piece about his 2017 operation. Rest easy young man. Harry Walsh, Donegal News

Landing to games anywhere in the country with Mick was like arriving with a celebrity, everyone knew Michael. We sat at most Donegal games together, with the radio in one ear listening to the game and the other ear free to give a running commentary to each other! Donegal has lost its most talented and well known sports photographer, games won't be the same again. I'll miss the craic, the slagging and his infectious love of his parish and county. I'll miss my friend. Evan Logan, Inishowen News

A figure welcomed at national and local venues alike, from All-Ireland finals to Cúl Camps no game was too big or too small. A great sportsman, a great friend to many, a gentleman to all. Ed Byrne, Donegal PRO 2014-18

I had the pleasure of being pitch side with Michael many times over the years at club and county matches. A true gentleman, he loved his job and that shone through in his skilled photographic coverage of so many games down the years. Declan Kerr, Tirconaill Tribune

A picture, as the saying goes, tells a thousand words. The rapport and trust between Michael Jack O'Donnell and various county mangers down the years, and those closer to home in Glenties, helped chronicle the visual history of both Donegal and Naomh Conaill. He was there when the blue and white came running through Fintown with the Dr Maguire cup for the first time in 2005 just as he was when Donegal rolled home as Sam made its maiden voyage here in 1992. When you'd meet Michael Jack the photographer, whether in Dublin, Davy Brennan, Clones or the Comp, you always had the impression he was there covering football more for love than labour. Always having time

for a chat. Usually about football; sometimes about other things. And the tributes to Michael Jack the man, filling radio slots, social media feeds and newspaper columns since the news of his sad passing show the regard he was held in. So many anecdotes, yarns and stories from so many places. Michael Jack will be remembered for both his pictures and for his words. Alan Foley, SportsHub

The GAA community in Donegal was rocked with the passing of one of its great characters in Michael Jack O'Donnell. Michael was a familiar face on the pitches of Donegal and further afield, and he was regarded as one of the finest sports photographers in the game. He had a fantastic eye and vision for photos, and that wasn't consigned solely to activities on the field. He was brilliant at spotting people in the crowd, and the captions that followed were always entertaining, and never dull. Michael had a huge passion for Donegal football, both at senior and underage level. It didn't matter if it was a packed Croke Park for an All-Ireland Final, or a run-of-the-mill Ulster Minor League match in a sparse Brewster Park, you could be sure to see Michael in attendance. He always had five minutes for a quick chat, and had a positive outlook to be admired. There was a pureness to his love for Naomh Conaill and his reviews after matches in the press box would always be fair and to the point! Naomh Conaill gave him some fabulous days and if there was a happier man in MacCumhaill Park on that Wednesday night two years ago when they clinched the Dr Maguire Cup after a fantastic trilogy, I certainly didn't see him. His passing leaves a huge void in the Donegal media, and we will all miss his craic, slagging, banter, and conversation. Ryan Ferry, Donegal News



My old friend Michael Jack O'Donnell from Glenties has gone to the big photo exhibition in the Sky after battling an illness in recent years that he fought with huge courage. He was a great man, a sports and news photographer who was a stable force of wisdom in a journalistic world of change and sometimes chaos. He was as staunch a Donegal GAA supporter as you will find which could sometimes find his raw emotions escape on the sideline. But he was a true professional and many of the great photos of Donegal GAA successes would be much the poorer were it not for his eagle eve and natural talent to spot something unique or unusual. He was a gentleman and he called it straight, a trait that I truly admired in him. We will miss him terribly and hopefully celebrate his life in a proper forum when all this Covid stuff is behind us. You were one of the very best. Go ndeanaí Dia trocaire ar do ainm, a Mhicheál, Michael McHugh, Donegal Post

Súil siar ar ghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha le sé bhliain anuas le Caitríona Nic Suibhne Oifigeach Chultúrtha agus Teanga CLG Dhún na nGall

Cuireann an Chumann Luathcleas Gael an-béim ar cur chun chin na Gaeilge. Ón bhliain 1884 ar aghaidh, bhí ról lárnach ag ár dteanga in imeachtaí agus rialacha an C.L.G. Rial 1.4. Aidhmeanna Breise: "The Association shall actively support the Irish language, traditional Irish dancing, music, song, and other aspects of Irish culture..." Creidim go hiomlán go bhfuil seo a dhéanadh ag CLG Dhún na nGall. Seo forbhreathnú gairid ar na príomhghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha a chuir muid chun cinn le sé bhliain anuas.

Scór: Tháinig méadú mór i nDún na nGall ar líon na gclubanna agus na ngrúpaí a ghlacann páirt i Scór. Le cois sin d'éirigh go maith linn ag leibhéal Uladh agus leibheal Ulie Éireann. Ó 2016 bhain muid 8 dheideal Uladh agus 4 theideal Uile Éireann san iomlán. An mór chuid díofa seo (5 Uladh agus 3 Uile Éireann) i Scór na nÓG. Comhghairdeas le na clubanna a bhain ag leibheal Condae, Cúige agus Uile Éireann. Is cúis mhór bróid dúinn go bhfuil Dún na nGall anois ar cheann de na contaetha is mó le rá in Éirinn ó thaobh rannpháirtíochta i Scór leis an mórchuid de na clubanna ag glacadh páirt. Idir Scór na nÓg agus Scór sinsir, ghlac thart fa 38 de na

Stör na nÓg	Rannpháirtíocht - Clubanna	Teidil Uladh	Teidil Uile Éireann
2016	28	0	0
2017	28	2	1
2018	30	0	0
2019	30	0	0
2020	29	3	2
2021	Ní raibh comórtas ar bith	Ni raibh comórtas ar bith	Ní raibh comórtas ar bith
Sode Sinsir	Rannpháirtíocht - Clubanna	Teidil Uladh	Teidil Ulle Éireann
2016	22	0	0
2017	20	2	1
2018	20	0	0
	20	1	0
2019	20		
2019 2020	23	Gan aon chomórtas	Gan aon chomórtas



clubanna sa chontae páirt bliain amháin ar a laghad ó tús 2016.

Tráth na gCeist Bord: Tá suim mhór i nDún na nGall sa chomórtas seo atá go hiomlán i nGaeilge agus ta sé ar siúl sa chontae achán bhliain ó thosaigh an comórtas sa bhliain 2007. Cé gur cuireadh deireadh leis an chomórtas ag leibheal naisiúnta ar feadh seal, lean Dún na nGall ar aghaidh. Thar na bliainta ghlac thart fá 25 de na clubanna sa chondae páirt agus le traifil blianta anuas déirigh go maith le Tráth na gCeist Bord i nDún na nGall.

Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha: Comhghairdeas le na clubanna as Dún na nGall (deichear) a fuair boinn Cré-umha agus boinn Airigid Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha ó Ghlór na nGaeil ag ocáid i bPàirc an Chróchaigh i mí na Nollaig 2019. An bhliain roimhe sin fuair Gaoth Dobhair bonn óir. Sa bhliain 2019 fuair Naomh Adhamhnáin, Bun a' Phobail, Carn Domhnach agus Bun Cranncha boinn Airigid agus fuair Beart, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn, Na Ceithre Máistrí, Naomh Columba, Cloich Cheann Fhaola agus Gleann tSúilí boinn Chré-Umha. Bhí Uachtarán an CLG (John Horan) i láthair chomh maith le ionaidithe ó Ghlór na nGael, Foras na Gaeilge, Gael Linn agus clann Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha. Bhí bláth ar an obair a chuir na clubanna seo isteach agus caithfidh muid díriú anois ar an gcéad leibhéal eile. Tá buíochas ó chroí go hiomlán tuillte ag Caitríona Nic Seoin – Glór na nGael. Is í Caitríona a choinníonn brú orainn uilig leanúint ar aghaidh ó thaobh Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha. Ní raibh ocáid ar bith a bPáirc an Chrocaigh ó shin de bharr an víreas cé go bhfuir clubanna eile cré-umha agus boinn airgid I 2020 agus inaq measc siúd bhí clubanna as taobh istigh agus taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht.

Bailiúchán na Teanga: Cé nach raibh seo ann imbliaina nó anuraidh de bharr an víreas, tá bailúchán na teanga ar siúl i nDún na nGall le blianta fada. Thíos tá an méid a bhailigh clubanna CLG sa chondae ó 2016. Seo thíos an méid a bhailigh clubanna CLG sa chondae le cúig bliana anus:

2016, €5668; 2017, €5,806; 2018, €5,265; 2019, €7,513; 2020, €0; 2021, €0

Baineann Conradh na Gaeilge úsaid as an airgead seo le haghaidh scoláireachtaí ar fud Uladh i nGaeltacht Dhún na nGall do bhaill CLG. Is cúis mhór bróid dúinn gurb é Dún na nGall an príomhchondae sa tír maidir leis an mbailiúchán.

Scoláireachtaí: Achán bhliain cureann CLG Dhún na nGall scoláireachtaí ar luach €1,500 ar fáil do scoláirí o'n gcontae mar chuidiú chun freastal ar chúrsaí samhraidh i nGaeltachtí Dhún na nGall agus le roinnt blianta anuas chuir Conradh na Gaeilge le seo €1,000 eile.

Cúrsa Cuimhnéacháin Shéamuis de Faoite: Chuir an víreas cosc ar an gcúrsa dul ar aghaidh i mbliana agus anuraidh. Le traifil blianta anuas tá an chúrsa seo ag dul ó neart go neart agus tá súil agam go rachfaidh sé ar aghaidh nuair atá an víreas seo imithe. Bhí cuid mhór baint ag Dún na nGall leis an chúrsa seo sna Dúnaibh agus le déanaí ghlac iomaitheoirí scór as an chondae páirt sa cheolchoirm. Le cois sin ghlac go leor daoine as an chondae páirt in imeachtaí mar an léacht agus ag teagasc. Tá seo go hiomlán urraithe ag Comhairle Uladh CLG agus soláthairaíonn sé ranganna Gaeilge do dhaoine fásta atá ina mbaill den CLG.

Coirneál na Gaeilge: Tá coirneál na Gaeilge anois i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill i Leitir Ceanainn, Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill i mBealach Féich agus i bPairc an tÁthair Uí Thiarnaigh i mBéal Atha Seannaidh. Tá súil againn go dtiocfaidh Gaeilgeoirí le chéile ag Coirneáil na Gaeilge



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