

# European Gaelic Football Championship Finals

19-20 October 2013  
Athlone Institute of Technology



# GAA



Clár oifigiúil  
Rúnaí: Antinae de Bháis

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## Clár an Lae/Programme

### Saturday 19 October 2013

- 8.30 Team registration (upstairs in AIT International Arena)
- 9.00 Tournament commences  
*Games continue throughout the day. See schedule in centre pages of this programme.*
- 14.00 Camogie demonstration/skills  
*Astro-turf pitch*
- 15.00 Handball demonstration  
*John Count McCormack Centre*

### Sunday 20 October 2013

- 9.20 Tournament recommences
- 12.00 Junior B Mens Final  
*Main pitch*
- 12.45 Senior B Mens Final  
*Main pitch*
- 13.30 Junior Mens Final  
*Main pitch*
- 14.00 Ladies Shield Final  
*Astro-turf pitch*
- 14.15 Intermediate Mens Final  
*Main pitch*
- 14.45 Ladies Championship Final  
*Astro-turf pitch*
- 15.00 Social Inclusion Children's Game  
*Main pitch*
- 15.45 Senior A Mens Final  
*Main pitch*
- 19.00 Dinner followed by presentations and entertainment  
*John Count McCormack Centre*





# Welcome from ECB Chairman

**O**n behalf of the European Board I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our clubs and their players, friends of European GAA and all our guests.

2013 has seen a huge push in our development in football and hurling, with multiple new clubs formed, our newly trained referees and coaching courses taking place across the continent. To be invited to bring our finals to Ireland is a deep recognition by the people who love GAA, of the work we are doing and will continue to do. The fact that GAA county boards, institutions and companies want us to bring our players and clubs to Ireland reflects our importance, not just to Irish people abroad or our new homes and the locals who adopted Gaelic Games, but to the greater GAA family.

Uachtarán Liam O'Neill has stated that the GAA abroad will be bigger than the GAA at home eventually, and that is the way we are going. We are a young Board in the greater scheme of things, but we will continue to push the development, increase playing numbers, improve the visibility of our games in the local communities we live in so, just like in Ireland, the GAA becomes a focal point of the community.

This weekend would not have been possible without the immense planning and support from everyone at AIT, Westmeath GAA, and O'Neills. To them, a massive thank you. Our players appreciate it, especially the facilities they have the opportunity to use, which may not be normally available to them.

Athlone has been the focal point of our year in terms of events. We made a change to our traditional style of competition in making it a two-day event. Whether this continues will be for the players and clubs to decide.

I hope you all enjoy this weekend at home for some of you, and to the home of the GAA. Especially our non-Irish players, enjoy it, the feeling of playing the game you've learned in your home town and bringing it to Ireland. Learn from the experience and bring it home with you, encourage others to play and grow your clubs.

Bain taitneamh as an deireadh seachtaine!

Brian Sheehy  
Chairperson of the European Board



# Teachtaireacht an Uachtaráin

**I**s cúis mhór áthais na focail seo a leanas a scríobh agus fáilte croíúil a chur romhaibh go léir go IT Áth Luain.

I am delighted to be afforded this opportunity to extend a special 'céad míle fáilte' on behalf of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to you all for the conclusion of the European GAA season.

I have no doubt this festival will bring vibrancy and colour to Athlone that will be remembered for a long time to come as over 500 players from across 20 different countries showcase their passion for our games.

The 30 teams that will take part will be the heartbeat of this competition over the coming days and the added support of travelling friends, club members and indeed GAA enthusiasts here in Ireland making the journey to see old friends will ensure a unique atmosphere for all those involved.

Those that travelled both near and far to support this wonderful occasion will not be left disappointed with over 80 games expected to be played on the Athlone IT campus this weekend to help make this the largest 'Gathering' evening in Westmeath in 2013.

This is an extremely exciting period for Europe GAA and this event provides a fantastic opportunity for their Irish players and non-Irish players to be a part of the GAA celebrations.

The GAA has made giant strides in Europe and the promotion, development and enjoyment of our games across the region is clear for all to see. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have aided this growth and progress for their passion, energy and remarkable enthusiasm to promote our games overseas.

Finally, may I wish all players, teams, officials and the organising committee the very best of luck and thank them all and competition sponsors O'Neills for their support in promoting this competition. On the field there will be winners and losers but I have no doubt that good times will be had and further friendships forged.

Rath Dé ar an obair,

Liam Ó Néill  
Uachtarán  
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael



# Welcome from Ladies Gaelic Football President

**C**uirim fáilte do gach éinne go Baile Átha Luain ar an ócáid spéisialta inniu.

As Uachtarán of Cumann Peil Gael na mBan it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Athlone this weekend, for the European Championship finals. I would like to compliment the European County Board for their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm in the promotion of Irish games, culture and heritage.

Gaelic games continue to go from strength to strength in Europe and ladies Gaelic football plays a key role in this growth. Such is the popularity and growth of Gaelic games throughout the world that it is only a matter of time before there will be international competitions. Europe is well placed to play a leading role in this exciting venture and potentially become the leaders. The Ladies Gaelic Football Association is proud to be part of the Gaelic games family of six sports – ladies football, camogie, rounders, handball and men's football and hurling – and to help foster the close links that continue to develop between all five associations.

Cumann Peil Gael na mBan fully appreciates the work of the European Board under the leadership of Brian Sheehy, Tony Bass, Daire Kivlehan, our ladies football officer Monica Duran and their colleagues. I thank all the clubs throughout Europe for providing social interaction and integration not only amongst the Irish community, but also with the various nationalities amongst whom they reside.

Finally, as Uachtaráin I would like to thank the match officials, team mentors, sponsors, administrators, and the various committees who organise tournaments throughout Europe during the year and for successfully ensuring that this weekend came to fruition.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend and make many new friends as well as renewing old acquaintances.

Pat Quill

Uachtarán  
Cumann Peil Gael na mBan



# Welcome from Chairman of Leinster Council

**A** chairde go léir, is mór an onóir domsa a na cupla focail seo a scríobh inniu.

It gives me great pleasure to pen these few words on the occasion of the European Football Finals. This year is unique in the fact that the Finals are being held in Athlone, which will ensure a very special atmosphere indeed. I look forward to two days of great action from both the men's and ladies' teams encompassing senior, intermediate and junior grades.

This weekend perfectly complements Athlone's appointment as a European Town of Sport and all the more appropriate given that it is the year of The Gathering.

The European Board have once again done outstanding work in the build-up to this weekend, no mean feat indeed considering that 24 clubs from over 70 countries participated over the course of the championships. These Finals come hot on the heels of the historic participation of Guernsey Gaels in the Leinster Club Championship, making it a hugely exciting time for all involved. My thanks to Brian Sheehy, Tony Bass and their team for their efforts, which culminate this weekend.

This weekend, over 500 players from countries all over Europe will converge on Athlone for a veritable festival of Gaelic football that will see over 80 games played. Of course, in addition to the legions of European players, we will also see players from the 32 counties of Ireland

return home. Fáilte abhaile to one and all and it is my wish that everyone enjoys their stay, rekindles old friendships and makes new ones.

In addition to our proud partnership with Europe, Leinster GAA has also forged strong links with the third level sector. Athlone IT has developed enviable sports facilities on their campus, with GAA facilities a particular jewel in the crown. A ringing endorsement of these facilities was evidenced as AIT has played host to both the Sigerson Cup weekend and the Community Games earlier in the year. My thanks to all involved with the college, the surrounding clubs and indeed the Westmeath County Board for all their assistance to date.

My thanks to all our referees who are officiating over the course of the weekend, the volume of games make for a gruelling schedule and without their efforts, staging an event such as this would be impossible. Our sponsors have been outstanding once again, and in this regard I would like to thank O'Neills and the Croke Park Hotel for their continuous support and I hope their representatives enjoy the occasion.

Finally, I hope that everyone attending these games, players, administrators and spectators alike will have a weekend to remember.

Taitneamh a baint as na gcluichí!

Martin Skelly  
Leinster Chairman



# Welcome from Chairman of Westmeath County Board

**A**s Chairman of the Westmeath County Board, it is my privilege to welcome the European GAA Football Championship Finals here to Athlone, and to our Uachtarán Liam O'Neill to this great Gathering, also Tony Bass, and chairperson of the European Board, Brian Sheehy, and Gordon Brett, sport and recreation manager, AIT.

This is the largest Gathering event in Westmeath this year. This major GAA event in Athlone will see the town not only the centre of Ireland but also the centre of Gaelic sports in Europe for the weekend.

It is an exciting time for the GAA in Europe to reach the climax of their season in Ireland. The promotion, development and enjoyment of our games in Europe is clear for all to see and I wish all players, teams, and officials a warm welcome and the very best of luck in Westmeath.

This is a fantastic facility we have here in Westmeath AIT and Westmeath GAA are very lucky to have it. Once again Westmeath GAA is very proud to support this occasion.

Sean Sheridan  
Chairman, Westmeath County Board



# Welcome from President of AIT

Athlone Institute of Technology is honoured to host the finals of the European Gaelic Football Championships, a magnificent part of the The Gathering celebrations in Westmeath.

What a year for sport this has been at AIT. In February, we hosted and reached the semi-final of the Sigerson Cup. That same month our new International Arena was officially opened by the Taoiseach and has been in constant use since then, hosting a wealth of national and international competitions. During the summer, the HSE Community Games held their National Finals for the fifth time at AIT. And now, we are delighted to welcome 'Gaels' from across Europe for this magnificent exposition of Gaelic football and sporting endeavour.

Such a packed calendar of activity on campus – and also in Athlone town itself – is particularly appropriate given the town's designation as European Town of Sport 2013, an honour awarded by ACES Europe, the Federation for the Association of the European Capitals and Cities of Sport. This honour recognises that the town has a joined-up strategy for sport, where true partnerships are in place, as well as a real desire to deliver sport at the hub of the community.

Since the foundation of the college in 1970, AIT's focus has been on providing higher educational services for the people of the Midlands and beyond; playing a catalytic role for the region. We are committed to providing a best-in-class education in a setting that challenges and nourishes the mind and the body. Sport is central to this proposition, a factor which adds immeasurably to the attractiveness of Athlone for future learners, whether they be from Trim or Turin, Ballina or Beijing.

Finally, I wish all those visiting AIT and Athlone this weekend a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable time.

Beir bua.

Professor Ciarán Ó Catháin  
President, Athlone Institute of Technology



# Success Knowledge Real world Connected

AIT your future starts here.

Situated in the heart of Ireland, Athlone Institute of Technology delivers an education that equips students for career and life success. AIT graduates lead companies around the world, conduct life-altering research, design new ways of doing things, and work for societal benefit. As a student at AIT, you will learn in world-class facilities, gain valuable practical experience, and develop the knowledge and skills sought by employers.

# Trying to connect the dots and create the building blocks for Gaelic sports in Europe

The GAA in Europe covers an enormous region from A Coruña in Spain in the west to Warsaw in the east (nearly 2,400km and about eight times wider than Ireland), and from Oulu in the north of Finland to Gibraltar at the south of Spain (nearly 3,000km and about seven times longer from top to bottom than Ireland).



*The Zurich Saint Gallen team from Switzerland, winners of three tournaments at intermediate level in 2012*

It would be impossible for clubs to commute such enormous distances across the continent of Europe, so for financial, geographical and common sense reasons, European GAA is divided into six separate and distinct regions, but come together for end of season competitions.

Here is a list of current regions

1. Scandanavia/Nordic/Baltic (Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Estonia)
2. Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Western Germany)
3. France and North West (France and Channel Islands)
4. Iberia (Spain, Canary Islands, British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar)
5. Central and East (Slovakia, Hungary, Russia, Eastern Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria)
6. Switzerland/Italy

When you break down the regions into active areas there over 80 active cities/towns in Europe in over 20 countries (named above) who either have a well-established club, a developing club, a building project or presence but ultimately in their own way are contributing to Gaelic games and ultimately Irish culture, identity and sports.

The regions themselves account for all aspects of Gaelic Games: men's football, ladies football, hurling, camogie, handball

played to all the various standards of senior, intermediate and junior to cover youth, university and adult players.

Clubs in places such as Luxembourg, Belgium and the Hague have been around since the 1970s and then there have been a huge influence of new clubs in the last few years in Spain, Italy, France and the Scandanvian region.

Every week there seems to be an amazing story developing in European GAA in some way or another. For example, very recently the club in Oulu, Finland hosted the World's Most Northerly GAA game in the world. Similarly, the European Men's Senior Championship winners Guernsey played in the Leinster Junior Club Championship in 2013.

Have you got any friends, relatives or contacts in Europe? Please let them know of our activities and put them in touch with us. Great things are happening the future is bright for European GAA!

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*Gaelic games, Madrid style*



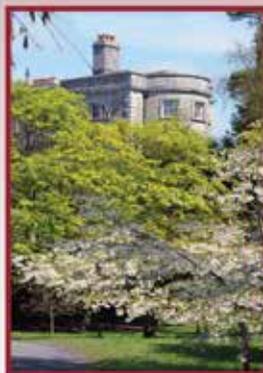
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# Athlone:

## European Town of Sport 2013

At a ceremony in the European parliament, Brussels last November, Athlone was awarded the prestigious title of European Town of Sport for 2013 by ACES Europe, the Federation for the Association of the European Capitals and Cities of Sport.

According to John Swanson, General Secretary of ACES, Athlone has a 'joined-up strategy for sport, where true partnerships are in place as well as a real desire to deliver sport at the hub of the community. We witnessed great examples of clubs working together,' he said, 'as well as the ability to deliver major sports events, such as the Community Games and the triathlon. The investment in sporting facilities in the town took vision, courage and determination. It is obvious that there is a passion in Athlone to have sport at its heart,' Mr Swanson stated.

Mayor of Athlone, Cllr Jim Henson welcomed the accolade saying: 'This is recognition for the town of Athlone as a centre of excellence for sport. We have a long tradition of participation and achievement in sport at the highest level. In today's society, sport is increasingly important for recreation and health reasons and Athlone Town Council is constantly working to ensure that sporting infrastructure is available to facilitate this. We look forward to further working with our partners on developing participation in sport in Athlone in 2013.'

The President of AIT, Professor Ciarán Ó Catháin, said: 'This international honour underlines the excellent work that is being undertaken in Athlone to position sport

and sporting activity at the heart of life in the town. A wide variety of sporting interests are catered for here and with the investment in sporting infrastructure, people can train and play in facilities that are on a par with the best in the world.

'The economic significance of sports to Athlone is also impressive,' Prof. Ó Catháin stated. 'Hosting major national and international events like the European GAA finals, the AAI National Indoor Championships, the under-20 Six Nations matches, the HSE Community Games National Finals, as well as various triathlons, is bringing valuable visitors to the town; an economic contribution which has benefited all sectors.'

Athlone joins a select number of European towns designated as European Town of Sport for 2013, including Cairo Montenotte, Forte dei Marmi, San Giovanni Teatino and Castiglione della Pescaia in Italy, as well as La Nucia in Spain and Náchod in the Czech Republic.

ACES European annually awards the titles of Town, City and Capital of Sport, taking into account the role that sport plays in each urban setting in bringing people together, in improving people's quality of life, their psycho-physical well-being, and integration across all classes and divides. ACES works with the European Commission, and particularly on the initiatives presented in the white paper on sport.

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*European Town of Sport*  
**2013**

# Breakdown of Team Grades

(based on the regional season 2013 and grading tournaments in Vienna and Paris)

<b>Senior</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Ladies</b>
Amsterdam "A" (NED)	Amsterdam "B" (NED)	Rovigo (ITA)	Slovak/Vienna (SVK/ AUT)
Belgium "A" (BEL)	Belgium "B" (BEL)	Lorient (FR)	Belgium (BEL)
Guernsey (GUR)	Paris Gaels (FR)	Padova (ITA)	Holland Ladies (NED)
Jersey (JER)	Vannes/Saint Gallen (FR/CH)	Rennes (FR)	Malmö (SWE)
Stockholm (SWE)	Slovak Shamrocks (SVK)	Vannes/Saint Gallen (FR/CH)	Munich Colmcilles (GER)
The Hague (NED)	Vienna Gaels (AUS)		Paris Gaels (FR)
Zurich (CH)			Rennes (FR)
Luxembourg (LUX)			Stockholm (SWE)
			Zurich (CH)

With over 400 players representing 12 countries and 27 clubs you can see the diversity and unique identity contained within European GAA. Furthermore there will be over 50 nationalities on display as well contained within the teams.

**Wishing all the teams and mentors  
every success in the  
European Gaelic Football  
Championship Finals**



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# European Competition Winners Roll of Honour

<b>Year</b>	<b>Men's Championship</b>	<b>Ladies Championship</b>	<b>Men's Shield</b>	<b>Hurling</b>	<b>Camogie</b>
2001	Paris	Brussels			
2002	Den Haag	Luxembourg		Den Haag	
2003	Paris	Luxembourg		Den Haag	
2004	Munich	Luxembourg		Zurich	
2005	Paris	Holland		Zurich	
2006	Den Haag	Luxembourg	Maastricht	Zurich	
2007	Luxembourg	Paris	Rennes	Den Haag	
2008	Belgium	Belgium	Copenhagen	Luxembourg	Luxembourg
2009	Den Haag	Belgium	Copenhagen	Belgium	Luxembourg
2010	Den Haag	Belgium	Copenhagen	Belgium	Belgium
2011	Guernsey	Belgium	Amsterdam	Zurich	Belgium
2012	Belgium	Belgium	Malmo	Den Haag	Paris
2013				Belgium	Belgium

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# GAA in Austria (Central and East Region)



The Vienna Gaels GAA club was founded in 2004 by members of the Irish community in Vienna to promote Gaelic Games and the Irish culture. It is the first and only GAA club in Austria. The club has worked hard over the years to make both Men's and Ladies teams.

In June 2004 Vienna hosted it's first ever European Gaelic Football tournament and have done so every year since then including hosting their first ever Pan European tournament in October 2012.

The Vienna Gaels play in the Central and Eastern region of European GAA against teams from Switzerland, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary. The club has an active membership of about 50 people from a variety of mixed nationalities.

The Vienna Club hosted a valuable coaching course this year for the Central and Eastern Region. The club has solid foundations and extremely committed and dedicated members and volunteers.

## Honours

Men Regional Champions 2012, 2013  
Men's Regional Tournament Victory 2013

# GAA in Belgium (Benelux Region)



GAA in Belgium has officially been played for 10 years, but unofficially it has been played as long as Ireland has been a part of the European Union.



There are two official GAA clubs in Brussels with the Belgium GAA club and also the EC Brussels Youth GAA Club. Belgium currently is representative of Hurling, Camogie,

Mens and Ladies Gaelic Football at both adult and youth levels. Belgium is a very successful club and currently holds 4 out of 6 European Championships with the Mens and Ladies Football Championships

of 2012 and also the Hurling and Camogie Championships of 2013.

The club have produced large numbers for the regional season and have been the only European team to put out 5 teams for one tournament which is a monumental achievement. Belgium Ladies are striving for their 6th European Ladies Gaelic Football Championship in a row. Belgium Men aim to defend their European Championship so it should lead to a fascinating tournament in Athlone.

Belgium GAA provide a fine blueprint for other clubs to follow in terms of competition, development, fundraising, club size and so many other aspects.

# GAA in the Czech Republic (Central and East Region)



In May 2009 a group of Irish lads got to talking about Gaelic Football over a quiet pint and this is when the idea of forming a G.A.A. Club in Prague began to take shape. The

following week, the first training session of the Prague Hibernians G.A.A. Club took place with five people in attendance. Now we have a squad of approx. 35 players; the majority from Ireland with a few French, Czech, American and English.

The team name Hibernians was chosen as it connects the the past links between Ireland and Prague, drawing inspiration

from a group of Irish Franciscans who established their college in Prague in 1629 and stayed here for 150 years till 1786. They were called in Czech “Hyberni” - in English Hibernians - derived from the Latin form of their homeland Hibernia or Ireland.

This link, and memory of the college, is still recalled today by the usage of the street name Hybernaska. We hope this will be another long chapter in Irish-Czech history. The Prague club boasts a good Mens and Ladies team who are well coached and always make a huge effort in the Central and East Region of European Gaelic games.

# GAA in Denmark (Nordic Region)



Copenhagen GAA was one of the first clubs established in the Scandanavian region, founded by a group of aspiring expats in 2004. Since then the club has

grown steadily and now reports both Men's and Ladies teams. Each year they try to make as many tournaments as possible throughout Europe and compete in both the Scandanavian Regional Championship and the Pan European competitions.

The club is no stranger to success having won the Men's European Shield Championship three times in the last five

years. Copenhagen are Denmark's only club and they welcome people from all walks of life and origin. Whether you are a student coming to study, a professional person who relocates, or a local wanting to try something different, the club's door is always open.

The Copenhagen club has really re-established its roots in the last year or so with the Ladies Football being the driving force to help get the club restructured and back in action. The Men have responded to this affirmative action by the Ladies and hopefully the Copenhagen club can be restored to its former glories.

# GAA in Estonia (Nordic Region)



The Tallinn team have gone from strength to strength in their development and that in large part due to the hard work and dedication of its members. The club has

hosted two Nordic regional tournaments in successive years which is a magnificent achievement for a relatively new club.

This club is the real deal and have had a fantastic curve of development in the last two years. They have some seriously dedicated members who not only want to grow the club in Tallinn but also the sport all around Estonia.

The club has been represented at European level as two of its players

represented Europe at the All-Ireland Ladies 7's tournament in Ireland recently. The club has also produced a number of MVP Award Winners from Nordic Championship tournaments which is a fantastic achievement.

The Mens side of the club has also made significant improvements recently and this helps boost the whole club overall.

The club is in negotiations to attain a full 15-a-side pitch facility as well as making Gaelic sports an official sport of Estonia which will open the doors to funding, pitch allocations and membership recruitment. The future is bright, the members are committed and the structures are in place so with a bit of luck and a lot of hard work Tallinn GAA could be up on the main stage within the region pretty soon.

# GAA in Finland (Nordic Region)



Helsinki Harps, Finland's first official GAA club in Europe started up activities in 2011. Their first few years were all about development of the club and immersion in their local community.



This idea bore fruit as the club was able to participate in a few Nordic Championship matches.

Then in 2012 there was an idea proposed for another club in Finland in a place called Oulu which is 600km away from Helsinki. Things then began to happen at lightning speed. There were grand plans of training sessions, All Finland Football Finals and joint participation in Nordic Championships. I think what happened we can agree was totally fantastic and very unforeseen.

The Oulu and Helsinki teams both participated in the Tallinn tournament in August and then they planned to play a two legged All Finland Football Final with the first leg in Helsinki. Helsinki won on the first day but what was to come was truly amazing.

The Second Leg of the All Finland Football Final was to become the "Most Northerly GAA game in the World" that was endorsed by the Irish Music Festival of Oulu and Ambassador Donal Denhem. There was a video documentary made of the game, a live stream as well as countless media focus and scrutiny. What has resulted is YouTube clips, gif videos, loaded photo albums and much interest and attention from all over the world. The future of GAA is bright under the Northern Lights!

# GAA in France (France Federal and France Northwest Region)



Club list in order:

Lille, Liffre, Guerande, Countances, Paris, Niort, Clermont, Brest, Naives, Lyon, Bordeaux, Marseille, Lorient, Nantes, Vannes, Tregor, Toulouse, Saint Brieuc, Rennes, INSA Rennes.



Game No.	Time	Match No.	Team	Goals	pts	Goals	pts	Team	Umpires	Referee
<b>2024 AOWA's October 2024</b>										
46	9:20	P.3	Shield - C/F							
47	10:00	P.3	SH4 - S/F							
48	10:40	P.3	SH4 - S/F							
49	11:20	P.3	Chp - S/F							
50	12:00	P.3	Chp - S/F							
51	12:40	P.3	SH4 - 3/4th							
52	13:20	P.3	Chp - 3/4th							
53	14:00	P.3	SH4 - Final							
54	14:45	P.3	Chp - Final							
55	12:00	P.2	Junior 'B' Final							
56	10:00	P.1	Junior - S/F							
57	10:00	P.2	Junior - S/F							
58	13:16	P.4	Junior - 3/4th							
59	13:50	P.2	Junior - Final							
60	10:00	P.4	Intra - S/F							
61	11:15	P.2	Intra - S/F							
62	13:15	P.1	Intra - 3/4th							
63	14:15	P.2	Intra - Final							
64	11:45	P.1	Sem 'B' - S/F							
65	11:45	P.4	Sem 'B' - S/F							
66	14:00	P.1	Sem 'B' - 3/4th							
67	12:45	P.2	Sem 'B' Final							
68	12:00	P.1	Sem 'A' - S/F							
69	12:30	P.4	Sem 'A' - S/F							
70	14:00	P.4	Sem 'A' - 3/4th							
71	15:45	P.2	Sem 'A' Final							
46	9:20	P.3	Junior Game No.11							
47	10:00	P.3	Junior Game No.10							
48	10:40	P.3	Junior Game No.13							
49	11:20	P.3	Junior Game No.12							
50	12:00	P.3	4th Grp 2							
51	12:40	P.3	Junior Game No.47							
52	13:20	P.3	Junior Game No.49							
53	14:00	P.3	Junior Game No.47							
54	14:45	P.3	Junior Game No.49							
55	12:00	P.2	4th Grp 1							
56	10:00	P.1	3rd Grp 1							
57	10:00	P.2	3rd Grp 2							
58	13:16	P.4	Junior Game No.56							
59	13:50	P.2	Junior Game No.58							
60	10:00	P.4	1st Grp 1							
61	11:15	P.2	1st Grp 2							
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# GAA in Germany (Benelux Region/Central and East Region)



Clubs as they appear:

Munich Colmcilles, Frankfurt Sarsfields, Dusseldorf, Dresden GAA, Cologne Celtics, Augsburg, Berlin GSC.

Germany has the potential to emerge as a real powerhouse of European GAA with 7 clubs already established and keeping the games alive and a further 3 more in development and formation it really does look like German GAA is on the cusp of something big.

There is a good mix between Hurling and Mens Gaelic Football so far but the biggest slice of credit must go to the Munich Ladies who are much respected in European Ladies Gaelic Football circles. We will all keep our eyes on German GAA in 2014 as big things are to be expected.

# GAA in Gibraltar (Iberian Region)



The Club was founded in late 2011, when three Irish lads, Peter Goulding, Seamus Hayes and Oliver Gottmann met for a pint in local Irish bar and put the wheels in

motion for the founding of the Gibraltar Gaels GAA Club. The club has grown from strength to strength and now boasts over 25 members, including two Ozzie's, an Italian, six Brits, and One Spanaird. The club are gathering speed playing friendlies, providing a constant presence in Gibraltar and doing their best to get themselves recognized and recruiting new members.

The Gibraltar Gaels have found great mutual benefit amalgamating with their near neighbours in Seville and Marbella. There are times when the situation is far

from ideal but you have to persevere. Things can change very quickly for the better or the worse but the one thing we all hope is that the base structure and foundation is there to cope with any of these ups and downs.

The Gibraltar Gaels have proven themselves very capable of dealing with adversity and persevering through tough times but they are the stronger for it as a result and are slowly but surely plugging away there and making gains. The future is looking steady and well based in Gibraltar and hopefully they can kick on and drive this Andalucian amalgamation further and further in the future. There are still major contributions to be made in the Iberian region and larger European tournaments from this special and unique club.

# GAA in Guernsey (North West Region)



This year marks the 17th anniversary of the formation of Guernsey's first GAA club, Guernsey Gaels. Founded by a small group of ex-pats living on the island, the

club has gone from strength to strength since then and was one of the original members of the European county board, which was established in 1997. Guernsey Gaels has been hosting its own tournament since 1998 and also competes in various tournaments throughout Europe. Guernsey Gaels have always participated in the European competitions. The club is one of the main social outlets for Irish people living in Guernsey. Not surprisingly, it has close ties with Guernsey's thriving Irish community.

"The Irish community in Guernsey numbers between 1,500 and 2,000," explains Guernsey Gaels PRO John Payne. "Unlike Irish communities in other parts of the world, most of us work in finance rather than construction. While the majority of our members are Irish, there are an increasing number of locals becoming involved, especially at underage level. We hold coaching sessions in the local schools between April and July as part of the Specsavers Guernsey Youth Games. This

has been very successful for us and has enabled us to recruit a lot of youngsters who don't have Irish backgrounds."

The Specsavers Guernsey Youth Games sees children between the ages of nine and 11 compete for their district in a wide range of minority sports, including Gaelic football, athletics, basketball, indoor bowls, girls cricket, girls soccer, hockey, nets, fencing, squash, volleyball and table tennis, ten pin bowling, tag rugby and new sport Goal ball (which is for visually impaired Youngsters to participate in). The Youth Games have given Guernsey Gaels' youth section a massive shot in the arm and has helped the club to produce their own players. The first batches of home-grown players have already broken through to the senior team, including Joseph Mooney (of Kildare descent), Seoirse Lee (of Galway stock), both lads from Guernsey.

Roll of Honor:

2011 Northwest France Regional Champions

2011 Pan European Champions

2013 Inter Insular Champions

2013 European 15 a side Champions (now representing Europe in Leinster Junior Championships)

# GAA in Hungary (Central and East Region)



Budapest Rangers GAA Club, founded in 2003, is Central & Eastern Europe's oldest, biggest and leading gaelic games club and Irish sports organisation.

Club membership now comprises over 50 men and women - mostly Irish but growing numbers of non-Irish including several Hungarians - who enjoy regular training schedules and competitions throughout Europe. The Club fields teams in both Men's and Ladies Football and has started to develop in Hungary Ireland's other national sport of Hurling.

From humble beginnings, the Club has developed into one of the strongest teams in Europe. The Club marked its progression on the pitch in 2007 in Barcelona by winning a Pan-European Round for the first time. A Pan-European tournament was awarded to Budapest in 2008 the club pulled off an

unprecedented double by winning both the 'Championship' and 'Shield' Tournaments, never before had this been achieved in ECB's history.

The Club also successfully hosted the European County Board 2007 Annual Convention in December 2007. Budapest has one of the largest populations of Irish youth in Europe. The Budapest Veterinary Science University is home to almost 200 Irish students. The Club is proud to provide an outlet for these students to play gaelic games in Hungary and participate in Irish community life.

The Hungarian hurling project is something that has borne much fruit in the past few years most notably hosting a home hurling tournament and also participating in a few hurling rounds of 2011. There were a few of the Hungarian representatives of the European Non-Irish team that participated in the Aer Lingus International Hurling Festival in Ireland in September 2013.

# GAA in Italy (Swiss/Italy Region)



GAA in Italy has exploded on the European scene in the last 18 months. Gaelic Games, in all codes, are thriving in Italy and, guess what, there are hardly any Irish involved!

We can trace the development of Gaelic Games in Italy back to one man and one event. The man is Raffaello Franco and the event is his honeymoon in Ireland in 2011. Raffaello, who is now Chairperson of the Ascaro Rovigo GAA Club, in his own words says: "I have been humbled by what has happened, I never expected this. It has all been fantastic!" The Rovigo club has inspired their neighbours and bitter local rivals in Padova to set up a club. Rome has come on board and there are now development projects in Florence, Milan,

Verona and Treviso. Ladies Football is also active with clubs in Rome and Padova. The clubs of Rovigo, Padova and Rome have all hosted their own tournaments in the Swiss/Italian Region of European GAA in 2013.

In just one year, there have been coaching courses, GAA Handball One Wall tournaments, Poc Fada's, Kids Coaching Programmes and a referee course, allied with significant club and GAA exposure and promotion in the Italian media. The greatest success so far has probably been the referee course which produced five Italian referees, some of whom will travel to Ireland to officiate later this month.

# GAA in Jersey (North West Region)



Jersey compete at Championship level in Pan European competition and attended the Championship round in Copenhagen this past September. The Jersey club claimed the French Championship in 2012 and it has been a very strong year for Jersey and let's hope it continues into the future. They recently defeated their arch rivals and insular neighbours Guernsey on a scoreline of 3-19 to 0-15 and if they can produce those same players and that same form they will be a serious team to deal with in Athlone at the Pan European Gaelic Football Championship Finals.

The Jersey club recently celebrated its 20th anniversary and that is a quite unique milestone in European GAA as it officially makes them the 3rd oldest club and unofficially the 4th. The Jersey Club are relatively new to European competition as they previously played in the British Championships in which they were very

successful having won many Hurling and Football Championships and Tournaments. The structure and the culture behind the club on the island is very strong and depending on the year they can be very strong from year to year.

The Jersey club has worked extremely hard over the last few years in developing its underage and youth programmes. This has paid significant dividends as they play a lot of youth games against their insular neighbours and also their Breton neighbours too.

The co-operation and communication between the North-West regional clubs is very strong and they even have a massive French Finals between the clubs in the French Federal, the French North West and Islands and also the Breton clubs from Cup, League and Championship. There are plenty of opportunities to play competitive games every year so hopefully as time passes we see more and more of Jersey each passing year.

Watch out for the Jersey Irish GAA Club!

# GAA in Luxembourg (Benelux Region)



Gaelic Sports Club Luxembourg asbl was established in 1978. For much of the club's history GSCL arranged matches in Luxembourg and around Europe. The

Luxembourg Gaelic Football tournament, originally known as the Black Stuff 7s, is the longest running Gaelic sports tournament on the continent.

Since the establishment of the European County Board Luxembourg have entered teams in European Competitions in all codes with a good deal of success. This year the club entered both the Benelux Championship in some tournaments and entered the European Premier 15's

Championship that beat the Hague in the first ever European 15's game in European GAA history. The Ladies Football made a resurgence this year as did the Mens Hurling. In 2013 so far the greatest success of the club goes to the Luxembirds Camogie team with a fine victory in the Zurich tournament and an official announcement that they were back on the scene for real!

Luxembourg are a very successful club with European Mens Championship victory in 2007, 4 time Ladies Football Champions and 2008 they won the Hurling and Camogie double as well as another European Camogie Championship in 2009. They are a serious force to be reckoned with.

# GAA in the Netherlands (Benelux Region)



## Clubs:

Holland Ladies, Eindhoven Shamrocks, Amsterdam GAC, Den Haag GAA and Maastricht Gaels.

Holland has been Europe's strongest European GAA country since the late 1970's. A country that once boasted over 14 Hurling and Football clubs now does very well with three of its clubs having already existed for over 10 years the sports of Gaelic games are very strong in Holland in all codes.

Many European Championships have passed through Holland such

as the Den Haag 5 European Hurling Championships and four European Football Championships, the Ladies Football Champions of Europe in 2004 as well as Shield victories for Maastricht and Amsterdam in 2006 and 2011 respectively. Holland is undoubtedly one of the powerbases of European GAA and their clubs and their members give a huge amount of commitment and sacrifice to European GAA every year.

# GAA in Norway (Nordic Region)



Oslo GAA is much more than just a Gaelic Games Sports Club.

It is the first and only Gaelic Athletic Club to be formed in Norway. Jobs and businesses have

been created and found for people living or staying in Oslo, changing the lives of many for the better by being associated with Oslo GAA.

The Club provides a platform for people to build life long friendships and business acquaintances alike. Through the Oslo GAA official website, Facebook group and the sporting and social events in which the club participates in, Oslo GAA has become a hub for networking and communications for Irish people throughout Norway and Scandinavia. The benefits have not been confined strictly to the Irish Community. Oslo GAA openly welcomes players, members and friends to the club of any nationality, age or gender. We have players, members and friends of the club from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, South Africa, and Australia to name a few with more and more people connecting every week with the club.

In a uniquely Irish way we have created a real sense of community for both the residents and newcomers to Oslo city by the formation of this club.

In some ways the true value of the Oslo cannot be measured with playing success not just yet anyway. As well as trying to get a Ladies team up and going and the Mens club anchored in the local community the Oslo club is very attached to charity and goodwill driven campaigns.

The Bee for Battens Charity is a special charity for the Oslo club and they hold an Annual Santa Ski run as well as the club has built the Bee for Battens Mini with Money donation banks where the fuel usually goes. It is a truly spectacular club that gives lasting social and charity connections and inputs to Oslo and we feel it will be a club that will be anchored in its local community for a long time to come. The teams and playing will come later. The club is the most important thing.

# GAA in Poland (Central and East Region)



Cumann Warszawa was officially founded in October 2009 by Dubliner Colm Murphy, Clareman Eoin Sheedy, The Rebel Eoin Vaughan & Yellow Bellied Janet Fleming.

The first AGM took place in March 2010 where the proper committee was voted in at the meeting, consisting of Eoin Sheedy (chariman), Colm Murphy (secretary) and Janet Fleming (treasurer).

The aim of the club is to play and promote gaelic games and Irish culture in general, as well as to provide the opportunities for the all the different community to get together. The response to the club so far has been tremendous, and the committee are single-minded in their desire to make this the best organisation it can possibly be. Cumann Warszawa GAA is a Gaelic Athletic Association club

in Warsaw, Poland. The club has joint hurling and football sessions once a week on Thursdays at Pole Mokotowskie near Pub Lolek at 7 pm and during the winter training takes place indoors at the nearby Stadion Skra at 18:15.

The club depends greatly on the University students that come and go every year but overall there is a steady base upon which to build a club going forward.

The club is attempting to get underage hurling off the ground as well as being as competitive as it can be in the East and Central region. It has previously won a good few tournaments in the Central and East region and also been very competitive in Pan European Championships.

Let's hope the Mens and Ladies team can keep it all going for the 2014 season!

# GAA in Spain (Iberian Region)



Clubs in list:

Vilagarcía, Vigo, Valencia, Valdeorras, Seville, Santiago de Compostela (E.V), Santiago de Compostela, PonteVedra, Pamplona, Ogrobe, Marbella, Madrid (2), Madrid (1), Gijon, Ferrolterra, Estrada (1), Estrada (2), Betanzos, A Coruna (1), Barcelona, A Coruna (2).

# GAA in Slovakia (Central and East Region)



GAA in Slovakia has taken over in the cities of Bratislava and Kosice in the last two years. The club which now boasts two full Mens teams and a Ladies team is truly one to

watch out for there in the Central and East Region of European GAA.

The club has had a strong season in 2013 and has attended the Coaching Course in Vienna and all of the regional tournaments in the Central and East in 2013.

The Slovak Shamrocks played in the Mens tournament of the Pan European Competition in Vienna in 2012 but lost out in heart breaking fashion during a 30 meter point shootout as a tie break decider after three clubs had finished level in all categories.

The Slovak Shamrock Ladies team has made itself a force to be reckoned with in their brief involvement with European Ladies football. They had a very positive regional season which gives them some solid building blocks to base their future upon.

It will be fantastic to have both the Slovak Shamrocks Mens and Ladies team in Athlone for the European Gaelic Football Championship Finals. The future looks bright for the Slovak Shamrocks as they have done it right and put the proper structures into the club from the start and hopefully they will reap the rewards long into the future. For the minute they are here to stay.

# GAA in Sweden (Nordic Region)



Gaelic games in Sweden will officially be 10 years old in 2014. The trailblazers and pioneers in this project were the Gothenburg GAA club who successfully gave the Swedes their first taste of Gaelic Games. The Gothenburg club were assisted by the arrival of the Malmö club in 2009 who went on to shake up Nordic GAA by claiming the regional crown in their first ever year.

The Stockholm Gaels jumped on board in 2010 and a GAA revolution was born. All three clubs have gone from strength to strength over the years with all three having vibrant Mens and Ladies teams and all three having varying levels of success. This project of development will come to a full fruition in 2014 as the Viking Gaels hurling club will make its debut to much anticipated acclaim.

Gothenburg have won a few Nordic Championships in Mens Football and their Ladies team has come on in leaps and bounds over the years. The Malmö Mens team won the Nordic Championship in 2009 and the European Shield in 2012 and their Ladies team won the Nordic Ladies Championship in 2013.

The Stockholm Gaels came on the scene and have really taken control since 2010 with 4 consecutive Nordic Championships in a row in Mens Football. The Stockholm Ladies club had some supreme successes with Nordic Championship victories in 2010, 2011 and 2012 and the Malmö Ladies deposed them this year in 2013. There are huge youth projects underway paving the way for the new generation of Swedish GAA superstars. Also with new club projects planned in a few Swedish cities the future is looking bright for Swedish GAA.

# GAA in Switzerland (Swiss/ Italy Region)



Gaelic games in Switzerland have been led in the last 10 years by the Zurich Inneoin Club. The Zurich club plays all four codes of Hurling, Camogie, Mens and Ladies Gaelic Football. Mens and Ladies Football are the new kids on the block as Zurich had previously won four European Hurling Championships including a historic “three in a row”.

The club received some noisy neighbours in 2010 with the arrival of the Saint Gallen Bears. They played in the first ever Inter-Swiss GAA game and then amalgamated together for tournament purposes. Then in 2012 the Geneva Gaels came on board and there was a real upsurge in Gaelic games in Switzerland. The combined Zurich/Saint Gallen team won one regional tournament in the Central and East region

in 2012 as well as two Pan European Championship rounds in Vienna and Maastricht. The Zurich Ladies Gaelic Football Club was also formed and things really took off for them.

In the Swiss/Italy regional season the Zurich Men and Ladies teams remained undefeated and took the regional crowns but the main project was development of the new region and it was truly a special success. The future looks bright with talk of Basel and Neuchatel joining the Swiss Gaelic games family in 2014. That will leave 5 clubs with future and developing competitiveness growing all the time between the clubs the future is bright for Swiss Gaelic games.

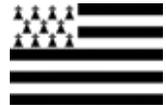
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# New Teams that will be coming our way in 2014

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<b>Bulgaria</b>	Boyanovo/ Hylabovo
<b>Sweden</b>	Helsingborgs, Kalmar, Orebo, Karlskoga
<b>France</b>	Strasbourg, Aix en Provence, Angers, Carhaix, Dijon, Grenoble, Versailles, Tulle, Lannion, Le Mans
<b>Italy</b>	Verona, Milan
<b>Spain</b>	Almeria, Cordoba, Malaga, Granada, Lanzarote
<b>Germany</b>	Bremen, Hamburg, Kaiserslautern
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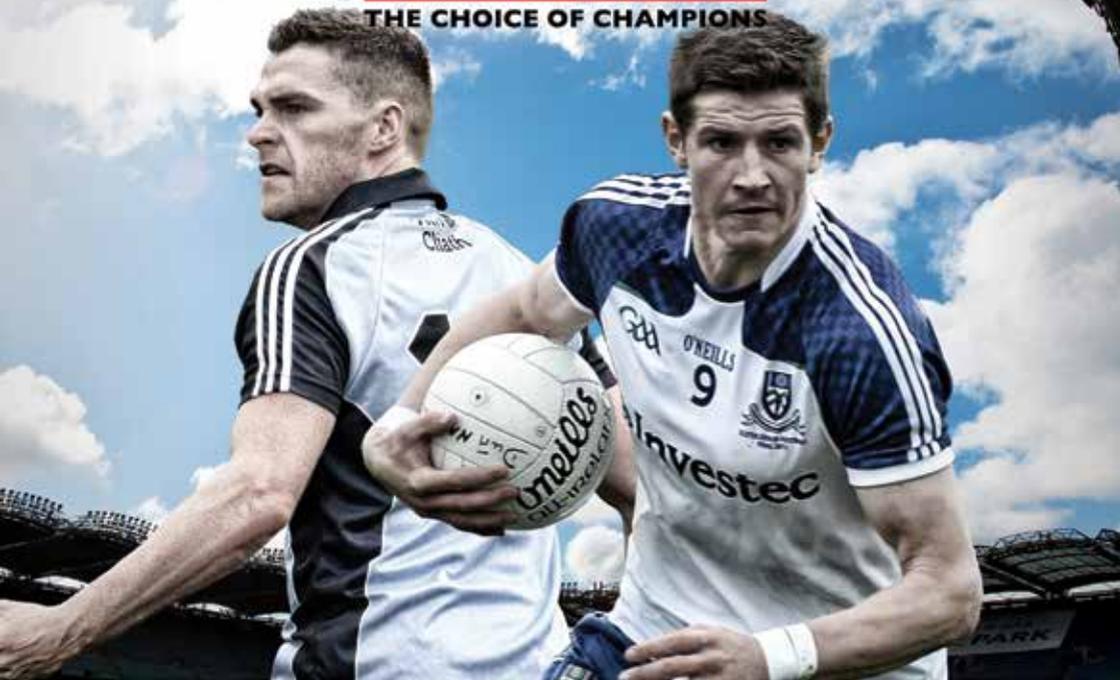
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