

Handball Board appeals to clubs

THE COUNTY Juvenile Handball Board are appealing to all clubs throughout the county to confirm the names of the players they will be entering in the 60 x 30 singles championships which are due to start within the next fortnight.

Please also note that a special skills competition will take place at the end of this month. We would like to see all clubs represented in this very important event. For further details, please phone one of the following numbers: 087-9289828 or 087-2792745.

The Juvenile Board would like to offer its sincere congratulations to Under-15 All-Ireland 40 x 20 dou-

bles champions, Peter Hughes and Mark Maher. The Ballyhogue partnership played some brilliant handball in defeating opposition from Kilkenny and the best that mighty Munster could offer, while in the All-Ireland decider they totally overwhelmed a gallant duo from Down.

Meanwhile, in the Leinster 'B' championships, Wexford were again to the fore with a number of great performances in all three rounds up to the finals, which were held at Ballymore Eustace.

In the under-13 singles, Dean Corrigan (Castlebridge) enjoyed a fine victory over a Kildare oppo-

nent to win his first Leinster singles title. Cory Murphy (Castlebridge) and Ross Lynch (St. Joseph's) are proving themselves to be a formidable partnership in the Under-13 doubles, as they brought home another provincial title to Wexford.

Finally, the Under-17 pairing of Eamonn Murphy and Michael Sinnott (both from Oulart) put in some very good performances to beat both Kilkenny and Offaly, before losing out in the Leinster decider after a great battle with an excellent Dublin duo.

HANDBALL FINALS



■ Medal winners in the County Juvenile handball 40 x 20 finals in Oulart Handball Club were - back: Eamonn Murphy, Oulart, U-16/17; Daniel Kennedy, Coolgreany, U-16/17; Mark Maher, Ballyhogue, U-15. Front: Galen Riordan, Ballyhogue, U-11; Peter Hughes, Ballyhogue, U-15; Tomás Earle, Oulart, U-13; Darragh Corrigan, Oulart, U-12; Tadhg Riordan, Ballyhogue, U-13.

Co. Championships part two in Bree

ALL CLUBS should note that part two of the Wexford Creamery Co. Championships will now be held in Bree at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 14.

The Senior men's 5,000m will be

held early on Sunday morning, with the 3,000m in the afternoon.

A beginners' coaching course number two will be held on Saturday, May 27, in Piercestown due to sufficient demand.

Anyone interested should contact John Joe Doyle or Co. Secretary Clare Doyle immediately.

A full report from the Co. Championships will appear in next week's edition.

Bree hosts Under-15 boys' finals

BREE HANDBALL alley was the venue for the final of the Community Games Under-15 boys' competition recently.

This decider had Kilmore and Bree-Davidstown in action. Kilmore had received a walkover into the final with the withdrawal of Oulart, while Bree-Davidstown had defeated Clonroche-Poulpeasty on a 102-55 scoreline.

In the first singles match, Kilmore's Stephen Cousins got off to a great start by winning both of the games. This gave them an early lead, but Bree-Davidstown came back strongly in the doubles, taking all three games.

Mark Maloney and Cody Gaddren for Kilmore tried their best, but an inspired and classy Peter

Hughes saw off their challenge with his partner, James Parle.

That left the match resting on the final singles game with Stephen Martin (Kilmore) taking on Seán Ring (Bree-Davidstown). Seán proved to be too strong, although Stephen put up a brave fight.

Bree-Davidstown went on to win the match on an 84-41 scoreline and earn their right to represent Wexford in the Leinster rounds.

Bree-Davidstown: Michael Parker, Peter Hughes, Seán Ring, James Parle, James Hughes.

Kilmore: Mark Moloney, Cody Gaddren, Stephen Cousins, Stephen Martin, Jamie Sinnott, Sam Turner.

COMMUNITY GAMES NEWS

Kilmore lads make it through handball finals

THERE WERE four teams in the Community Games Under-13 boys' handball tournament.

In the first of the semi-finals, Oulart accounted for Clonroche-Poulpeasty to put them through to the decider. Kilmore then took on Ferns on the other side of the draw.

In the first singles game, Kevin Casey of Kilmore faced Brian O'Neill from Ferns. These players were evenly matched, with Brian coming out on top on a 15-11, 15-10 scoreline to put Ferns in the lead by nine aces.

Next up were the Ferns pairing of Declan Byrne and Peter Codd who took on Kilmore's Richard Martin and Jeff Kearney. The first game looked as if Kilmore were going to have a battle on their hands as the Ferns chaps won it 15-14.

However, the Kilmore pair got their act together and, with some very good serving and teamwork, won the next two games 15-4, 15-4 to put their side

ahead by 12 aces.

Next up for Kilmore was Paul Roche who took on Patrick Breen of Ferns. Paul got off to a good start and, with some very good serves and excellent returns, won this game 15-5 which secured the match for Kilmore.

Patrick battled on in the last game, winning it 15-10, but Kilmore emerged overall winners on a 90-73 scoreline.

This was a very enjoyable evening of handball with plenty of skill and determination on display by both sides. Substitutes were John McGuire (Kilmore) and Niall Davitt and Adam O'Connor (Ferns).

With their win over Ferns, Kilmore then moved on to the county final in Bree and took on Oulart. Kilmore played Kevin Casey in the first singles game, and his opponent was Peter Sutton who took the two games 15-1, 15-4 to give his side a strong lead of 25 aces.

The doubles pairing of

Richard Martin and Jeff Kearney from Kilmore had a big task ahead of them against Anthony Roche and Carl Doyle from Oulart, but they won their first game 15-8 to close the gap to 18 aces.

They were in tremendous form and took the last two games 15-8, 15-4 to leave the two teams level on 50 aces each.

Next up for Kilmore was Paul Roche who took the first game against Oulart's Darragh Corrigan, 15-7, to give his side an eight-point lead for the first time.

Corrigan was not going to give up easily and he went 10-7 ahead. Paul Roche got in a great shot to win back the serve and he finally finished off the game 15-11 to give his team the title on an 80-61 scoreline.

Kilmore: Kevin Casey, Richard Martin, Jeff Kearney, Paul Roche, John McGuire.

Oulart: Peter Sutton, Carl Doyle, Darragh Corrigan, Anthony Roche, Thomas Sinnott.

Outdoor events progressing

THE COMMUNITY Games outdoor team events are progressing nicely, with many of the games now nearly down to the semi-final stages.

In the Under-10 football, Kilmore will meet either Tintern or Ballycanew in the semi, while Castlebridge-Crossabeg face Glynn-Barntown.

In the girls' Under-12 football, the semis will feature Rathangan v. Kilmore and Castlebridge-Crossabeg v. Bree-Davidstown. The hurling semis see Castlebridge-Crossabeg v. Kilmore and Gorey v. Ballycanew.

In the boys' Under-12 soccer, Castlebridge-Crossabeg and Ballycanew are already through to the semis, and there's still a few matches in round two to be decided.

In the girls' Under-12 event, Castlebridge-Crossabeg are through to the county final where they will meet either Oulart or the winners of Rathangan v. Bree-Davidstown.

The Under-15 girls' soccer competition has Ballycanew through to the county final where they will meet either Castlebridge-Crossabeg or Bree-Davidstown. Rathgarogue-Cushinstown are through to the semis of the camogie competition (no other results to date).

In the Under-13 tennis, Piercestown meet Glynn-Barntown and Gorey take on Bunclody in the semis. In the Under-16 event, Glynn-Barntown meet Gorey and Piercestown face Clonroche-Poulpeasty in the semis.

In the Under-13 girls' rounders, Glynn-Barntown meet Newbawn-Raheen in the semi (no other results). Taghmon take on Bunclody in the semi of the boys' Under-13 event, and Newbawn-Raheen await the winners of the Piercestown v. Ballycanew match.

In the girls' Under-15 event, Newbawn-Raheen are through to the county final and await the winners of the Taghmon v. Piercestown match. In the boys' Under-15 event, Piercestown are through to the county final and await the winners of the Newbawn-Raheen v. Taghmon match.

DIARY DATES
Saturday, May 13: Variety and Choir in Bree Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m. sharp.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, May 19/20/21/22: May Festival of Sport, Mosney.

Saturday, May 27: Páirc Charman, county team finals.

Sunday, May 28: county gymnastic finals, Gorey.

Ferns girls overcome Oulart

THERE WAS a straight final between Oulart and Ferns in the Community Games Under-13 girls' handball competition.

In the first singles match, Belinda Cahill (Ferns) took on Aideen Brennan (Oulart) and won the opener 15-1, but Aideen fought back to win the second game by the closest of margins (15-14).

The doubles match featured Edel Murphy and Emer Nolan (Ferns) against Aoife Brown and Marguerite O'Brien

(Oulart). The girls from Ferns won the first game 15-4; the second went to Oulart on a 15-10 scoreline, and Ferns then just managed to take the third on a 15-13 scoreline.

However, Oulart claimed the last singles match when Elaine Lyndon who was up against Vicky Martin from Ferns took both games 15-11, 15-12. It was very close final indeed, and once the points were added up Ferns had emerged the winners on a 92-78 scoreline.

Ferns also had Niamh Dunbar and Emma Kehoe on their panel, while Georgina Sutton and Nicola Elliot were substitutes for Oulart. Well done to all.

Clonroche-Poulpeasty were declared the winners of the Under-15 competitions with the withdrawal of the Kilmore team, and the panel was made up of Ciara Doyle, Tara Sinnott, Christine Walsh, Shauna Murphy, Michaela Doyle-Murphy and Stephanie Kavanagh.