

The Bridge Bulletin



Sun 7th Sept 2014

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Our very own Darren Magee, was the chief organist at the Requiem Mass for former Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds on Monday. He was accompanying the well renowned 'Palestrina Choir'- the Cathedral Choir of the Archdiocese of Dublin. It was indeed a great honour for Darren and for his family. Well done, Darren. From Mother Attracta

Mayobridge Band

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The band brought their summer season to an end with their annual trip to

Co Kerry for the Rose of Tralee festival.

Once again it was a great success with the band playing in the two big Rose parades over the weekend.

They also played a one hour concert on the Denny St Stage which was a great experience for all the members who took part.

During the Saturday night parade the compere on the Roses Stage in Denny Street said the sight of Mayobridge band parading up the centre of Tralee is a picture that should be in every newspaper and tourist brochure to

show the public why they should come to the Rose of Tralee Festival. Thanks to Gerard Goss, because this year once again he refused to take payment from any band members using his funfair in Tralee. It is a wonderful gesture from a sound Mayobridge man.

Thanks Gerard.

As we now enter the winter season the band will start work on their next regeneration phase, with the introduction on new parade music and the introduction of the competence level system.

The competence Level system

Level: 1 = Beginner

Level: 5 = Parade ready

Due to the bands popularity over the past few years we now need to ensure all members on parade are competent. This is no different to a Mayobridge football or camogie team insisting that the members of a team selected have the skills to be the best team on the pitch.

Therefore from September 2014 only *Level 5* band members will be allowed to perform with the band on parade or travel with the band to the parade location, those who have not reached *Level 5* can attain this level by attending all practices and increased practice at home.

Once members reach *Level 5* they will be selected to play with the band on parade and will continue to do so provided they keep at *Level 5*, should a member drop below this level they will be dropped from parades until *Level 5* is retained.

It is the opinion of our tutors that with the correct amount of practice, all our band members could be at *Level 5*.

Therefore we are asking all Parents/Guardians to beware of the amount of time your child practices at home; our tutors recommend a minimum of 30 mins 5 days per week. Failure to practice at home shows on a Monday night at full band practice, up to now when this has been the case the tutors would ask the band member concerned to try and put in more practice time at home.

Under this new competence system a band member will know what practice they need to achieve *Level 5* and will not arrive for a Monday night practice unprepared.

This system also protects members who may not be able to attend the odd practice on a Monday night due to exams, holiday, sickness or a clash with some other event, if they continue the home practice, competence levels will be maintained. The band will start again on Monday 15th September.

SYMPATHY

The Committee, players and members of Mayobridge GAC deeply regret the death of Patricia Murphy, aunt of senior team manager Michael Walsh and of senior player Gavin Walsh, and

wish to express sincere sympathy to them and to Patricia's brothers, Patsy, Joe and Sean, her sisters, Mary, Dolores, Carmel and Pauline and to the extended Murphy Family Circle.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mayobridge GAC would like to congratulate the Down ladies team and management on their great achievement in reaching the All Ireland Intermediate Final on Saturday and a special word of congratulations to our three representatives, Jordan Magee, Sinead McNamee and Laura McNamee.

'BRIDGE WILL ATTEMPT TO PUT BRAKES ON 'FORD

This weekend sees the serious business begin in Down football with the quarter-finals in the senior championship taking place. The top clash is of course the meeting of Mayobridge and Bryansford at Downpatrick, throw-in 6.00.p.m. The meeting of the two top teams in the league deserves a better venue but that should not detract from what promises to be an interesting tussle with the East Down side the firm favourites to reach the semi-finals. In their league meeting earlier on in the season the 'Ford gave the 'Bridge a bit of a footballing lesson winning on a scoreline of 1-14 to 1-4 although the Sky Blues could point out that they were at a numerical disadvantage having had two men harshly dismissed in the first half. Despite being massive underdogs the 'Bridge will attempt to do a Donegal and defy the experts and the bookies by springing a major shock. In the

league game last weekend their performance would not have instilled much hope in their supporters and the players know they will have to make a vast improvement on Saturday to overcome the East Down men. Bryansford are undoubtedly a talented side but the 'Bridge should not be feeling in anyway inferior and with nothing to lose are well capable of causing a big upset. Good luck to the team and management.

THE GREAT ESCAPE

MAYOBRIDGE 1-14 GLENN 1-13

First Division newcomers Glenn were on the verge of a famous victory at Glenn on Friday evening but they were undone in the last seconds when from a Shane O'Hare "45" Benny Coulter found the net. It was very tough on the home side as they fought hard throughout and certainly deserved something out of this game. The 'Bridge were very lethargic and can count themselves more than fortunate to have won this game. At the break Glenn led 0-6 to 0-5 and were deserving of that lead.

Glenn received a great boost early in the second half when the ball rebounded off a defender and ended up in the net. Aided by this score they played with a lot of confidence and as the game entered injury time they led by two points 1-13 to 0-14. Then came that late drama with that Benny Coulter goal to clinch a more than lucky victory and left Glenn and their supporters in despair.

The 'Bridge now play Castlewellan in the league semi-final to decide who plays Bryansford in the final while

Glenn can be more than satisfied with their league performances this year.

Scorers: Caolan Gallagher (0-6 3f), Benny Coulter (1-1), Shane O'Hare (0-3), Kevin McClorey (0-1), Conleth O'Hare (0-1), Jamie Barr (0-1), Ryan Brady (0-1).

FINAL DIVISION ONE TABLE

Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Diff	Points
<u>Bryansford</u>	15	13	0	2	74	26
<u>Mayobridge</u>	15	12	1	2	50	25
<u>Castlewellan</u>	15	11	1	3	65	23
<u>Burren</u>	15	11	0	4	84	22
<u>Kilcoo</u>	15	10	1	4	77	21
<u>RGU</u>	15	10	0	5	24	20
<u>Downpatrick</u>	15	10	0	5	24	20
<u>Clonduff</u>	15	8	0	7	-2	16
<u>Longstone</u>	15	7	0	8	-34	14
<u>Glenn</u>	15	6	0	9	-29	12
<u>Rostrevor</u>	15	6	0	9	-39	12
<u>Ballyholland</u>	15	5	1	9	-25	11
<u>Saval</u>	15	4	3	8	-5	11
<u>Annaclone</u>	15	4	2	9	-24	10
<u>Liatroim</u>	15	5	0	10	-15	10
<u>Tullylish</u>	15	1	2	12	-96	4
<u>Loughinisland</u>	15	1	1	13	-105	3

Seconds Beat the Ford in Eight Goal Thriller

Mayobridge 4.12 Bryansford 4.10

Mayobridge seconds need three wins from their last four games, to win the Premier reserve league, after a hard fought 4.12 to 4.10 victory at home to Bryansford at Sunday lunch time.

This was an entertaining game with both teams playing a direct game, and the teams swapped points early on, before two quick goals from a lively Cory Quinn, the first a penalty, give the bridge a good lead. However the ford were penetrating the bridge defence down the middle, and two

late goals in the half left the half time score 2.6 to 2.5 to the sky blues. The second half started with a couple of early bridge points from Conail Poland, who is starting to look sharp again after his injury, and a tidy goal finish from Paudie Gribben, put the bridge ahead again. However, the Newcastle lads kept at it, and a good move led to their third goal. The next goal, a cracker. decided the game, and it was from CJ Barr, a left footed shot from fourteen yards, into the top corner. The ford rallied again, and with the last kick of the game scored their fourth goal to leave two points in it at the finish.

In a fun game to watch, Gavin Barry and John Joe were the pick of the defence. The midfield done well at times, while Conail and Cory were the most dangerous in attack. Next game is at home to Castlewellan on Sunday in the bridge.

Hopefully this game is an omen for Saturday, when the seniors play the ford in the big quarter- final in Downpatrick

Team: Shealan Strain, Gavin Barry 0.1, Conor Fitzpatrick, John Joe Gorman, Barry Cunningham. Darren Mynes, Mark Rocks, Eoin Woods, John Caldwell 0.1, CJ Barr 1.0, Conail Poland 0.4, Cormac Linden, Paudie Gribben 1.2, Cathal Killen and Corey Quinn 2.3 Subs used: Conor Rooney, Aaron Magee, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Cathal McNamee, Gavin Walsh 0.1

UNDER 12 CAMOGIE NEWS

After a fine season the U12 camogie team will crown it all off by competing in a blitz in Croke

Park on SAT 18th Oct. This is a great achievement for these young girls and everyone should be so proud of them. We will be running a few events and asking for sponorship in the next few weeks so we can make it a day to remember as it is every true gael's dream to play at headquarters.

Fixtures to 14/09/2014

03/09/14 Wednesday 7.00 U12

Shamrocks v Mayobridge (Div 1 and 4)

06/09/14 Saturday 10.15 U12

Tournament in Downpatrick

06/09/14 Saturday 2.00 Minor C'ship
Burren v Kilcoo in Mayobridge

06/09/14 Saturday 6.00 Senior C'ship
Bryansford v Mayobridge in
Downpatrick

07/09/14 Sunday 12.30 U14 girls

C'ship Mayobridge v Loughinisland

07/09/14 Sunday 1.00 Seconds

Mayobridge v Castlewellan

07/09/14 Sunday 2.00 Thirds

Mayobridge v Rostrevor

12/09/14 Friday 8.30 Seconds C'ship
final Mayobridge v Rostrevor in
Newry

14/09/14 Sunday 2.00 Thirds

Ballymartin v Mayobridge

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