

~ CLUB SPONSORS 2006 ~



Senior team sponsors 2006 - Manager Colm O'Rourke with Lisa McDermott and Colm O'Brien of Hibernian, Navan



DLS Mortgage Services provided sponsorship for the minors this year (l/r): Paddy Carr, Justin Flynn, Alan Sweeney (DLS Mortgage Services) and Darren Tully



Peter Murphy of Peter Murphy Quantity Surveyors presents a set of jerseys to Junior C mentors Fergal McKeever, Alan Kavanagh and team captain Jonny Friel



Breda and Larry Clarke of Beechmount Garden Centre presented jerseys to the U-14 Reserves. Back (l/r): Jack Reilly, Niall Coughlan, Ben Clarke. Front (l/r): Padraig Gaffney, Conor Sheridan

Defibrillator

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Jimmy and Shiela Owens of Wesco, the club recently installed a defibrillator in the clubhouse. We feel it is a very important piece of equipment that will help safeguard the well being of our members and particularly our players in the event of any heart irregularity that may occur here. Only in the last couple years since the death of the Tyrone footballer Cormac McAnallen have we become aware of Sudden Death Syndrome and the effects of a cardiac defect even in one so young. A defibrillator serves as a device to combat sudden cardiac arrests by restoring the normality of the heart beat with the use of an electric shock. Training in the use of the defibrillator is to be provided for staff members, coaches and anyone else who is interested in the coming weeks.

LEINSTER GLORY FOR MEATH MINORS

Congratulations to Shane O'Rourke, Shane Carr, selector Sean Barry and the Meath minors on winning the county's first Leinster MFC title since 1993 when defeating Offaly in Croke Park on Sunday, July 16th. Since then the Royal youngsters have defeated Antrim in the All-Ireland quarter-final and are currently preparing for a last four encounter with Connacht champions Roscommon. The club would like to wish them continued success in the All-Ireland series.



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The construction of the new gymnasium, extra dressingrooms and childcare facility is nearing completion and it is expected that it will be fully finished by the end of September. Pictures of the new extension can be viewed on the club website. Childcare Facility will be opened for business in 2007.

Get Geared Up with Hibernian!

Senior team sponsors Hibernian have launched a new GAA promotion - 'Get Geared Up!' - in which the club will receive free equipment every time a Simonstown member drops into the Navan branch to seek a home or motor quote.

How to get free equipment for Simonstown:

- Drop into Hibernian Navan branch for a competitive home or motor quote
- Choose any item from the list provided in the Get Geared Up catalogue in your club
- Complete the tear-off application form stating the item you want to order
- Drop your completed form into the Hibernian branch
- Your chosen item will then be donated to your GAA club

For further details contact the Hibernian branch in Navan or the club office, **046 902 2494**.

This offer runs until 31st August 2006 and an added incentive exclusive to Simonstown members is that Hibernian also offers a €50 discount to club members as part of the Membership Discount scheme.



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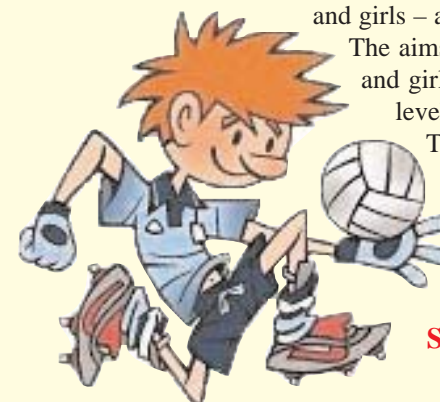
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~ SUPER LEAGUES 2006 ~

Sponsored by O'Reilly & Co. Solicitors

It is that time of year again when the Super Leagues competition takes centre stage on the Simonstown GAA club calendar. This year the Super Leagues will commence on **Monday, August 28th at 7pm** and all boys and girls – aged between 5 and 11 – are invited to participate.



The aims of the Super Leagues are to maximise participation by both boys and girls and provide fun and enjoyment while developing personal skills levels in the process.

The Leagues will continue every Monday and Wednesday evening with the Finals Night scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 16th.

To register for the Super Leagues 2006 simply fill out the application form below and return it to . . .

SUPER LEAGUES 2006, SIMONSTOWN GAELS GAA, NAVAN, CO MEATH.

Super Leagues Contact details:

Clubhouse:046 902 2494
 Email:info@simonstowngfc.com
 Super Leagues co-ordinator: Eric Brady087 7979057
 Club Secretary: Shane O'Brien086 1002263
 Juvenile Secretary: Ciaran Conlon086 8042854

All returned entry forms will be entered into a draw with three replica Simonstown jerseys up for grabs.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Tel: _____
 Date of birth: _____

UNDERAGE REPORT – FOUR TITLE WINS

The months of June and July proved to be rewarding ones for the underage section of the club with no less than four pieces of silverware ending up in the club's trophy cabinet. The U-14 reserves started the ball rolling when they captured the U-14 FC Div 4 and Reserve FL double with final wins over Donaghmore-Ashbourne and Ratoath respectively. The U-12 second string then followed suit when scoring a nail-biting final victory over Trim in Bective on Saturday, July 1st after extra-time. Finally it was the turn of the U-16s to provide club supporters with something extra to cheer about when they overcame Navan O'Mahony's in the U-16 FC Div 4 B competition in Pairc Tailteann on Friday, July 21st. Congratulations to all teams and mentors on their fine achievements.

THE VICTORIOUS U-16 SQUAD

Back (l/r): Danny O'Hare, Sean Gaffney, Shane Barry, Michael Sweeney, Sean Tobin, Mikey Reilly, Ian O'Rourke, Ciaran Carr, Keith Crosse.
 Front (l/r): MacDarragh Fitzpatrick, Darren Fitzgerald, Stephen O'Reilly, Brian Lynch, Kenny McAuley, Colin Wickham, Shane McGivney, David Murphy, Shane Walsh.



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The victorious U-12 reserve panel and mentors - July 2006
Back (l/r): Celine McLarney, Alex Brady, Lee Kearney, Aaron Havern, Ciaran Lane, Ben McRory, Christopher O'Neill, Ross McLarney, Evan Burlingham, Brian Dunne, John Hand, Abideen Abdul, Darren Trappe, Matthew Melvin, Davy Lane. Front (l/r): Daniel Wafer, Stephen Stokes, Dylan Nesbitt, Conor Harte, Niall O'Reilly, Evan McGrath, Neil Kane, Cillian Farrell, Nathan O'Brien, Jack Shealy, Shane Kerrigan.



The double winning U-14 reserve panel 2006
Back (l/r): Michael Coughlan, Martin Stokes, Ben Clarke, Keith Boland, Daniel English, Evan Burlingham, Amir Khalifa, Robert Burlingham, Conor Sheridan, Padraig Gaffney, Niall Coughlan, Andrew Smith, David Dyar, Dean Curran, Martin Barry. Front (l/r): Aubrey Ballantyne, Cormac McHugh, Ian Sweeney, Gavin Keogh, Jack Reilly, Mark Gardiner, Colm O'Reilly, Nathan O'Brien, Nicky O'Brien, Gary Moran, Liam Burke.

Club Leisurewear



Price: €50

Price: €35

Price: €45

Price: €35

Price: €7

Price: €7

CONTACT THE CLUB OFFICE (046) 902 2494
Or Email your order to info@simonstowngfc.com

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Contact: SHANE O'BRIEN, Manager/Secretary
Tel: 046 902 2494 • Mobile: 086 1002263 • Email: info@simonstowngfc.com

SIMONSTOWN BINGO

Up to €2,500 is up for grabs in the club every Thursday evening at 8.45pm. Newcomers welcome. For further information contact Andrew Fitzpatrick at (085) 1424630

CLUB PROFILE

The souvenir programme for the Leinster SFC clash between Meath and Wexford played in Croke Park on Sunday, May 28th contained the following club profile on Simonstown Gaels by Alan Milton, gaelic games correspondent with the Sun newspaper.

GAEIL BAILE SHIOMOIN CLG – SIMONSTOWN GAELS GAA

They may not be the oldest club in county Meath – their formation in 1965 means they are far from it – but the awards picked up by Simonstown Gaels in recent years safeguard their proud claims to be being amongst the progressive.

A quick visit to their salubrious club facilities at their grounds on the Kingscourt Road in Navan is enough to establish why accolades such as the Meath Club of the Year awards from 2000 to 2003 and the Leinster award in 2002 have come home to roost with the north Navan Club.

The current complex has grown steadily in phases since the existing hall was added in the early 1980s to include a full size floodlit pitch that has hosted the Irish International Rules team, a club bar, all weather facilities and ongoing plans for gym and childcare facilities.

It's a template for any club in any county and indeed most in the country. However as with all ambitious clubs progress is not only measured in off field exploits but in tandem with a steady ascent up the ladder of Meath's competitive club pecking order.

Although the sky blue and navy kitted team have yet to be called to the winners' podium at Páirc Tailteann for the prize that matters most, their graph continues to move in that direction.

One of the most recent stand out achievements was the club's success in winning the intermediate football crown back in 1995 – a success replicated at minor and junior B grades in the same year. Former Irish manager and long serving Meath star Colm O'Rourke has managed the club's senior team for the past six years guiding them to county finals in 2003 and 2004, the first of which they lost to Blackhall Gaels after surrendering a nine point lead.

Club secretary Shane O'Brien admits that the club has come a considerable distance since reaching the senior grade in the mid-nineties. "We had considerable success at underage level in the late eighties and early nineties but as everyone knows it doesn't guarantee a club anything," explains O'Brien. "Unfortunately a senior crown has eluded us since then even if we had one hand on it back in 2003. Colm O'Rourke has done a lot of work with the team in a long involvement that stretches back to 2000 in addition of course to his work with juvenile teams. As with most clubs making that breakthrough is an obvious aim." The club currently involves children at all grades down to popular Saturday nurseries and the ladies are not left out of the loop either.

Seamus Kenny will today represent the club on Croke Park duty with the county and other familiar faces to do so in recent years includes All-Ireland medallists Colm Brady, Hank Traynor and Evan Kelly.

Following up on the near misses of recent years the Holy Grail of a county senior football championship remains the elusive goal for Simonstown Gaels for now. How long 'for now' proves to be, remains to be seen. The exploits of the Simonstown club can be followed on their impressive website at: <http://www.simonstowngfc.com>

Simonstown Gaels/Smith's SuperValu Fundraising Initiative



At the launch of the Fundraising initiative in May were back (l/r): Denis Smith (Proprietor, Smith's SuperValu), Alan Kavanagh, John Staunton (Musgraves), Colm O'Rourke, Peter Byrne (Smith's SuperValu), Paddy Carr. Front (l/r): Maria McCabe (Smith's SuperValu), Jim Lane (Club chairman), Evelyn Moynihan (Greenhouse Agency), John Howard.

The Simonstown Gaels/Smith's SuperValu Fundraising initiative is a great success to date and we are delighted that members are participating in the scheme. We are ten weeks into this new initiative and we have over 200 members actively shopping and using the Club Points Loyalty Card. We would encourage all members to use their Club Points Card when shopping in Smith's SuperValu.....Please don't forget your Card!

We are also delighted to announce our Two Winners in our Simonstown/SuperValu Monthly draw:

- Mrs Annette McDonagh, Simonstown Lane
- Mr Colm Keys, Blackcastle

Our goal is to raise funding of €20,000 towards the development of football in our club. With your help we can achieve this. So, please start collecting, if you haven't already.

GAEILIC TELECOM Free Broadband!

Gaelic Telecom has announced that they are now offering free broadband to all our members and supporters. For further information contact **1890 929422**



• SIMONSTOWN GAA CLUB MANUAL •

The Simonstown GAA Club Manual – an information guide for Simonstown players, mentors, officers and members – was launched in the clubhouse back in May. The objective of the Manual is to define the club's policies relating to areas such as Membership, Good Practice for Children in Sport, Coaching & Games Development, the Club's Code of Ethics etc. It is also intended to act as a reference guide for new and existing members by providing information on the club and what it has to offer. All members should have received the Club manual by now but extra copies can be obtained from the club office. Alternatively, it can be downloaded on the club website, www.simonstowngfc.com.

Simonstown Gaels GAA 'Win, Win, Win' Discount Scheme

Simonstown members can avail of a wide variety of discounts in over forty local businesses

Participating outlets include . . .

DLS Mortgage Services	Newgrange Hotel	Oliver Gough Hire
Halpin Travel	E2 Music	Cantec
Jean Junction	Spar, Blackcastle	Smith Harrington Auctioneers
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Carique	Specsavers	O2
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Small Deliveries Sand & Gravel	Maxol Garage	Furniture Works
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Navan Lock & Key	Nolans Pharmacy	Supermacs
Donohoe Electrical	Hogan Kitchens	Lemongrass
T&J Gavigan Auctioneers	Adam Gayle Hairdressers	Geoghegans
Bubbles Launderette	Jack Kiernan & Sons	Minx
Castle Barbers	Fainne Jewellers	Smith's SuperValu
Flooring Excellence	Seamus Connolly Catering	Homeworld

The club would like to thank all the above businesses for their participation in the 'Win, Win, Win' package and we ask all members to support them just as they have supported Simonstown Gaels.