



BALTIMORE GAA



THE BALTIMORE METRO AREA'S GAELIC GAMES SOCIETY

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Co-Ed Spring League Grand Final

On May 8th, Utz stadium in Patterson Park was full of Irish sport fans as the champions of the inaugural Co-Ed Gaelic Football Spring League were decided. Two teams competed under searing sunshine in Patterson Park and the game was played in the true Baltimore GAA spirit. The pace was fast, the tackles were fair, and the game was close.

After 3 rounds of the league the Breffni Blues (4 wins) were favored to win the final against the Baltimore Greenmount Bhoys (2 wins, 2 losses). However, the underdog Bhoys, lead by captains Michael Ramsey and Isaac Shay, had a commanding lead at half time (3-3 vs. 0-3). The Breffni Blues jumped back in the game in the second half, led by captains Roisin Brady and Jay Mussell. With great defensive play, the Breffni Blues held the Baltimore Greenmount Bhoys scoring to only a single goal and a single point in the second half. The game finish was exciting, with the Baltimore Greenmount Bhoys just holding on by 2 points to clinch the title. Final score was Baltimore Greenmount Bhoys (4-4) and Breffni Blues (2-8).

Top scorer for the final was Tadgh Prendeville with 3-3, 12 total points. Sara Nealon from the Breffni Blues was awarded the Player of the Match for her mighty defensive skills! Jay Brooke was top scorer for the league over all with a total of 53 points! Many thanks to Feilim and Tadgh for organizing the league and also thanks to Peter Hanna for referring the final. Finally, Thanks to Chris Lee of Smithwicks, for sponsoring such a fun and successful league.



The Baltimore Greenmount Bhoys

Front Row left to right: Isaac Shay, Michael Ramsay, Martine Eadie, Muthu Narayanaswamy, Damien Keller.

Back Row left to right: Mike Lynch, Shawn Baird, Tadgh Prendeville, Ryan Ambrose, John Fanning, Patrick Graham

Missing: Heather Greely, Jeff Gilbert, Joe Ryan, Aidan Jones

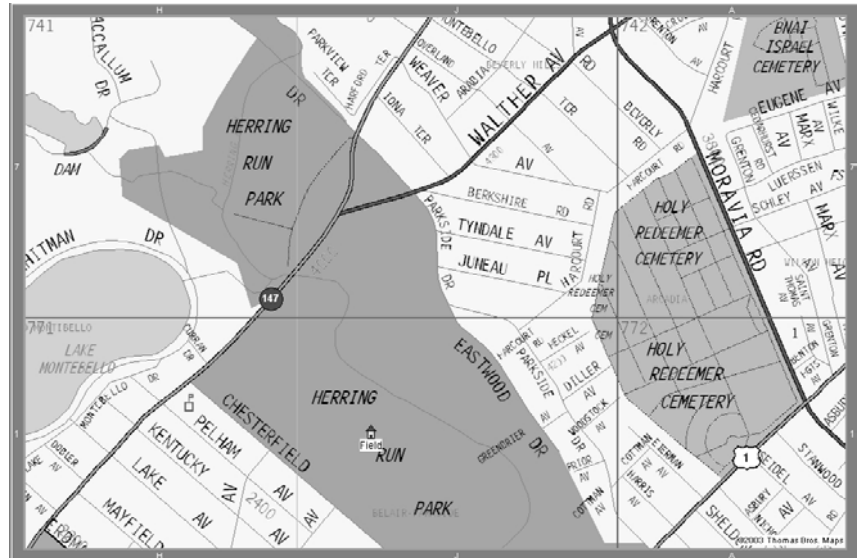
After all the excitement in the Gaelic football game, it was time to move onto the hurling accuracy and long puck competitions. After about a hundred attempts by a group of 10 people, Isaac Shay finally shot the sliothar through the target, a hula hoop. Dan Shaw and Jill Tucillo took home Puc Fada honors after belting the sliothar down the field.

Celebrations took place after the game at J. Patrick's in Locust Point. The Baltimore Greenmount Bhoys were presented with the Powerscreen trophy, which was used in Gaelic football games in the late 1980s. The trophy is up for grabs again in our Summer league, which starts on June 13 and runs Sunday afternoons in Patterson Park throughout the summer months.

The Charm City 9's

The Baltimore GAA will be host the Charm City 9's on Saturday June 5th. Teams for Pittsburgh, Washington DC, and Buffalo will come to Baltimore to play a 9-a-side tournament, for both men and ladies. The games will be played at Herring Run Park (on the corner of Harford and Chesterfield in Baltimore)

TIME	TEAM 1	TEAM 2
12:00 PM	BALTIMORE	BUFFALO
12:45 PM	PITTS	DC
1:30 PM	BALTIMORE LADIES	DC LADIES
2:15 PM	BALTIMORE	PITTS
3:00 PM	BUFFALO	DC
3:45 PM	CO-ED HURLING	EXPO
4:30 PM	BALTIMORE	DC
5:15 PM	BUFFALO	PITTS



For driving directions and more maps go to www.BaltimoreGAA.com and click on 'The Charm City 9s' page.

Social and Trophy presentation to follow Games at Mike McGovern's Pub in Caton (1129 South Clinton Street - 410-534-2200) @ 8 PM

Calendar - June 04

June 1 st (Tue)	Gaelic Football Practice - (7 PM) in Patterson Park
June 3 rd (Thurs)	Hurling/Camogie Practice - (7 PM) in Patterson Park
June 5 th (Sat)	Charm City 9-a-Side Tournament at Herring Run Park Games Kickoff at 12 noon and run until 6pm Social to follow games at Mike McGovern's Pub in Canton
June 8 th (Tue)	Gaelic Football Practice - (7 PM) in Patterson Park
June 10 th (Thurs)	Hurling/Camogie Practice - (7 PM) in Patterson Park
June 13 th (Sun)	Summer Co-ed Gaelic Football League, Round 1
June 15 th (Tue)	Gaelic Football Practice - (7 PM) in Patterson Park
June 17 th (Thurs)	Hurling/Camogie Practice - (7 PM) in Patterson Park
June 20 th (Sun)	Summer Co-ed Gaelic Football League, Round 2
June 22 nd (Tue)	Gaelic Football Practice - (7 PM) in Patterson Park
June 24 th (Thurs)	Hurling/Camogie Practice - (7 PM) in Patterson Park
June 27 th (Sun)	Summer Co-ed Gaelic Football League, Round 3
June 29 th (Tues)	Gaelic Football Practice - (7 PM) in Patterson Park
July 4 th (Sun)	No Games
August 1 st	Road Trip to Pittsburgh

Come out and join us!

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Player Profiles



Josh Lynn

Age: 21

From: Silver Spring , MD

Occupation: Just finished Junior Year at Towson State

Position: Forward

About the GAA: My brother Jay encouraged me to join and the sports are fun and great exercise



Bilal Kerman

Age: 25

From: Edirne, Turkey

Occupation: Graduate Student at Hopkins in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Position: Forward

About the GAA: The Baltimore GAA is a fun group and I enjoy playing Gaelic football outside.



Stacie Green

Age: 23

From: Baltimore, MD

Occupation: Information Technology

Position: Midfield

About the GAA: I went to Trinity in Dublin for a semester and watched Gaelic football, happy to have a chance to try it!



Ann Mullally

Age: 28

From: Mullingar, Westmeath

Occupation: Medical Doctor at Hopkins

Position: Midfield

About the GAA: Great way to meet new people!

Issac, Michael and Thomas (formerly known as Shabba) hosted the 2nd Baltimore GAA Pub Quiz on May 23, 2004 at J. Patrick's.



Left: The winning team (Spider Babies). Cory, Lucy, Feilim, & John

Below: The losing team (Kazanantar). Dan, Peter, Bilal (missing Bill Sweeny).

Left: Michael & Thomas ask the questions!

Thomas - Best of Luck in MA!





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Solo Running

3 The Solo Run in Practice

1. Using the Toe-Tap and the Bounce together can produce an effective solo run

2. On a good surface many players use a bounce to start a solo run and to evade opponents

3. Combination of Bounce and Toe-Tap during a solo run can depend on circumstance and personal preference



Moving the Ball

3 Solo-Run

1. Adopt Ready Position

2. Progress to Lifting Position

3. Balance the ball on the hurley. You can also try hopping the ball on the hurley

4. Move forward while at the same time keeping the ball on the stick



The solo is great for getting into a better position to strike or pass the ball or to get away from an opponent



Always keep your eyes on the ball when soloing but also be aware of other players around you

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