

Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
2007

MacLochlainn (Road Markings) Ltd.
Mid Tipperary



Senior Hurling Centenary Final

(1907 - 2007)

Thurles Sarsfields



V Loughmore- Castleiney

REITEOIR:
Willie Clohessy
(Drom-Inch)



Thurles Credit Union Minor B Hurling Final
MOYCARKEY-BORRIS V DROM-INCH

1.00 pm Reiteoir: Hugh Coughlan
(Moyne-Templetuohy)

Semple Stadium, 9th Meanfoir, 2007

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Fáilte

Is cuis mhor athais dom failte a chur roimh gach aoine ata i lathair Staid Semple innu agus ta suil agam go mbeidh sar chluichi againn

I wish to extend a very special welcome to everyone today, to Semple Stadium, for the Mid Senior Hurling Championship Final between Loughmore - Castleiney and Thurles Sarsfields. In particular, I would like to welcome the captains of the former Mid Senior Hurling winning teams who are our special guests today. Today's games hold special significance as 2007 marks the centenary of the formation of the Mid Tipperary Board - first meeting having been held in Thurles on the 9th June 1907. Various events have been taken place during the course of the year starting with the launch of the Centenary year celebrations on the 23/2/2007 which included the unveiling of a plaque outside Hayes Hotel by Munster Council Chairman - Sean Fogarty. A youth weekend was held in May including a Schools Quiz and an Under 12 Hurling Blitz, where all players were given an opportunity to sample the new dressing room facilities at Semple Stadium and a game on the famed pitch. Our third event in centred around today's games, where in addition to welcoming the winning Captains of the past, we have a parade of all the Clubs in the division. Our final event will be the launch of a pictorial history of Gaelic Games in Mid Tipperary later this year.

Sincere thanks are due to the very many people who have been involved in the various events to commemorate our Centenary Year and in particular, I would like to acknowledge the enormous contribution of the Chairman of our Centenary Committee - Michael Bourke and Secretary to the Committee - John O'Donovan.

Thanks also to MacLochlainn Road Markings, for their continued sponsorship of our Senior Hurling Championship and also to Tom Comerford of O.M.C. Engineering for sponsoring the lunch earlier today, to honour our past winning Captains. Both of today's senior finalists have made an enormous contribution to Gaelic Games in our division over the past 100 years and no doubt, will be intent on adding one more title in this historic year.

I would also like to welcome the Minor Hurlers of Moycarkey-Borris and Drom-Inch, who contested the final of the Minor B Hurling Championship and thank Thurles Credit Union for continued sponsorship of this competition.

Finally, I would like to wish all our patrons an enjoyable afternoon in Semple Stadium and thank them for their continued support.

Ta la sportuill i ndan duinn. Bainigi taitneamh as agus slan abhaile libh.

P.G. O Meachair.

CHAIRMAN MID-TIPPERARY G.A.A. BOARD.



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MacLochlainn (Road Markings) Ltd. Senior Hurling Final Thurles Sarsfields V Loughmore-Castleiney

3.30 p.m. Reiteoir: Wille Clohessy (Drom-Inch)

Thurles Credit Union Minor B Hurling Final - 1.00 pm

Moycarkey-Borris v Drom-Inch

Reiteoir: Hugh Coughlan (Moyne-Templetuohy)

*Music for today 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 here today.*

**Team photos for todays
programme were provided by
John Moloughney,
Clonakenny.**

Programme Editor: P. J. LEAHY



Referee Willie Clohessy with his umpires, left to right:- Matt McGrath, Kieran Young, Michael Costelloe and Martin Everard.

An Reiteoir

The referee for today's Mid Senior Hurling Final is Willie Clohessy from the Drom/Inch Club. Willie is one of the most experienced and respected referees in the county. Today he is officiating at his eighth Mid Senior Final. His first was in 1989. In 2004, Willie had the honour of refereeing the County Senior Hurling Final between Toomevara and The Combo. Married to Celine, they have two children, Sarah and Michael. Willie is also an accomplished golfer and last year had the honour of being captain of Templemore Golf Club.

His linesmen today are Martin Ryan, Moyne/Templetuohy and Kevin Butler, Drom/Inch. The referee for today's Minor Final is Hugh Coughlan from the Moyne/Templetuohy Club. We wish all officials for today's two games our best wishes.



Derek Bourke Loughmore Castleiney about to clear his lines as Shane Scully JK Brackens Closes in, in the MacLochlainn Road Markings Ltd Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Semi Final.

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

Captain: Johnny Gleeson

Age 30. Employed: Tipperary Glass, Templemore.

Johnny, as most of the players on the team, has been a top class dual player with the club from his school days. Some of his many honours achieved are:- 3 Mid Senior Hurling Finals, 2 Mid Senior Football Finals, 1 County Senior Football Final (2004), U21B Hurling Mid & County Finals, U21A Football Mid & County Final, Harty Cup B Final Medal & Fitzgerald Cup Final Medal with Our Lady's Templemore. Feile Na nGael Div 3 All-Ireland Hurling Medal along with several U12 and U14 Hurling & Football honours. One of the great characters of the side, Johnny is a most worthy captain this year and hopes he can win a fourth mid-Tipp medal and lift the Leahy Cup this afternoon in the famed Semple Stadium.

Loughmore: Player of the Past: Jim Maher

From his juvenile days, Jim was an outstanding dual player with the club & later with various county teams. In the mid-seventies when the club had huge success at U12, U14, U16 and later at minor and U21, Jim, be it at half back or centre back, was always to the fore – in '75 at U14 level four county titles were won – Urban Rural Hurling & Football and Rural Hurling & Football.

A two year cycle saw U16 Hurling & Football County Titles as well as Minor Hurling & Football County Titles won. In fact that followed to U21 level only to loose the U21A Hurling semi final, but won Football.

Following many honours won at Primary School, Jim attended Our Lady's, Templemore which culminated in winning Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges Finals in 1978, a huge honour for such a small school.

No doubt his proudest moment was as a County Minor leading Tipperary team mates up the steps fo Croke Park's Hogan Stand to receive the Irish Press Cup from Archbishop Morris as Captain in 1980.

Jim's role with the county saw him take two U21 All-Ireland's. Another great memory was at club level in 1988 when at No.6 he played a huge part in the club taking it's first and only County Senior Hurling Final. Jim is also the holder of many Mid Tipp Senior Football medals, along with County titles.

A serious knee injury ended his career prematurely, with certainly many more games left in the "Big Man".

Pat Healy P.R.O.

Loughmore Castleiney GAA Club

Today the club will be bidding for their 11th Mid title since gaining senior status in 1981 and reaching the final for the 19th time.

The club has an excellent juvenile structure down the years and at present there are many excellent underage teams bidding for Divisional and County Honours. 2004, '05 and '06 saw the club win 3 U21 A Football County Titles in a row. The only title to elude the club is the U21A County Hurling Title. Our club grounds at Cuguilla see plans almost ready for upgrading of dressing rooms, referees room, meeting room, etc. The Development Committee have had a most successful Carpet Push Fundraiser in association with Irish Guide Dogs recently. This we hope will benefit club & parish as a whole.

Today's team management of Eamonn Sweeney, Frankie McGrath and Michael McGrath were all players on the County Senior Hurling Final team of 1988. Noel McGrath played on the All-Ireland winning Tipperary Minor Hurling Team last Sunday.

Officers of the club 2007 are:

Chairman: Eamonn Sweeney

Secretary: John Treacy

Treasurer: Tom McGrath

P.R.O.: Pat Healy

JUVENILE CLUB

Chairman: Pat O'Connell

Secretary: Jimmy Hennessy



Shane Bourke JK Brackens heads for goal as Garry Sweeney Loughmore Castleiney moves in to stop him in the MacLochlainn Road Markings Ltd Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Semi Final.

MID TIPPERARY BORD NA nÓG

(By John Smith P.R.O.)

The history of juvenile games in Tipperary and in the Mid Division dates back to the late 1920's with rural schools competitions. These juvenile games were organised with varying degrees of success until they collapsed in 1935. Another attempt to get the games organised in 1940 proved more successful with competitions being organised for urban and rural schools. There was a growing interest in and organisation of juvenile games in the county from the mid 1950's onwards. The 1960's were a time of great innovation in Bord na nÓg when many new competitions were launched. These competitions went from strength to strength in the 70's and 80's with 'B' competitions being introduced in the 90's and in later years 'C' competitions.

The Mid Division of Bord na nÓg was established in 1943 with Willie Tuohy (Holycross-Ballycahill) as Chairman and Willie O'Dwyer (Upperchurch-Drombane) as Secretary. Both men made immense contributions to the promotion and development of Gaelic Games for the youth of not alone Mid Tipperary but throughout the county as they also served for many years as officers of County Bord na nÓg. Many other distinguished personnel served as Officers of the Bord in the intervening years and all contributed to the promotion and organisation of Gaelic Games for our young people.

Mid Bord na nÓg has gone from strength to strength over the years and today we remember and salute all those unsung heroes who gave freely of their time to manage and coach teams in the schools and clubs of the Division. The Juvenile committee in each club is doing tremendous work in the promotion of our games and the fruits of their efforts will be seen in the years ahead.

This year has again been a very busy year for Mid Bord na nÓg with the championship season nearing completion. It is interesting to note that with two championships (Under 16 'A' and 'B' Hurling) still to be completed three clubs have completed hurling and football doubles. In fact Upperchurch-Drombane has completed two doubles winning both the Under 12 'C' and Under 14 'C' hurling and football titles. Moycarkey-Borris won the Under 12 'B' double while Moyne-Templetuohy did likewise at Under 14 'B' level.

The current Officers of Mid Bord na nÓg are

Chairman: Rody Lowry (Upperchurch-Drombane);

Secretary: Neil Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill);

Treasurer: Lua Fitzpatrick (J.K. Brackens);

P.R.O.: John Smith (Durlas Óg).

“Impact of Post-Primary Schools in Mid-Tipperary down the Years”

(Sean O'Costagáin Cathaoirleach an Choiste Chontae)

On occasions like the Mid Tipperary Board of the GAA is celebrating in 2007 it is indeed appropriate to look at all the components that has made it such a potent unit in the promotion of Gaelic Games over the past century. While the Board itself and its sister unit Bord na nÓg would rightfully be recognised as the primary contributors there is no doubt but the contribution of the Primary Schools Board and the Post-Primary board would in there own special way have helped to make Mid Tipperary, using a phrase from a predecessor of mine the late Tom O'Hara, the premier division in the Premier County.

While clubs from the periphery of the division would have had members attending Cashel V.S., Cashel C.B.S. and of late Cashel Community School, St. Joseph's College Borrisoleigh, Presentation Ballingarry, Johnstown Sec School, Roscrea C.B.S., Roscrea V.S. and of late Roscrea Community College, there is no doubt but the schools to make the greatest impact over the past seventy years or more has been the post-primary establishments in Templemore and Thurles. For many years Templemore CBS (now Our Lady's) and Templemore V.S. now an adult education centre promoted Gaelic games within the Templemore catchment area. Similarly the school going population at second level in the Thurles catchment area were served by the great efforts of Thurles C.B.S. and Thurles V.S.

It is now rightfully recognised that a county without a well organised second level games structure will be at a serious disadvantage in maximizing the potential at its disposal. With the demise of North Mon and St. Finbars Farrenferris in Cork, the



Thurles CBS - Harty Cup winners 1956.



Templemore CBS - Harty Cup winners 1978.

city clubs have lost two of their most valuable nurseries and as a result hurling in Cork city has declined enormously in later years.

The revival in Meath football revolves around the success in St. Patrick's College Navan and the impact of such traditional nurseries as St Kieran's Kilkenny, St. Flannans Ennis, St Brendan Killarney, Tralee CBS and St Brendan's Community School Birr, St. Jarleth's Tuam, Limerick C.B.S., Midleton C.B.S. and St. Peter's Wexford can never be underestimated.

Thurles CBS even though they have not won a Harty Cup since 1956 is well recognised as one of the great hurling nurseries in the history of hurling promotion. When the Harty Cup was introduced in the early years of the Gaelic Athletic Association Thurles participated.

Even though another Tipp school Rockwell College collected five Harty Cups in the first fourteen years of its existence Thurles CBS did not make the breakthrough until 1933 when a Paddy Gorman led team brought the prestige trophy to the Cathedral town for the first time. It included many players that were later to become household names in the annuals of Tipp GAA such as Moycarkey's Phil Purcell, Tony Brennan, Boherlahan's Philly O'Dwyer and Fr Tom O'Keeffe just to mention a few.

For the next two decades the Thurles nursery became a great hurling breeding round and Harty Cup victories followed in 1938, 1939 with such future stars as Henry Gouldsboro, Eddie Gleeson, Bishop Michael Russell, John Delahunty, the O'Hara brothers Gortnahoe, Dan Kinnane and Moyne-Templetuohys Tom Everard collecting their prized awards.

The forties saw Thurles CBS contribute to many hectic Harty Cup games but despite the fact that such legendary figures as Pat Stakelum, John Doyle, Jimmy Finn, John O'Grady and the Kenny brothers from Borrisoleigh adorned the singlet no Harty honours came their way during a decade of endeavour.



North Tipperary - winners of the 1968 All-Ireland Vocational Schools Hurling final.

In 1950 the Mid Tipp nursery bounced back once more and a team led by Moyne-Templetuohy's Tom Butler captured the trophy and it also propelled onto the bigger stage names like Paddy Croke, Willie Perkins, Tony Wall and Billy Quinn who were to go on to collect celtic crosses in different grades in the Tipperary surplet. The trophy was retained in 1951 with names like Liam Quinn (Holycross), Sean McLoughlin, Fr Phil Barry (Upperchurch), Fr Tony Kelly and Larry Dowling coming to the fore.

In 1956 a team led by Tomas Gleeson (Gortnahoe) brought the Harty to the school for its last visit and it included many future stars amongst them Mickey Lonergan the great Jimmy Doyle, Benny Maher, Mick Craddock, Patsy Butler, Matt Stapleton, Frank Houlihan and Stanley Ryan.

It has not been through lack of effort that Thurles has not prevailed or succeeded in the meantime and despite failure to capture the big prize multiple success in both the provincial and county competitions in other grades has ensured the nursery in the Cathedral town continues to play its part in the promotion of hurling in the proud division. Thurles CBS also participate in many football competitions and have been successful also.

Templemore CBS for many years were overshadowed by their neighbours as a GAA nursery but in the past thirty five years with the growth of the school population and great advancement in hurling and football within the clubs in the schools catchment area they have become significant players on the college's scene. Having won many (B) titles in the senior grade their hour of glory came in 1978 when the Martin Bourke led outfit captured the elusive Harty and All Ireland titles. It was a team strongly represented by Loughmore and JK Brackens players and included future stars such as the Borrisoleigh duo of Bobby and Michael Ryan, Pat

McGrath and Jim Maher who were subsequently to ascend the steps of the Hogan stand to collect All Irelands in different grades and competitions. With their first ever Dean Ryan Cup victory in 2007 the school looks with optimism towards the colleges competition of 2007 and don't be surprised if the Harty Cup final of 2008 be a local derby between Templemore and Thurles.

Over the years Templemore have had wonderful success both within the County and at provincial level and an All Ireland (B) champion team 1994 provided three valuable members of the 2001 All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship team namely Eamon Corcoran, David Kennedy and Paul Ormond.

There is no doubt but the roll of second level schools is very important within our division and don't forget the minor team that did us proud last Sunday in Croke Park included a quite a number of players that figured in those epic Harty Cup encounters last Spring between Our Lady's and Thurles CBS. The names that spring to mind are John O'Neill, Noel McGrath, James Barry, Liam Dwan, Kevin O'Gorman, Liam Butler and Colin Ryan just to mention a few. A proud boast also in Our Lady's Secondary School is the fact that two of the last three captains that brought home the McCarthy Cup to Tipp played their second school level hurling in the schools maroon singlet namely Tommy Dunne and Bobby Ryan, The influence of such individuals even though long gone from their alma mater still inspires the present generation to carry the torch and endeavour to emulate the heroics of their illustrious predecessors.

Despite the fact that Thurles V.S. and Templemore V.S. would have had a smaller number base over the years they would have played a very important roll in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the Mid Division over the last half century. When they commenced organising competitions at intercounty level. 1960, it was a Thurles V.S. man Tom Connolly that was their first press secretary. In the early years of the All-Ireland vocational schools championships Tipperary had great success and quite a number of Mid Tipp men would have won All Ireland honours at this level.

The names that spring to mind would be Boherlahan's Seamus Power, Jack and Martin Walshe (Loughmore Castleiney), Paddy Moore and Pat McCormack from Thurles, Ollie Quinn from the Ragg who captained the 1966 winning team Thomas Buckley (Moycarkey) Gerry Stapleton (Borrisoleigh) Dinny Kelly (Templetuohy), Michael Green (Upperchurch) and Ken Ralph (Moycarkey) just to mention a few. There is no doubt but the second level players in the Mid would be the poorer in the absence of the above schools and as the division celebrate a hundred years of success lets salute the contribution of those schools to that success story and lets hope that over the next century that their input will be of equal significance and importance to their own units and the clubs of the Division.



Scor –Mid Tipperary's Proud Tradition

The very mention of the Gaelic Athletic Association conjures initial images of sport and progression and development of the nations most sacred pastimes to its now treasured position in the hearts and minds of Irish men and women, be they at home or abroad. In just over one hundred and twenty years the Organisation, whose roots sprung from the innovative minds of dedicated Irish patriots, has managed to capture the attentions of all and neither man, woman nor child, has escaped its benifitting effects.

Since that historic day, November 1st 1884, Ireland has seen a significant transition - a progression which has instilled in all the importance of retaining those very traditions and cultures which were a way of life for our ancestors. Organisations such as Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Conradh na Gaeilge, Cumann Luthchleas Gael and many others have long expounded the virtues of promoting and preserving native cultures particulary in a society which has seen the importation of foreign pastimes, and their work has constantly borne fruit.

In 1969 a Corkman, Derry Gowen, saw the need for further development in this area and so it was that Scor, an organisation which provides the necessary winter social activities came to be. Initially Scor confined itself to GAA clubs and members but in an attempt to unify the community as a whole and ensure involvement by non playing members, and particulary women, the association has widened the area of participation, thereby encouraging all to actively associate themselves in many worthwhile competitive entertainments. Scor also encourages



Upperchurch-Drombane Ballad Group – All-Ireland Champions 1997.

friendly rivalry among participants whilst at the same time develops community spirit and pride and fosters an awareness and love of the national ideals in the Irish people. It stresses that it does not measure success by the number of trophies won but rather by the level of participation and believes that success is not nearly as important as the friendship and spirit which emulates from being involved with a club team.

In the early years the organisation had phenomenal success with thousands of men and women, boys and girls, actively participating in a wide range of Scor activities and thousands more cramming into halls and community centres to witness the performances. Unfortunately in later years a serious decline in Scor particularly at senior level has taken place and urgent remedial action is required by clubs if Scor Sinsear is to survive.

In the thirty eight years of the competition Mid Tipperary can feel proud of the part it has played and clubs from the division have won numerous honours at county, provincial and national level. Eight clubs have won national honours totalling fourteen in total whilst at provincial level twenty seven titles have come to nine clubs in the division. Upperchurch Drombane top the list with seven Munster and three All Ireland titles. The full list of provincial and national winners, as well as the All Ireland winning teams are as follows

CLUB	MUNSTER		ALL IRELAND	
	Scor na nOg	Scor Sinsear	Scor na nOg	Scor Sinsear
Moycarkey Borris	1973/96	1970/77/78/79	1973/96	1977
Holycross Ballycahill	1974		1972	1974
Thurles Sarsfields	1975/77	1975	1977	1975
Loughmore Castleiney	1982		1982	
Upperchurch Drombane	1983/87/88	1990/95/97/00	1987/97/00	
Boherlahan Dualla	1992/93	1973		1993
JK Brackens	2006	1996/99	2006	1996
Clonmore		1991		1991
Thurles Kickhams		1986		

All-Ireland Scór Sinsear Titles

1975 Figure Dancing: *Thurles Sarsfields* (John Troy, Michael McLoughlin, TJ Carey, Cyril Berry, Breda Fahy, Anne Molumby, Caitríona Donnelly, Dolores Bourke) *Title shared with Derry*

1977 Set Dancing: *Moycarkey-Borris* (Seamus Cooney, Michael Cooney, Phil Cooney, Seán Hayes, Josie Hayes, Betty Ryan, Mary Lenihan, Sadie Hayes)

1991 Set Dancing: *Clonmore* (Jane Bergin, Sadie Maher, Martina Fogarty, Catherine Meehan, Brendan Nolan, Johnny Delaney, Francis O'Meara, John Maher)



Clonmore All-Ireland Set Dancers 1991.

1996 Set Dancing: *JK Brackens* (Jane Bergin, Laurence Leahy, Catherine Meehan, Francis Bourke, Johnny Delaney, Martina Fogarty, John Maher, Sadie Maher Subs: Matt Butler, Laura Moore)

All-Ireland Scór na nóg Titles

1973 Set Dancing: *Moycarkey-Borris* (Mary Ryan, Michael Cooney, Betty Ryan, Liam Troy, Sadie Hayes, Seán Hayes, Josie Hayes, PJ Kelly)

1974 Set Dancing: *Holycross-Ballycahill*

1977 Instrumental Music: *Thurles Sarsfields* (Margaret Butler)

1982 Instrumental Music: *Loughmore-Castleiney* (Geraldine Webster, Sarah Webster, Kay Webster)

1987 Novelty Act: *Upperchurch-Drombane*

1993 Question Time: *Boherlahan-Dualla* (Shane Dwyer, Rowena Dwyer, Liam Burke)

1996 Novelty Act: *Moycarkey-Borris* (Kevin Shortall, Chris Gooney, Martin Shortall, Roger Heffernan, Matthew Shortall, Diarmuid (Dermot) O'Dwyer, Tom O'Dwyer, Joseph O'Dwyer)

1997 Ballad Group: *Upperchurch-Drombane* (Norma Harrington, Joan Marie Ryan, Nora Harrington, John Quinn, Avril Harrington)

2000 Novelty Act: *Upperchurch-Drombane* (Eamon Fogarty, Martin Bourke, Pádraig Stapleton, Colm Stapleton, Deirdre Grant, Patricia Clancy, Paul Ryan, Mairéad Ralph)

2006 Set Dancing: *á* (Pauric Stapleton, Eoin Bourke, Martin Lee, Patrick Delaney, Bernadette Bourke, Nicole Joyce, Jenny Moore, Ciara Ryan)



Plaque unveiled at Hayes Hotel to commemorate 100 years of the Mid Tipperary GAA Board by Munster Council Chairman Sean Fogarty. Picture L to R John O'Donovan Mid Treasurer, Michael Bourke Chairman Centenary Committee, PJ Maher Mid Chairman, Bob Stakelum Mid President, Sean Fogarty Munster Council Chairman, Lucy McLoughlin Mayor of Thurles, Tom Maher Mid Secretary.

100 Years Ago in Mid Tipperary

The County Convention of 1907 decided that the county be divided into three divisions, North, Mid and South.

The Mid Division comprised of Thurles, Moycarkey, Templetuohy, Twomileborris, Gurteen, Upperchurch, Milestone, Drombane, Holycross, Clonoulty, Cappawhite, Cashel, Rossmore and Racecourse.

Its first officials were; Chairman, John Cahill, Cashel, Secretary, Andy Mason, Drombane and Treasurer, Mickey Maher, Tubberadora.

The draws for the Hurling Championship were as follows: Thurles v Gurteen, Cashel v Rossmore, Cappawhite v Holycross, Milestone v Templetuohy, Twomileborris v Drombane and Racecourse v Moycarkey.

For reasons unknown, no games were played, however, on a proposal from the Mid Secretary Andy Mason, which was adopted, the medals were awarded to Thurles.



WE SALUTE OUR CAPTAINS

BOHERLAHAN DUALLA

Tom Kevin 1953

Michael Murphy 1995

DROM/INCH

John O Dwyer 1974

Martin Fahey 1984

Paul Ryan 2006

HOLYCROSS/BALLYCAHILL

Francis Maher 1947, 1948, 1951, 1954

Seamus Mackey 1966

Martin Butler 1978

Michael Doyle 1985

Rory Dwan 1989

Declan Carr 1990

Phil Dwyer 1991, 1997

Michael Ferncombe 1999

LOUGHMORE/CASTLEINEY

Richard Stapleton 1983

Jim Maher 1986

John Treacy 1987

Eamon Sweeney 1988

John Cormack 1992

Seamus Bohan 1994

John Kennedy 1998

Noel Morris 2002, 2003

Declan Laffan 2004

MOYCARKEY/BORRIS

Michael Flanagan 1967

Michael Lonergan 1971

Jack Bergin 1981, 1982

MOYNE/TEMPLETUOHY

Willie O Grady(Whitehead) 1970

Jim Fogarty 1972

Tom Fogarty 1976

Martin Troy 1977

THURLES SARSFIELDS

Michael Byrne (Ratler) 1955,1956

Larry Keane 1957

Tony Wall 1958, 1959

Martin Maher (Musha) 1961

Bobby Mockler 1963

Jimmy Doyle 1964, 1973

Benny Maher 1968

Paddy Doyle 1969

Jimmy Doyle (jnr) 1975

Michael Dundon 1979

Paddy McCormack 1980

Jim Moloney 1993

Seamus O Shea 1996

Brendan Carroll 2000

John Enright 2001

Ger (Redser) O Grady 2005

ORDER OF MALTA CADETS

We are a voluntary organisation for young people between the ages of 10 and 16, learning and practicing the skills of First Aid. The cadets are the youth section of the Thurles Order of Malta Ambulance Corps. Our leaders are all volunteers and as you can appreciate with any organisation, we have to raise funds for certain equipment in order to run an organisation like this. We would like you to help the cadets by donating to our bucket collection at this match as all help is greatly appreciated.



The Loughmore-Castleiney Panel



THURLES SARSFIELDS

Colours: Blue and White

Fir Ionaid:

16. Bill McCormack
17. Liam Cahill
18. Michael Cahill
19. Jim Corbett
20. Eoin Costello
21. Brian Graydon
22. Michael Collins
23. Kevin O'Gorman
24. Brendan O'Sullivan
25. Stephen Mason
26. Brendan Carroll
27. John Lillis
28. Wayne Cully
29. David Shannon
30. John Connors
31. Tommy Collins
32. Eoin Russell
33. Kevin O'Halloran
34. John Maher
35. Pat Lawlor
36. Aidan Dundon
Coach: Ger Cunningham
Selectors: Tommy
Maher, Ger Corbett
Physio: Mick Clohessy
Doctor: Dr. Paul Ryan
Equipment Managers:
Andy Rossiter &
Eamon Stakelum

(1)

Patrick McCormack

(2)

Padraig Maher

(3)

Gary Mernagh

(4)

Michael Gleeson

(5)

Stephen Lillis

(6)

Barry O'Dwyer

(7)

John Lawlor
(Captain)

(8)

Shane Ryan

(9)

Eddie Enright

(10)

Johnny Enright

(11)

Ger "Redser" O'Grady

(12)

Tony Ruth

(13)

Richard Ruth

(14)

Lar Corbett

(15)

Pa Bourke

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

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

Colours: Green and Red



(1)

Johnny Gleeson (Captain)

(2)

Garry Sweeney

(3)

Alvy Stapelton

(4)

Eoin Ryan

(5)

Diarmuid Brennan

(6)

David Kennedy

(7)

Derek Bourke

(8)

Noel McGrath

(9)

Paul Brennan

(10)

Tom King

(11)

Paul Ormond

(12)

Ciaran McGrath

(13)

Evan Sweeney

(14)

Michael Webster

(15)

Ronan Stapleton

Fir Ionaid:

16. Jody Sweeney
17. Edward Connolly
18. Johnny Campion
19. Tommy Ormond
20. James Egan
21. David McGrath
22. Seamie Bohan
23. Colm Campion
24. Tommy Long
25. James Connolly
26. Ger Morris
27. John Paul Foy
28. Martin Ryan
29. John Scully

Team Management

**Eamonn Sweeney
Frankie McGrath
Michael McGrath**

Physio:

Cathy Doran

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





The Thurles Sarsfields Panel

THURLES SARSFIELDS

Club Officers 2007:

Patron: Fr Martin Hayes, President: Mickey Byrne, Vice Presidents: Martin Maher, Paddy Barry, Paddy Doyle, Jimmy Doyle, Liam O Donnchu, Ger Corbett & Tom Barry. Chairman: John Enright Snr. Vice-Chairmen: Michael Maher, John McCormack, Secretary: Thomas Callanan. Asst Secretary: Sean Coffey, Hazel Maher. Treasurer: Philip Leahy. Asst Treasurer: Eleanor Forrest. PRO: Jim Max. Registrar: Clodagh Loughnane

SARSFIELDS CAPTAIN - John Lawlor

John Lawlor is a man with a lot of hurling experience having been through the mill with Durlas Og, Fennellys and Sarsfields.

A multiple medal winner with Durlas Og in his juvenile days, John is a sweet striker of the ball and a man who is renowned for his reading of the game. Having plied his trade with Thurles Fennellys for a time, John decided to throw in his lot with Sarsfields and has been ever present ever since. His class comes to the fore time and again and he was delighted to have helped Sarsfields to the elusive county crown in 2005 alongside his brother Pat.

John has also represented Tipperary at intermediate level and this season he took on the mantle of captain of the Sarsfields senior team in recognition of his service and his ability to drive a team on. He is honoured to be Captain of the side in this the Centenary year of the mid division - what a special honour it would be to be the winning captain on such an occasion.



Ger Redser O Grady Thurles Sarsfields gets in his shot despite the attention of an Upperchurch Player in the MacLochlainn Road Markings Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship.

Sarsfields Player of the Past

- Connie Maher

The name Connie Maher will always be synonymous with Thurles Sarsfields with the stalwart having hurled across the length and breadth of the county for many years in the famous blue and white jersey.

Although he finished his days in attack, Connie was regarded as one of the finest centre backs in the county for many seasons and his strength and drive singled him out as one of the toughest in the business. And, Connie had one big thing going for him - he was one of the fairest players ever to don the Blues jersey. Connie played it hard and tough - but always fair. Perhaps that is why he is so popular with so many players outside of the club.

Connie captained the club on many occasions and was an inspiration. He won the Man of the Match Award in the Mid Final on one occasion, but the elusive county honour never came his way. Despite having hurled at senior level for almost 20 years, Connie did not manage to get his hands on a county medal. He played in numerous county finals but the Blues were always on the wrong end of the result. Despite the disappointments, Connie was always the first to return to training and his influence over younger players became very important to Sarsfields in his closing playing days. He was in a position to impart advice to the young guns and they listened intently. Perhaps that is partly why the Dan Breen finally returned to Thurles in 2005 after a 31 year gap.

Connie has been spreading the hurling gospel further afield in recent times. He has been Coach to the Upperchurch Drombane senior side, the Sarsfields u-21 team, and the Tipperary Intermediate hurlers. He has also been involved in football



Stephen Lillis Thurles Sarsfields about to clear as Andy Kinnane Upperchurch Drombane closes in, in the MacLochlainn Road Markings Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship.



Jim Corbett Thurler Sarsfields goes on a solo run with Pat Shortt Upperchurch Drombane in Pursuit in the MacLochlaimn Road Markings Ltd Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship.

coaching with the club and was himself a very accomplished footballer winning many divisional and county honours.

Connie's son Denis captained Tipperary to win the Tipperary Supporters Club U-16 competition recently. He is regarded as a real chip off the old block and together with his brother Graham; they are keeping the Maher flag flying at underage level. Of course the Maher's form part of the backbone of Sarsfields. Connie and his brothers Dinny and Paddy all played at the top level for the club. Padraic Maher is a nephew and the next generation of Maher's are set to keep the Blues going as the last generation had done. Michael and Sean Maher - cousins of Connie - have also been driving forces in Cumann Padraig Sairseal down through the years both on and off the field.

Perhaps Connie's greatest attributes are his honesty and his sincerity. These are the qualities that make him so popular with colleagues and opponents alike. His excellent disciplinary record as a player illustrates how fair he was on the pitch, and his popularity shows how decent a man he is off it.

In a club with so many exalted past players, Connie Maher's contribution leaves his up there with the best. He might not have countless county medals, but he has countless friends and admirers. And, he has the respect of the GAA public in all of the Premier County.



Patrons - Centenary Year Books

This year marks the Centenary of the foundation of the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board – the first meeting having been held in Walsh's Hotel/Restaurant (which was adjacent to Hayes Hotel) on the 9/6/1907.

To commemorate the Centenary, a number of events are taking place during the course of the year beginning with the launch of the Centenary Year Celebrations on 23/2/2007 and concluding with the launch of a comprehensive pictorial history of the G.A.A. in Mid Tipperary later this year.

In addition to the pictorial history, a written history is also underway and will be launched in the second half of 2008. Both the pictorial and written histories are being prepared under the guidance of J.K. Brackens Clubman – Martin Bourke. It is anticipated that the Centenary Year Celebrations and the launch of the two books will come at considerable cost to the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board and in an effort to defray the costs, the Board is compiling a list of patrons who would like to be associated with this commemoration.

Each patron will have their name recorded in the exclusive list which will appear in both books and they will receive a free copy of both the pictorial and written histories, at their respective launch dates (normal cost €50).

The cost to each patron will be €100. and we are appealing to your generosity and support to help us in this venture.

Both histories will cover every aspect of Gaelic Games in the Mid Tipperary region since the foundation of the G.A.A. in 1884. The pictorial history will be of



The First Mid Board Meeting took place on the 9th June 1907. Pictured above are the officers and delegates who attended a special Mid Board Meeting on Saturday the 9th June 2007 to commemorate the Centenary of the Mid Board.

Picture Back Row L to R Pat Healy Loughmore Castleiney, Michael Burke Upperchurch Drombane Chairman of Centenary Committee, Eamon Sweeney Loughmore Castleiney, Michail Egan Gormahoe Glengoole Assistant Secretary, Dick Buckley Killea, John Devane Boherlahan Dualla, Pat Cullen Loughmore Castleiney Trustee, Martin Burke JK Brackens Author of Mid History, John Moloughney Clonakenny, Joe Barrett Thurles Sarsfields. Front Row L to R PJ Leahy Moyne Templeuoohy PRO, Matt Ryan Drom Inch Vice Chairman, John O Donovan Thurles KRF Treasurer, PJ Maher Boherlahan Dualla Chairman, Tom Maher Moyne Templeuoohy Secretary, Bob Stakelum Holycross Ballycahill President, Andy O Gorman Gormahoe Glengoole Vice Chairman.

enormous interest to all, having photographs from every parish in the division including events featuring people from Mid Tipperary in the U.S.A. and Great Britain. It is anticipated that it will contain close to 4,000 photographs. The written history will also detail every aspect of G.A.A. affairs (including schools, scor, camogie, handball and ladies football) since the foundation of the G.A.A. up to the present time.

If you are interested in becoming a patron, please contact your local Club or any of the following:

P.J. Maher (Board Chairman) – 087/2489064,

Johnny Doyle (Patrons Comm.Chairman) - 087/2536377,

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John O'Donovan (Board Treasurer) - 086/8679701.

Forty four year link with Mid Board

– *by Michael Dundon, Tipperary Star.*

Forty four years involvement with the Mid Board and its administrators has given me a great appreciation of the dedication and commitment of so many people who have given their time and energy to the promotion of gaelic games in the division and their parishes in selfless acts of practical patriotism that, sadly, go un-noticed by the vast majority of those who regularly attend games.

My first acquaintance with the board was in 1963 when, as a junior reporter, I was assigned the task of covering meetings of the board. The chairman at the time was Fr Denis O Meara, and secretary was the late Paddy 'Sweeper' Ryan. To complete the Moycarkey 'Trinity', John Joe Hayes of Ballyerk, was treasurer. With 'Sweeper' super efficient, and Fr O Meara's firm hand at the wheel, the board's affairs moved smoothly other than the occasional 'spat' over a fixture or suspension. Sarsfields were the dominant club in senior hurling, both in the county and division. Moycarkey-Borris, and Holycross-Ballycahill in particular, had fine teams at the time but the stumbling block was always the all-conquering 'Blues', divisional champs from 55-64, a reign unmatched before or after.

Tipperary hurling was on the crest of the wave with four senior All-Irelands won in five years, and six final appearances in the decade. The driving force behind these successes was the Mid division, led by Sarsfields. Many now look back on those halcyon days and long for their return, but times changed and new powers emerged. In subsequent years, Moycarkey-Borris, Holycross-Ballycahill, Moyne-Templetuohy and Loughmore-Castleiney all won county senior titles to keep the division flag flying proudly, and Holycross, Declan Carr led Tipperary to All-Ireland honours.

It is fair to say that without the Mid Board, gaelic games would not be in the healthy state they are in today. There was a volume of opinion at one time that divisional boards should be scrapped but how much poorer the association would be without the great parish rivalry that has stimulated and inspired generations of young hurlers and footballers to give their all for the sake of the little village, most particularly when the opposition is a neighbouring club.

That rivalry is as alive today as it was when the board was founded and long may it continue so.

The board has always been fortunate in the calibre of people who guided its affairs. 'Sweeper's' secretaryship from 48-66 was followed by the term of Sean Ryan of Loughmore-Castleiney, a real gentleman who held office up to 1974 when he handed over to Liam Ryan of Holycross, now Canon Liam in Killenale, who stepped down to follow a higher calling.

A significant milestone in the board's history - in 1979, Tom O Hara of Gortnahoe was elected chairman - the first layman to hold the post since 1927 when Drombane's Tim Gleeson handed over to Fr John Meagher. In its own way, Tom's elevation was a reflection of the changing times in Ireland, and in the 38 years since, no priest had held the office of chairman.

The late Tom went on to become secretary in 1979, a position he graced with enthusiasm, dignity and an innovative spirit that saw the introduction of such things as awards for Players and Clubs of the Year. With his death, the board lost a great servant but was fortunate to have as his replacement Boherlahan's Mattie Connolly, whose untimely passing while in office shocked all who knew this very committed GAA man.

Another administrative milestone was the election of the current chairman, P J Maher, Boherlahan, whose late father, Tim, was chairman from 1979 to 82, and their's is the only father and son combination in the board's century.

The current administrative board, with P J ably supported by Tom Maher as secretary, Miceal Egan, John O Donovan and company, are maintaining the proud tradition of the division, and have it on a firm footing as it faces into its second century.



Did You Know?

The first admission charge into a match in County Tipperary was the 1895 County Hurling Final between Tubberadora 3-9 and Suir View 2-7. The admission was two pence and the total collected was forty pounds.

Centenary Histories Around the Division

THURLES FENNELLYS.

The Thurles Fennellys club which was founded in 1949 won its first Junior Hurling title in 1967 when they defeated Upperchurch/Drombane in the Mid Junior No. 2 Hurling Final. They went on to win the No. 1 Junior Hurling Final in 1969 by beating Boherlahan/Dualla. However, in the County Final of that year, they were defeated by Knockshewanna. In 1985 they defeated Drom/Inch in the Mid Junior A Hurling Final but lost to Kilruane McDonaghs in the County Semi-Final. 1986 saw the club winning its first football title when they defeated Moycarkey/Borris in the Mid Junior B Hurling Final. 2003 was a successful year for the club having defeated Holycross/Ballycahill in the Mid Final of the Junior A Hurling, they went on to win their first ever County title by beating Burgess by the narrowest of margins following a drawn game in Templemore.

Roll of Honour: 8 Mid Junior Hurling Championship Titles, 2 Mid Junior Hurling League Titles, 2 Mid Junior Football Championship Titles, 1 County Junior Hurling Title and 1 County Junior Football Title. In 2003, the club received the Mid Junior/Intermediate Club of the Year Award.

In 2006, the club joined with Rahealty Kickhams to form Thurles K.R.F. and also formed Thurles K.R.F. Juvenile Club and participated in this years Mid U12 C and U14 C Hurling and Football Championships.

HOLYCROSS/BALLYCAHILL G.A.A. CLUB – Home of the Legend

Founded in 1885, Holycross/Ballycahill G.A.A. Club has maintained a proud tradition over the decades winning Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling titles in 1947, '48, '51, '54, '78, '85, '89, '91, '97 and 1999. They won Senior Hurling County titles in 1948, '51, '54 and 1990. The club has been backboned by some of Tipperary's greatest players which includes the legend John Doyle, winner of eight All Ireland Senior Hurling medals and eleven National Hurling League medals, Pat Stakelum, Michael Maher and the last Holycross/Ballycahill man to captain a winning All Ireland Senior Hurling Tipperary team Declan Carr.

In 1992, Michael Lowry became the first Holycross man to be elected the Chairman of the Mid Tipp Senior Board and in 2003 Johnny Doyle followed his footsteps when he became Mid Board Chairman. From 1974 to 1979 Liam Ryan was Secretary of the Mid Board. John Ryan is a Munster Council delegate.

Current Officers Chairman: Michael Hassett, Secretary: Donal Ryan and Treasurer: Denny O'Dwyer.

CLONAKENNY G.A.A. CLUB – Great Moments in their History

Clonakenny G.A.A. Club was founded in 1905. They played in the North Division until 1942. After the dispute with the North Board, they applied to the Mid Board where they have played to this day. The greatest achievement of the Clonakenny G.A.A. Club to date was the winning of the County Intermediate Hurling title in 1967. This followed a County Junior Football title in 1966. There then followed some lean years but from the opening of the playing pitch in 1984, a number of mid titles were won at adult and juvenile level as well as three County Minor C and one County U21 C Hurling titles.

PRESENT OFFICERS *President:* John Clarke, *Chairman:* John Moloughney, *Secretary:* Michael Murray and *Treasurer:* Jim Ryan.

THE GOLDEN YEARS OF MOYNE/TEMPLETUOHY.

The late fifties and early sixties was an outstanding period of the clubs juvenile affairs. In 1963, the club won five Mid titles and four County titles. Cappawhite denied them of a clean sweep of underage titles when they defeated them in the Urban/Rural Hurling County Final. At senior level, the seventies were great years for the club, winning their first ever Senior Hurling title in 1970. The following year, 1971, they won their first and only County Senior Hurling title. In 1972, they were again successful in capturing the Mid Senior Hurling title and in 1976 and '77, they collected two more Mid Senior Hurling titles.

On the administrative scene, Sean Fogarty was elected Chairman of the Mid Senior Board in 1991 and went on to become Chairman of the County Senior Board and later Chairman of the Munster Council. Tom Maher was elected Treasurer of the Mid Senior Board in 2003 and in 2005 was elected Secretary of the same board. In 2004, P.J. Leahy was elected P.R.O. of the Mid Senior Board, a position he holds today.

Present Officers of the club are- *President:* Fr. Pat Murphy, *Chairman:* Dominic Everard, *Secretary:* Tom Hassett, and *Treasurer:* Willie Cullen.

THURLES K.R.F. JUVENILE CLUB

How fitting in this the Centenary year of the Tipperary G.A.A. Mid-Board, that the success of this wonderful organisation continues unabated, signified with the birth of a new arrival in the juvenile arena. Thurles Kickhams-Rahealty-Fennellys Juvenile G.A.A. Club, hereafter referred to as Thurles K.R.F. Juvenile G.A.A. Club, formed in late 2006, affiliated teams last January to contest the under 12 and under 14 championships in the division for this year. The new juvenile club has created already a prominent profile and is increasing in stature with each passing week, a point remarked on by mentors of other clubs within the division, on many occasions during the past few months and by all who are charting the progress of the K.R.F. juveniles. To think that such an achievement was possible has surpassed already the goals, which the visionaries of the adult club committee and members had set as a target, when the idea of a new juvenile club was initially considered. Its success is indeed a true testament to the plan that they formulated and then put into action.

First and foremost, the future needs of the adult club and the growing population of Thurles town, created a vacuum, which could facilitate the formation of another juvenile club in the parish and with the formation of Thurles K.R.F. Juvenile G.A.A. Club, children of all ages will be welcome, and by doing so, the juvenile club will be able to offer the opportunity to play both hurling and football in an equal environment for all boys and girls.

The Official Opening and Blessing of Thurles K.R.F. Juvenile G.A.A. Club took place in Kickham Park, on Wednesday evening, May 16th, and performed by Mr. Sean Fogarty and Fr. Gerard Hennessy, in the company of delegates from both Mid Senior and Juvenile Boards, together with club officials, members, sponsors and supporters. On the field of play, mixed fortunes in both grades history will record on the score sheet, not bad in an inaugural year. However, what can never be quantified is the success in building character through teamwork. The Thurles K.R.F. juveniles have

already developed a camaraderie of friendship, a tenacious spirit and a determined willingness to succeed over adversity, all in the effort to perform to the best of their ability.

UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE GAA CLUB

Upperchurch-Drombane has been a senior hurling club since 1998 when they won the county intermediate hurling final. A fine tradition of hurling and football has prevailed in the club at underage and senior level. The club is very proud of all it's players, particularly James Barry and Colm Ryan, who were part of this year's victorious All Ireland minor panel.

CLUB OFFICERS : *Chairman* - Michael Bourke *Vice - Chairman* - Roddy Lowry
Treasurer - Seamas Barry *Asst. Treasurer* - Tommy Ryan *Secretary* - Catheriona Kennedy

Registrar - Michael Griffin *Juvenile Chairman* - Michael Greene *Juvenile Secretary* - Seamas Maguire

BOHERLAHAN-DUALLA GAA

In the early years of the association, the parish was represented by clubs such as Tubberadora, Suir View and Ballytarsna, all of whom won county honours with famed Tubberadora winning three All-Ireland Senior titles in four years, 1895, 1896 and 1898. In 1912, the Boherlahan club was founded and from then until 1928 the club won 9 county finals and two All-Irelands, 1916 and 1925, under the captaincy of the great Johnny Leahy, whose name is honoured on the Mid Tipperary Senior hurling championship trophy. Incidentally, Johnny Leahy became the first Tipperary man to receive the Liam McCarthy Cup in 1925. The club's first Mid success was in 1913, and the club dominated the division for the next few years. The club affiliated to the South division in the twenties and early thirties, winning six South championships in a row from 1924.

After this great spell, lean times followed, a County Senior victory in 1941, captained by Philly O'Dwyer, and a Mid Senior win in 1953, being the highlights.

In the early sixties, clubs of the parish amalgamated and the present name of Boherlahan-Dualla was adopted.

A County Minor hurling title in 1970, with stalwarts like Seamus Power and Jim Keane, and an Intermediate victory in 1981 which restored our senior status, brought us up to the nineties. In 1993, the County Minor hurling title was won for a second time, and the nucleus of this team and 1994 County U-21 hurling finalists, formed the backbone of the 1995 Mid Senior championship winning team and County finalists.

1996 will live long in the memories of parishoners as the renewal of an old rivalry with the great Toomevara, saw us come out on top, 1-16 to 2-12 as Boherlahan-Dualla once more added its name to the County role of honour.

For many years the local field was situated in Gaile and hosted some great games including famous Mid Senior hurling finals featuring Thurles Sarsfields, Moycarkey and Thurles Kickhams. The present grounds were acquired in the early 1970,s and with great voluntary help and support, the Sports complex, stand and facilities were developed to make Boherlahan Sportsfield the fine facility it is today.

CLUB OFFICERS. *Chairman*, John Geehan, *Secretary*, Mark Ivors, *Treasurers*, Seamus Leahy, Michael Maher. *PRO* John Devane.

Juvenile chairman, Liam Connolly, *Secretary*, Connie Mulcahy.

DROM-INCH

The history of our club goes way back to the early days of the Gaelic Athletic Association. The parish figured amongst the affiliations in 1887. Drom & Inch had a great sprinkle of hurlers over the years but did not enjoy much luck in the championship. The first major trophy won by the club came in the form of the senior mid championship in 1974, this was a glorious period for the club and with a bit more luck they might have added more mid titles and possibly a county title. The panel of players that brought the mid title back to Drom/Inch for the first time was captained by John O'Rourke. In 1984 Drom/Inch won their second Mid title captained by Martin Fahey. Last year the club won its third Mid title captained by Paul Ryan.

In 2007 the club has planned to develop an all weather floodlit hurling wall which was the brain child of Drom/Inch man and National Hurling Director Paudie Butler, the club hopes to continue to develop the skills and talents of our national game now and into the future.

SENIOR CLUB OFFICERS 2007: *President:* Tom Everard *Vice President:* Larry Looby, Donal Bourke, Packie Boyle *Chairman:* Tommy Butler *Vice Chairpersons:* Fr. Murphy, Eddie Buckley *Secretary:* Alice Costelloe *Joint Treasurers:* Seán Hicks R.I.P. and Liam McLoughlin *Assistant Secretary:* Eddie Kinane *PRO:* Séamus Walsh *Field Officer:* Tommy Butler *Mid Board Rep:* Kevin Bourke *County Board Rep:* Eddie Kinane *Football Board Rep:* Con Ryan *Club Registrars:* Liam McLoughlin, Packie Boyle *Co. Board Draw Coordinator:* Ambrose Purcell *Coaching Officer:* Paudie Butler

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS GAA CLUB PROFILE

The Moycarkey-Borris GAA club was founded in 1884. Hurling was very strong in the early days of the club and in 1899, a team from the Horse & Jockey captained by Tim Condon won the County Final and went on to represent Tipperary to win Munster and All-Ireland honours. A year later, Two-Mile Borris led by Ned Hayes repeated the feat to capture the first All-Ireland title of the 20th century.

Further county titles came to the parish in 1901, 1903 and 1905 before a gap of 21 years to 1926. The 1930's were a golden era for the club backed by the Ryan's of Johnny, "Sweeper" and "Mutt", Phil Purcell and many others. The club captured six Mid Finals and four County Finals in the 1930's including 5 Mid Finals in a row (1930 to 1934) and 3 County Finals in a row (1932 to 1934). Further County Finals followed in 1937 to 1940 before a County Final defeat at the hands of Eire Óg Annacarty in 1943 marked the end of an era.

The emergence of Holycross-Ballycahill in the late 1940's and the dominance of Thurles Sarsfields from 1955 to 1965 meant that despite having a number of good hurlers, actual titles were hard to come by. Mid titles in 1965, 1967 and 1971 were secured but the club were building at underage level and two County Minor titles in 1968 and 1972 were to form the backbone of the next golden era for the club beginning in 1980.

Strangely, the breakthrough came in football when Moycarkey captured the County Intermediate title in 1980. This success gave the club the self belief to push forward their hurling ambitions and Mid titles were secured in 1981 and 1982. In the latter year under the captaincy of Jack Bergin, Moycarkey captured the Dan Breen Cup after a replay against Roscrea to win their first County Senior title in 42 years. The team would

go on to defeat Patrickswell by a point in the 1982 Munster Club final. A County Minor Hurling title was secured in 1983 before the Dan Breen Cup again returned in 1984. Moycarkey lost their Senior crown in 1985 only to see their second team capture the County Intermediate title at the hands of Killenaule. Five County titles in five years were an excellent return for the club.

Unfortunately, success eluded the club in the late 1980's and 1990's until the County Under 21 "B" Hurling title was secured in 1999 which was followed by the County Minor "A" Hurling title in 2003. The club has a strong juvenile structure at present and to date this year, Moycarkey captured the Mid and County Under 12 "B" Hurling titles along with three Divisional titles in underage Football. Best of luck to our Minor Hurlers today as we look to win the Mid title in this grade for the first time since 1998.

Club Officers: *President* Jim Leahy *Chairman:* Eamon Donnelly *Secretary:* Rita Clohessy *Treasurer:* John Hackett *PRO:* Ed Donnelly *Juvenile Chairman* Robert Hayes *Juvenile Secretary:* Cait Power

KILLEA G.A.A. CLUB

The Killea G.A.A. Club was formed in the early 1900's. In 1927, they won the Mid Junior Hurling title when they defeated Rossmore by 3-2 to 2-0. The following year, they combined with Castleiney to win the Mid Senior Hurling Final. In the Semi-Final they defeated Moycarkey by 3-4 to 2-2. There was no final played because their opponents Clonoulty were suspended and the medals were awarded to Killea/Castleiney. The Killea/Castleiney team were: Pat and William Ryan, John and Denis Mackey, Tom Davy, Jim Lee, Joe Hennessy, Mick Mahony, Lar Brennan, Tom Treacy, Dan Coffey, Denis Bohan and Jack, Tom and Mick Maher.

Killea's most famous son Tommy Treacy won an All Ireland Senior Hurling medal with Tipperary in 1930, the year of the Triple Crown.

Today's officers are, *Chairman,* Michael Duff, *Secretary,* Jim Hamill and *Treasurer,* John Fogarty.

THURLES SARSFIELDS CENTENARY MEMORIES

When the Mid Tipperary Board was founded in Thurles, one hundred years ago, the games of Hurling and Gaelic Football were popular in the town with Thurles winning the first Mid Senior Championships in both codes. This was, of course, the era of Tom Semple and his famed Thurles Blues, a time when the club and Tipperary were to the fore in the hurling world.

Right through the century since then, Thurles Sarsfields have played a very significant role in the affairs of the Mid Board, both on and off the field. Holding the premier position on the Mid Senior Hurling Championship Role of Honour is a source of pride to club members.

Since 1907 the following Thurles players have captained Tipperary to All Ireland Hurling success:- 1908 – Tom Semple, 1930 – J.J. Callanan, 1937 – Jim Lanigan, 1945 – John Maher, 1958 – Tony Wall, 1962 – Jimmy Doyle, 1964 – Michael Murphy, 1965 – Jimmy Doyle.

Our club president, Mickey Byrne – The Rattler, holds a record fifteen Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling medals.

While the fortunes of the club waxed and waned through the decades the highlight has to be the era 1955 to 1964. During this ten year period, Thurles Sarsfields won all ten senior hurling championships, a remarkable and unique record.

Down through the years the town has also provided many leading administrators to the Mid Board. The following held the position of Chairman: 1912 – 1916 Tom Semple, 1919 – 1924 Tom Kerwick, 1927 – 1929 Rev. John Meagher, 1956 – 1961 Rev. Michael Russell, 1973 – 1976 Michael Small.

This year we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the opening of our social centre – Árus na Sáirséalach.

We in Sarsfields congratulate the Mid Board on reaching the centenary and we are delighted that our hurlers of 2007 are in today's Centenary Mid Final. Hopefully they will enjoy the same success as we did in 1907.



Pa Bourke Thurles Sarsfields gets in his shot to score a point in the MacLochlainn Road Markings Ltd Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship.

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JUNIOR B FOOTBALL

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MIINOR HURLING B FINAL

Drom-Inch v Moycarkey Borris

Moycarkey Borris

	(1)	
	James Doran	
(2)	(3)	(4)
Tomas O'Gorman	John Shortall	Joseph O'Sullivan
(5)	(6)	(7)
Eamon Flanagan	Rory Ryan	Mossy Bracken
	(8)	(9)
	Michael O'Connell	Cathal Bergin
(10)	(11)	(12)
Kieran Morris	Jamie Barry	Pat Molloy
(13)	(14)	(15)
Garry O'Connell	Eoin O'Dwyer	Eolan McCarthy

FIR IONAID: 16. Michael Bryan. 17. Michael Roche. 18. Brian Butler. 19. Shane Hackett. 20. Peter Kinnane. 21. James Power. 22. Ailbe Power. 23. John Bergin. 24. Stephen Kirwan. 25. Philip Grace. 26. Keith Healy. 27. Daniel O'Regan.

SELECTORS: Manager: P.J. Flanagan. Coach: Aidan O'Leary. Selectors: Jim Fanning, Martin Cooney, Donal Donnelly.

Drom-Inch

	(1)	
	Paul Connors	
(2)	(3)	(4)
Ciaran Bergin	Michael Everard	Philip Brett
(5)	(6)	(7)
John Kennedy	Shane Delaney	Andy Bourke
	(8)	(9)
	Liam Ryan	David Collins
(10)	(11)	(12)
Philip Looby	Joe Lupton (Capt.)	Patrick Lupton
(13)	(14)	(15)
Liam Harty	Edmond Long	David Butler

FIR IONAID: 16. Eamon Butler. 17. Ian Shelly. 18. Thomas Ryan.

Mid Tipperary S.H. Championship

1907	Thurles	1949	Borrisoleigh
1908	Thurles	1950	Thurles Sarsfields
1909	Thurles	1951	Holycross
1910	Two-Mile-Borris	1952	Thurles Sarsfields
1911	Thurles	1953	Boherlahan
1912	Sarsfields	1954	Holycross
1913	Boherlahan	1955-64	Thurles Sarsfields
1915	Thurles Sarsfields	1965	Moycarkey
1916	Boherlahan	1968-69	Thurles Sarsfields
1917	Boherlahan	1970	Moyne
1918	Boherlahan	1971	Moycarkey
1919	Boherlahan	1972	Moyne
1920	Thurles/Moycarkey	1973	Thurles Sarsfields
1921	No Championship	1974	Drom-Inch
1922	Moycarkey/ Two-Mile-Borris	1975	Thurles Sarsfields
1923	Moycarkey	1976-77	Moyne
1924	Moycarkey	1978	Holycross
1925	Thurles Sarsfields	1979-80	Thurles Sarsfields
1926	Moycarkey/Borris	1981-82	Moycarkey
1927	Clonoulty	1983	Loughmore/Castleiney
1928	Castleiney/Killea	1984	Drom-Inch
1929	Thurles Sarsfields	1985	Holycross/ Ballycahill
1930	Moycarkey/Borris	1986-88	Loughmore/ Castleiney
1931	Moycarkey/Borris	1989-91	Holycross/Ballycahill
1932	Moycarkey/Borris	1992	Loughmore/ Castleiney
1933	Moycarkey/Borris	1993	Thurles Sarsfields
1934	Moycarkey/Borris	1994	Loughmore/ Castleiney
1935	Thurles Sarsfields	1995	Boherlahan-Dualla
1936	Thurles Sarsfields	1996	Thurles Sarsfields
1937	Moycarkey	1997	Holycross/Ballycahill
1938	Thurles Sarsfields	1998	Loughmore/Castleiney
1939	Thurles Sarsfields	1999	Holycross/Ballycahill
1940	Thurles Sarsfields	2000	Thurles Sarsfields
1941	Boherlahan	2001	Thurles Sarsfields
1942	Thurles Sarsfields	2002	Loughmore-Castleiney
1943	Moycarkey	2003	Loughmore-Castleiney
1944	Thurles Sarsfields	2004	Loughmore-Castleiney
1945	Thurles Sarsfields	2005	Thurles Sarsfields
1946	Thurles Sarsfields	2006	Drom-Inch
1947	Holycross		
1948	Holycross		

Mid Board Chairmen

1907	John Cahill, Cashel
1908	T. Condon, Moycarkey
1912	T. Sempie, 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
2006	P.J. Maher, Boherlahan-Dualla

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
2005	Tom Maher

Roll of Honour – Mid Senior Hurling Titles

Thurles Sarsfields	39	Drom-Inch	3
Moycarkey-Borris	17	Two-Mile-Borris	1
Holycross-Ballycahill	11	Clonoulty	1
Boherlahan-Dualla	11	Killea-Castleiney	1
Loughmore-Castleiney	10	Borrisoleigh	1
Moyne-Templetuohy	4	Thurles-Moycarkey	1

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PRELIMINARY ROUND

Thurles Sarsfields 1-21 Holycross/Ballycahill 2-11

FIRST ROUND

Thurles Sarsfields 1-19 Upperchurch/Drombane 1-14

J.K. Brackens 2-14 Drom/Inch 1-10

Loughmore/Castleiney 1-20 Boherlahan/Dualla 1-13

SEMI FINALS

Loughmore/Castleiney 4-10 J.K. Brackens 2-14

Thurles Sarsfields - bye

FINAL

Thurles Sarsfields

Loughmore-Castleiney

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