

New York GAA Games Development Newsletter February 2017

Historic hurling Feile gets underway.

History was made this month as the first ever underage hurling team from New York to compete in Ireland began the selection process of the final 24 players who will wear the New York jersey at the Connacht Hurling Feile in County Mayo this summer. 37 kids tried out from all 5 underage Hurling clubs and the skill level and attitude was fantastic. Good luck to manager Joe Grace and management team as they prepare this young team for the big trip to Ireland.



St Patrick's CT indoor

St Patrick's CT GAA continue to have great success in their introduction to Gaelic Games in Fairfield CT. The club are a great example of both codes being promoted in the same environment as boys and girls get to learn the basic skills of Gaelic Football and Hurling.



Shannon Gaels Indoor going strong

Shannon Gaels have had a very successful pre season as they have continued with their indoor programme . HDO Emmett Conlon introduced Hurling/Camogie into their trainings on Saturday mornings , and boy and girls enjoyed playing both codes. Best of luck to the club on the year ahead.



St Bridget's up and running for the year.

St Bridget's Gaelic football and Camogie club started preparations for the season ahead with fantastic numbers at indoor training. The club operated a coaching station structure with both codes involved and completed the training with small sided games of Camogie and Football. A great start to the year. For more information on the clubs website <http://stbridgidslgfcny.com>



Underage Camogie on the rise

2017 will see the amount of underage Camogie teams at under 8 and under 10 increase , with Shannon Gaels and West-Put Setanta participating . The format will be games in a blitz format in a number of different locations including Philadelphia GAA have teams involved. 2017 will be an exciting year ahead on the camogie front with these new teams along with St Bridget's and Rockland

Schools GAA Coaching Up and Running !

After the winter break GAA Schools Coaching is back up and running. Every Wednesday 28 Kindergarten to 2nd grade kids learn Gaelic Football in the Bedford Road After School Program.

Sacred Heart High School Yonkers began their very own after school Gaelic Football program which takes place every Thursday after school. Many thanks to Fr Matt Janesco for organizing the program and helping out promote Gaelic Football in our community.

Rockland Fundamental Training.

Great work continues to be done with Rockland GAA at U6 and U8 level. Over 50 kids regularly take part in the Fundamentals program in Rockland. Well done to all involved. If you know anyone interested in joining the Rockland GAA fundamentals program please contact club coaches Mark Comerford and Niall Mc Kenna.

Feile Football Tryouts Boys and Girls

Training continues to the Feile Football Girls who will compete in the June this year. The squad is picked and under the management of Team Manager and Tyrone Native Tony Donnelly will give their best shot this year. Colm Donnelly is the Team Trainer with Emer Quinlan and Aislinn Gormally as selectors. The team has a number of players from last year's squad and are training hard in Rockland.

The Feile football boys are in the selection process with over interest from almost 80 players for the team. The team have been training hard in Gaelic Park and with representatives from almost every Minor Board club we look forward to having a great team competing in Ireland this year. Good luck to Sean Price and management team on the year ahead.

U17 Girls Team Starts Training for National U17 Tournament

The U17 Girls team have been training hard for their tournament in August. The team will compete in the National U17 Development Tournament on August 15th in Dublin. Players are drawn from all the G4G clubs and with some very experienced players this is sure to be a great team going back to Ireland.

U16 Camogie Team prepares for visit of Fingal

In preparation for the visit of Fingal to New York over St Patrick's Weekend New York will be fielding one of their first stand alone Camogie teams at the older age groups. New York's U16s have been training hard and working on their stick work under the guidance of Susan Keaney. The girls will be the curtain raisers to the NYPD versus Wicklow Gardai on St Patrick's Eve March 16th at 6pm in Gaelic Park.

Rockland & Shannon Gaels facility improvement update



Great news on our club capital projects as the Shannon Gaels and Rockland clubs are working hard on their local facilities to be ready in the near future . Check out the photos from the field and clubhouse.



Setanta Foundation Coaching Course Saturday 18th February

On Saturday 18th February 11 coaches from the Setanta club completed the Foundation Football Coaching Course at the St Patrick's Elementary school in Bedford , New York. This club has really been on a roll for the last few years and will compete in the A Division in the NYMB, Field teams at U8,10,12 in the G4G program and for the first time will be entering a Camogie team in the new Juvenile Camogie program. Coaches took on modules of Physical Literacy, Skill Development, Games for Children, Coaching Children, Youth and Adults as well as access to available online resources.

Upcoming events for March

- Start of the NYMB Playing Season
- Visit of Fingal from Dublin to Gaelic Park
- Visit of Wicklow and Galway Gardai Football Teams
 - Award 1 Coaching Course in Bronx
- Foundation Coaching Course in Aisling Irish Center
 - New Haven Coaching Clinics
 - St Brigids Club coaching clinics
- Hurling and Football Juvenile Referee Course.
 - Future Schools coaching
 - St Brendans Coaching Clinics
- NYMB & G4G clubs parading in St Patrick's Day Marches
 - GDO and HDO club coach support