

# GAA



# Yearbook 2022



I am delighted to give all members of the GAA in County Wicklow my annual report as County Games Manager. To write this report on the progress of activities within the county in the last 12 months is very satisfying. At the end of every year we say where did the last 12 months go, but this year seems to be the quickest yet. When you have an action packed calendar time disappears very quickly. Coming out and managing our lives in the presences of Covid 19 has been a challenging period for us all, and with that said, it is of great credit to the GAA that a full program of games and coaching activities at both inter-county and club level has taken place in 2022. This highlights the

## Coaching & Games Development Staff

Name	Club	Added Responsibilities
Hugh Kenny GM		Coiste na nOg Fixtures Staff Coordination
Willie Braine GPO	Bray Emmets	
Aoife Murphy GPO	Bray Emmeta/Éire Og Greystones	
TBC	Éire Óg Greystones	
Noel Morris GPO	AGB	7 Primary Schools 4 PP Schools
Gavin Weir GPO	Avondale	Strength & Conditioning
Conor Byrne GPO	Hollywood Dunlavin Donard/Glen	
Diarmuidh Hayes GPO	Carnew Emmets Kiltegan	
Jack Keogh GPO	Laragh Glenealy St Patricks	
TBC	Blessington	
Jackie Kinch GPO	Kilmacanogue Newtown Shellelagh/Coolboy	
Cormac Noone GDA	Baltinglass	Stratford/Grangecon Cill Bhríde Valleymount Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps
Darren Hayden GDA	Ashford	Annacurra Aughrim Avoca Barndarrig Under 7/9 Football Go Games
Garrett Doyle GDA	An Tóchar	Newcastle Kilcoole Rathnew Fergal Ogs Ballinacor County Post Primary Schools
Jonathan Daniels GDA		Tinahely Coolkenno Knockananna Ballymanus County Football Academy Squads Coach Education
Conor Daly GDA Hurling		Kilcoole ARP Barndarrig Aughrim Western Gaels Michael Dwyer's County Hurling Academy Squads Under 7/9 Hurling Go Games
TBC	Rathnew Enniskerry Kilcoole	
Tommy Carroll	CE Coach	Enniskerry & Fergal Og Schools
Caroline Kinsella	CE Coach	Avondale Schools
Kevin Quigley	CE Coach	Arklow Schools

volunteers within the GAA that give endless hours of their own free time to help with the running of our Games and this is what makes the GAA so ingrained in our DNA. We now have more young players playing GAA than ever before in our county and this provides a major challenge to every club going forward. More coaches required to meet this demand, teams fighting for pitch spaces during the week. It all looks great but it has to be managed in a professional and integrated way so every team and group of coaches can be given the same opportunity to plan their season and it's not an easy task by any means.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank both Philip Champion and Paul Garrigan who we had the pleasure of working with and who contributed immensely to Wicklow GAA Coaching & Games Development. Philip and Paul have returned to work with Kilkenny GAA and Meath GAA.

Also a big thanks to Kevin Spain who returned to the business world and Paul O'Brien who has emigrated to Australia

Finally a big thanks also to Garry Jameson our Strength & Conditioning coach who has also left us as his family have relocated to America for the foreseeable future.

## 2022 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps

Our 2022 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps were once again very well attended with many camps booked out well in advance. We held 34 camps over 7 weeks. We also hired over 100 coaching staff and 20 Coordinators to manage our camps. All our host venues/clubs should be congratulated for having their grounds in perfect condition for the weeklong event. Only online bookings are now excepted and all children received their gear with An Post delivering to each individual home in advance of the start of their camp.

## Inclusive Camp 2022

Our first ever Inclusive Cúl Camps in Wicklow. The camps were held in Blessington and Bray Emmets. Wicklow Sports Partnership provided the training for the staff in advance of the camps.

Thanks to the Coaching and Games staff, the Cúl Camp coaches & helpers and in particular to Lisa & Jenny who run the all-stars programme in each club, you were a huge help. It was a hugely rewarding initiative to be part of and one we hope to build on for 2023.

## Referees

Shortage of Referees is a problem among all sports and the GAA is no different. There is no getting away from it we have a shortage of referees in our clubs! Prioritizing the older age groups and asking clubs to referee U11 games themselves is not the answer we are looking for. It's the responsibility of all our clubs it's the same as recruiting coaches, but we don't want to be forced to postpone games due to the referee shortage. It's very obvious numbers are not increasing in line with the number of games now been played at all levels and when you factor Boys Football, Hurling, Camogie and Ladies Football decision time is fast approaching. We now need a major annual referee recruitment

Once again thanks to John Magee from Renault Ireland for providing us with two Vans for transporting our equipment two and from venues each week.

Finally, thanks to Cormac Noone GDA who did an excellent Job Coordinating our Cúl Camps.



Cúl Camps Attendance	
Girls	1,533
Boys	2,039

## Easter, Summer and Halloween Club Camps 2022

Members of our Coaching Staff assigned to clubs as GPO's organised either Easter, Summer or Halloween Camps with their Clubs during 2022. An official form has to be completed for insurance purposes and to make sure the camp is run under the GAA Official Camp Guidelines.

It's great to see Blessington, Dunlavin, Hollywood, Donard/Glen, Baltinglass, Kiltegan, Shillelagh/ Coolboy, An Tochar, Bray Emmets, Eire Og Greystones, AGB, St Patricks, Avondale, Carnew Emmets, Kilmacanogue, Newtown, Ashford and ARP organising their own internal Club Camps.

campaign as well as frequent engagement with referees and match officials to determine what can be done to improve their experiences with players, managers and supporters. Would it make any difference if a club who fails to provide a referee will not be allowed to enter competitions? But some drastic measures have to come to the table for discussion. The reality is If we don't fix it we are going to lose the game itself.

On Coiste na nOg behalf I thank all our referees who often this year had to make changes to their plans when game times and dates were changed. Thank you to Eddie Leonard and Kieron Kenny who I worked closely with on Juvenile Fixtures their knowledge and knowhow is key to streamlining the weekly Coiste na nOg fixtures schedule.

## Child Protection

Best practice in Child Protection, It's your club's responsibility.

We have three KEY responsibilities to all our young Players.

1. Have you completed your Coaching courses?

## Vetting in the GAA

The GAA has a long established principle of vetting any person who, on our behalf, works with children or vulnerable adults in our Association. This principle is enshrined in rule through our Code of Behaviour (Underage) and has become part of the overall recruitment and selection process for those who wish to work with us in the GAA, in a voluntary or paid role.

Vetting services for the Association are currently overseen by the National Children's Office in Croke Park while Comhairle Uladh acts on our behalf in coordinating AccessNI services.

Our international units are obliged to adhere to the legislative vetting and police background checks that are required in the jurisdiction in which they operate.

## Club Coaching Coordinator

The role of the Club Coaching coordinator has to become an official officer on every club's AGM agenda. This Position is becoming one of the most important roles in any club. The person selected will need help and support in their role. Some of the jobs/tasks will need to be delegated and coordinated by the coaching coordinator by working as part of a team to achieve best practice. Christopher Fox our County Coaching Officer is looking to meet all club coaching officers early in the new year.

2. Are you Garda Vetted?

3. Have you attended Child Safeguarding training?

Clubs to contact County Children's officer or your local Games development staff who will help all clubs in organising Child Safeguarding training.

Vetting in the GAA is for a period of three years.

Who needs to be vetted?

The National Vetting Bureau (Children & Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 - 2016 commenced on 29th April 2016 and from that date the Act provides a legislative basis for the mandatory vetting of persons who wish to undertake certain activities relating to children or vulnerable persons.

In the GAA any person who carries out a role of responsibility such as coaching, managing or training underage teams or indeed adult teams that contain any player under 18 yrs. of age must be vetted. It also applies to organising underage activities or refereeing underage games.

## Coach Education

Coach Education and upskilling of coaches should be high on the agenda of any club. We all need to be held accountable for your coach's progress and how they prepare, interact and develop our players and teams. Just because you played the game or think you are a COACH without attending and aligning yourself with the Coach Education Pathway process is a fruitless exercise for any club. We need clubs to be more proactive in making sure all your coaches have completed the relevant course and will continue on the educational pathway from ICGG to Award 1 and eventually on to Award 2. You would not get in behind the wheel of a car without a driving licence and the same goes for coaching if you have not attended our coaching courses you should not be coaching. With this in mind make 2023 the year of the Coach and make sure all our coaches are qualified. Contact Jonathan Daniels GDA and he will arrange any course to suit the club.



## Acknowledgements and Conclusion

2022 has seen us get back to something like normality in clubs and schools as we continue to improve our structures and development on offer to both. The Increase of the GPO programme with more coaches on the ground is a fantastic offering to clubs and schools. To all our County Academy squad's coaches who work with our underage Hurling and Football stars of the future your contribution is massive and unseen by many. But the results and coaching has been top class in 2022 and long may it continue.

As many of our officers are at the end of their five-year term of Office I would like to acknowledge their work and commitment to Wicklow GAA. Firstly, Coiste na nOg double act Katrina Byrne Juvenile Secretary and Pat Dunne Juvenile Chairman. Pat has presented more trophies and had his photo taken more than any other GAA figure in Wicklow over the last few years and that's a testament to the amount of games played and his willingness to be at a particular venue to make the presentations. While Katrina has been very diligent and supportive in her duties as secretary.

Our County Chairman Martin Fitzgerald and treasure Alan Smullen have also played a large part in the progress we have made in the last few years. Martin and his committee have also insured that the future of GAA in the County will continue to progress with the announcement of the New Sponsorship deal with Echelon Data Centres and Beakonshaw. Our Coaching Officer Christopher Fox has also been to the forefront in many of our activities.

County Secretary Chris Magee O Connor has always supported our Games Development staff in everything that was done throughout the year.

The biggest thanks has to go to Owen Doyle our Hurling Officer who has another dual role in managing the pitches in Ballinakill to ensures our county teams can train and for accommodating our Coiste na nOg Fixtures programme.

We are also lucky to have James Devane at Leinster level for supporting us on our journey as we strive to be the best we can.

*Ag déanamh difríochta*

*Aódh Ó Cionnaith*

Games Manager

**Without a Game we have no future,  
without a Referee we have no Game,  
without coaches we have no structure,  
without parents we have no support,  
without the fun we have no enjoyment!**



# Cumann na mBunscol

The beginning of 2022 was quiet for Allianz Cumann na mBunscol activities due to the restrictions in place but once the green light was given for primary schools to play each other, members of Cumann na mBunscol Chill Mhantáin busied themselves planning to fit in as much as possible before the end of the school year.

The first step in ensuring a return to activity was arranging the AGM, which took place on the 1st March in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy. At the AGM it was decided to target 5th and 6th class so that as many as possible could have the chance to represent their schools and to emphasise participation in a non-competitive environment in all codes (hurling/camogie, boys' and girls' football). It was also agreed to run a skills competition to decide who would go forward to represent their school and county during the half-time of selected All Ireland Semi-Final or Final games during the summer, what an opportunity!

The skills tests were first on the list and following regional skill competitions, the County Skills Final took place in the Wicklow GAA Centre of Excellence, Ballinakill on the April 27th. Thanks to our GDAs who were instrumental in running this; particularly Garrett Doyle who co-ordinated both the regional and county final events.

Congratulations to the winners for 2022: Boys Football: Josh Furlong (Scoil Naomh Iósaf Baltinglass); Girls Football: Emily Broe (Lacken NS), Rosie Colleran (St.Laurence O'Toole NS Roundwood); Hurling: Seán Byrne (Tynock NS), Conor Eglington (Scoil Chualann) and Camogie: Aoife Boland (Tynock NS). Every one of these boys and girls represented their schools and county with pride in Croke Park and we hope they will grace the hallowed turf again in the future.

Finally, the long-awaited day of the first blitz arrived and like young calves being let out into the field for the first time, 5th and 6th boys took to the field in Bray Emmets and Ballinakill for their first outing in over 2 years. Such was the excitement of the children, the bus trip to the participation day had a school tour like feel to it. Similarly, was the case for the girls' football, hurling and camogie blitzes which were held in both venues. All of the blitzes witnessed great score taking, passing and teamwork but best of all was the atmosphere of enjoyment and seeing the smiling faces of the boys and girls who once again got the chance to participate and wear their school jersey with pride.

The school year finished up with National Cumann na mBunscol Week which took place in June. Some of the activities that schools engaged in included daily skills challenges with county stars, tráth na gceist, colours day, art competitions, interviewing county stars, crossbar challenge and lots more.



## Rathcoyle 1st Tráth na gCeist

The 2022/23 academic year kicked off with a meeting to plan events for the year. First on the list was a Young Whistlers North/East refereeing course (Gaelic football) which saw eleven different school represented. Thanks to Garrett Doyle for leading the session and well done to our newly qualified Young Whistlers. Since then, it has been busy. Firstly, there were 5th and 6th Class Boys



## Young Whistlers North/East

and Girls Football Participation Blitzes held in Bray Emmets and Ballinakill; as well as Camogie and Hurling Participation Blitzes held in Bray Emmets and Aughrim. There were also 3rd and 4th Class Participation Blitzes held outdoors in Bray Emmets and indoors in Aughrim, which were refereed by the Young Whistlers who had recently completed their Young Whistlers course. The beauty of participation blitzes is that teams play in a non-competitive environment which encourages an atmosphere of teamwork and creativity, but most of all joy in playing the game. One could not only be impressed by the skill, bravery and sportsmanship on show with each team playing every match like it was an All-Ireland final. Those in attendance at the hurling were lucky enough to witness a point being scored from a sideline as well as a point from a puck out, no doubt the future is bright!

South Wicklow also held a Young Whistlers' (Gaelic Football) training course on the 9th November in Aughrim, facilitated by GDA Darren Hayden, and we are looking forward to seeing those Young Whistlers on the pitches refereeing in the future.

The Allianz Tráth na gCeist took place on the 10th November with over 120 pupils in attendance in Lynhams, Laragh. In the end, Rathcoyle NS 1 came



## South Wicklow Young Whistlers (Gaelic Football)

out on top, with a whopping 71 out of 80. Roundwood NS 3 came in second place with a very good score of 62. Third place was decided by a tie break question, as both Greystones Community NS and Scoil Chualann 3 were tied on 58 points, and it was the Greystones school who pipped it. Thanks to the schools for donating raffle prizes and to the parents who brought the young stars to Laragh, on a dark and uninviting November evening.



In West Wicklow, Dunlavin hosted a mixed football blitz for 5th and 6th class on the 25th October, where 12 teams from 7 different schools attended. In November over one hundred children took part in a hurling blitz whereby teams were mixed with boys and girls from the senior classes. When play eventually came to an end, some local rivalries had been renewed but everyone left on a high. Thanks to the teachers, parents, those who refereed, to Rónan Byrne for setting up the pitches.

Cumann na mBunscol Chill Mhantáin would like to take this opportunity to thank all teachers, parents and volunteers who have helped out since we have returned to action. Thanks to the local GAA clubs where we are always made welcome whenever we request the use of their facilities. Thanks to the County Board for their support, as well as Hugh Kenny and his team of excellent coaches. Thanks to Dave Barry and Willie Braine from Bray Emmets

who set up pitches and are instrumental in the running of the blitz days; also, to the transition year pupils from Coláiste Ráithín and Presentation College Bray who referee and contribute hugely to the smooth running of the blitzes in the North East. Thanks to Darren Hayden for his work in co-ordinating blitzes in the South.

Most importantly, we want to say thank you and well done to the children who participate in such a sporting manner in our activities. The primary school games, for many is their first exposure to gaelic games and we hope it is a positive one. We look forward to another year of progression and hard work where our efforts are concentrated on making gaelic games the games of choice of our pupils. Our aim is that every child in our schools is given the opportunity to participate so that they develop a love of our national sports and culture in an atmosphere of sportsmanship, safety but most of all fun.

## Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Chill Mhantáin



**Annacurra Coolafancy**



**Avoca Girls**





**Ballycoog Annacurra**



**Bearna Chlé**



**Donard**



**Dunlavin**



**Gaelscoil na gCloch Liath**





**Greystones NS**



**Greystones Combined**



**Greystones Educate Together**



**Kilcoole**



**Kilmac**



**Laragh**





**Kiltegan Hurling**



**Moneystown**



**Newtown**



**Roundwood**



**St. Brigid's**





**St. Cronan's**



**St. Kevin's**



**St. Laurence's**



**St. Peters**



**Tinahely**



# Garden County Academy

More progress made in 2022 with our Hurling and Football Academy Squads. The Results, fitness, Skill and Conditioning of our players are improving throughout the year, Jonathan Daniels has replaced Paul Garrigan as Football Talent Development Leader, Conor Daly has replaced Philp Campion as Hurling Talent Development Leader and Gavin Weir has also replaced Gary Jameson and Lead Strength & Conditioning Coach. Eventually after a long drawing out process on coach recruitment, coaches came forward to look after our squads. As a county we thank those coaches for getting involved and are very much encouraged by their contribution over the last 12

months. Recruitment of coaches remains a big issue in this county and hopefully with the announcement of the new Sponsorship from Echelon Data Centres and Beakonshaw Developments this will entice more coaches to get involved in 2023. It will also provide additional funds to support a more professional structure around our squads. But the main aim is to get the best club players in Wicklow wearing the County Academy Jersey in Hurling & Football and with this in mind we see this as a joint venture between the GCA and Clubs who must put in more of an effort in helping the management teams recruit the best players.

## U14 Football

The panel of players who represented Wicklow U14 Football GCA during the year were, Sean

Traynor Bray Emmets, Sam Behan Ashford, Conor Boland Michael Dwyer's, Tadhg Broe Blessington, Ciaran Butler Blessington, Aaron Byrne Kilcoole, Colclough Byrne Barndarrig, Daniel Byrne

Annacurra, Fintan Byrne An Tochar, Jake Byrne Ballinacor, Sean Byrne Aughrim, Thomas Byrne St Nicholas, Tiernan Byrne Tinahely, Pierce Carroll Aughrim, Ryan Cleary St Nicholas, Conor Coffey Rathnew, Nathan Corrigan Eire Og Greystones, Luke Cotter Bray Emmets, Sean Craig Bray Emmets, Myron Davidson Tinahely, Rian Daye Ashford, Cian Delaney Annacurra, Oisín Dignam



Rathnew, Kristian Dowling AGB, Cian Doyle Annacurra, Leighton Gahan An Tochar, Finn Geoghegan Eire Og Greystones, Jamie Giles Kilmacanogue, Jack Gill Rathnew, Conall Harmon Michael Dwyer's, Aidan Heffernan Newtown, Daire Holmes Bray Emmets, TJ Hynes Annacurra, Adam Kearns Avondale, Pat Kehoe St Nicholas, Joe Kelly Michael Dwyer's, Aaron Kenna AGB, Se Killoran Annacurra, Jack Leacy An Tochar, John McCarthy Bray Emmets, Jack McCrae Michael Dwyer's, Liam McCrae Michael Dwyer's, Liam Molloy Annacurra, Ross Money St Kevin's, Jeremiah Moore St Nicholas, Simon O'Brien Kilcoole, Evan O'Connor Rathnew, Jack O'Leary St Patricks, Ronan O'Shea Barndarrig, Conor Sullivan Bray Emmets, Christopher O'Toole Michael Dwyer's, Stephen Patterson Baltinglass, Tiran Pierce AGB, Jack Power Avoca, Reece Quinn Burke Baltinglass, Finn Richardson Rathnew, Jack Whelan Michael Dwyer's, Ross Whelan Shillelagh/

Coolboy, Tiernan Williams An Tochar, Jack Wolohan Annacurra, Joe Wolohan An Tochar, Charlie Wynne Michael Dwyer's.

Game Days were Saturday 9th April, Saturday 7th May, Saturday 11th June, Saturday 23rd July and Saturday 13th August. This Squad of two teams played Carlow, Wexford, Meath, Waterford, Offaly, Naas and Kilmacud Crokes as the Year went on you could see the Physical development of the Players and they finished off the Year by winning the Jim Power Shield in Waterford.

Many thanks to Tom Taylor Manager Catherine Kehoe, John Hynes, Eamon O'Byrne, Richard Dignam, Stephen Behan, Russell Giles, Paul Whelan, Brendan Ward, Christy O'Toole, John McCarthy, Paul O'Donohue and Hugh Kenny GM provided assistance over the course of the year.



## U14 Hurling

The panel of players who represented Wicklow U14 Hurling GCA during the year were, Aaron Meredith Glenealy, Adan Byrne Kilcoole, Adam Keane Kilcoole, Adam Kearns Avondale, Aidan Heffernan Kilcoole, Alex Kavanagh, Avondale, Ben Currie St Patricks, Bobby Cosgrave Carnew Emmets, Calum Clarke Twomey Eire Og Greystones, Christopher O'Toole Michael Dwyer's, Christy Moorehouse St Patricks, Cian Doyle ARP, Ciaran Darcy Eire Og Greystones, Cillian Brady Eire Og Greystones,

Colclough Byrne Barndarrig, Conor Boland Michael Dwyer's, Conor Lehane Eire Og Greystones, Conor O'Sullivan Eire Og Greystones, Conor O'Sullivan Bray Emmets, Daniel Jones Barndarrig, Dean Barry Eire Og Greystones, Eoin Croysdill Bray Emmets, Fiachra Brown Eire Og Greystones, Finnan Kinsella Carnew Emmets, Fionn Yorke Keogh Glenealy, George Connors St Patricks, Ian Geoghegan Western Gaels, Jack O'Leary St Patricks, Jamie Giles Eire Og Greystones, James Gegan Carnew Emmets, Joe Cooney Glenealy, Joe Kelly Michael Dwyer's, John McCarthy Bray Emmets, John O'Brien



St Patricks, John Tyrell Western Gaels, Kieran Duddy Eire Og Greystones, Liam Molloy Annacurra Luke O Tooles, Lochlann Hughes Kilcoole, Luke Cotter Bray Emmets, Mark McHugh Bray Emmets, Nicky Cosgrave Carnew Emmets, Nicolas Maxwell ARP, Ollie Noonan Bray Emmets, Patrick O Boyle Eire Og Greystones, Pearse Carroll Luke O Tooles, Rian Rooney Carnew Emmets, Se Kiloran Annacurra ARP, Sean Byrne Luke O Tooles, Sean Craig Bray Emmets, Sean Griffin Eire Og Greystones, Sean Ryan Eire Og Greystones, Sean Traynor Bray Emmets, Tiernan Byrne Luke O

Tooles, Tirnan Pierce ARP, Tom Brennan Carnew Emmets, Tom Merriman Kilcoole

Game Days were Saturday 23rd April, Saturday 21st May, Saturday 18th June, Saturday 6th August and Saturday 27th August. This squad of two teams played Kildare, Carlow, Meath, Laois, Kildare, Carlow, Kildare, Westmeath and Antrim

Many thanks to Sean Pierce Manager, Enda McHugh, Jim Darcy, Adrian Craig, Thomas Geoghegan, and Colm Gaskin and Conor Daly GDA provided assistance over the course of the year.





## U15 Football

The panel of players who represented Wicklow U15 Football GCA during the year were, Dylan Mullen, Ryan Redmond, Diarmuid O Reilly, Eoghan Ward AGB, JJ Brady, Matthew Fox, Brian Medlycott, Luca Nolan, Conor Byrne An Tochar, Adam Lifely, George Doyle, Stewart Davey, Rhian Moules, Cillian Duffy Annacurra, Ryan Kinsella, Colm McGuckian, Marc O Shea Aughrim Joseph Jacob, Darcy Santos, Calem Nagle, Kyle Kenny Avondale, Conor Doody, Diarmuid Wolfe, Oisín Reardon Baltinglass, James Phibbs, Max Kehoe, Aaron Mulhall, Myles Leonard, Patrick Small Blessington, Corey O Brien, Sean McLoughlin, Paddy Marrinan Eire Og Greystones, Sean McDonald Enniskerry, Mark Kinsella Knockananna, Leon Reynolds Newcastle, Scott Elliot Doyle Newtown, Daniel Gregan, Milo Quinn,

Lee Dagg Shillelagh/Coolboy, Jim Corrigan, Derry Crowley St Kevin's, Alex Dunne, Alfie Doyle St Patricks, Cormac Murphy, Odhran Mahony, Pearse Byrne, Fionn Darcy Tinahely, Regan Kelly Kilcoole, John Murphy Michael Dwyer's, Darragh Leacy Rathnew, Harry Reid St Nicholas.

Game Days were Saturday 9th April, Saturday 7th May, Saturday 11th June, Saturday 23rd July and Saturday 13th August. This squad of two teams played Galway, Meath, Wexford, Limerick, Laois, Antrim, Wexford, Limerick and Galway and Winning the Leinster U15 Shield by defeating Limerick in the final.

Many thanks to Kevin Dooley Manager, Shay Nolan, Gary Lehane, Alan Deering, Eoghan Marah, and Garrett GDA provided assistance over the course of the year.





## U15 Hurling

The panel of players who represented Wicklow U15 Hurling GCA during the year were, Donnacha Murphy, Eric Wright, Matthew Byrne, Robert Waddell, Theo Byrne, Cian Redmond ARP, Eoin Lawlor, Matthew Leonard, Joe Culleton, Luca Coppola, Adam O'Brien, Senan o'Donovan, Michael O'Brien, Alfie Doyle St Patricks, Adam Lively, Rhyan Moules, Cillian Duffy (Annacurra), Marc O'Shea, Pears Byrne, Lucas Cronin, Conor Wilson, Calum Keenaghan, Bryan Tallon, James Lambert Luke O'Tooles, Ronan Hogan, Senan Croke Bray Emmets, Paddy Marrinan, Oscar Lane Eire Og Greystones, Finian Hughes, Charlie Colleran, Mick Carroll, Cian Power Kilcoole, Cillian Goff, Keith Lawless, James

Byrne Glenealy, Noah Hayes, Josh Byrne Michael Dwyer's, Jack Gregan, MJ Hughes Carnew Emmets, Joe Jacob Avondale

Game Days were Saturday 23rd April, Saturday 21st May, Saturday 18th June, Saturday 6th August and Saturday 27th August. This squad of two teams played Armagh, Sligo, Mayo, Donegal, Roscommon, Meath, Westmeath, Kildare and Carlow

Many thanks to Alan Lawlor Manager, Ciaran Goff, Sean O'Shea, Eamon Hughes, Denis Hayes, and Conor Daly GDA provided assistance over the course of the year.





## U16 Football

The panel of players who represented Wicklow U16 Football GCA during the year were, Fenn Wolohan AGB, Josh Healy, Sean McHugh, Eanna Nolan An Tochar, Michael Kavanagh, Paddy Horan Flynn, Oliver Doyle, Eoghan Murphy, Eoin O Connor, Charlie Graham, Luke Nolan, Sammy Harper Annacurra, Paddy Harper, Joe Sinnott Avoca, Mark O Reilly Avondale, David Gilmore, Ben Carroll, Jack Byrne, Aaron Keogh, Tony Carroll Blessington, Conor Brodrick, Ryan Harrison Bray Emmets, Conor Bowes Coolkenno, Darragh Corrigan Dunlavin, Oisín Murphy Eire Og Greystones, Darragh

Shannon, Billy Delaney Byrne Kilcoole, Eddie Cullen, Killian O Keeffe Shillelagh/Coolboy, Conor O Donoghue St Kevin's, Martin Byrne, Bradley Guing St Nicholas, Daniel Kavanagh St Patricks, Tom Kelly Tinahely

Game Days were Saturday 9th April, Saturday 7th May, Saturday 11th June, Saturday 23rd July and Saturday 13th August. This squad played Waterford, Wexford, Carlow, Sligo, and Leitrik.

Many thanks to Tom Kearney Manager, Martin Guing, Christopher Brady and Darren Hayden GDA provided assistance over the course of the year



## U16 Hurling

This team was our second team in The Celtic Challenge and they also competed in the Leinster games series. The panel of players who represented Wicklow U16 Hurling GCA during the year were, Mikey Kinsella ARP, Tristan Doherty Bray Emmets, Callum Walsh, Conor Byrne, Fionn Darcy, Ken Cullen, Killian O Keeffe Carnew Emmets, Alex Bartac, Cathal Kirby, Daniel Burns, Jack Caffrey, James O Dowd, Joshua Barry, Ryan McCormack, Seamus Darcy, Sean Meyler, Tom Meyler, Tomas O Connell Eire Og Greystones, Emmet Ronan, Lorcan Byrne Glenealy, Conor O Mahoney, Dale van Dalan, Darragh Shannon Kilcoole, Andy Corrigan, Daniel Byrne, Jimmy Mallinn, Josh Mahon, Matthew Doyle Michael Dwyer's, Johnno Moorehouse St Patricks,

Ciaran Traynor, David Peppard, Feliim Lynch Ward, Oisín O'Neill, Seanan Gardner, Thomas Walsh Western Gaels

Game Days were Saturday 23rd April, Saturday 21st May, Saturday 4th June, Saturday 18th June, Saturday 6th August and Saturday 27th August. Kildare Cadets, Clare, Carlow, Laois, Meath Royals, Kildare Lily Whites, Louth, Tyrone, Kildare and Carlow. This team was unlucky in losing the Corn Tom Hogan final to Kildare who were very unsporting and played the pick of their three Kildare Celtic Challenge teams in the Final.

Many thanks to Mark Barry Manager, Phelim O Connell, Mick Burns, Owen Doyle and Conor Daly GDA provided assistance over the course of the year





## Minor Football

Our Minor Footballer gave us five fantastic games in the Leinster Minor Championship. Winning their group games against Wexford and Carlow followed by games defeating Westmeath and Longford before eventually losing to Kildare in Newbridge. Out of the 5 games Wicklow only played one home game and their weekly exertions eventually caught up on them with a below par performance against a much more Physical Kildare team in the Leinster Semi Final. The panel of players who represented Wicklow Minor Football during the year were, Mark Shannon Aughrim, Callum Clarke Rathnew, Leo Byrne Aughrim, James Fleming Baltinglass, Adam Kinsella Knockananna, James Boland Kiltegan, James Healy Bray Emmets, Gearoid Murphy Eire Og Greystones, Aaron O Brien AGB, Joe McGuckian Aughrim, Jack Kenny Baltinglass, Paidi Kavanagh

AGB, Eanna Nolan An Tochar, Alex Kavanagh Aughrim, Cian Deering St Nicholas, Ciaran Lambert Shillelagh/Coolboy, Finn Byrne Aughrim, Maurice Hedderman Tinahely, Conall Butler Bray Emmets, Sean Byrne Kilcoole, Brian Hurley AGB, Jack O Toole Kiltegan, Charlie Graham Annacurra, Adam Prunty Bray Emmets, Ciaran Kelly Bray Emmets, Darragh Heffernan Newtown, Eoghan Murphy Annacurra, Jack Bookle Baltinglass, Matthew Collins Ashford, Oisin Keegan Aughrim, Rory Corrigan Hollywood, Ross Sheridan St Nicholas, Ryan Harrison Bray Emmets

Game Days were Saturday 2nd April, Wednesday 20th April, Wednesday 27th April, Wednesday 4th May and Wednesday 11th May.

Many thanks to Coaches Eugene O Brien, Pdraig Murphy, Daragh McEvoy, Chris Brady, Mossie Kelly.



## Minor Hurling

This team was our first team in The Celtic Challenge. The panel of players who represented Wicklow Minor Hurling during the year were, Tristan Doherty Bray Emmets, Liam Murphy ARP, Sean Kenny Bray Emmets, Andrew Lynch Glenealy, Zach Jordan Carnew Emmets, Michael Og O Neill Glenealy, Denis O Brien St Patricks, Sean Byrne Kilcoole, Rian Waters Kiltegan, James Boland Kiltegan, Cillian Ryder Bray Emmets, Willie Cash Kilcoole, Alex Kavanagh Aughrim, Brandon Rossiter Shillelagh/Coolboy, Johnno Moorehouse St Patricks, Mikey O Brien Eire Og Greystones, Rory Corrigan Western Gaels, Lorcan Byrne Glenealy, Luke Byrne Western Gaels, Adam O Farrell, ARP,

Sam Smyth Glenealy, Ciaran Kelly Bray Emmets, Craig Byrne Eire Og Greystones, Jack O Toole Kiltegan

Game Days were Saturday 9th April, Saturday 16th April, Saturday 23rd April, Saturday 7th May, Saturday 14th May, Sunday 5th June, Saturday 11th June Antrim, Offaly, Meath, Westmeath, Antrim, Laois. Congratulations to all involved in Winning and beating Laois after a replay to lift the Corn William Robinson.

Many thanks to Coaches Dara Kissane, Karl Cooke, Matt Byrne, Colm Ffrench, and Hurling Officer Owen Doyle who provided assistance during the season.



## U13 Football Rising Stars

Jonathan Daniels Football Talent Development Leader has commenced the U13 Football Rising Stars Programme with a view to selecting the U14 Football Panels for 2023 are, Harry Cullen, Cillian McDonald, Jonathan Nuzum, Leighton Dempsey, Peter Lappin, Ryan O Neill, Sean Lawlor, Tomas Roche Mark Gleeson, Alex Miley, Odhran Cullen, Pauric Healy, Riain Dunning AGB, Enda Leacy, Jack Gummerson, Luke McGillicuddy, Jack McKenna, Oscar Nolan, Joe Keeshan, Alex Wolohan An Tochar, Daniel Duffy, Dillion Doyle, Michael Lacey, Ross Weld, Alex Penston, Benjamin Horan Flynn, Keith O Reilly, Leon White Annacurra, Tiernan Dunne, George Nichols Ashford, Darragh O Byrne, Ross Keenan, Sean Byrne, Hary McElhinney, Oisin

Fanning, Padraic Lambert Aughrim, Sean o Neill, Lucas Reid, Conor Daly, Luke Purser, Ryan Doyle, James O Keeffe, Prince Poku Avoca, Cameron Byrne, Cathal Hayes, Bobby Dease, Shane Kennedy, Tiernan Byrne Cahill Avondale, Harry Murphy Baltinglass, Dj Williams Barndarrig, Alfie McDonald, Callum Dempsey, James McCarney, Oisin Quigley, Conor Fitz, Dylan Callaghan, Oisin Kelly, Fiacha Duffy, Rian Keogh Blessington, Paul Farrell, Darren Browne, Joshua Delaney Bray Emmets, Colin Lawrence, Nicky Ryan Carnew Emmets, Fionn Kennedy, Clark Kelly, Daniel O Dea Clara Gaels, Ethan Hutton Coolkenno, Fionn Dutton, Luke Murphy Eire Og Greystones, Oscar Kelly, Tom Quaid, James Dutton, Rory Gill, Dan O Riordan Kilcoole, Oisin Fegan Laragh, Shane Viera, Jack Peter Nolan, Sean Byrne, Ultan O Leary, Conor



O Toole, Taylor Ryan, Nathan Iandon, Ryan O'Neill, Conor O'Leary Michael Dwyer's, Ryan McDonald, Leon O'Connor Newtown, Ajay Heywood, Daniel Murphy, Daire de Hora, Harry Butler, Cian Gill, Louis Ladori Rathnew, James Dragusten, Ethon Hutton, Scott O'Keeff, Andrew Gethings Shillelagh/Coolboy, Matthew Burke, Peader O Toole, Luke Kelly, Ben McGrath, Sean Corrigan, Michael Kealy St Kevin's, Chris Kehoe, Kyle Tipper, Stephen Mahon, Ray Daniels St Nicholas, Dan Farrell, Liam Cawley, NJ Sinnott, Cillian Czwalina, Tom Donnellon, Nathan Duffy Gough, Charlie Gavin, Jack Duffy, PJ lane St Patricks, Ben Curran, Fionn O

Neill, Harry Jackson,ieran McKitterick, Tommy O Dwyer Stratford/Grangecon

The selection dates were Friday 4th Nov, Friday 11th Nov, Friday 18th Nov, Friday 25th Nov

Many thanks to Coaches Wesley Callaghan, Eamon Mahon, Christian Czwalina, John Lawlor, Joe Dunning, Joe O'Neill, Tommy Murphy, Rory McElhinney, Gary McGillicuddy who provided assistance to Jonathan Daniels Football Talent Development Leader and GDA's during this selection process.



## U13 Hurling Rising Stars

Conor Daly Hurling Talent Development Leader has commenced the U13 Hurling Rising Stars Programme with a view to selecting the U14 Hurling Panels for 2023 are, Bill Connors, Thomas Burken, Edward Breslin, Jack Curran, Sean Farrell ARP, Adam Manley, Bobby Dease, Cameron Byrne, Harry Cullen, Jake Browne, Kevin Murphy, Leighton O Toole, Shane Kennedy, Tiarnan Byrne Cahill, Tyler O'Neill Avondale, Conor Daly, DJ Williams Barndarrig, Darren Browne, Donnacha Clarke, Joe Keeshan, Joshua Delaney, Niall Eglington, Paul Farrell Bray Emmets, Colin Lawerence, Dylan Lynch, Jim O'Brien, Nicky Ryan Carnew Emmets, Abhay Byrne, Arthur Lane, Declan Shanahan, Donnachaa Hunphey, Harrison Lynch Reynolds, Hugo Fallon, Lucas O'Shea, Luke Carroll, Sean Donnelly, Senan Dowdall, Tom Fox Eire Og Greystones, John Lynch, Paddy Kenny, Conor O'Brien Robert Cowman, Ton

Quade Kilcoole, Alex Penston, Daniel Duffy, Dillion Doyle, Ross Weld (Annacurra), Darragh O'Byrne, James Kavanagh, Oisin Fanning, Padraic Lambert, Peter Mooty Monaghan, Luke O'Tooles, Cathal Mailin, Conor O Toole, Daniel Keogh, Eoin Tallon, Jack Peter Nolan, Sean Byrne, Daniel Collins, Taylor Ryan, TJ O Toole, Toirse Scully, Ultan O'Leary Michael Dwyer's, Alex Tiilis, Callum Jordan Dempsey, Conor Fitzgerald, James Mooney, Leo Strucken Western Gaels.

The selection dates were Saturday 5th Nov, Saturday 12th Nov, Saturday 19th Nov, Saturday 26th Nov and Saturday 3rd December.

Many thanks to Coaches Mark Donnelly, Fiona McAllister, Rory Fallon, Leonard Byrne, Sean Dempsey and Brendan Lawrence who provided assistance to Conor Daly Hurling Talent Development Leader during this selection process.



## Strength & Conditioning Programme

The Pre-Christmas Winter Strength and Conditioning programme organised by Gavin Weir and his strength & conditioning coaches is currently in progress for Under 15 and U16 squads in Hurling & Football and when the U13 Rising stars programme is finished U14 Squads will be selected to start their programme early in the new year. Thanks to Annacurra GAA, Carnew Emmets GAA, Blessington GAA, Bray Emmets GAA and Ashford GAA for providing their Gyms free of

charge for our Regional Gym Sessions. The 7 Regional Sessions before Christmas were held on Wed 2nd Nov, Wed 9th Nov, Wed 16th Nov, Wed 23rd Nov, Wed 30th Nov, Wed 7th Dec and Wed 14th Dec and the Collective group sessions in Echelon Centre Of Excellence on Sat 12th Nov, Sat 19th Nov, Sat 26th Nov, Sat 3rd Dec and Saturday 10th Dec. It is our intention to continue with the Strength & Conditioning programme for January, February and March 2023 before the Players are re-introduced to pitch based sessions as the season commences.