



# BALTIMORE GAA



## THE BALTIMORE METRO AREA'S GAELIC GAMES SOCIETY

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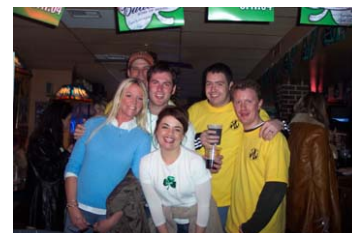
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### St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Members and Friends of the Baltimore GAA were out in force for the Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The day was a little cool but the reception we received from the thousands of spectators was very warm.

The day started with the 'Just B TV' show on Fox 45. The club was featured on a 3 minute slot. Our thanks again to the crew, Erin & Kim, who are pictured on the right with Jeff, Jay, Michael, & Tadgh. Media exposure like this will help us achieve our growth goals for 2004. Pictured below watching the show is Nuala, Mike, and Alan.



Next, we the proceeded on to the parade itself. Mike O'Shea gave us a friendly shout-out from the unofficial reviewing stand on Charles Street. The praise we received from the official viewing stand was equally positive, the MC commenting that we had 'a fine float there boys!'

The 'worlds biggest hurley' was on display and attracted a lot of attention. Special thanks to Joe Ryan and Jay Mussell and their band of merry men (and women) for their handy work. It looked great. It measured 15 feet across and sported our web-site address on it. Great exposure!



No St. Patrick's Day Parade would be complete without a party and 2004 was no different. The club enjoyed Smithwicks Ale, courtesy of Chris Lee at Looney's Pub in Canton. It is enough to say that we all had a great time. We even bumped into our Just B TV friends. Thanks Chris!

*Check out the website for more photos.*

Our Team Name

We are please to announce that the name of our team will be The Baltimore Bohemians. An internet poll was conducted and this name narrowly defeated the Celts and Bards for the honor. The Bohemians finished with 22% of the vote, closely followed by the Celts (17%) and the Bards (16%). For those who are interested:

*Bohemia is a region of Czech Republic; the nomadic, often vilified, group called the Gypsies or Romany are called "bohemians" in French. Bohemians are known for their vagabond lifestyle, for their merry poverty, for their disregard of money for the pursuit of music, color, and relationships. They are groups that have different priorities than the dominant cultures of their societies, groups that inspire both disdain and envy. A 1932 Dictionary describes it this way: "One who lives a vagabond, unregimented life without assured resources, who does not worry about tomorrow".*

Spring League

The Baltimore GAA’s Co-Ed Football Spring League will begin in April. The league will consist of 4 teams and each team will play each other one time. The top two teams will play a Grand Final. Each team has 2 co-captains. The captains have already been selected and are paired as follows:

- Martine Eadie & Peter Hanna
- Jay Brooke & Eddie McIntosh
- Jay Mussell & Roisin Brady
- Michael Ramsay & Isaac Shay

Football Spring League

- Round 1 - April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Round 2 - April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Round 2 - May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Grand Final - May 8<sup>th</sup>

All games to take place in Patterson Park starting at 2 PM.

*The team draft will take place during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April. This will be a lottery style draft. Stay tuned to the web-site for more details.*

Practice Schedule

<p><b>Indoor Practice</b></p> <p><u>When:</u> Wednesday Nights from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM</p> <p><u>Where:</u> Virginia Baker Rec. Center in Patterson Park</p> <p>Alternating Gaelic Football and Hurling/Camogie</p> <p>Check <a href="http://www.baltimoregaa.com">www.baltimoregaa.com</a> for weekly schedule and more information.</p>	<p><b>Outdoor Scrimmage</b></p> <p><u>When:</u> Sunday Afternoons from 2 PM to 4 PM</p> <p><u>Where:</u> Patterson Park</p> <p>Both Gaelic Football and Hurling/Camogie</p> <p>Check <a href="http://www.baltimoregaa.com">www.baltimoregaa.com</a> for directions and more information.</p>
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*Come out and join us!*

## Player Profiles



### Shawn Baird

Age: 25

From: Ellicott City, MD

Occupation: IT Manager

Position: Defender

About the GAA: The GAA is one the greatest things to be around. I'm glad to be apart of it. It allows you to make great friends while they're kicking your butt on the field.



### Mike Lynch

Age: 40

From: Baltimore, MD

Occupation: Computer Programmer

Position: Forwards

About the GAA: Always enjoyed playing football and am looking forward to going out kicking the ball around.



### Nuala O'Leary

Age: 33

From: Fair Lawn, NJ

Occupation: Social Worker

Position: We'll see once I get going!

About the GAA: The GAA gives me an opportunity to explore my Irish heritage while meeting new people and keeping fit.



### Jeff Gilbert

Age: 26

From: Abingdon, MD

Occupation: Engineer

Position: Mid-Field (tall guy that wins all of the jump balls!)

About the GAA: The GAA is a fun extracurricular activity to get out, meet people, and learn a new sport. I had never played anything close to Gaelic football before, so the learning experience was a lot of fun.

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## Pub Quiz - Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

Congratulations to the 'Terps' on winning our pub quiz held at J. Patricks on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. The winning team was Jay, Roisin, Nora, and Shawn. They narrowly beat 'Pog mo Hons' to claim the prize of a round of drinks.

The last place finishers (names not published to protect the innocent) were forced to share a single drink.

**Next Social Event - A night at the Races on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 PM @ Mick O' Shea's. Take advantage of food and beverage specials while supporting our team!**





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## Race Night

### The Baltimore GAA

*Presents*

The Bohemian Race Night

- Mick O' Shea's burger & a beer
- Music
- Horse Racing on the TV
- Chance to win a prize
- ...all for just \$10



**Come out and show your support of the Baltimore GAA!**

Where: Mick O' Shea's  
328 N. Charles Street

When: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April @ 8 PM



For ticket information call 410 685 2676 or visit

[www.baltimoregaa.com](http://www.baltimoregaa.com)

## Thanks

Thanks to Damien Devlin and his company Commonwealth Equipment for sponsoring a set of jerseys for the club. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Check out for their company website [www.commonwelthequipment.com](http://www.commonwelthequipment.com) for details.

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