

Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
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2003

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Mid-Tipperary

SENIOR HURLING FINAL



THURLES SARSFIELDS



LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

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It is my privilege to extend a special welcome to all on the occasion of this our Senior Hurling Championship Final.



Today's final brings together two great rivals - Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore-Castleiney who have battled it out many times previously and provided us with thrilling entertainment. Both teams have had a hard campaign, as the standard of club hurling in Mid Tipperary is very high this year and I hope that this final will be reminiscent of the many great encounters of the past and live up to all our expectations.

I would like to thank the host club JK Brackens for their excellent arrangements and warm welcome which has once again reached the high standards we have come to expect from them. Also, I would like to thank Donal and Rose Younge, The Ragg, for their support and kind sponsorship of our Senior Hurling Championship, once again this year.

It remains for me to wish both teams well and hope that this will be a memorable final.

Séan Ó Duill

CLAR AN LAE

Younge's The Ragg Senior Hurling Final

THURLES SARSFIELDS v LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

6.30 p.m.

Reiteoir: WILLIE BARRETT

Music for this evenings game is provided by the Sean Treacy Pipe Band, Moycarkey-Borris.

The Board wishes to thank the Knights of Malta, who provided first aid at all of our games, and are in attendance this evening.

Team photos for this evenings programme are were provided by John Moloughney, Clonakenny

**Programme Editor
P. J. LEAHY,**

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Thurles Sarsfields, a proud tradition

by Seán O'Costagáin

As one that grew up during Sarsfields dominance in the fifties and sixties, it is hard to believe that one has to go back twenty nine years for their last victory in the County Senior Hurling Championship. On that occasion in 1974, they defeated an excellent Silvermines team going for their first County Senior title and more significantly it marked the swan song of the great Jimmy Doyle, arguably one of Tipp's greatest hurlers. With twenty eight county senior title the Sarsfields are away ahead in the roll of honour and its unlikely if anyone ever in the history of Tipp GAA will achieve the distinction of one Mickey "the Rattler" Byrne who has won fourteen of those prized possessions. Incidentally, I want to wish health and happiness to the same Mickey who was hospitalised of late and hope to see him at the celebrations for the "Glorious Five" on County Final day 2003.

Little did we think in 1955 when Sarsfields won a onesided final .v. Borrisoleigh in Semple Stadium that it was the beginning of a glorious era of club dominance in the Premier County. A lasting memory for me from that game which was over at an early stage was the presence of one Sean Kenny with a heavily bandaged knee making great efforts to no avail against a lively skillful Sarsfields outfit. Another County Final of that era the I recall was the 1956 Final in Nenagh against a Lorrha team that included veteran Tony Reddan in goal as well as Mick Brophy and the late Hubie Hogan, father of Ken. While once more Sarsfields were worthy and deserving winners some of the same of veteran Reddan were the highlights of the day.

In 1959, the County Final saw Sarsfields take on Kilruane McDonagh's in Roscrea and the highly rated mid representatives got a huge fright from the North Tipp men that included such stalwarts as Jimmy Gibson, the late Tom Hennessy and Ger Hogan and a young man that played himself into inter-county prominence on the day, Tom Moloughney. Tom subsequently went on to win All Ireland medals at senior level in 1961 and 62. Let's hope some intercounty talent of note will emerge from the remaining Championship games 2003.

1960 saw the Sarsfields sequence brought to a standstill in Templemore when a powerful "Greyhounds" outfit deservedly beat them by 3-15 to 2-8. Toom's heroes including the Hough Brothers and Tom Ryan, now gone to their eternal rewards, as well as Tom Shanahan, Billy O'Donovan, Matt Hassett, Niall Williams, Roger Morrissey, Phil Shanahan and Matt O'Gara. Sarsfields were not to be denied and in 1961 they bounced back and won the title in a

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dour contest against Toomevara in Templemore by 3-4 to 0-9. 1962 saw Sarsfields defend their title in a dour contest in Semple Stadium versus old rivals Moycarkey-Borris who rose to the occasion in style and in a game dominated by Tony wall Moycarkey-Borris had to give best by a one point margin 1-7 to 1-6.

Amongst the Moycarkey heroes on that occasion were John O'Grady, Pat and Donal Ryan, the Burkes and Liam Hennessy. At this stage, Sarsfields were an intimidating outfit and they added the 1963, 64 and 65 title to their proud history. In winning 10 county Senior Hurling Championships in eleven years the Sarsfields probably set a record that will never be equalled and of more importance they provided the leadership to the County to capture All Ireland honours in 1958, 1962, 64 and 65.

While many of us at that time thought the dominance of the Sarsfields was a bad thing for hurling, I think we would wish for a return of those glory days if it impacted as it did at the time to the benefit of Tipperary's intercounty scene.

As Sarsfields line up this evening against Loughmore-Castleiney in the Final let's hope that some new talent will emerge to help our County to retore "the pride o the Premier" that was dented somewhat in Croke Park on Sunday last.

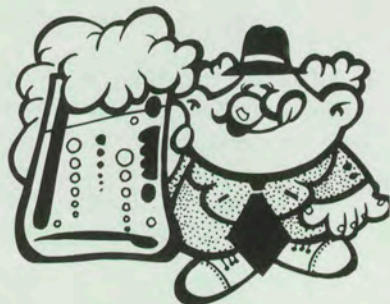
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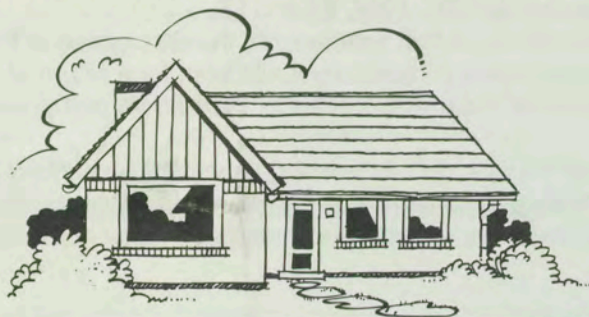
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The Thurles Sarsfield team that defeated Upperchurch-Drombane in the semi final of the Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship.

Back row l. to r. Colm O'Rourke, Eamon Tuohy, Ciaran Carroll, Eoin Costello, Matty O'Dowd, Les Shanahan, Brendan Carroll,

Ger O'Grady.

Front row l. to r. Wayne Cully, Brian O'Grady, Tommy Maher, Johnny Enright, Shane Ryan, Stephen Mason,

Eddie Enright.



THURLES SARSFIELDS

Colours: Blue and White

Fir Ionaid:

16. P. Mac Cormais
PATRICK McCORMACK

17. S. Ó Riain
SHANE RYAN

18. S. Laighleis
JOHN LILLIS

19. D. Ó Duibhir
DAVID O'DWYER

20. A. Rút
TONY RUTH

21. E. Breatnach
EAMON WALSH

22. S. Ó Sé
SEAMUS O'SHEA

23. G. Ó Spain
GERRY SPAIN

24. C. Mac'an Ghaill
CONOR STAPLETON

25. S. Ó Murchú
JAMIE MURPHY

26. A. Ó Dúndon
AIDAN DUNDON

27. T. Ó Coileáin
TOMMY COLLINS

28. S. Conchúr
JOHN CONNORS

29. A. Ó Conghaile
TONY CONNOLLY

DINNY MAHER
Team Manager

GER CORBETT
MICHAEL MAHER
JIM MOLONEY

(1)

C. Ó Cearúill
CIARÁN CARROLL

(2)

C. Ó Ruairc
COLM O'ROURKE

(3)

T. Ó Meachair
TOMMY MAHER

(4)

B. Ó Gráda
BRIAN O'GRADY

(5)

S. Masún
STEPHEN MASON

(6)

B. Ó Cearúill
BRENDAN CARROLL

(7)

L. Ó Seancháin
LEE SHANAHAN

(8)

W. Ó Cullie
WAYNE CULLY

(9)

E. Mac Ionnrachtaigh
EDDIE ENRIGHT

(10)

S. Mac Ionnrachtaig
JOHNNY ENRIGHT

(11)

E. Tuáithe
EAMON TUOHY

(12)

M. Ó Dúda
MATTY O'DOWD

(13)

E. Ó Coisteabhla
EOIN COSTELLO

(14)

G. Ó Gráda
GER O'GRADY

(15)

L. Ó Coirbín
LAR CORBETT

THURLES SARSFIELDS	Cúill	Cúilíní	Seanchaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
Tadh Leath					
2nd Leath					
IOMALAN					

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

Colours: Red and Green



(1)

S. Ó Gliasáin
JOHN GLEESON

(2)

G. Mac Súibhne
GARRY SWEENEY

(3)

A. Mac an Ghaill
ALVY STAPLETON

(4)

S. Ó Cinneide
JOHN KENNEDY

(5)

N. Ó Múiris
NOEL MORRIS (Capt.)

(6)

D. Ó Cinneide
DAVID KENNEDY

(7)

M. Mac Craith
MICK McGRATH (K)

(8)

D. Lafán
DECLAN LAFFAN

(9)

M. Ó Gliasáin
MARTIN GLEESON

(10)

D. de Búrca
DEREK BOURKE

(11)

P. Ó Rua
PAUL ORMONDE

(12)

M. Webster
MICHAEL WEBSTER

(13)

E. Mac Suibhne
EVAN SWEENEY

(14)

E. Ó Riain
NED RYAN

(15)

S. Ó Buacháin
SEAMUS BOHAN

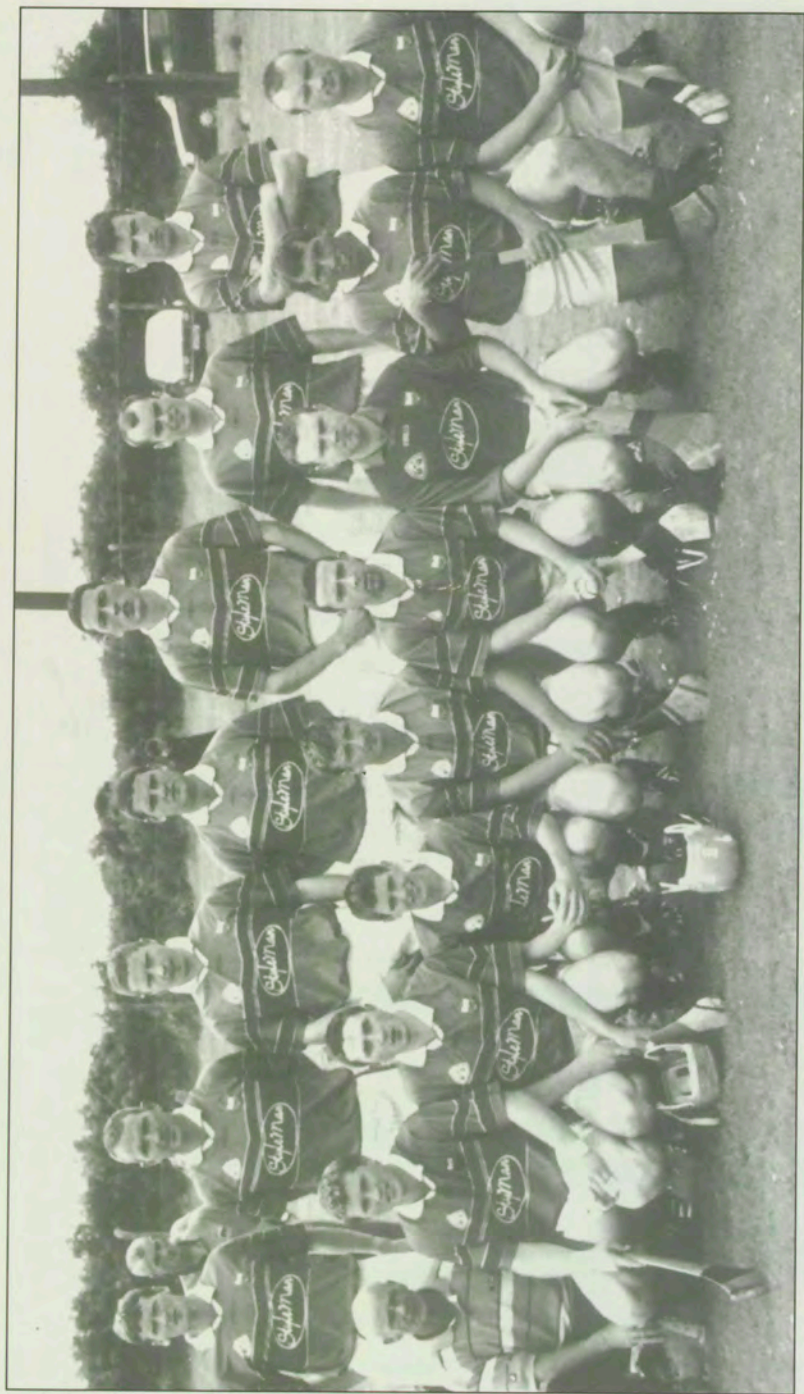
Fir Iomaid:

16. S. Ó Scullí
JOHN SCULLY
17. B. Ó Héili
BRENDAN HEALY
18. T. Ó Rua
TOMMY ORMONDE
19. N. Ó Cinneide
NOEL KENNEDY
20. P. Mac Craith
PAT McGRATH
21. T. Ó Cianga
TOM KING
22. T. Ó Meachair
TOM MAHER
23. D. Mac Craith
DAVID McGRATH
24. T. Ó Langáin
TOMMY LONG
25. N. Ó Cathail
NOEL CAHILL
26. P. Ó Cinneide
PHILIP KENNEDY
27. P. Ó Braonáin
PAUL BRENNAN

BERTIE SHERLOCK
Coach

FRANKIE McGRATH
EAMONN SWEENEY

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY	Cúill	Cúilíní	Seanchaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
Tadh Leath					
2nd Leath					
IOMALAN					



The Loughmore-Castleiney team that defeated Boherlahan-Dualla in the semi final of the Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship.
back row l. to r. Mick McGrath, Ned Ryan, Derek Bourke, Declan Laffan, Michael Webster, Garry Sweeney, David Kennedy.

Front row l. to r. Bertie Sherlock, Paul Ormonde, Martin Gleeson, Evan Sweeney, Noel Morris, Alvy Stapleton, Johnny Gleeson,
Seamus Bohan, John Kennedy.

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY G.A.A. CLUB

by Pat Healy P.R.O.

Despite only gaining Senior Hurling status in 1981 following our Intermediate County final victory of 1980, this evening we will be contesting the final for the seventeenth time with the title coming eight times in 1983, '86, '87, '87, '88, '92, '94, '98 and 2002, therefore only failing to contest the finals of 1984, '85, '91, '93, '96 and '97, a fine record by any standard.

It must also be taken into account that during the same period nineteen Mid Senior Football titles and three County Football titles along with our County Senior Hurling title of 1988 came to the club. With the exception of Intermediate Football and U-21A Hurling all county titles have been achieved, with Mid titles in all grades won on various occasions.

Having lost almost all of that outstanding team of the seventies and eighties the club remains very strong with many young players coming on board, with perhaps last year proving to be a great one for the club with both Minor A Hurling and Football Mid and County titles being won.

An outstanding juvenile structure is also reaping rewards with our U-12A Hurling and Football teams taking Mid and County titles last year and making a bright future for club and parishes. The U-12 Football team regained the Mid title this year with the hurlers presently in the Mid final.

Outside of the playing playing field achievements, members of the club have held principal officerships in the Mid Division, Pat Cullen was Mid Chairman 1985 to 1988 with Seán Mockler holding the same position from 1994 to 1997. Seán Ryan was Mid Secretary from 1966 to 1973. Our club Chairman, Jonathan Cullen is presently Mid Youth Officer. The team trainer this year is Bertie Sherlock who has trained Toomevara to many county titles. Team selectors are Frankie McGrath and Eamonn Sweeney with Ken Hogan lending a coaching hand. Noel Morris will this evening captain the team for the third time in a Mid Final, losing out in '99 and lifting the Mid Cup last year.

Senior Officers are: Chairman - Jonathan Cullen.

Secretary - John Treacy.

Vice-Chairmen - Frankie McGrath and Dick Egan.

Asst. Secretary - Pat Healy and Maureen Connolly.

P.R.O. - Pat Healy.

Juvenile Club Officers: Chairman - Eamonn Sweeney.

Secretary - Maureen Connolly.

Treasurer - Bernie McGrath.

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ROUND 1

23-5-03 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-12 Moycarkey-Borris 1-12 (Draw)

25-5-03 Thurles Sarsfields 3-13 Drom-Inch 1-7

31-5-03 Upperchurch-Drombane 2-12 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-15 (Draw)

1-6-03 Boherlahan-Dulla 1-17 J.K. Brackens 3-8

REPLAYS

30-5-03 Holycross-Ballycahill 2-15 Moycarkey-Borris 2-10

13-6-03 Uperchurch-Drombane 2-13 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-13

LOSERS GROUP

21-6-03 Moycarkey-Borris 1-18 Drom-Inch 1-15

1-7-03 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-17 J.K. Brackens 0-12

QUARTER FINALS

19-7-03 Upperchurch-Drombane 2-15 Moycarkey-Borris 0-16

20-7-03 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-16 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-12

SEMI FINALS

2-8-03 Thurles Sarsfields 2-15 Upperchurch-Drombane 1-16

4-8-03 Loughmore-Castleiney 2-12 Boherlane Dulla 1-14

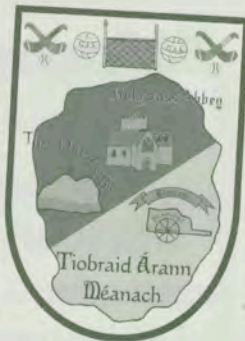
MID FINAL

Thurles Sarsfields

Loughmore-Castleiney

New Crest for Mid Board

At the first meeting of the Mid Tipperary GAA Board for 2003 which was held in the Park Avenue House last January, it was decided that it would be a good idea to design a new crest for the board and the division and a youth officer I was given the task of finding a good way to get a crest designed. I decided that seen as the GAA is focused so much around the youth that I would launch a competition for boys and girls in our primary schools and let them design a new crest for the Mid Division. I knew that there was no way that I would be able to undertake a task like this on my own so I decided to call upon Aoife Maher of today's host club JK Brackens to give me a hand out and this she did very well.



It was decided that rather than having the competition open to all classes that we would limit the competition to students in fifth and sixth class, these young people we thought would have a good understanding of the GAA and its tradition amongst the clubs of Mid Tipperary.

There were a number of guidelines given to the competitors such as the main one being that the design had to represent the clubs in Mid Tipperary, the area of Mid Tipperary and the prominent land marks within the Division. A letter was drafted and sent to all the primary schools in the Division explaining all about the competition and asking all those to forward their entries by the closing date given.

We then decided that we would have to find people to sponsor prizes for the winning entries, that we did and I would like to thank most sincerely Templemore Jewellers, The Tipperary GAA Shop and Dominic Leach of RKL Services, Co. Wicklow who took the winning crest from its original form which was on A4 paper and with the aid of computer technology transferred it on to the flag which can be seen here today.

By the time the closing date had arrived we had received over 100 entries from schools all around the Division. Now came the hard part choosing the top ten designs and knowing that I was never too good in the art department I decided that it might be best to leave it to a lady to do the choosing and sure who better to do it than Aoife.

Within a few days Aoife had the entries down to the best ten and in her own words she said "its going over to you now". Out of the ten top entries I had to choose the top three, this was never going to be easy as they were all so good but it had to be done, so after about a week of endless adjudicating I picked the top three and to my amazement the young girl who designed the winning entry was also involved with her friend in designing the third place entry.

It was now decided to invite the three prizewinners, their friends and family

to a function in the Park Avenue House, this function was also attended by many well-known figures in GAA circles within the Division. The prizewinners were announced and were as follows: Third place went to Kate English and Claire Dunne from Holycross NS. Second place went to a girl who was a student of the Gael Scoil in Thurles and I can tell you that I had a difficult time trying to get my cupla focail in order to pronounce her name but after a number of attempts Leach Ní Coiribin or Leah Corbett was announced as the prizewinner. First place went to a girl who it can only be said has obvious artistic talents and designed a lovely crest that will fly high over the playing fields of Mid Tipperary and will be displayed at many GAA functions in the division for a long time to come. The winner of the crest competition is Claire Dunne from Holycross NS.

I would like to congratulate and thank each and every student who entered the competition, their teachers, parents and anyone else who contributed to making the competition such a success. Thanks also to the sponsors without whom I don't know what we would have done for prizes. And finally a very special thanks to Aoife Maher for all her help and assistance.

I hope that you all enjoy today's games and the best of luck to all who are taking part.

Jonathan Cullen
Mid Tipperary Youth Officer

**The Tom O'Hara Perpetual Trophy
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of the late Tom O'Hara from Fennor
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who served as Secretary of the Mid-Board
for many years.**

Mid Tipperary S.H. Championship

1907	Thurles	1946	Thurles Sarsfields
1908	Thurles	1947	Holycross
1909	Thurles	1948	Holycross
1910	Two-Mile-Borris	1949	Borrisoleigh
1911	Thurles	1950	Thurles Sarsfields
1912	Sarsfields	1951	Holycross
1913	Boherlahan	1952	Thurles Sarsfields
1915	Thurles Sarsfields	1953	Boherlahan
1916	Boherlahan	1954	Holycross
1917	Boherlahan	1955-64	Thurles Sarsfields
1918	Boherlahan	1965	Moycarkey
1919	Boherlahan	1968-69	Thurles Sarsfields
1920	Thurles/Moycarkey	1970	Moyne
1921	No Championship	1971	Moycarkey
1922	Moycarkey/ Two-Mile-Borris	1972	Moyne
1923	Moycarkey	1973	Thurles Sarsfields
1924	Moycarkey	1974	Drom-Inch
1925	Thurles Sarsfields	1975	Thurles Sarsfields
1926	Moycarkey/Borris	1976-77	Moyne
1927	Clonoulty	1978	Holycross
1928	Castleiney/Killea	1979-80	Thurles Sarsfields
1929	Thurles Sarsfields	1981-82	Moycarkey
1930	Moycarkey/Borris	1983	Loughmore/Castleiney
1931	Moycarkey/Borris	1984	Drom-Inch
1932	Moycarkey/Borris	1985	Holycross/ Ballycahill
1933	Moycarkey/Borris	1986-88	Loughmore/ Castleiney
1934	Moycarkey/Borris		
1935	Thurles Sarsfields	1989-91	Holycross/Ballycahill
1936	Thurles Sarsfields	1992	Loughmore/ Castleiney
1937	Moycarkey		
1938	Thurles Sarsfields	1993	Thurles Sarsfields
1939	Thurles Sarsfields	1994	Loughmore/ Castleiney
1940	Thurles Sarsfields		
1941	Boherlahan	1995	Boherlahan-Dualla
1942	Thurles Sarsfields	1996	Thurles Sarsfields
1943	Moycarkey	1997	Holycross/Ballycahill
1944	Thurles Sarsfields	1998	Loughmore/Castleiney
1945	Thurles Sarsfields	1999	Holycross/Ballycahill
		2000	Thurles Sarsfields
		2001	Thurles Sarsfields
		2002	Loughmore-Castleiney

Mid Board Chairmen

1907	John Cahill, Cashel
1908	T. Condon, Moycarkey
1912	T. Semple, Thurles
1916	E.D. Ryan, Cashel
1919	Tom Kenwick, Thurles
1924	T. Gleeson, Drombane
1927	Rev. J. Meagher CC, Thurles
1929	Rev. Phil Fogarty CC, Thurles
1948	Rev. Patrick Lee CC, Templemore
1956	Rev. Mick Russell, St. Patrick's
1961	Rev. D. O'Meara CC, Moycarkey
1969	T. O'Hara, Gortnahoe
1973	M. Small, Sarsfields
1976	T. O'Hara, Gortnahoe
1979	Tim Maher, Boherlahan
1982	M. Lowry, Holycross
1985	Pat Cullen, Loughmore
1988	Liam Hennessy, Moycarkey
1991	Sean Fogarty, Moyne-Templetuohy
1994	Sean Mockler, Loughmore-Castleiney
1997	Harry Ryan, Moycarkey-Borris
2000	Michael Burke, Upperchurch-Drombane
2003	John Doyle, Holycross

Mid Board Secretaries

1907	A. Mason, Drombane
1930	Phil Cahill, Holycross
1937	P. Purcell, Moycarkey
1948	P. Ryan, Moycarkey
1966	S. Ryan, Loughmore
1974	L. Ryan, Holycross
1979	T. O'Hara, Gortnahoe
1991	M. Connolly, Boherlahan

Roll of Honour - Mid Senior Hurling Titles

Thurles Sarsfields	38	Drom-Inch	2
Moycarkey-Borris	17	Two-Mile-Borris	1
Holycross-Ballycahill	11	Clonoulty	1
Boherlahan-Dualla	11	Killea-Castleiney	1
Loughmore-Castleiney	8	Borrisoleigh	1
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