



Mini All Irelands Marlay Park

***Hurling & Camogie
Week***

29th May - 2nd June

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Message from our Director of Coach & Player Development



Paraic McDonald
Director of Coach & Player Development
Ballinteer St Johns

It's that time of year when our pitches are a sea of colour for our Lisney Sotheby's International Realty Mini All Irelands with so much anticipation of fun, excitement, friendship, teamwork and competitive spirit.

With the Lisney Sotheby's International Realty Mini All Irelands comes that feeling that the summer break from training and matches was coming. Long summer evenings on our pitches with our youngest players placed in county teams to play an All Ireland style tournament. Sidelines are lined with support from parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. Such a super time at Ballinteer St Johns! It is open to Club members & non members.

Players from our 2011– 2017 age groups will be divided into teams and then play games against each other. The teams are balanced to allow for maximum enjoyment and participation. Each team is named after a county and each player gets a team t-shirt to wear for the matches which they will keep & wear over the two weeks of Mini All Irelands

Also, each participant on the Gaelic/Ladies Football Week gets a Football & each participant on the Hurling/Camogie week gets a Sliotar! The grand finale of our two weeks of Mini All Irelands takes place on Saturday 10th June, with our Football Finals & Family Fun Day!

During the first week the boys and girls will play Camogie / Hurling, followed in the second week with a feast of Gaelic / Ladies Football

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Message from our Cathaoirleach



Anthony O'Connor
Cathaoirleach
Ballinteer St Johns

The mini All-Irelands are always a wonderful landmark in the club calendar and this year's edition promises to be the best yet. An unprecedented 399 games with approximately 1400 participants will play out in Marlay in the coming weeks. I would like to pay tribute to our Director of Coaching and Player Development Paraic McDonald who, building on the efforts of hundreds of volunteers over the years, has organised the most ambitious mini All-Ireland event the club has ever seen and to our PRO Trish McGrath who with help from our juvenile teams has driven the promotion and participation in the event. The executive would like to thank the mentors, coaches, volunteers, first aiders, referees and most of all players who make this event so special for all our community. None of this could take place without the support of LisneySotheby International Realty who are such stalwart supporters of BSJ especially our youngest teams and players and I hope our members will continue to support them. I hope you will enjoy the long, sunny evenings in the park making friends and having fun.

Mar is gnáth is ócáid fíor-thabhachtach I bhféilire an club namini All-Irelands agus táimid ag tnúth go mbeadh an leaganseo an ceann is fear riamh. Beidh 399 cluiche ar siúl idir 1400 imreoirí le linn na seachtainí atá le teacht. Ba mhaith liombuíochas faoi leith a ghabháil lenár stiúiritheoir traenála agusforbairt na n-imreoirí Paraic Mc Donald. Chuir Paraic leis an sár-oibre atá déanta leis an gcomórtas seo le blianta anuaschun an leagan is mó a bhí again riamh a chur ar siúlmbliana, maraon lenár PRO Trish McGrath a rinne nacumarsáide. Ba bhréa leis an fheidhmeannacht buíochas a ghabháil leis na maor foirne, traenálaí, óglaigh, lucht leighis, réiteoirí agus ach go háirithe na h-imreoirí a gcruthaíonn an ócáid speisialta seo don phobal áitiúil. Ní fhéadfaimis rud mar seo a chur ar siúl gan an tacaíocht a gheobhaimid ó LisneySotheby International Realty, a tacaíonn go tréan lenár gclub, ach go háirithe ár imreoirí is óige. Tá súil agam go dtacófaidhár mbaill leo freisin. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibhtaitneamh as na tráthnónna fada, grianmhar atá le teachtchugainn I Marlay ag déanamh chairde agus sport

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Anthony O'Connor, Cathaoirleach BSJ

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Darren Chambers
Director
Lisney Sotheby's International Realty

When the first BSJ Mini All Irelands were being planned back in late 2009, I was a mentor with the then U7 boys' group, also known as the "2002 boys" to this day. During that time, Lisney was sponsoring a similar annual event in another GAA club, and I personally witnessed the tremendous fun and excitement that arose as boys and girls competed with each other while representing adopted counties.

In the early stages of organizing this event, I approached my colleagues at Lisney, who graciously agreed to come on board as sponsors. They have maintained their commitment and support ever since. Lisney is truly delighted to be associated with this event. Witnessing hundreds of children enjoying Gaelic games in a fun environment on a summer evening in June is truly a remarkable sight.

We are thrilled to see the event move to Marlay Park this year, where the players can experience the thrill of running out from the clubhouse dressing rooms onto the field of play in our home grounds. As sponsors, we would like to express our gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers who have dedicated their time over the years to make this event so special. We would also like to thank this year's organizing committee, led by BSJ's Director of Coaching & Players Development, Paraic McDonald.

Finally, a message to the most important people: our players. Enjoy yourselves, have fun, and dare to dream big.

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Our Players

It's all about our
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Our 2017 / u6 Boys



Our 2017 Boys have taken to hurling like ducks to water - this is impressive as for many, last September would have been their first experience of putting on a helmet & picking up a hurley.

With the expert mentoring of Brian, whose prowess was forged in the hurling heartland of Sligo, the boys have gone from strength to strength over the past few months.

A special mention also to Andrew, our transition year student who has been faithfully manning the hurling station every Saturday morning despite there surely being times he had better places to be - his help has been much appreciated by players & mentors alike!

Thank you to all mentors, players & parents for their support thus far; looking forward to continuing the journey over the next few years - BSJ abú!

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Our 2017 / u6 girls



This will be 2017 girls first BSJ Mini All Irelands, and for some it will be the first time they will play their first match on grass with goals. I'm excited to welcome the group to start their GAA journey with such a big occasion. No doubt this will give the group a great first experience playing GAA with BSJ.

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Our 2016 / u7 Boys



Our under 7 2016 boys are super excited about the upcoming mini all irelands. Fresh off the back of a football blitz away to Cuala and a Hurling blitz in Olafs. They are rearing to play on home soil. They boys have progressed in leaps and bounds this year and that's all down to their wonderful mentors who are there every weekend teaching them the core skills. it is also wonderful to see that they have really started to forge the GAA friendships that will last them a lifetime. It is also super exciting to be playing in Marlay with the bigger kids which no doubt will spur them on even further. Bsí abú

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Our 2016 / u7 Girls



Our 2016 girls train every Saturday morning at our Nursery in Broadford! They are working hard on their skills & having lots of fun!

A really big highlight for the girls this year was when they played at half time during one of our Senior Footballers games on Pitch 2 in Marlay Park! A very special occasion for them & their mentors & families! It was magic!

They are really excited about The Mini All Irelands & can't wait to represent their adopted counties & have lots of fun!

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Our 2015 / u8 Girls



With the 2105 girls we have a fabulous group of 61 girls, and 29 parent coaches. Without doubt, one of the highlights last year was our first Mini All Ireland Campaign, which the girls, mentors & parents really enjoyed, and embraced all the qualities that are great about our Club and games.

They charged down through a tunnel of supporters, cheered on by friends, siblings, parents & grandparents, to give us a great display of camogie, football and some cart wheels.

It truly was a wonderful occasion for all the family.

The excitement is growing for the 2023 event, as we are all looking forward to relocating to Marlay park for the next few weeks.

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Our 2015 / u8 Boys



"The u8 hurlers are a fantastic bunch of boys, and their skills have really improved since they started Go Games earlier this year. We have 64 players, and 9 teams playing inter-club ties every hurling weekend.

Getting the ball in hand and striking on the run are the skills we are hoping to see build during the mini-All Ireland competitions in Marlay. Our team of coaches are motivated, dedicated and very patient with our young All Stars. All around the u8 group is one to watch 😊"

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Our 2014 / u9 Girls



The 2014 Girls are bubbling with excitement ahead of this year's Mini All Irelands. Almost 50 girls will participate across both codes, showcasing their skills and talents for mentors, family and friends supporting from the sidelines. We look forward to seeing them in action and having fun each evening.

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Our 2014 / u9 Boys



Nearly 50 local legends will represent the 2014 boys in the hurling Mini All Irelands. This wonderful group of young men have been working hard on their hurling skills and we look forward to seeing them in action for their adopted counties over the next week.

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Our 2013 / u10 Girls



We currently have 74 girls registered and 23 mentors.

An amazing group of girls most of which have been with us from age 4 in nursery. We're proud to be one of the largest female groups in the club.

Week on week our diverse group of mentors (hailing from Italy, Poland, England , Croatia..and even Cork) have watched these girls go from strength to strength, make friends and form bonds. The future is bright for BSJ ladies teams.

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Our 2013 / u10 Boys



We have 60 boys playing hurling. We have made some brilliant progress this year. The boys are really enjoying their hurling. We have travelled north side for the first time this year which has been a big challenge but which they are meeting head on. We had a great trip to Galway earlier this year and we re looking forward to welcoming the Galway hurlers back along with a trip to Croke Park.

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Our 2012 / u11 Girls



The 2012 girls have gone from strength to strength this year with their camogie skills. We have 65 girls with us and anywhere from 50+ at each training session. We're lucky we have a great team of mentors that can pass all their knowledge and skills on.

We encourage Fun, Respect and Teamwork with the girls in every session we do. They enjoy the sessions with the girls and love the challenges of the matches where they develop all their skills from training. A great bunch of young ladies were lucky to coach and future stars for BSJ!!!

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Our 2012 / u11 Boys



There are about 40 boys in the 2012 boys hurling group. They are working hard on de their skills & are getting great experience playing teams from across the county! It has been great to see boys either return to or decide to take up hurling this year also!

A big highlight for 2012 s this year was when they hosted the Aindriú Ó hEithir Hurling Blitz on the May Bank Holiday Monday with 150 players partipating from BSJ & 5 other clubs!



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Our 2011 / u12 Boys



This is the final Mini All Irelands for the U12 Boys as players, but also the first year they get to impart their experience (and what they've learned from their mentors!) onto the next crop of BSJ players, by mentoring the U7s & U8s!

The U12 Boys are just after kicking off their first ever League matches following a very successful Grading Games campaign.

There are 70 boys playing football across four divisions, and 55 boys across three hurling divisions, supported by a team of 16 coaches.

The BSJ1 hurlers & footballers both achieved Division 1 status, so bright days ahead for BSJ.

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Our 2011 / u12 Girls



The 2011 (U12) Girls have between 50 – 55 girls registered with 15 coaches training them twice a week. 2023 is the girls last year in Go Games and the mentors have put a big emphasis on the girls practicing their camogie skills in their spare time on top of training. It is easy to see done this with tonnes of enthusiasm. Their skills have improved so much this year and they are all looking forward to the Mini All Irelands

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Team Managers

Players from our u12-u15 teams are delighted to be
Mini All Ireland Team Managers!

What a great experience for them & the
participants!

Mentors will take a back seat and will only be
there to support their groups! They will leave the
coaching to the Team Managers!

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Referees

Thank you to all those giving up
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encouragement only from the sidelines
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What you need to know!

- Entry open to members & non-members of BSJ GAA Club
- MAI will be played under the GoGames ethos (Respect, Participation, Fun, Learning & Friendship)
- Teams will be mixed ability and picked in advance of the start of the competition
- We will have separate competitions for each age group from Under 6 (2017) to Under 12 (2011)
- We will try and make sure we have no subs so depending on numbers entering some teams might have 1 extra player
- Teams will hopefully be managed by players from the U12/U13/U14 teams
- Games will be refereed by some of our young official referees & TY students
- All players will receive their own county t-shirt to keep and must be worn each night
- At the end of the week all players will receive a Sliotar (Hurling & Camogie) or Football (Football & Ladies Football)
- To avoid confusion we will have the same scoring system for all age groups (traditional Goals = 3pts, Over the crossbar = 1pt)

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Key Days & Dates

Week 1 - Hurling & Camogie competitions, Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

- Camogie will take place Mon 29th, Wed 31st & Friday 2nd June
- Hurling will take place Tuesday 30th, Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd June
- Under 12 to Under 9 in Camogie will have 5 games (20 min games) across the 3 nights
- Under 12 to Under 8 will have 5 games (20 min games) across the 3 nights in Hurling
- Teams will 2 games on the 1st night, 2 games on the 2nd night & 1 game on the final night (finale match)
- Under 7 & Under 6 will have 3 games across 2 nights, Camogie Under 8 will also have 3 games across 2 nights
- * Camogie U8, U7 & U6 will have 2 games on Wed 31st & 1 game on Fri 2nd
- ** Hurling U7 & U6 will have 2 games on Tuesday 30th & 1 game on Fri 2nd

Week 2 - Football & Ladies Football competitions, Tuesday 6th June to Saturday 10th June

- Football will take place Tues 6th June, Thurs 8th & Saturday 10th June in the afternoon
- Ladies Football will take place Wed 7th, Fri 9th & Saturday 10th June in the afternoon
- Under 12 to Under 8 will have 5 games (20 min games) across the 3 nights , U12 to U9 in Ladies Football
- *Teams will 2 games on the 1st night, 2 games on the 2nd night & 1 game on the final afternoon (finale match)
- Under 7 & Under 6 will have 3 games across 2 nights, Ladies Football will also have 3 games across 2 nights/days
- * Football U7 & U6 will have 2 games on Thurs 8th & 1 game on Saturday 10th June in the afternoon
- **Ladies Football U8, U7 & U6 will have 2 games on Wed 7th & 1 game on Saturday 10th June in the afternoon

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What you need to know!

All Matches will be played beside the clubhouse in Marlay Pk on 6-8 mini pitches each evening.

The matches will start from 5pm/5.20pm and run until 7pm/7.30pm. In general we will start with the younger age groups in the early slots and finish with the older age groups in the later slots.

You will only need to be present for the times of your matches (5 or 3 x 20min games over 3 / 2 nights).

**Saturday 10th June
will run in tandem with the
BSJ Family Fun Day**

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Let's make memories!

We hope that
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