



BALTIMORE GAA

THE BALTIMORE METRO AREA'S GAELIC GAMES SOCIETY

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Baltimore GAA in the Media

The Baltimore GAA is in the news! The South East issue of The Baltimore Guide featured our club on page one on 11th February. The Baltimore Guide has a circulation of 25,000 focusing on the areas on the South Baltimore peninsula including the neighborhoods of Federal Hill, Locust Point, Otterbein, Barre Circle, Ridgely's Delight, & Washington Village.



Dave Morley, the author, did a great job in capturing the essence of our club, correctly picking up on our 'fun' philosophy. As Dave writes:

As serious as [The Baltimore GAA] are about Gaelic games, they also want to have fun with the sport and take the opportunity to make new friendships. "We're not sticklers for rules," Tadgh says. "A lot of sports now are so competitive, we hope to fill a void where people can come out and play a game and still have fun with it."

Read the full article at www.baltimoregaa.com

Let's not forget TV. A crew from Just B TV (Sundays @ 11.30 AM on Fox 45) will be filming and interviewing some of our players at Virginia Baker Rec. Center on Wednesday 18th February. This will be for a show that will air on March 14th (Parade Day!)



Just B TV is focused on providing Baltimore and the surrounding communities with a show that will highlight the people, the places, and the positive aspects of life within these communities.

Watch the Show - and then come out and see us march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Name Our Team!

We are looking for ideas for our team names. Ideally, the name should reflect Baltimore. Please submit your ideas to:

baltimoregaa@hotmail.com

****Look out for our Online Poll****

Upcoming Events!

- Feb 22nd – Meeting (1pm), Pub Quiz @ J Patrick's (2:30pm)
- Feb 26th - Chieftans @ The Meyerhoff in Baltimore
- Feb 29th - St. Patrick's Parade Fundraiser @ Mick O' Shea's
- Mar 7th - St. Patrick's Fundraiser @ Sean Donlans, Annapolis
- Mar 7th- Green Food & Bands @ Loyola College (1-5pm)
- Mar 8th - Wolfe Tones @ Mick O' Shea's
- Mar 14th - 180s Shamrock 5K (1pm) & St. Pat's Parade (2pm)
- Mar 17th – Whiskey at the Wake @ the Sidebar
- Apr 9/10th - Race Night @ Mick O'Shea's

10 Questions - with Aidan Jones

Aidan Jones has played more Gaelic Football than most people. In the 1980s and 1990s he was Baltimore's Mr. Football playing football all over the USA and Canada. I caught up with him recently to ask him 10 questions.



The Baltimore Gaelic Football Team circa 1991

Q: Aidan, where are you from, and what brought you to Baltimore?

A: I am from Derrygonnelly, Co. Fermanagh. I first came to New York in 1980 to play football. I was over and back to Ireland for the next 3 years. In 1983 I visited my brother in Baltimore and have been here since then.

Q: Did you play much football in Ireland?

A: I played with my club Derrygonnelly, and my County Fermanagh from 1978 to 1983. I won a McKenna Cup, a National League, and was beaten in an Ulster Final in 1982.

Q: How and when did you get involved in GAA in the USA?

A: I came over to play football. I played a lot of football all over the country. I won New York championships in 1980, 1983, and 1990. I also played with teams in Philly up to 1998.

Q: How much football did you play in Baltimore?

A: In 1991 and 1992 we had tournaments. We had teams from Washington DC and Philly. Baltimore won the tournament in 1991, Young Irelanders from Philly won in 1992. We also had a ladies football tournament with teams from Philly competing.

Q: How much traveling around the country did you do?

A: I played with a team sponsored by Powerscreen and we traveled all over during 1983 to 1998. We played in Florida, Cleveland, Cincinnati, San Francisco, and

Toronto. All Star teams would come out from Ireland to play us.

Q: How come you stopped playing in Baltimore?

A: We had no support, and without support an organization can't survive.

Q: Someone described you to me as the best player in North America. What you say to that?

A: I wouldn't agree with that at all. I played with players like Jack O'Shea, Barney Rock, Frank McGuigan, The Bomber Liston, Brian Mullins, and many other legendary players. It would be impossible to say who was the best of that illustrious lot!

Q: What aspect of the game is most important, especially for new players?

A: Players must be conditioned and physically fit. New players must also be prepared for the physical aspect of the game. Sometimes, in the heat of battle, it can get physical. After conditioning, the basics of the game are very important.

Q: What advice would you give to the new players in Baltimore?

A: "Hold on Tight!" When you have the opportunity to get the ball, make sure you hold on to it. Retaining possession is Key. Work on your fitness and skills.

Q: What advice would you give to the new Baltimore GAA Club?

A: Support, support, and support. Everybody must support each other and be a team on and off the field.

Aidan, thanks very much, you are an ambassador for the Game.



Player Profiles - Focus on Camogie / Hurling



Holly Hueglin

Age: 27

From: Long Island, NY

Occupation: Child & Adolescent Therapist

Position: Defender

About the GAA: I joined so I can stay in shape and socialize with fun and interesting people. I think the Baltimore GAA is a great organization.



Jill Tucillo

Age: 32

From: New Jersey

Occupation: Clinical Psychologist

Position: Defender

About the GAA: It's a good chance to meet people with diverse interests and learn about Irish culture, I hope to travel to Ireland soon!



Mike McGill

Age: 33

From: Philadelphia, PA

Occupation: Secret Agent

Position: Midfield

About the GAA: It's great chance to get in touch with my heritage while playing great sports (ps: I learned to hurl from an Irish priest in Utah!)



Feilim MacGabhann

Age: 28

From: Dundalk, Ireland

Occupation: Grad Student at Hopkins

Position: Mid-Field

About the GAA: Haven't played gaelic games since I was a teenager and I am so delighted to get back into them!

Indoor Practice

Indoor Practice has begun! Come out and learn the skills of Gaelic Football, Hurling, & Camogie throughout the winter months.

When: Wednesday Nights from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Where: Virginia Baker Rec. Center in Patterson Park

Alternating Gaelic Football and Hurling/Camogie

Check www.baltimoregaa.com for weekly schedule





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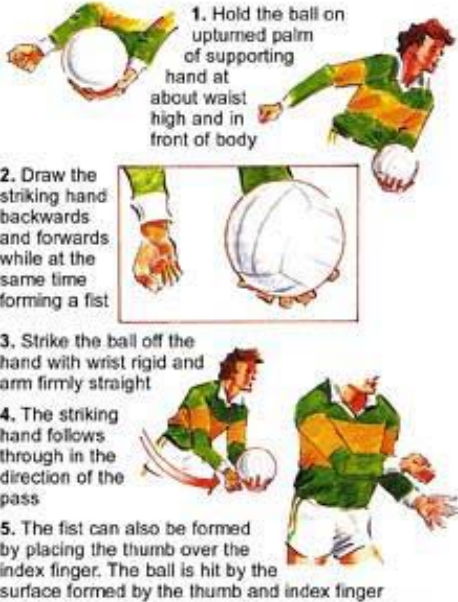
League will start in April 04
Team Draft will take place in March 04

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Tips of the Month

Passing

2 The Fist Pass



1. Hold the ball on upturned palm of supporting hand at about waist high and in front of body
2. Draw the striking hand backwards and forwards while at the same time forming a fist
3. Strike the ball off the hand with wrist rigid and arm firmly straight
4. The striking hand follows through in the direction of the pass
5. The fist can also be formed by placing the thumb over the index finger. The ball is hit by the surface formed by the thumb and index finger

Practice these skills at home!

Moving the Ball

2 Palming the Ball



1. Throw the ball up in front of you. Don't throw ball up too high and don't let striking hand go back too far from the ball
2. Strike the ball with the open palm of the weaker hand in the direction of your target

Handball is an excellent game for improving and developing your palming skills

Palmed or hand-passed scores are not allowed in hurling but are allowed in camogie

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