

The Bridge Bulletin



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"Thank-you to everyone for their generosity, especially those who sponsored, donated and attended the Christmas Cracker Quiz in Mayobridge Social Club on Friday 12th Dec. The total amount raised for Southern Area Hospice came to £6015.00."

DOWN GAA DRAW

Down Gaa Club Draw update; any one who wants to participate in the Down Gaa Draw for 2015 please contact Thomas Coulter Prize fund of over £110000 and it's a great fundraiser for your club our Club gets £96 back from every ticket sold. Payment can now be made by; 1 £120 cash/cheque in full 2 £10 cash per month 3 Standing Order to Mayobridge Supporters Club Closing date is 30th January. Contact Thomas Coulter for forms. Ps other Clubs sold over 400 (£38,000) can Our Club match or beat this can we make it happen. [#oneclub](#)

Jolly Tots Playgroup

Forms now available at Jolly Tots for pre school funded places for September 2015. Forms to be returned to Jolly tots by 13 Jan 2015.

The following officers were elected at the Annual General meeting on Monday 8th December

Mayobridge GAC Committee 2105

Chairperson: Brendan Dwyer

Secretary: Rory O'Keeffe

Treasurer: Rosemary Magee

Registrar: Mairead Rooney

PRO: James Gallagher

Youth Officer: Thomas O'Hare

Player Rep: Benny Coulter

Cultural Officer: Paula Magee, Gerard Keenan. Other members: Thomas Coulter, Sean Rooney, Tim Colhoun, Nigel Griffin, Johnny McConville, Michael Toner

NEW COUNTY CHAIRMAN- SEAN ROONEY

The name Rooney has long been synonymous with the fortunes and history of Mayobridge GAC. The first secretary of the club and the man who ensured that Mayobridge would always be recognised as Down's oldest established club was Patrick Rooney. It was his application in 1888 for affiliation to the GAA that saw Mayobridge become the first club in Down to join the Association when the application was accepted by the Central Council on the 30th April 1888.

Now another Rooney, Sean has brought further honour to the club by being elected Chairman of the Down County Board at the Annual Convention just before Christmas. He is only the second Mayobridge man to hold this position, the previous one being Ted Butterfield away back in 1924. This is a well deserved honour for a man who has worked tirelessly both for club and county over a long number of years. Sean had a long playing career in the goalkeeping position with Mayobridge during which time he helped the team rise from the depths of Division Four to Division One. He was a member of the Mayobridge minor team that won the Down Minor Championship for the first time when Bryansford were defeated in the 1980 final on a scoreline of 0-7 to 1-1. That same year he collected a Division Four league winner's medal with the senior team and a year later won Down Junior Championship and Division Three medals as Mayobridge completed a famous "Double". More

success came his way in 1984 when Mayobridge won the Down Division Two title and he completed his full set of league medals in 1993 when the Division One title was captured.

When his playing days were over he joined the club committee and was Chairman of the club when the Down Senior Championship was won in 1999 after a lapse of eighty years. He then served in various capacities on the Down County Board where he soon gained a reputation for being a hard working and very capable member of the County Committee.

His election to the top seat in Down is a just reward for all his efforts over the years and Mayobridge can be very proud to have such a dedicated man in their midst and the county can be assured they have selected the right man for the job.

Mayobridge GAC on behalf of the whole community would like to congratulate Sean on his great achievement and the club would also like to congratulate two other very dedicated workers, Paula Magee, Down Cultural Officer and Paul Rooney, County P.R.O. on their re-election thus ensuring that Mayobridge will be strongly represented at County level.

CONGRATULATIONS

The committee, players and supporters of Mayobridge GAC wish to congratulate former goalkeeping star, Sean Featherstone on his recent marriage and would like to wish him and his new bride all the best for the future.

KING AND QUEEN OF THE BOARD

Congratulations to Seamus Rooney and Pat Carroll on winning the big darts competitions in the Social Club on Monday 29th December and New Year's Day, respectively.

DR. MCKENNA CUP RESULTS AND FIXTURES 2015

The 2015 Bank of Ireland Dr. McKenna Cup results and fixtures for Down are as follows:

Sunday 4 January

Down 1-9 Cavan 2-10 at Pairc Esler
Sunday 11 January

Monaghan 0-11 Down 1-12 at Clones

Wednesday 14 January

Down v v UUJ at Pairc Esler
Sunday 18 January

Semi Finals

- (1) Group A Winner v Group B Winner
- (2) Group C Winner v Best Runner Up

Saturday 24 January Final
1 v 2

DOWN LIVE

Setanta Sports have announced details of the Allianz National League fixtures that they will be covering live in 2015. Down figure twice, on Saturday February 28th

away to Cavan and on Saturday 28th March at home to Meath

Any information or news for The Bridge Bulletin should be e-mailed to me at rosemarymagee9@hotmail.co.uk Or left at 9 Carnany Grove or telephone Rosemary Magee at 02830851647 by a Tuesday evening at the **LATEST**.

DOWN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 2015

Date	Round	Home	Score	Away	Ground
1 Feb	Group	<u>Kildare</u>	v	<u>Down</u>	<u>St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge</u>
7 Feb	Group	<u>Down</u>	v	<u>Roscommon</u>	<u>Páirc Esler, Newry</u>
28 Feb	Group	<u>Cavan</u>	v	<u>Down</u>	<u>Kingspan Breffni Park, Cavan</u>
8 Mar	Group	<u>Down</u>	v	<u>Galway</u>	<u>Páirc Esler, Newry</u>
15 Mar	Group	<u>Westmeath</u>	v	<u>Down</u>	<u>Cusack Park, Mullingar</u>
28 Mar	Group	<u>Down</u>	v	<u>Meath</u>	<u>Páirc Esler, Newry</u>
5 Apr	Group	<u>Down</u>	v	<u>Laois</u>	<u>Páirc Esler, Newry</u>

Mayobridge GAC Does Strictly

***** LAUNCH NIGHT *****

SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY 23rd

VENUE - MAYOBRIDGE SOCIAL CLUB
TIME - 7.30 SHARP. The time is nearly upon us to unveil our 12 magnificent dancing couples and begin the 4 week countdown to the biggest night of the year! Our dancers have been working tirelessly perfecting their routines to ensure they put on a night to

remember! WE NEED YOU!! Help show our dancers the support they have from our community and join in with the experience! This night is guaranteed to be full of music, craic and last but not least DANCING!! What a perfect way to end the January blues!! We look forward to seeing you there!![#OneClubOneCommunity](#)

**GREAT NEWS YOU
GAVE US YOUR
PENNIES FOR
KALOBEIYEI AND THEY
ALL ADDED UP TO ONE
THOUSAND AND ONE
POUNDS - £1,001.00 +
€45.64 + 1.32 dollars.**

Thank you all for your great generosity. Every penny will go out to Kalobeiyei and will be used to support and help our friends in our twin parish. We have also sent a further £3,000 for Christmas and will aim to have further funds built up for another amount to go out at Easter. When we send out regular amounts at regular intervals it allows Fr Des to plan future projects. We also intend to run another clothes collection this year and will collect bags of clothes by delivering a leaflet to advise when we will be in your area. We will then collect the bags from your doorstep. A big THANK YOU to

everyone who has supported this life saving mission in Kalobeiyei.

Mayobridge/Kalobeiyei Mission Group.

Under 10 Football - Winter Training!

The Under 10's (Current P5&6 School Years) will be having 3 weeks of Winter indoor training in the community centre on Sat 24th Jan, Sat 31st Jan and Sat 14th Feb from 2.30 to 3.45. All players should bring a £1 sub and bottle of water. A message will be passed round the school also but please spread the word to all those not on FB. Please note Club Registration is available this Saturday 17th at the Club Presentation. Tks Tim

Comfort Zone has now moved to Warrenpoint Town Hall, Wednesday mornings 11am-1pm. As well as a new venue the club are pleased to announce that they now have trained physical activity coaches attending who offer a gentle exercise class suitable for everyone. We would be delighted to welcome new members, male and female 40 plus who are young at heart and would like to get out, meet new friends, catch up with old friends and take a little gentle exercise into the bargain. If you would like further details call Sinead on 07922743827 or ring the SPACE office on 02830835764.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Homecare Independent Living employs Care Assistants from the community to work in their local community. We provide care to people in their own homes and we work closely with the Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland in this regard. We currently have vacancies in the Warrenpoint, Rostrevor, Rathfriland and Newry areas. If you are interested in applying for this position please visit our website at www.hcil.com to apply online or alternatively you can phone our HR Department on 028 37511333 ext. 5.

CROCHET CLASS on Thursdays
From 10-12am Mayobridge Convent
Come along and learn a new craft
have a cup of tea and a chat Cost
£3 Everyone Welcome