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Rathcline GAA – Weekly Club Newsletter

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Rathcline GAA - Garth Brooks Concert Fundraiser

Rathcline GAA has Premium Stand tickets for 4x Garth Brook Concerts in Croke Park in September as follows:

- Friday 9th September,
- Saturday 10th September,
- Friday 16th September &
- Saturday 17th September.

2x Premium Stand Tickets for each Concert!

Click on the video below for a promotional advertisement for our fundraiser:





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It is our intention to raffle these concerts **<u>BUT</u>** we are looking to do something different which requires your help!

It is our plan to pilot a predominantly "Online sales campaign" over the next couple of weeks to determine the selling power around our digital sales.

In order to maximise the potential of the fundraiser, we are asking all our patrons, supporters, friends and community to share any related fundraiser posts far and wide. Our fundraiser advertisements will be displayed on Facebook, Twitter, our Club App and our club website.

For those who are not comfortable with online purchasing; contact can be made with any member of our executive committee for any prospective physical sales. All requests will be accommodated.

Online tickets can be bought at the following link: https://member.clubspot.app/.../rathcl.../fundraiser/tickets

There are two ticket options as follows:

- Option 1: Buy 1x Ticket for €5
- Option 2: Buy 3x Tickets for €10

The draw for the tickets will take place on Saturday 3rd September in the Yacht Bar Lanesboro at 8pm. Results will be posted on all our online Social Media Platforms.

For more information check out: http://www.rathcline.gaa.ie/garth-brooks-concerts-2022







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Senior Championship 2022 - Round 3 Result



Commiserations to our Senior Team who lost the third round of the championship to Colmcille on Saturday evening.

Although the result is disappointing, there are few that would have expected a surprise in this game given the injuries in the panel at the moment. With the loss of Richard Prior, Jacub Kajan and Oran Kenny, this game was always going to prove difficult. This game was an opportunity to rest some key players and concentrate our efforts to the last two games of the championship against Clonguish and Carrickedmond respectively.

On Saturday evening, the team was supplemented with players from our Junior panel with Michael Hanley, Kevin Chapman and Garth O' Reilly making the step up to senior championship. It now means that these three players are fully at the senior team's disposal for the rest of the campaign and are illegible to play in our junior competition.

The remaining two group fixtures against Clonguish and Carrickedmond on Saturday 26th August and Friday 2nd September respectively. Both games are scheduled to take place in Pairc Chiarán in Cashel.

Rathcline has arguably played the three best teams in the county so far in the championship and taken points in one out of three games which is very positive.





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Nevertheless, the championship gets very serious for our club where a result is needed in one if not both remaining championship fixtures to qualify for a senior championship quarter final.



Given that the last remaining games are in Cashel, we need the full support of the parish to come up to NTC and cheer on the lads.







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Ticket details for Championship games (Senior & Junior):

Entry to this year's Championships games will be via the online ticketing sales system provided by future ticketing.

Keep an eye on the following link for more details: - https://longfordgaa.ie/tickets-clubs/

The Group Two championship table after Round 2 is as follows:

#	Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts.
1	Colmcille	3	3	0	0	41	25	6
2	Abbeylara	3	2	0	1	42	31	4
3	Carrickedmond	2	1	0	1	25	28	2
4	Rathcline	3	1	0	2	36	46	2
5	Clonguish	3	1	0	2	32	42	2
6	Killoe Young Emmets	2	0	0	2	30	34	0







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Junior B Championship 2022 - Round 2 - Rathcline vs St. Columba's Mullinalaghta

Rathcline 3:11, St. Columba's Mullinalaghta 0:11 Final Score:

17th August 2022 at 7:30pm Date:

Venue: Clonbonny

Congratulations to our Junior championship team who had a fantastic win over Mullinalaghta last Wednesday night in the second round of the Junior B Championship. This was a fantastic result against a club who pride themselves in success in every grade of championship football.

The result is magnified by the fact that Rathcline suffered a bad loss in the week previous to Ardagh Moydow. The players regrouped and played with great resolve and determination to get their championship campaign underway in Clonbonny.

Once again over twenty players togged out for this game which shows massive continued interest in Junior level football in our club.

Rathcline dominated the game throughout playing with a calmness and composure which let the side down the previous week. Discipline and on-the-field-support was exemplary with the mix of old and new forming a united front in taking the game to the north Longford kingpins.

Best for Rathcline on the night was Dean O' Reilly, Michael Hanley and Sean Casey in defence whilst Conor English, Brien Casey, Callum Gordan and Gerdie Farrell were outstanding from an offensive perspective.

The third round of the Junior Championship will take place next Wednesday 24th August at 7:15pm in Higginstown against St Marys Granard.

Team: Declan Feeney, Shane Killian, Michael Hanley, Dean O' Reilly, Connor McGrath, Neill O' Connor, Sean Casey, Kevin Chapman, Conor English, Mark Dowd, David Gilmore, Gerard Farrell, Brien Casey, Ryan Fallon, Calum Gordan.

Group one championship table after Round 2 is as follows:

#	Team	Р	W	D	Ц	F	Α	Pts.
1	Ardagh Moydow GAA	2	2	0	0	38	25	4
2	St. Mary's Granard	2	1	0	1	32	30	2
3	Rathcline	2	1	0	1	29	32	2
4	Mullinalaghta	2	0	0	2	24	36	0

Even though Rathcline have one group game left in the Junior Championship, our fate has been sealed in terms of further progression in the competition. It is mathematically impossible to proceed as group winners to contest the Junior B Championship final and migrate to the Junior A Championship Quarter Finals. Ardagh/Moydow have sealed top position in the group by virtue of the fact of having a better head-to-head record against Rathcline. This is indeed a pity and another example of where county board competition formats have let down the smaller clubs in the county. The format of this year's championship provides limited football for clubs like Rathcline at this level. Hopefully next year there will be a rethink of the group format to allow for a semi-final stage in championship competitions.



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50/50 Lotto Draw Winner

Congratulations to **Tara Cullen**, C/O Chris Cullen Lanesboro who is this week's winner of our 50/50 Lotto Fundraiser with a jackpot total of **€609**.

The draw took place in the Yacht Bar on Monday night last night and was coordinated by Liam Connerton and Cathal Chapman. Our next draw will take place on Monday night 22nd August in Adies Bar and will be officiated by Shannon Gaels Minor Club.

Online Sales are now open for next week's draw and can be played at the following link: ClubSpot

Great work continues with our Saturday shop sales, weekend pub sales, a functioning online sales system and indeed every local outlet making a fantastic effort to drive up our profits. Your contributions have made a massive difference and are invaluable to the day-to-day operations of our club. Thank you very much.

Improved sales add value in three different ways:

1. "Our club benefits" with improved weekly profits which is necessary for the day-to-day activities. There is a lot of activity planned in Clonbonny this year, both on and off the field so the extra profits are most welcome at this time of the year.

- 2. "Our Fundraiser benefits" with higher jackpot totals. There is a natural incentive for continued improvement on sales when there is meaningful pot to play for. Everyone loves to win more! The more that plays; the bigger the jackpot!
- 3. "Our winner benefits". With one guaranteed winner every week, it is brilliant to see a cheque being handed to one lucky winner. It brings a feel-good factor to our weekly operations in the club.

Click on any of the two schematics to the right to redirect to our Online Web Portal for 50/50 Sales.





50/50 Weekly Lotto Draw

Tickets on sale at all local outlets

Ticket Options:

€2 each (Blue Envelope)
3x for €5 (Blue Envelope)
6x for €10 (Blue Envelope)
6 Monthly Entry for €50
(Green Envelope)
Yearly Entry for €100 (Pink Envelope)

All options are available online

Play instantly online by Scanning the QR Code



One guaranteed winner every week







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Football Sponsorship for Senior Club

If anyone is interested in sponsoring footballs; the club would be grateful for help and support. Please let any member of the Executive know.

Alternatively, please make contact with Declan Feeney or Wayne O' Donoghue who are coordinating the inventory of gear for the senior panel.

Thanks in advance







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Cian O' Brien plays an important role with IRFU Ladies

It is not too often we get to write or acknowledge the achievements of one of our own and their contributions to the highest level of Irish sports; so, it is a pleasure to acknowledge Cian O' Brien's migration to team performance analyst for the IRFU Ladies rugby team.

Cian is currently on tour with the Irish Ladies rugby team in Japan under coach Greg McWilliams. Victory was secured in the first of three international tests against Japan on Saturday 20th August in Fukuroi City.

Final Score: Japan 22, Ireland 57

Click here for match report.

Cian is a son of Joe and Martina O' Brien, Corner Shop Lanesboro Rathcline GAA would like to wish Cian the very best on this international tour and continued success in his work.



Rathcline GAA - Annual General Meeting 2022

This year, Rathcline GAA will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 1st October in our Clubhouse at 6pm. The announcement of an early AGM is strategic for a number of reasons as follows:

- For the first time, our club will align its financial yearly close to the GAA norm (October to end of September).
- It will allow adequate time for the incoming executive to prepare and execute a plan for the Christmas draw.
- An early AGM enables the club and the incoming executive to lock in senior management team for the 2023 season at the most optimal time of the year where winter training preparations can be planned for.
- Club affiliation details to our county board will be accurate in advance of the County Board AGM in early December with the selection and ratification of our county board delegates before the convention.

In the coming weeks, all our club members will be receiving nomination and motion papers from our Club Secretary – Mr Jimmy Flood.

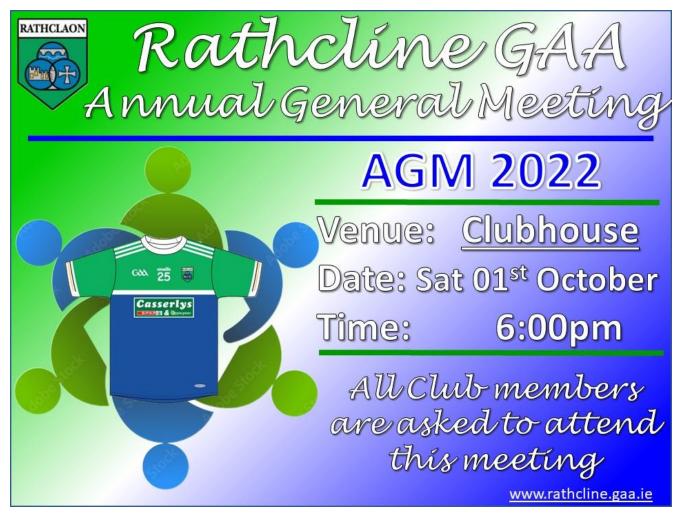
This will be your chance to make viable contributions to the club direction over the course of the next twelve months. All our club members have a voice and we are asking all parties to engage with this end of year process for the good of our club.



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Sympathies to the Marlowe Family Kenagh

Rathcline GAA was deeply sorry to hear the sad news of Kenagh GAA and Longford GAA stalwart Johnny Marlowe's sudden passing. Johnny was highly recognised throughout the county and nationwide in GAA circles in more recent times as an umpire and prior to then as a Referee and Player.

We would like to offer our sincere sympathies to Johnny's family and to the Kenagh GAA football club. Especially to Johnny's wife Pauline, daughter Jaqueline, sons John, Oliver, Paul, and Gerard, his brother Pat and sister Kitty, his grandchildren, relatives, neighbours and a wide circle of friends.

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis."





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Prunty Pitch condition

Over the last couple of weeks, it has been brought to the attention of the executive about the condition of the main pitch at the moment.

The picture below shows the concerns especially around the patchiness of the surface.

Our executive has been very aware about this problem since the start of the year. We have completed some remedial works earlier this year by spiking the pitch to loosen the compaction but it is clear to see that a comprehensive pitch care plan is required to restore the surface to its former glory.

After a consultation with Prunty Pitches earlier in the season, a package of work has been identified and priced (please see recommendations and comments from Joe Prunty).

At the moment, the club's priority is to finish the walkway works and then turn our attention to pitch care thereafter.



Pitch spiking completed on 24th May to reduce compaction on the pitch







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Recommendations;

In order to bring this pitch back to a high standard, improve performance and help ensure its longevity we would recommend that the following works be carried out;

- 1. Spray pitch to supress earthworm activity.
- 2. Spray pitch with selective weed-killer to kill weeds and apply iron to kill moss.
- 3. Intensively scarify the surface to remove dead weeds, moss and to remove some of the organic matter from the surface.
- 4. Import and spread 150 tonnes of sand to regulate levels, dilute down organic matter and strengthen the surface.
- 5. Shockwave pitch to relieve compaction in the underlying soil.
- 6. Over-seed pitch to introduce new seed to restore grass cover and sward density.
- 7. Vertil-drain pitch on completion of the works to help to relieve surface compaction, regulate levels and to aerate the root-zone.

This work would take approximately 1 week to complete but the pitch would need a further 4-5weeks to re-establish depending on the time of year.

Finally, I would just like to say this pitch has the potential to be one of the best fields in Longford and the surrounding areas if these works can be carried out and the right strategy be put in place for its continued maintenance.

I trust that this information will be of help to you in reaching a decision. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Joe Prunty

Joe Prunty Jnr

Prunty Contracts Ltd





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Rathcline GAA Strategic Partners

It is important that as a Club we acknowledge all our strategic partners in our community. Our strategic partners are any such entity which support our club not just from a financial / sponsorship point of view but equally helping out with the day to day running of the club; Community support which allows our club to grow and prosper.

Most notably, we can all identify with the growth of our weekly 50/50 Lotto draw over the last couple of months. Rathcline GAA is deeply thankful to all our strategic partners for their continued support.

Please click on each of the icons below to redirect to each of the businesses / club / societies for their most up to date online notices.





















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Roscommon Senior Football Championship

Commiserations to St. Faithleachs were most unfortunate to lose to Boyle on Saturday evening last in the second round of the Roscommon senior football championship in Ballyleague. Wally Burke's men lost by a single point in injury time.

Faithleachs need to secure a victory in their last group game versus Western Gaels on Saturday 3rd September in the neutral venue of Strokestown. Throw in for the game is at 7pm.







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Rathcline GAA Social Media Platforms

Stay connected with any of our social media platforms below:

