

**New York Games Development Newsletter**  
**Shannon Gaels indoor Hurling program**

Shannon Gaels have had a great indoor Hurling program over the last few weeks . The club have have indoor Hurling and Camogie on every Monday with numbers steadily improving this each week . Well done to all club coaches at Shannon Gaels who continue to promote Gaelic Football and Hurling . Information on indoor training for both Gaelic Football and Hurling is on the Shannon Gaels website - <http://shannongaels.org.assn.la/>



**St Patrick's CT indoor success**

St Patrick's CT "Introduction to Gaelic Games" programme started again in mid January , The annual initiatives main aim is to introduce Gaelic Football and Hurling to Under 8s and Under 6's , the club traditionally get a lot of new members from this program. St Patrick's had a great 2016 and with these numbers , are well prepared for the 2017 season ! For more information go onto clubs website <http://stpatricksgfc.org/>



**Fundamentals coaching workshop with St Brendan's**

St. Brendan's GAA alongside the NYMB had a very successful coaching workshop , its main aim was to introduce how to coach Gaelic games. The workshop was well attended and it is hoped that the club will introduce an under 6 program with the help of parents in the club The workshop was delivered by NY Development officers Simon Gillespie and Emmet Conlon. St Brendan's are a dual club who continue to grow and develop in orange county due to the hard work of club volunteers. For updates on clubs activities check out their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/St-Brendans-GAA-Club-230097444041/>



### **Hurling/Camogie Academy**

December saw the conclusion of the first ever U13 Hurling/Camogie academy , overall 51 children signed up to the 6 week program , that focused on improving children's skills , through small sided games and a high standard of coaching.

### **Special visitors at Le Cheile Christmas party.**

Le Cheile Christmas party had a number of special visitors, this included member from the Tipperary senior and minor winning county teams who brought their trophies to show the kids . The players and management were great ambassadors to both their county and the game of Hurling , the signed many Hurls and jerseys ! The kids also enjoyed having Santa present who gave out a few treats.



### **Rockland U6 and U8 Fundamentals program**

The Rockland club have been very busy since early January with the U6 and U8 program with over 60 children in attendance . Players have been working on skills and games in a very fun environment with support from the GDO's. Boys and girls aged 4-8 are working hard every Saturday in Pearl River Middle School and newcomers are always welcome get in touch with Mark Comerford, Tony Donnelly or Niall Mc Kenna for more details



### **Feile Girls Tryouts and U17 Girls Training Dates announced.**

2017 looks to be a big year for the Gaelic 4 Girls board as there will be a U14 Division 1 Feile team entering the Feile Peil Na Nog in Cavan, Monaghan and Down and also a U17 team going back for the U17 National LGFAI tournament in Dublin in August.

The training times for the U17 girls team are as follows:

- Friday February 17th 7-9pm - U17 Training
- Saturday February 25th 6-8pm U17 Training
- Sunday March 5th 7-9pm U17 Training

#### **Fingal, Gorey and Gardai teams to visit in March and April**

March and April will be very busy months for teams travelling out from Ireland. Over St Patrick's Day weekend the Fingallians club will be coming out with an U18 Girls Team to play New York U17 girls travelling to Dublin in August and to play for the first time a New York U18 Camogie selection. That same weekend the Wicklow Gardai will take on the local NYPD on Thursday March 16th in Gaelic Park while the NYPD will take on the Galway Gardai in Gaelic Park on Sunday 19th March. In April the week before Easter Gorey Community School will be bringing out 50 boys and girls to take on the New York Hurling U18, New York Boys Football U18 New York Ladies U17 team and New York Camogie. Rory Mc Carthy from Wexford is the school tour coordinator.

#### **Donegal Senior GAA Team To visit at Easter**

Prior to the beginning of the Connacht Championship game on May 7th this year against Sligo , New York will take on 2012 All Ireland Senior Football Champions Donegal in Gaelic Park on Thursday April 13th 8pm and Saturday April 15th 8pm. During their stay the Donegal footballers will be meeting and greeting local players and helping run training sessions for local teams. They have a Golf outing on Friday 14th April in Split Rock Pelham and will have presentations on Convoy Center of Excellence which they are fundraising for.



#### **Spring Season Team Registration**

With the forthcoming Gaelic 4 Girls and New York Minor Board Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie spring seasons we are asking all clubs to register their teams by February 21st so we can have schedules for parents for early march. Please ensure your club contacts Gaelic 4 Girls Schedule coordinator Vincent Mc Mahon for G4G team registration and Robert Mc Donagh NYMB Schedule coordinator for Spring registration.

### **New York Minor Board Dinner Dance**

On Saturday 28th January the New York Minor Board held their largest ever Dinner Dance in the Villa Barone with almost 600 attendees. 230 awards were given out on the night with the NYMB recognizing the chairman of St Patrick's club Jimmy Feeney, current NYMB Juvenile Hurling chairman Barry Walsh and former NYMB Chairman Danny Mc Kenna with the James O'Sullivan Award. Francis Cole was the recipient of the John Brady Scholarship award while the Native World Games winning All American team and 2016 Feile team were also recognized.



### **New York Minor Board Hurling and Football Feile Tryout Dates**

The official try-out for the boys Feile 2017 football team will start on the following dates, in Gaelic Park, please inform all players of appropriate age (Boys born in 2003/2004) in your club.

February 18th, 6-8pm (Saturday)  
February 19th, 6-8pm (Sunday)

February 25th, 4-6pm (Saturday)  
February 26th, 6-8pm (Sunday)

### **Hurling Feile try-outs.**

The following are the try out dates for the team who will travel to Ireland to take part in the 2017 Connacht Hurling Feile competition.

This is an historic achievement for the first underage Hurling team from New York to compete in Ireland .

Try outs are open to any boy born 2003 or 2004.

All try-outs below are at Gaelic Park , Bronx

Wednesday 22nd February 7-9pm (Hurling)

Wednesday 1st March 7-9pm (Hurling)

Wednesday 8th March 7-9pm (Hurling)

### **Schools Program**

After Schools GAA is back up and running with a club in Bedford Road School in Pleasantville. 28 Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade kids are taking part every wednesday learning the fundamental skills of Gaelic Football and Hurling. Many thanks to Mike Newman and the Bedford Parks and Rec Department for putting GAA on the map in Westchester County.

High School Gaelic Football After Schools program starts next thursday February 2nd in the Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers. All welcome!

### **Club Planning**

The GDO's held planning meetings in January with the Shannon Gaels, St Patrick's, Setanta and St Brendan's clubs with a view to planning the season ahead. We are working with all these clubs to have Cul Camps for the season ahead. All clubs are working on devising club school links and expanding the Fundamentals program. If your club would like to plan ahead for 2017 please contact one of the Development Officers for more details.

