

St. Michaels GAC Newsletter



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Special points of interest:

- **New Senior Team Manager**
- **Elected committee 2010**
- **Upcoming fundraising events**
- **New activities, cycle club, golf society, poker nights and quizzes.**

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New Senior Team manager installed

After advertising for a senior team manager we are delighted to welcome Robert Wilson a former player of Clonduff GAC, Hiltown to our club. Training has commenced and a good squad is developing. The senior and reserve squad are training together which gives Robert a bigger panel to select from. Roberts brother, Sean, is assisting with the

training /coaching sessions.

Anyone interested in joining our squad can come along to training sessions on Tuesday and Friday nights at the club-rooms to get registered. All players welcome to join the squad. Sessions commence at 19:00 sharp. Sunday sessions being organized for different locations ie Gosford Park, Castlewellan Park etc.



The senior / reserve squad 2010 with new manager Robert Wilson. Good Luck lads for 2010!!

dates to be confirmed.

Our first senior match will be at St. Pauls of Hollywood, Belfast.

The Chairman, Committee and all members wish Robert and the senior / reserve squad all the success for the

Fixtures have been released with

2010 Committee Members

The elected committee members for 2010 are as follows;

Presidents: Hugh Byrne and Lawrence Hamill

Chairman: Pat McDade

Vice Chairman: John Hamill

Secretary: Oliver McKeown

Assist. Secretary: Fergal Laverty

Treasurers: John and Helen Hamill

PRO: Brian McCabe and Thomas Hamill

CPO: George Hanna

Youth Officer: Eddie Mulgrew and Paddy McKeown

County Board rep: Mickey McKeown

Players rep: Conor O'Neill

Under 21 rep: Brendan Marsden

Registrar: Sarah Henderson

Cultural officer: Fiona Hamill

Committee members: Fr Brian Brown, Patrick Laverty, Stephen Laverty, Paul O'Hanlon, John McAreavey, Davy McCabe, Damian Catney, Laurence McAreavey and Gerard Byrne.

Good luck and many successes for the coming year!!



The St Michaels GAC Committee for 2010. Good luck and many successes for the future.

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Forthcoming fund raising events February

As for all voluntary and charitable organizations fund raising events are key to survival.

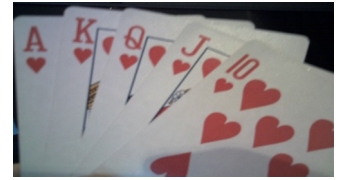
We will be holding several events throughout the year to facilitate and support the development and running of the club. We cannot survive without your valued and continual support.

Poker drive in clubrooms on Thursday 11/02/2010 @ 20:00 all

welcome. The more players the bigger the prize!!!

Table Quiz in Clubrooms 26/02/2010.

Please contact Thomas Hamill mobile 07901815234 to submit a team. Teams from the senior squads, the committee, the ladies team, club members and parents of our youth members are wanted to compete. We will invite



Join our poker drives.

teams from outside the club ie parish finance committee, bowling club, the book club and school etc.

One to look out for in the coming months is the Magheralin Duck Race!! More to follow.

Golf Society

The club is starting its first ever golf society this month.

After a very successful Golf Classic held at Edenmore Golf Club last year a lot of us got the bug.

Anyone wishing to join the Golf Society please

contact Paul O'Hanlon email

bigtoe123@hotmail.com to register. All welcome!!

We look forward to repeating the success of the Classic later in the year, watch this space for details.



Cycling club

We are planning to run a cycling club for the not too serious cyclist. Sunday spins every few weeks to get some exercise and have some fun in the process

First ride out round the Newforge Road, Dro-more Road and Belfast Road loop will take place on 14/02/2010.

Gather at the clubrooms at 08:30 to prepare to set off at 09:00.

Anyone wishing to participate in this activity please contact Brian McCabe 07887676953. Email b2308mcc@btinternet.com.

There is an age restric-

tion on this event to over 16's. All participants responsible for own safety!! Look forward to seeing you there.



Down minor trials

The club are proud to send young players, Chris Boyle, Jervais Quinn and Max McConnell to the Down minor trials which have been ongoing for the last number of weeks. Trials have been held in Castlewellan and Ballykinlar on Saturday mornings. Every effort to support the boys will be made.

Max McConnell is only 15 years old and has a

few more years and opportunities to make it at this level.

The club wishes all of the boys the best of luck in their quest to make the Down Minor panel.

The senior squad are delighted to welcome into the ranks some minor players making the step up to senior level. These guys have been playing their underage football with our

amalgamated underage team at Tullylish in Laurencetown. A good education has been given and credit to all mentors over the years who have guided and encouraged these young men.

Due to our small numbers from under 14 to minor we are forced to release players to ensure they get football and development. We are glad to report our

numbers up to under 12 are healthy, long may this continue. With the right encouragement, guidance, development and support for our youth we can become a very successful club both on and off the field.

“Good Luck to Chris, Jervais and Max in their quest to make the Down Minor panel”

Ladies Football and Underage Football

Ladies football is up and running this season already. Training has commenced with sessions on Thursday evenings 19:00 to 20:00 at the field. Any lady wishing to join our team for the coming season please contact Pat McDade or Damian or Lynn Catney. The Chair-

man, Committee and all members, wish the selectors and the ladies all the success for the coming season.

Registration day for all our underage players will take place this Sun-

day 7/02/2010 at 14:00 in the clubrooms. We encourage all children within the parish from 6 years and up to join in the fun and games, to learn and develop new skills. If your friend is coming, come along with them and why not bring another friend too.

Annual Dinner

The clubs annual dinner took place recently at Edenmore Golf Club. Approximately 80 people attended the dinner where prize winners included Eddie Mulgrew as Clubman of the year. Jervais Quin picked up Young Player of the year. Neil Sweeny was voted Players Player of

the year and finally The Player of the Year award was presented to Philly ‘The King’ Quinn. Well done and congratulations to all prize winners. Philly’s acceptance speech was to thank all those players who underperformed to help him win the award. Awards were presented by new

senior team manager Robert Wilson. Music was performed by Joe Campbell who was very good. A good night was had by all. If anyone has photos of the night please send to b2308mcc@btinternet.com and hopefully publish them in next months issue of newsletter.

“Thanks to all my team mates who underperformed to help me win this award!”

Philly ‘The King’ Quinn



St. Michael's GAC

Membership fees for 2010 are as follows: Senior / Reserve team players £50.00

Ladies team players £25.00

Minor / student players £10.00

Youth playing members £5.00

Non playing members £20.00

Membership Fees

All fees to be paid up by 31/03/2010. Note to all players No pay No play. Memberships go towards running costs, maintenance, playing, registration fees and player insurances.

Membership can be paid in full by cheque, cash or spread the cost using our direct debit scheme.

It is in your best interests to have membership.

Membership gives you ownership, a belonging to, an affiliation, a say on how your club operates and on major issues that are put to the members.

Contact John Hamill, Treasurer, 07922648704 regarding payment of membership dues.

100 Club

St. Michael's GAC will be operating a 100 Club direct debit scheme to raise and seek funding to develop our football field. We are proposing to level and drain the current site to provide a first class playing surface for all our players ranging from underage to our senior squads. A training area is also re-

quired to keep the new field in tiptop shape. We are asking for 100 volunteers to sign up to a £10.00 per month direct debit commitment to allow us to seek funding for this project. This will be a long term commitment which will entitle each donator to reduced membership (£1.00) of the club for the term of commit-

ment and a free draw in December of each year for the 100 club members only with a total of £1000 in prizes to be won. 10 x £100 drawn out. There is no restriction to the amount anyone can subscribe to ie £20.00 or £30.00 per month. This will entitle you to extra draws in December. One draw per £10.00 direct debit.

Advertising space

If you would like to advertise your business or company on this back page of the Newsletter please contact Brian McCabe mobile: 07887676953

Email: b2308mcc@btinternet.com

Cost for space is £100

Adverts will be on each monthly issue and will run until 31/12/2010.

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