

The Bridge Bulletin



Sun 26th April 2015

50p

Bowls News

It is that time again our Annual Competition for the Molly Rooney Memorial Trophy, in aid of The Newry Hospice. I would like to see all our old Bowling Buddies. The Competition will be on Sunday 26th April at 7pm sharp.

Thank You James Morgan

**MAYOBRIDGE GAA LOTTO
Have you your lotto done for
Monday 27th March**

JACKPOT £2200

Mayobridge GAA Annual Awards dinner will be held on Friday 15th May.

Tickets will be £10.

More details to follow.

GOOD LUCK

Mayobridge GAC on behalf of the whole community would like to wish Conor Garvey and the rest of the Down team and management all the best as they strive to win the National League Division Two Title in Croke Park this Sunday.

DOWN SENIOR LEAGUE FINALLY GETS UNDERWAY (HOPEFULLY)

Despite assurances at the County Convention that the 2015 fixture list would be strictly adhered to, the first round fixtures in this year's Division One and Two for which all the clubs had geared up for were all cancelled because of Down's participation in the Division Two League Final this weekend. So over 600 players were deprived of football at the first opportunity while it is known that some county players took part in challenge games with their clubs. The league is supposed to get underway on Monday evening so our county players will be expected to play two games in two days when they can't play two games in seven days. For their first fixture the 'Bridge have a tough opener with a visit to Castlewellan, throw-in 7.00.p.m. The Town will be in buoyant mood after their early season success in winning the Malachy Murdock Memorial Tournament by defeating Crossmaglen in the final by a single point 2-9 to 0-14. The 'Bridge have been preparing well for the season ahead and will be hoping to maintain their recent dominance over the East Down men although over the years Castlewellan has proved a difficult venue for them so to win here would

be a big boost for morale even at this early stage of the season.

LAST YEAR'S LEAGUE

MEETING

MAYOBRIDGE 1- 18

CASTLEWELLAN 1-12 (Played Saturday 19th April in Mayobridge) Mayobridge continued their good start to the season with a deserved six point victory over visitors Castlewellan on Saturday afternoon. Playing with the aid of the breeze in the first half the Sky Blues raced into an early three point lead with Kevin O'Rourke, Corey Quinn and Benny Coulter all on target. The visitors opened their account in the 7th minute when David Gilmore pointed. The "Town", despite enjoying a fair share of possession, tended to play a short hand-passing game which didn't gain much reward and their efforts were often snuffed out by resolute 'Bridge defending. Conaill Corrigan eventually ended the scoring drought in the 13th minute with a fine point. . At the end of the first quarter Benny Coulter suffered a slight hamstring injury and had to be replaced by Jamie Barr but despite this blow the Sky Blues, playing a more direct brand of football, went on to dominate the rest of the half and led 0-10 to 0-5 at the break.

The visitors got off to a great start on the resumption when Daniel Morgan was left totally unmarked fifty yards out and he raced through to set up Sean Dornan who flicked the ball to the net. However the 'Bridge were undaunted by this setback and quickly regained control with a succession of scores from Kevin O'Rourke (0-2), John Caldwell, Shane O'Hare, Caolan Gallagher and Jamie Barr to lead 0-16

to 1-5 entering the last quarter.

Castlewellan threatened briefly with two Sean Dornan points but the game was virtually over as a contest by the 48th minute when John Caldwell blasted to the net after good play from Shane McNamee and Ryan Brady.

The visitors did manage to add another five points to their total before the end but these only served to add a bit more respectability to the final score line.

Mayobridge scorers: Kevin O'Rourke (0-7). John Caldwell (1-1), Caolan Gallagher (0-3), Kevin McClorey (0-1), Shane O'Hare (0-1), Corey Quinn (0-1), Jamie Barr (0-1), Ryan Brady (0-1), Benny Coulter (0-1), Conleth O'Hare (0-1).

The teams met again in the League semi-final and once again the 'Bridge emerged winners as the report below confirms.

MAYOBRIDGE 2-11

CASTLEWELLAN 0-11

(Played Saturday 13th September)

Mayobridge booked a place in the Division One final and a meeting with Bryansford when they overcome the challenge of Castlewellan at Liatroim on Saturday afternoon. The 'Bridge owed their victory to a strong first half performance when they built up a nine point lead which stood them in good stead as Castlewellan were more dominant in the second half and only for some woeful shooting would have been a lot closer at the finish.

The Sky Blues got off to the best possible start when Conleth O'Hare powered his way through a static defence to plant the ball in the corner of the net with only forty seconds on the clock. Despite this early blow the

Town gradually got their game together and had drawn level by the 8th minute with scores from Aidan Burns, David Gilmore and Fintan McGreevy. A Caolan Gallagher point in the 9th minute sparked the 'Bridge back into action and a succession of scores saw them build up a seven point lead by the 21st minute, the scorers being Corey Quinn (0-3), Shane O'Hare (0-2) and Jamie Barr. However this does not tell the whole story as during that same period young goalkeeper C.J. Barr brought off two outstanding saves when Castlewellan looked certain to score goals. Liam McKibben narrowed the gap to six points in the 27th minute but then in injury time after Kevin O'Rourke gained possession near the corner flag he tore in along the end line before sending over a perfect pass to the intrushing Caolan Gallagher who had little difficulty palming the ball to the net. This left the score at the break 2-7 to 0-4.

The 'Bridge had cause to be grateful to their young keeper In the opening minute of the second half when the Town broke through but C.J. came to the rescue once again as he deflected the ball out for a "45" which was converted by Kevin Duffin. Castlewellan began to dominate proceedings around the midfield area and the forward line was being fed with a plenty of ammunition but some miserable scoring attempts didn't help their cause. Despite this they did eventually begin to find the target and by the 50th minute had cut the deficit to just four points thanks to scores from Aidan Burns (0-2), Fintan McGreevy (0-2) and Liam McKibben.

However they failed to add to their total in the final ten minutes and aided by points from Caolan Gallagher and substitute Gavin Walsh the Sky Blues marched on to the league final with six points to spare.

Mayobridge team and scorers; C. J. Barr, Shane McNamee Micheal Lively, Kealan Lynchehaun, Conor Fitzpatrick, Conor Garvey, Kevin McClorey, Benny Coulter, Jamie Barr (0-1), Shane O'Hare (0-2), Conleth O'Hare (1-1), Adrian Barry, Corey Quinn (0-4), Kevin O'Rourke, Caolan Gallagher (1-2).

Subs used: Gavin Walsh (0-1) John Caldwell, Ryan Brady, Gavin Barry. Barry Garvey.

MAYOBRIDGE LEAGUE FIXTURES IN DIVISION ONE 2015

Castlewellan	(Away Mon 27-4-15)
Longstone	(Home Fri 1-5-15)
Rostrevor	(Away Fri 8-5-15)
Bryansford	(Home Sun 10-5-15)
Ballyholland	(Home Fri 15-5-15)
Burren	(Away Fri 22-5-15)
Liatrim	(Away Fri 29-5-15)
Warrenpoint	(Home Fri 12-6-15)
Kilcoo	(Away Fri 19-6-15)
Downpatrick	(Home Fri 3-7-15)
Clann na Banna	(Away Fri 24-7-15)
Clonduff	(Home Fri 31-7-15)
Saval	(Away Fri 14-8-15)
Glenn	(Home Fri 28-8-15)
Annaclone	(Away Sat 3-10-15)

RESERVES ENTERTAIN BREDAGH

Mayobridge reserves entertain bottom club Bredagh tonight Wednesday in the Premier Reserve League, throw-in 7.00.p.m. The 'Bridge remain undefeated in the league but have drawn their last two games so this should be a perfect opportunity to get back on the winning trail.

FIRST ROUND LEAGUE RESULTS AND FIXTURES FOR RESERVES

Loughinisland 4-7: 0-6
(Home Mon 23-2-15)
Bryansford 2-9: 1-7 (Home Sun 1-3-15)
Castlewellan 4-9: 1-7 (Away Wed 11-3-15)
Saval 2-10: 3-7 (Home Wed 25-3-15)
Rostrevor 0-14: 0-14 (Away Wed 15-4-15)
Bredagh (Home Wed 22-4-15)
Kilcoo (Away Wed 29-4-15)
Burren (Home Wed 6-5-15)
Clonduff (Away Wed 13-5-15)

FIXTURES ALL COUNTY PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

Mayobridge v Bredagh (Home).
Wednesday 22nd April. Throw-in:
7.00.p.m.

ALL COUNTY U-16 LEAGUE
Mayobridge v Saul (Home) Thursday
23rd April. Throw-in 7.00.p.m.

SOUTH DOWN P5/6 BLITZ
SATURDAY 25TH APRIL:
VENUE; ATTICALL. TIME:
10.15.a.m. Teams ; Mayobridge A & B, Atticall A & B, Rostrevor A & B, An Riocht, Longstone.

DOWN LADIES DOWN SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Mayobridge v Bredagh. (Away).
Saturday 25th April. Throw-in:
7.00.p.m.

ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Mayobridge v Castlewellan (Away).
Monday 27th April. Throw-in:
7.00.p.m.

ALL COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Mayobridge v Saul. (Away). Tuesday
28th April. Throw-in: 7.15.p.m. Ref:
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ALL COUNTY PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE TABLE

Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Diff	Points
Clonduff	5	5	0	0	29	10
Kilcoo	4	4	0	0	82	8
Mayobridge	5	3	2	0	29	8
Burren	4	3	0	1	32	6
Bryansford	5	3	0	2	31	6
Rostrevor	5	2	1	2	5	5
Loughinisland	5	2	0	3	-34	4
Saval	5	0	1	4	-30	1
Castlewellan	5	0	0	5	-57	0
Bredagh	5	0	0	5	-87	0

GAELTEACHT GRANT FORMS

Reminder children who are club members, the application forms for Down County Gaelteacht grants scheme 2015 must be completed and returned to Down County Office by 5pm 30th April 2015.

Forms are available from secretary.mayobridge.down@gaa.ie and Down GAA Website. Further info from Club Cultural officers Gerard Keenan & Paula Magee

Cul Camp coaching opportunities.

The County are looking for enthusiastic, qualified coaches to help us build further upon the recent success of the camps within County Down.

There are vacancies for both the positions of Cúl Camp Coach (generally over 18, with suitable previous coaching experience) and Assistant Cul Camp Coach (generally u18 with little prior experience). All applicants MUST have completed a minimum of GAA Child Protection and Foundation Level Coaching Award.

Please email secretary.mayobridge.down@gaa.ie for application form and more details.

Please note, Down GAA does not guarantee anyone who applies for a coaching position a full summer of work. Coaches will be chosen based on experience and the numbers of coaches required on any given week.

The closing deadline for applications is FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2015.

U14's South Down Div 1 League Mon 20th April

Burren 2:2 Mayobridge 10:13

Mayobridge U14's remain undefeated after an away game in Burren this evening. Our boys had a convincing victory over their neighbours. Tenacious tackling and terrific team play were the hallmarks of the fully deserved win. For Mayobridge there were notable performances from Ollie Grant and Ryan McPolin in defence. Sean O'Hare and Caolin McPolin covered a lot of ground in midfield. Up front Adam Crimmins and especially Liam McManus set up a lot of scoring chances.

Well done boys!

Team, Conor O'Keefe, Ryan McPolin, Ollie Grant, Miceal McKay, Charlie Smyth, Sean Magone(0:1), Jamie McKay(1:1), Sean O' Hare (2:5), Caoilan McPolin (1:1), Liam Mathers (1:0), Dylan O' Hare (2:4) (capt), Liam McManus, Shea Magee (2:1), Adam Crimmins (1:1), Tommy Morgan. Subs, Sean Brady, Sean Mc Conville (0:1), Shane Keenan, Caoilan McConville, James McManus, Ryan McVeigh John Grant, James Rice, Dane McNeill

UNDER 10 FOOTBALL NEWS

The U10 footballers travelled to Moy last Sunday with 23 players and played four 9-a-side games against a very big and physically strong opposition. This was the lads first outing of the season and despite the size of the opponents our lads had some great passages of play taking some fine scores and putting in some strong tackles. This game gave us a good indication of the work we will put in for the season ahead. We would like to thank Moy for the hospitality and great spread put on for us after the

game. Also a huge thanks to all parents who travelled this morning and supported the boys. Big turnout required at training 7.00 on Tuesday night in preparations for Go-Games in Attical next Saturday.

UNDERAGE CAMOGIE NEWS

Mayobridge u14 Camogs faced a tough opener in the 15 a-side league last night against feile favourites Portaferry.

Although they were put under pressure from the first minute - our girls refused to give in and drop the heads. We played to the best of our ability for 50 minutes and had more than an answer to the Ards girls on many an occasion. Portaferry were a strong outfit all over the field however we had plenty of girls who could match them for skill, pace and determination.

A baptism of fire, you may say for some of our younger girls however they proved that they are not afraid to go toe to toe with the best.

The season will only get better for us and we look forward to our trip to Portaferry next Saturday 25th April to compete in the annual feile competition.

Well done to all our girls and especially Shannon Barr who was excellent throughout!

Final score, Mayobridge 0.0 Portaferry 10.08

Mayobridge team: Kirsty Magee, Aoibheann Woods, Johnelle Barr, Eimear Magee, Cliodhna Murphy, Ellen Fegan, Ella Gribben, Mollie Smith, Grace McShane (c), Ceri Magone, Shannon Barr, Caitlin Coulter, Megan McGlade, Aine Magee, Jodie Kelly, Katie Murphy & Grainne Clarke.

Keep it going girls

Training for u14 & u16 girls on Saturday morning at 11am

Topaz 'Cash for Clubs'

Mayobridge GAA in association with our local Topaz Service Station

O'Hares Eurospar are registered for the Topaz 'Cash for Clubs' promotion.

For every £30 fuel transaction a stamp will be collected in store and returned

to the Club. A card takes 5 stamps to fill. Upon submission of 300 completed Cash for Clubs cards our club will be entered in a draw for a chance to win the prizes set out below. Draws will be held and prizes awarded as per the following schedule:

Grand Prize Draw: 15 May 2015

Prizes: 1 X €10,000 4 X €5,000

Second Prize Draw: 22 May 2015

Prizes: 6 X €5,000

The balance of the prize fund in individual prize amounts of €1,000 will be awarded to qualifying clubs in weekly prize draws to be held in accordance with the terms of our lottery licence.

Non-winning entries will be re-entered in a subsequent draw. Consolation prizes: Each qualifying club who is unsuccessful in the prize fund draws will receive a consolation prize of €250. Winner of the Grand Prize Draw will be announced on Today FM on 15 May 2015. Winners of subsequent draws will be announced at 5pm on the date following the draw via the Topaz Facebook page

WOULD YOU LIKE ADVICE ON YOUR ENTITLEMENT TO GRANTS, BENEFITS AND LOCAL SERVICES.

The MARA Project are carrying out home visits on behalf of SPACE (Supporting People And Communities Everyday) and DARD (Department of Agriculture And Rural Development) to householders within rural areas of South Down, who may be on a low income, are finding it difficult to make ends meet or are interested in finding out what grants and benefits are available. If you would like to book a home visit or avail of more information please call the MARA team on 028 30 835764

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.

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Crochet Class Mayobridge Convent.
Thursday 10am-12. Everyone welcome come along to learn a new craft. £3 per class includes refreshments. Bring a crochet hook and a piece of wool if you have any. What better way to spend a Thursday morning