



# BALTIMORE GAA



## THE BALTIMORE METRO AREA'S GAELIC GAMES SOCIETY

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#### Baltimore Bohemians Vs. Washington DC Gaels August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004

The Baltimore Bohemians played the Washington DC Gaels on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> in Rockville, MD. This was the third meeting of the teams. Previously, Washington DC beat the Baltimore team on May 1<sup>st</sup> in Rockville. On June 5<sup>th</sup> Baltimore avenged this defeat with a victory of their own on their way to winning the Charm City Nine-a-Side tournament in Baltimore. The winner of this game would claim the series.

#### Irish Festival

The game started at a frantic pace with both teams trading scores. Possession was shared equally in the first half but the Washington side held a slim lead at the end of the first 30 minutes. The second half could not have started better for the Washington DC Gaels, with a succession of quick scores. This rattled the Baltimore Bohemians for a time, but they mounted a fight late in the game that resulted in some good points and a great goal. At the end, the Washington DC Gaels had a comfortable margin.

#### NACB Finals Roundup

#### Well done Lucy & Beth

Thanks to all the players who represented Baltimore. The Baltimore GAA would like to extend best wishes to Ryan Ambrose who fractured his jaw 'in the line of duty'. Get well soon and see you next season. Also, a special thanks to Conor McDonald who returned to Ireland shortly after the game.

#### Merchandise now available!

*Team: Eddie MacIntosh, Ryan Ambrose, Josh Linn, Aidan Gavin, Damian Devlin, Feilim MacGabhann, Dan Shaw, Conor McDonald, Rick Day, Tadgh Prendeville, Michael Rasmay, Isaac Shay, Mike McGill, Dan Schroder, Nick Gallagher, & Muthu.*

#### Awards Banquet Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Baltimore Irish Festival 2004

The Baltimore GAA was out in force, spreading the word, at the Baltimore Irish Festival on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The Baltimore GAA's information table was manned all day Saturday and Sunday, a total of 18 hours. The volunteers met many interested people and signed up 47 more potential players for the Baltimore GAA's e-mail list.

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The Irish Festival also served as a fundraiser. Baltimore Bohemian tee-shirts were on offer and were the hit of the festival. A 50/50 raffle was also held - the winner being our very own Ann Mullally, who kindly donated the prize back to the club. Thanks Ann! In total, just under \$400 was raised for the club.

Thanks to Eddie MacIntosh, Keith Ramsay, Tadgh Prendeville, Owen O'Reilly, Ann Mullally, Shawn Baird, Nathan Bates & Dan Schroder for the time manning the information booth.



## NACB Finals 4-6 September, 2004 in Boulder, CO

This year's tournament was the biggest ever staged since the present multi-championships playoff structure was inaugurated in 1982. Fifty eight adult teams representing seventeen cities competed in forty six games in an effort to bring home a national championship. In addition, up to thirty youth games were played in various under age championships from under-10 to under-18 over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Nine cities shared the spoils with Boston taking six of the sixteen trophies up for contention. Chicago and San Diego captured two titles while Charlotte, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, San Francisco, St. Louis and Washington all captured one trophy.

History was created with the following teams winning the new championships in their inaugural year: Charlotte James Connolly (men's junior "D" football), St. Louis Reds (junior "C" hurling), San Diego Na Fianna (ladies junior "B" football), Milwaukee Clash (junior "B" camogie). Congratulations are also in order for the Washington DC Gaels who brought the first camogie cup to the capital city.

While the additional competitions generated much excitement and spectator interest there were several one-sided and some substandard games during the course of the tournament. However, overall the standard of hurling and football in most grades was of a high caliber. The senior Championships in both codes were well worth watching. The senior football championship was highly competitive with Chicago St. Brendan's the strongest contender and deserving winners of the competition. They held off a strong challenge from Boston champions Donegal in an excellent semifinal clash to win by four points. In the final they were able to overcome a late rally by San Francisco's Son of Boru to win by six points. The senior hurling championship wasn't as competitive as the football with Fr. Tom's being the far superior team. After a lopsided win over Na Fianna from San Francisco in the semifinal they overcame the challenge from Chicago Cuchulainn in the final and emerged with an easy 11 point win. There were several close and exciting games in all of the other competitions with one game, Washington DC Gaels and Milwaukee Clash going to double overtime in the junior camogie final. One period of overtime was required in the men's junior "B" football semifinal between San Diego Setanta and Cleveland St. Jarlath's and also in the ladies junior "A" football final between San Francisco Clan na Gael and Boston Tír na NÓg.

The youth tournament under the direction of NACB Youth officer Mike O'Connor was also a tremendous success with Boston teams taking seven of the ten competitions. Philadelphia took two titles including the minor under 18 championship while the Denver youth club brought the first NACB championship to the host city by winning the under-12 "B" championship.

The curtain came down on this great event with a dinner held at the Boulder Millennium Hotel. Guest speaker from Ireland was GAA President, Sean Kelly. Also in attendance were Munster Council officers Sean Fogarty and Christy Cooney, Leinster Council Chairman Nickey Brennan, Director of camogie Sheila Wallace and Director of ladies football Helen O'Rourke. The following referees from Ireland were in attendance: Johnny McDonnell (Tipperary), Brian Crowe (Cavan), Mary Jane Foy (Monaghan), Eamonn Brown (Tipperary). Next years playoffs are scheduled for Philadelphia.

## Results

Men's Senior Hurling Boston Fr. Tom's	Men's Junior "D" Football Charlotte James Connolly
Men's Junior "B" Hurling Philadelphia Brian Ború	Ladies Senior Football San Francisco Saoirse
Men's Junior "C" Hurling St. Louis Reds	Ladies Junior "A" Football Boston Tír na nÓg
Men's Senior Football Chicago St Brendans	Ladies Junior "B" Football San Diego Na Fianna
Men's Intermediate Football Boston Shannon Blues	Ladies Senior Camogie Boston Éire Óg
Men's Junior "A" Football Chicago St Brendans	Ladies Junior "A" Camogie Washington DC Gaels
Men's Junior "B" Football San Diego Setanta	Ladies Junior "B" Camogie Milwaukee Clash
Men's Junior "C" Football Boston New England Celtics	

Well Done Beth & Lucy

Two Baltimore GAA members, Beth Kilmoyer and Lucy Prendeville, were part of the NACB winning Washington DC Gaels Camogie team. Lucy started the club 5 long years ago and has devoted many hours and days to the development of the team. Beth has the honor of taking one for the team. She took a stick to the head and was rushed to hospital for tests. Luckily she was wearing her helmet and no harm was done. Congratulations and well done - you both deserve the prize.



Merchandise Now Available!

The Baltimore GAA now has merchandise. Support your Gaelic Games Club by wearing their colors.

Under Armor Sports Shirt	Polo Shirt	Casual T-Shirts
Available in White and Black, Men's and Women's styles	Available in White and Black	Available in Black
		

Log onto [www.BaltimoreGAA](http://www.BaltimoreGAA) for more details and to place and order.

Awards Banquet Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

Come out and celebrate with the Baltimore GAA club on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October at the Parkville American Legion. The Banquet will start at 7 PM and wrap up at about midnight.

Enjoy a full service meal, open bar, and music by *Eddie MacIntosh and the Lonely Harbor Boys*! Club awards will be presented for best players and most improved players.

Tickets cost \$30. To reserve a ticket visit [www.BaltimoreGAA.com](http://www.BaltimoreGAA.com) or call 410-902-7264.



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## Calendar - Oct 04

Oct 3rd (Sun)	Sunday Scrimmage
Oct 10th (Sun)	Sunday Scrimmage
Oct 17th (Sun)	Sunday Scrimmage
Oct 23rd (Sat)	Awards Banquet
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> (Sun)	Sunday Scrimmage

Keep a look out for Saturday Morning Hurling / Camogie Practice and the Baltimore GAA Running Club. Visit [www.BaltimoreGAA.com](http://www.BaltimoreGAA.com) for the latest information.

## All-Ireland Results

The GAA season in Ireland has come to an end. In all 4 senior All-Ireland titles were decided in September and October.

Hurling	<u>Cork</u>	0-17	Kilkenny	0-9
Camogie	<u>Tipperary</u>	2-11	Cork	0-9
Football (Men)	<u>Kerry</u>	1-20	Mayo	2-9
Football (Ladies)	<u>Galway</u>	3-10	Dublin	0-11

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