



BALTIMORE GAA



THE BALTIMORE METRO AREA'S GAELIC GAMES SOCIETY

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2004 Season Review

The curtain came down on the 2004 Baltimore Bohemian's season last October. We are happy to report that it was a fantastically successful inaugural year. The club achieved most of its goals that were developed at the beginning of the 2004 season. As a reminder, the club's goals were:

What's Next

- ✓ Teach the skills of Gaelic Games
- ✓ Develop the Baltimore Metro League
- ✓ Host a Spring/Summer invitational tournament in Baltimore City
- ✓ March in the St. Patrick's Day Parade
- ✓ Gain exposure through media outlets
- ✓ Host a Social Event each month
- ✓ Road trip to Pittsburgh, PA
- ✓ End of year celebration and awards ceremony

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The club achieved some goals more successfully than others. On the field, participation in the invitational tournament was limited to 2 clubs. Participation in the Spring League was fantastic but was poor in the Summer and Fall Leagues. The many competitive games against Washington DC were valuable learning experiences for all the players. Off the field, the club received a lot of Media exposure - who can forget the *JustBTV* segment on St. Patrick's Day and the Baltimore Sun article. The road trip to Pittsburgh was a lot of fun and the Smithwicks at the St. Patrick's Day bash was well received. Of course the end of year Awards Banquet was well attended and congratulations to all the recipients of the awards. Thanks to all our friends, sponsors, players and supporters for their help in 2004!

What's Next for the Baltimore GAA

So, what has happened since last October? Lots. The committee has been hard at work developing goals for 2005. All agree that the 2004 goals be reinstated and a few more added. The additions being:

- Obtain Non-Profit status
- Develop a full Ladies Football team
- Compete in the NACB Finals in Philadelphia on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 2-4, 2005)
- Increase participation in Camogie and Hurling

All these goals cannot be achieved without the hard work of many people. This work begins with recruiting new players and contacting old players. Indoor Practices begin on Thursday FEB 17th at Virginia Baker Recreation Center in Patterson Park.

Wishing All our Members and Friends a Very Happy & Athletic New Year

Awards Banquet 2004

On October 23rd 2004, the Baltimore GAA celebrated the end to a great first season at their Awards Banquet, held at Mike McGovern's Bar in Canton. The bar was full with happy players and supporters and everyone enjoyed the year in review video - Great job Tadgh, nice soundtrack! We were honored to have some of our sponsors - Damien Devlin of Commonwealth Equipment and Heather Marks from Under Armour-in the crowd, and we thank them for their ongoing support of the Baltimore GAA. The following players were honored for their great play this season with their very own Baltimore GAA 'Olympic' styled medal for their achievement. We thank all players, sponsors, and everyone at Mike McGovern's for their support this season, and for making the celebration fun!



Stacie Green - Most Improved Female

Ryan Ambrose - Most Improved Male

Martine Eadie - Best Female

Damien Devlin - Best Male

Dan Shaw - Bohemian of the Year



Schedule -February 2005

Feb 2nd (Wed)	Running Group @ Rash Field - 6.15 PM
Feb 9th (Wed)	Running Group @ Rash Field - 6.15 PM
Feb 17th (Thurs)	Indoor Practice @ Virginia Baker - 7.30 PM - Gaelic Football
Feb 19th (Sat)	Running Group @ Location & Time TBD - (stay tuned to www.BaltimoreGaa.com for more details)
Feb 24th (Thurs)	Indoor Practice @ Virginia Baker - 7.30 PM - Hurling / Camogie
Feb 25th (Fri)	Feb Social Event - Season Kickoff Party (stay tuned to www.BaltimoreGaa.com for more details)

Merchandise Now Available!

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

<p>UNDER ARMOUR PERFORMANCE SHIRTS</p> <p>Available in White and Black, Men's and Women's styles</p> 	<p>GOLF / POLO SHIRTS</p> <p>Available in White and Black</p> 
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Log onto www.BaltimoreGAA for more details and to place and order.

Running Group and Indoor Training:

The Baltimore GAA is continuing to get in shape for the 2005 season with our weekly running group and indoor training sessions. Our gratitude goes out to Dan Shaw, who has taught the group the fundamentals of interval training-no matter the weather. Members of the Running group participated in a run to benefit Tsunami victims, and helped to raise over \$16,000 for the cause.

Indoor training begins at the Virginia Baker Recreation Center in Patterson Park on Thursday Feb 17th at 7:30pm, with GAELIC FOOTBALL. We will alternate between Gaelic football and Hurling / Camogie. EACH session costs \$2 per person - this money goes directly to Baltimore City Parks and Recreation and supports this great center for the kids in the community.

ALL BALTIMORE GAA EVENTS ARE CO-ED & NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED, JUST SHOW UP!

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Join us at the 49th Annual Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13, 2005 at 2pm

We need volunteers to help clean and assemble the float, and march in the parade with us.

Route: From the Washington Monument to Pratt Street (near Power Plant)

180s Shamrock 5K Run Kicks off at 1pm at the Washington Monument, we are gathering runners for the KILT BRIGADE, email us for more information!

St. Patrick's Day Parade FUNraisers

The St. Patrick's Day Parade committee would appreciate a \$5 donation at the door.

Sunday, February 12 th	3pm	James Joyce
Sunday, February 20 th	2-8pm	J. Patrick's
Sunday, February 27 th	3pm	Mick O'Sheas
Saturday, March 5th	11:30am-3pm	Mug Race at James Joyce*
Sunday, March 6th	3pm	Sean Donlan's, Annapolis

*MUG RACE: Four member teams will run in relay fashion attempting to cross the finish line in the fastest time with the most liquid in their jugs, teams compete for \$200 prize. Want to be part of the Baltimore GAA MUG Race team, email: baltimoregaa@hotmail.com!

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