

# Cloone GAA News - 2018

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15-Jan-18

## **FBD Game this Wed evening**

This Wednesday evening we host the postponed Connacht FBD Game Leitrim V Sligo in the Park at 7 PM. This will be a big occasion for the club and all stewards are asked to be available in good time to assist with the running of this game. Leitrim will be hoping to get two points following their defeat to Galway in Clonbur on Sunday last, and it gives Team Manager Brendan Guckian another opportunity to look at more players prior to the first round of the national league against Antrim, in Antrim on next Sunday week.

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## **The late TP Reynolds**

The club would like to extend its sympathy to the Reynolds family Gortletteragh on the recent death of T P Reynolds. T P played with Cloone winning a senior league in 1952, a year that Gortletteragh did not field a team. To his family and friends we extend our sincere sympathy.

## Club AGM 2018

The Club held a very successful Annual General Meeting in the club house on Saturday evening last and a large crowd attended. Outgoing chairman Mickey Lohan gave a detailed chairperson's address in which he highlighted the positive features from 2017. He complimented the work of the intermediate team under the excellent guidance of team manager Niall Murray. He thanked all the people who gave of their time in a voluntarily capacity to attend to all the various duties that is needed to run the Gaa club. Mickey did not seek re-election, and the club would like to thank Mickey for six outstanding years' service to Cloone Gaa in which he spearheaded many outstanding initiatives. Mickey is replaced by new chairman Liam Reynolds.

Outgoing secretary Martin McCaffrey also gave a very detailed report of the year's activity in which he outlined the positive attitude among the players which resulted in a very enjoyable year. He thanked all the people who helped with the running of the club through the year without whose help the club could not run.

The financial report by outgoing treasure John Reynolds showed the club is in a reasonable financial state but renewed efforts with fundraising will have to be high on the agenda during 2018. John did not seek re-election and the club would like to thank John for all his efforts with fundraising and managing the clubs finance throughout the last number of years. John is replaced as treasurer by Gerry Keegan.

The following is the officers for 2018,

- Chairman, Liam Reynolds
- Vice Chairman Seamus Maguire,
- Secretary Martin McCaffrey,
- Assistant Secretary, Alan Canning,
- Treasurer Gerry Keegan,
- PRO Gerry McGovern,
- ASAP Officer Seamus Maguire,
- Irish Officer Damian ó Braonáin,
- Registrar Seamus Maguire,
- Insurance Officer Adrian Nichols,
- Development officer Sean McGovern
- Coaching Officer Niall Brennan,
- Children's officer Maria McCrann,
- I.T. Officer Enda Tiernan,
- Co Board delegates Sean McGovern, Liam Reynolds, Alan Canning, Niall Brennan.
- Under age representative Kieran Casey.

At the close of the meeting lifelong supporter Kevin Foley gave a rousing speech in he informed the gathering that it is sixty years since he attended his first Club meeting, and that this year marks sixty years this since the club had been reformed at a meeting in Dillon's Egg Store in 1958, having out of action for a few years.

## Gerry McGovern elected Connacht GAA President

We hope we will be forgiven for bypassing him with this item but huge congrats to our club PRO Gerry McGovern on his election to Uachtaráin of Connacht GAA on Thursday night last in the Bush Hotel. In the presence of a huge number of Cloone supporters, Gerry was elected to the position following completion of his three-year term as vice president of Connacht Council.

Gerry has been a lifelong member of the Cloone club and has been one of our most dedicated servants. His many roles over the years with the club have included player, official, manager, selector, development supervisor, referee and supporter. Gerry first took over as secretary of the club in 1970 and it was fitting that the two club officers who were also elected that year, Kevin Foley and Michael Heslin were present again on Thursday last.

For the past five decades, Gerry has worked as both a player and official in the club and was one of the driving forces behind the development and official opening of our current club grounds in 1980. Later on, in that same year, Gerry gave a man of the match performance from his midfield berth in the Leitrim senior county final on the occasion of the last of our 11 senior championship successes.

Gerry was also a highly respected referee at national level and went on to hold numerous positions at Leitrim Co. Board including leas-runáí, Cathaoirleach, and Connacht Council delegate. Achievements such as the new stand in Pairc Sean, the commencement of the Center of Excellence and re-energising Connacht Scór are just some of the accolades Gerry can be proud of in recent years.

On this historic occasion for the Cloone club we look forward with great pride to one of our own holding this prestigious role. When Gerry takes his seat on Coiste Banistí in Croke Park it will be a far cry from the humble club beginnings of meetings held in a Morris Minor car but the one constant will be Gerry McGovern's commitment to all that is good in the association. We extend the club's congratulations to Gerry, Kathleen and the extended McGovern family and wish Gerry every success in his new role.

## Third place for quiz team at Senior Scór

On Saturday evening the club participated in the final of the Leitrim Scór Sinsir quiz, held in Drumshanbo. The team put in a great performance and lined out as follows, Ashling McCabe, Tara McCabe, James McCabe & Enda Tiernan.

On Friday evening we hosted Scór na Mbunscol in the Community Centre which was a great success with the hall packed to the rafters. A great night's entertainment was provided which is a credit to all the schools who participated and to the Committee of Coiste Scór Liatroma for all the work they put into running this event.

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### **Junior team begin their league campaign**

The 2018 div 4 league started on Saturday evening last, when we played Ballinaglera in the Park. If ever a game in capsuled everything that is good about the GAA this game certainly did. Firstly we are indebted to Ballinaglera for agreeing to play the game at a later time, to facilitate players working and we would like to thank them for travelling to Cloone for the game that was a home game for them. This is the type of co-operation we have come accustomed to from this very sporting Club.

The game itself was played in very sporting manner with Ballinaglera winning on a score line of 3-14 to 2-03. Irrespective of the score line it was great to see the two clubs being in a position to field a second team and well done to all involved. Ballinaglera players and mentors also joined us for some after match refreshment upstairs in the club rooms. Another encouraging aspect from the game was the number of our young players who are eligible to play adult football this year, and all acquitted themselves very well. Of course there were some not so young who were making a comeback which

was great to see. Cloone team Alan Canning, Justin Vesey, Robbie McCaffrey, Gavin McKeon, Robert Maguire, Darren Keegan, John Creegan, Michael Bohan, Damien Kelly, Martin Tiernan, Adrian Kelly Tadgh Doherty, Ronan Mulvey, Adrian Nichols Alvin Beirne,. Sub used Aidan Mulvey.

The club would like to extend a sincere word of gratitude to the ladies who looked after the catering on the evening, namely Angela Keegan, Mary Doherty, and Anne Maguire. This weekend we play Aughavas and no doubt another cracker in store. All players are asked to be available.

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### **Battle of the Townlands**

There were huge celebrations in Streamstown at the week end as their Quiz team were declared the champions of the parish when they won the 'Battle of the Townlands' quiz held in Creegan's on Saturday night last.

The team led by captain Sean Doherty and included Rita Woods, Fiona Woods, Conor Woods, with Mel Woods as team manager. Fiona and Conor claimed eligibility under the GAA parental rule. The quiz was a great success with 22 tables, and the club is very grateful to all the townlands who participated and raised much needed funds for the club.

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### **County Connections..**

Looking through the line outs for the intercounty Allianz National League fixtures we note a number of inter county players with their roots in our Club. Niall Donnelly who's mother Concepta is a through and through Annaughmacooleen Gael supporter, plays midfield for Down, Cian Donoghue, who's mother Karen is from Esker plays with Offaly, and Kevin Flynn, who's mother Jacinta, a Cloone native through and through plays wing half back with Kildare.

The rumour is, and I wouldn't say it too loud, is that all three will be lining out for Cloone at some stage in the 2018 Intermediate Championship. Keep that to yourself.

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09-Apr-18

### **Wedding Bells...**

Heartiest congratulations to our club chairman Liam Reynolds and his new bride Maeve Reynolds Annaduff who were married in Clonturk church on Friday last. On behalf of the club we would like to wish you both the very best for the future and a long and happy life together. It won't be much of a change for Maeve to be supporting the Blue and Gold rather than the Purple and Gold!!

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09-Apr-18

### **Mixed fortunes on the field**

We had mixed fortunes at the weekend with our intermediate team well and truly beaten by Drumreilly on Saturday evening, and our junior team beating Bornacoola in the Park on Sunday morning.

On Saturday evening we travelled to Drumreilly for our second match in the Dunne's Bar Div 2 league but were comprehensively beaten on a score line of Drumreilly 4 09 Cloone 1-08. Compliments to Drumreilly on the great developments at their club grounds.

On Sunday morning we had a better outing when our junior team defeated Bornacoola in the Park on a score line of Cloone 1-17 Bornacoola 0-08.

Next weekend we play Glencar Manor in the park on Sunday morning in the Dunne's Bar Div 2 league, and all players are asked to be available.

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### **Seniors back to winning ways**

We had a good win in the Dunne's Bar Div 2 league, defeating Glencar Manor on a score line of Cloone 2-09 Glencar-Manor 0-13. Team Ciaran Casey, Dara Tiernan, Aidan Mulvey, Declan Tiernan, Brian Mulvey Gavin Reynolds, Darren Keegan, EoghanKeegan Michael Bohan, Robert Maguire Niall Quinn Martin Tiernan, RonanMulvey Damien O'Donnell, Seamus Maguire. Subs used Darren Carberry, Chris Carberry, and Donal Brennan.

On Saturday evening next we play Leitrim Gaels in Division 4 League in Cloone at 7 pm. All players are asked to be available.

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### **Social Night in Creegans**

Cloone GAA will be hosting a social night in Creegan's Cloone on Saturday 28th April at which there will be a giveaway of € 300.00. This will be a special night when the club will be having a draw for confined to the yearly Lotto ticket holders. There is still an opportunity to be in that draw by purchasing a yearly club lotto ticket. A night not to be missed.

## Golf Classic 2018

We will be holding our golf Classic in Ballinamore Golf club on Saturday June 3 rd . The prizes are as follows:

- 1 st prize € 400 plus green fees for Slieve Russel Golf club.
- 2nd prize € 300 plus green fees for Longford Golf Club.
- 3rd prize €200 plus green fees for Carrick on Shannon Golf club,
- 4th Prize Golf Polo shirts,
- 5th Prize box of Golf Balls and gloves
- 6th prize Golf umbrellas.
- 7th prize Green fees for Carrick-on-Shannon Golf club.

There will also be the nearest the pin and the longest drive competitions with four €50 vouchers as prizes. There will be light refreshments before tee off, a snack bag available for each player and a sit down hot meal for each player having finished their round. The prize giving, ceremony will take place at 7:30 in the Club House.

The entry fee is € 160 for a team of four and to book contact Martin at 086 0594310. or Liam at 087, 3273844.

It promises to be a great occasion and we look forward to seeing you all there.

## Golf Classic on Saturday Next

Big weekend next week end as we are holding our Golf Classic in Ballinamore Golf club on Saturday next June 3rd. This promises to be a great occasion for all golfing enthusiasts and some wonderful prizes on offer. The prizes are as follows, 1st prize € 400 plus green fees for Slieve Russel Golf club. 2nd prize € 300 plus green fees for Longford Golf Club. 3rd prize €200 plus green fees for Carrick on Shannon Golf club, 4th Prize Golf Polo shirts, 5th Prize box of Golf Balls and gloves, 6th prize Golf umbrellas. 7th prize Green fees for Carrick on Shannon Golf club. There will also be the nearest the pin and the longest drive competitions with four € 50 vouchers as prizes. There will be light refreshments before tee off, a snack bag available for each player and a sit down meal for each player having finished their round. The prize giving ceremony will take place at 7 30 in the Club House. The entry fee is € 160 for a team of four and to book contact Martin at 086 0594310. or Liam at 087, 3273844. We look forward to seeing you all there.