



BALTIMORE GAA



THE BALTIMORE METRO AREA'S GAELIC GAMES SOCIETY

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Charm City 9-a-side Gaelic Games Tournament June 5, 2004

June 5th brought authentic Irish weather to complement authentic Irish sports! Three Baltimore teams (2 mens and 1 ladies) and 2 Washington DC teams took part in the inaugural Charm City 9's.

The first game saw the Baltimore Bohemians 1 take on the Washington DC Gaels. From the onset it was clear that this game would be fiercely contested with both sides 100% committed. DC took the early lead with a point or two from play. Baltimore kicked it into gear once they became accustomed to the wet conditions and scored a text book goal to go ahead. Another goal followed quickly after for Baltimore, who held onto the lead at half time. The second half started with 2 very quick DC goals. Baltimore, now finding themselves in arrears, dug deep to get back into the game. They succeeded in winning back momentum and finished strong to win the game. [Team: Eddie McIntosh, Peter Hanna, John Fanning, Mike Lynch, Tadgh Prendeville, Damien Devlin, Aidan Jones, Jay Brooke, Kieran McCracken, Michael Ramsay, Josh Linn.]

The second game pitted the Baltimore Bohemians 2 again against Washington DC Gaels. The DC Gaels put the Bohemian defense under severe pressure early in the game and raced off to a commanding lead. The experience of the Gaels players showed and they effectively controlled the game. However, the halftime break revitalized the Bohemian players and they approached the second half with renewed vigor. They won more of the ball, tackled more aggressively, and played better all round. Unfortunately, the craft of the Gaels ensured that their lead was never surrendered. [Team: Muthu Narayanaswamy, Ryan Ambrose, Patrick Graham, Owen O'Reilly, Jay Mussell, Feilim McGabhann, Isaac Shay, Mike McGill, Shawn Baird, Rick Day, Ryan King, Bilal Kerman, Peter Hanna.]

The final game of the day matched the Baltimore Bohemian Ladies team against their Washington DC counterparts. A little history was made, as this was the very first football game for the ladies of Baltimore. The ladies of DC were accomplished players and, just as in the men's football game, their experience shone through. The Baltimore defense held strong but eventually the Washington girls scored. In the second half the Baltimore girls played better. They won more balls at midfield, attacked the ball better, and got more aggressive in their tackling. However, the Washington ladies protected their lead well and ran out winners. [Team: Martine Eadie, Lucy Prendeville, Melissa Bell, Stacie Green, Ann Mullally, Jill Tucillo.]

Also, special thanks to young Adam Green who played the bagpipes to get the tournament underway.



All in all everyone enjoyed themselves. The best news of all is that 30 players from our Baltimore Club played, even in the rain! Thanks also to the 20 or so Washington DC players that traveled the short distance to Baltimore. Additionally we all had a good 'ole time in Mike McGovern's Bar afterwards. This only bodes well for our future growth. Thanks to all. We'll see you all again next year!

Summer Scrimmages

What to do on these long hot Sunday summer afternoons? Come out and join us at Patterson Park @ 2 PM for Co-Ed Gaelic Football scrimmage games.

It was intended to hold a summer league, but summer is a time for vacations, holidays, and weddings so we will be having scrimmage games throughout July. This will give us good practice for our game in Pittsburgh on July 31st. A late summer league will commence in August.



Lucy & Roisin battle for the ball as Jay looks on.



Patrick stretches and wins the ball from Bilal and Damian.



Roisin picks up the ball ahead of the chasing Bilal.



Muthu sprints ahead of Roisin and Melissa

The chasing pack - Chris, Ryan, Jay, Isaac (with ball), & Bilal



Calendar - July 04

July 1st (Thur)	Outdoor Practice - Hurling / Camogie
July 4 th (Sun)	No Games - Happy July 4th!
July 6th (Tue)	Outdoor Practice - Football
July 8th (Thur)	Outdoor Practice - Hurling / Camogie
Jun 11th (Sun)	Summer Scrimmage
July 13th (Tue)	Outdoor Practice - Football
July 15th (Thur)	Outdoor Practice - Hurling / Camogie
July 18th (Sun)	Emerald Isle Picnic - Exhibition Game
July 20th (Tue)	Outdoor Practice - Football
July 22nd (Thur)	Outdoor Practice - Hurling / Camogie
July 25th (Sun)	Summer Scrimmage
July 27th (Tue)	Outdoor Practice - Football
July 29th (Thur)	Outdoor Practice - Hurling / Camogie
July 31st (Sat)	Road Trip to Pittsburgh

Player Profiles



Bill Sweeney

Age: 43

From: Baltimore, MD

Occupation: I work for the SSA

Position: Goalie, Center back, half forward

About the GAA: Great to join this fledgling club and watch it grow!



Melissa Bell

Age: 30

From: Beltsville, MD

Occupation: I work for the SSA, as a disability examiner

Position: Defense

About the GAA: I joined because I like to try new stuff! (I was recruited from a flyer at the Shamrock 5K.)



Damien Keller

Age: 22

From: Baltimore, MD

Occupation: Bike Messenger

Position: Midfield

About the GAA: It's a great way to get in shape and meet new people!



Patrick Graham

Age: 33

From: Scranton, PA

Occupation: Painter/Graphic Designer

Position: Midfield

About the GAA: Gaelic football is the most fun I have ever had, playing a sport!



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The Lighter Side:

Two buddies Joe and Pat were two of the biggest Gaelic fans in Ireland. Their entire adult lives, Joe and Pat discussed hurling and football history in the winter, and they pored over every score during the season. They played in their heyday. They went to 50 games a year: junior, minor, underage, and senior. They even agreed that whoever died first would try to come back and tell the other if there was Gaelic played in heaven. One autumn night, Joe passed away in his sleep after watching a final earlier in the in the day.

He died happy. A few nights later, his buddy awoke to the sound of Joe's voice from beyond. "Joe is that you?" Pat asked.

"Of course it me," Joe replied.

"This is unbelievable!" Pat exclaimed.

"So tell me, is there hurling and football played in heaven?"

"Well I have some good news and some bad news for you. Which do you want to hear first?"

"Tell me the good news first."

"Well, the good news is that yes there is Gaelic in heaven, Pat."

"Oh, that is wonderful! So what could possibly be the bad news?"

"The team is picked and you're playing tomorrow evening."

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