

NAOMH EOIN

NEWS



Christmas Edition



Information Update for Members, their families and friends of St. John's G.A.C.

December 2015



Annual Charity Walk for Alzheimer's Fall's Park

Saturday 26th December 2015 @ Noon

Last year we had our 1st St. Stephen's Day fundraising walk when we collected for The Cancer Centre. This year the Chairman's charity is The Alzheimer's Society which is a very worthy cause with this disease touching many families in our club too.

This is a fun way to meet up and enjoy a walk after the Christmas Day celebrations.

Refreshments afterwards in 'The Chatterbox Coffee Room' in the club. Please put this date in your diary and join us!!



Winter Volunteer Scheme Good Morning West Belfast

Are you aged 16-19 and live in the Whiterock or Ballymurphy area?

Martin Crummey will be delighted to talk to you if you do. The overall aim of this scheme is to have young people in the area ready to assist the elderly should we have a severe winter. It is coordinated by West Belfast Partnership Board but we need your name before Monday 7th Dec.

Training will be given so think of volunteering for this short but worthy cause.



Fit4life

We are just coming towards the end of our current fitness session which began in September. The attendance has been excellent both on Thursday nights 7.15-8.15pm and Sunday mornings 10am-11am


A get together is planned for Friday 18th December in the Snug to round off this session so please come along for some Christmas cheer.

New Year effort to get fit.....

Our next 10 week session begins on :-

Thursday 7th January @ 7.15pm and runs Thursdays and Sundays at 10am @ £3 per class.

Why not join up, get fit and enjoy the craic.

 Naomh Eoin Chairman and the committee wish all our members and their families a Happy & Peaceful Christmas and Prosperity in 2016



Pilates

Classes have finished with the run-up to Christmas. A new set of sessions begin on :-

Tuesday 12th January @ 7.30pm Think about keeping fit with this particular all body toning activity @ only £4 per session. Just come along any Tuesday evening.



Strictly Naomh Eoin

I hope you didn't miss it!!!! What an amazing night this was and one which will no doubt go down in the history of St. John's. Heartiest congratulations to all 30 dancers who took up the challenge to represent Naomh Eoin and to the plethora of businesses and individuals who sponsored each and every dancer. Heartiest congratulations to Sinead Lagan & Andrew McCallin who won with their energetic, exciting, enthusiastic Charleston.

Colin Donnelly led a team of people known as the 'organising committee' in a most professional manner which ensured that this huge fundraising venture was a resounding success. Colin wants to thank everyone who made the event the huge success which it was. Anne Jackson who single handedly persuaded and cajoled the magnificent 30! Nicola Darragh and Enda McGurk who had the financial side of the venture securely banked. Sonia McKenna, travelling all the way from Crumlin to bring her expertise and support throughout. Conor Caffrey for his professional approach to the continuous PR of the event and Jim McAvoy for his input to the programme design. Finally to JoJo McConnell who was always on hand to take up the numerous tasks which unfolded along the way. An all-round team performance.

As Colin concludes, 'It started as a fundraiser but as a club it achieved so much more in terms of comradery, friendship, loyalty and lasting memories.'



Club Presentation Events

Friday 22nd January - U12, U14 +U16

In The Clubrooms @ 7.30pm

Saturday 30th January – Fundamentals @ 2pm in The Clubrooms

Saturday 6th February – Senior Presentations @8pm in The Clubrooms

Food will be served at the evening events with goodie bags for the fundamental children.



The Chatterbox Coffee Room

This facility is opened every Saturday morning 9.30am -1pm

Please come in for a coffee + a muffin or a scone.

Drinks available for children.

All funds generated support club development.



Diary Dates

December 5th – Fundamentals finish for Christmas Holidays

December 11th – Veterans Christmas Lunch in The Chatterbox at 12noon

December 12th – All under age training sessions finish for Christmas Holidays

December 12th – Volunteer Night @ 8pm

26th December – Annual Charity Walk Falls Park @ 12noon
Social gathering in The Snug from 2pm

7th January – Fit4Life resumes @ 7.15

9th January – Fundamentals and Saturday morning activities resume

12th January – Pilates resumes @ 7.30pm

22nd January – Juvenile Presentation Night @ 7.30pm

30th January – Fundamentals Presentation @ 2pm



AGM + New Committee

The AGM took place on 18th November 2015 with a resume of the previous year's activities brought to the fore through the various officer's reports.

The executive committee consists of:-


Chairman – Gerry McCann

Vice-chairman – Joe McGuinness

Secretary – Jim Donnelly.

Treasurer – Kevin Gough.

PRO – Conor McCaffrey

 Other officers include Nicola Darragh (Assistant Secretary) Martin Crummey (Assistant Treasurer) Una Simpson (Registrar) Michael Connolly (Camogie) Andy Fennell (Ladies Football) Stephen McCann (Men's Football) Stephen Millar (Juniors) Michael McKenna (Health & Safety) Andy McCallin (Trustee) Maria Gough (Health & Well Being)

Sincere thanks to officers, Jackie Kelly and Colin Donnelly who stepped away but who had served the club with enthusiasm over the past number of years. The entire Naomh Eoin community wish Colin good luck in his endeavour to achieve County Chair.



G4M&O (Gaelic for Mums and Others)

There is no end to new initiatives in Naomh Eoin and this is another. 'Our kids play football for St. John's and all we can do is watch as we don't know how to perform the skills of the game'. So over the summer a very determined group of women set about finding someone to teach them the fundamentals of the lovely game. 12weeks later and 16 determined mums have gained many, many skills that 'coach' Martin

Crummey is so impressed. They have earned much respect from all involved. Even though it is considered as a non-competitive venture,(no scores are recorded) the group are considering affiliating with The Ladies Gaelic Football Association in the new year. G4M& others is open to any female over 18 who has not played competitively. The ladies hope to enter tournaments and would welcome anyone wishing to join them. Sharon Hughes is your contact 07740981619.



Under 14/16 Antrim Ladies Football Development Squad

Congratulations to: - Niamh Hamill

Aifa Gough

Natasha Clarke

Chantelle Boyd

Erin Boyd

who were selected for the U14 Antrim squad.

Maeve Fennell

Katie Connolly

who were selected to play on the U16 squad.



Rambling Retirees

Why not join us any Tuesday at 10am. The meeting point and route are posted on the club website. However, we occasionally have to amend our walk if the weather is unfavourable. Contact Maria on mgough56@hotmail.com



We remember with sadness.....

We celebrated the lives of club members or family members at a lovely Mass of Remembrance on Saturday 14th December with celebrant Fr Ciaran Feeney our club Chaplain. Thank you sincerely for the large attendance. Please keep those families who have lost a loved one in your prayers. At this time we learn of the death of Seamus McMahon brother of Eoin (Barnbrack) and we offer our sincere sympathy to the family circle. May he rest in peace.



Communication

It is extremely important that we reach all members. Please inform the secretary Jim Donnelly secretary.stjohns.antrim@gaa.ie if there are members who you know who we should be communicating with.

Thanks to Conor McCaffrey the revamped website www.naomheoinclg.com is a great way of keeping in touch. Visit it!



Veteran's Christmas lunch. We are endeavouring to bring together our older members of the club through a series of events. Our Christmas lunch is on Friday 11th December @ 12noon. We hope to make everyone feel happy and valued through these events.

Club Gear has arrived from O'Neill's this week. JoJo will be distributing Friday 4th 7pm-8pm + Saturday 5th 10am-12.

