

Looking Ahead To 2023 - An update what's Happening on and off the pitches?

**Spring and a big change
Is in the air & a new season
is on its way, at last says you**



**At the Heart
of Our local Community
for 42 years**



Naomh Ólaf Club Update Summary from the Executive

Note: we are closing in on 3,000 members in our 42nd year.



Contents:

- **As all look forward to spring and a new season ahead, a belated happy new year wishes**
- **What's happening on** - Pre season and some some new faces in our senior team set ups.
- **and off the pitches** including:-
 - An update on what's happening re the Astro and skills walls extension
 - New electrical infrastructure to enable the club to erect new badly needed LED floodlights
 - New Tractor is on the way, a new dart board, table tennis table have arrived and a pool table is on its way.
 - New Secure Storage is being created to allow mentors and team gear to be stored and out of mentors cars and sheds – plus new table tennis tables, new dart board and a pool table on the way.
- **Important note: Top senior pitch in Páirc Uí Bhríain will be out of action for nearly 12 months from May/June.**
- Please note DLR are decommissioning it temporarily to turn it into a much improved sand based pitch.
- The pitches committee are seeking alternatives as many Minor and Adult games occur on Saturday/Sunday mornings.
- **Important note: We really need your volunteers - we need more help, new voices, more doers - please contact your club secretary at secretary.naomholaf.dublin@gaa.ie**
- **Links to get Club information** <https://www.instagram.com/naomholafgaa/?hl=en>
- **Website traffic views** www.naomholaf.ie
- **Sample of 2022 Events** Please sign up for the club news letter on below <https://www.naomholaf.ie/mailling-list.41.html>

Feb 25th Naomh Ólaf DUBLIN players

Christine Shanahan Senior Camogie
Donal Leavy – Senior Hurling
Ciarain Foley – Hurling Panel
David Byrne Senior Football
Grace Shanahan and **Ciara Murphy**
Intermediate Camogie.

Congrats to **Sean O'Driscoll** on being called up to the Dublin U20 football panel

Congrats to **Grace Crotty** and **Sophie Kelly** representing Naomh Ólaf on the Dublin LGFA Cub stars.

The **ladies football team** are in preparation mode for the 2023 season ahead with some fresh voices added to the management team. **Robert Hollingsworth** taking the reins as manager for the 2023 season with **coach's Lee Waters & Nicole Clarke**. Robert and Lee have a strong track record in Division 1 football having managed the St Pats senior ladies team in Wicklow and Robert also playing senior inter county football as a goalie for Wicklow in his playing time.

Nicole joins the new set up on the S&C and coaching side and brings ample experience having coached a division 1 side in Cavan and worked with elite athlete's through the DCU elite athletes programme so we look forward to welcoming Nicole to our club and developing our next generation footballers.



The men's senior football team led by **Micheal Brides** were in the middle of a tough pre season winning their first game against Castleknock on the 19th of February – check out all our adult fixtures on the website . Come and watch all our adult teams.

This is a big year for this team after been promoted to Division 1 and will require the support of all the club to cheer them over the line at every game. Same for our ladies teams and Senior hurling.

It is a great opportunity to bring children down to these games as they will be playing against many Dublin players throughout the season and Division 1 Football in Dublin is the highest standard of Club football in the country.

We welcome **Paddy Dalton** to the new set up as a **selector/ coach with the senior men's team**. Paddy has played intercounty football and has been loyal servant to Wicklow GAA and represented the county at senior level from 2002 to 2015. Paddy was part of the teams who won the Tommy Murphy Cup in 2007, progressed to the 4th round of the Qualifiers in 2009 and won the Division 4 National Football League in 2012. Since 2015 he has managed the Wicklow Minors and U20 teams. We welcome Paddy into the club and look forward to him developing our senior footballers and passing on his vast experience





Senior Camogie:

Debbie McDaid is into her 2nd year in charge of the senior ladies camogie team with **Eoin Murphy** after a very successful first year winning the Intermediate 2 championship.

This year **Debbie** is joined by **Shauna Curtis**. **Shauna** has a very strong background in Camogie having played with **Kilmessian Senior Team in Meath and the Meath seniors**. She is also currently coaching the DublinU15 camogie squad of which there are a number of Naomh Ólaf girls on this squad. The Camogie team are delighted to have Shauna on board, and we look forward to seeing her develop our young camogie team throughout the season.

Mens Hurling: Best of Luck to **Conor Foley** our Senior Hurling manager

Our senior men's team are back training and are currently been **coached by Martin Doyle**. Martin is currently involved coaching with the UCD Fitzgibbon team and the Wexford u15 team in his native county. He is a teacher in St Benildus which he coach's our U15 hurlers in the school set up also and has a strong affiliation with the club. We look forward to working with Martin this year and **Conor Foley** as they put their plan in place for the coming season

- **Our Juvenile Teams**
- **from U15's up to Minors and Adult section in all codes** are all engaged in pre season S&C using the club gym and hall and playing friendly games to get themselves match ready for the 2023 leagues ahead.
- Other juvenile teams are all back training and playing friendlies.
- The Boys and Girls **Academies** are wintering between the club, Fernhill Park and Stepside.

In 2023 What's happening off the pitches and Proposed Facilities wise?



What happening re the **Astro Walls Extension**? - Planning was received but pending a winter 22/23 survey of the Brent Geese on the lower Benildus pitches – Survey to Finish by March '23 and then we have to re submit planning with the outcomes of this biodiversity survey request from DLRcoco.

Funding will be a combination of Grants and Fundraising. **Watch out for the build a brick campaign!**



- Design is underway to **upgrade the clubs electricity infrastructure** – **upgrade works will then take place**
- Once agreed we will be in position to finally, at last to **upgrade our Floodlights to modern LED** And charging points for EVs Electric Vehicles with help of sports grants.
- We have invested in **Portable Floodlights** to extend your training areas and use the likes of the lower Benildus pitches more where the drainage is better and give other areas a rest.

Out with the old



The club is investing with the aid of a grant in a **new tractor** and this should be in place by March – thanks to Pat Kavanagh and Neil Fogarty for sourcing it and what a servant the old Ford Tractor has been for the club.

In with the new



New bike Rack for members cycling to the club –

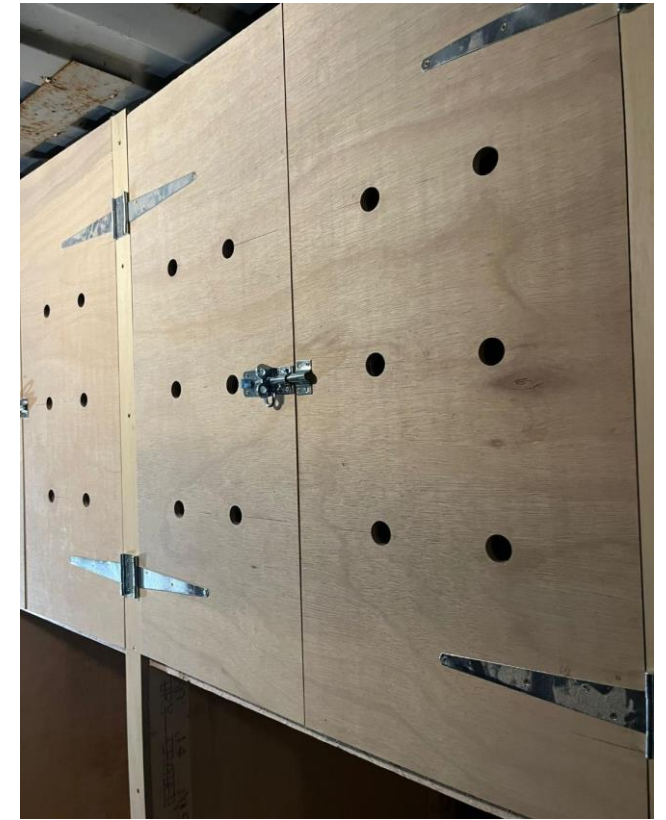
Thx to Cllr Oisín O'Connor and DLRcoco



Storage: The container on the Benildus pitches is being converted into a storage area with each team being assigned a lockable boxed shelf to store team gear and free up mentors cars/sheds.



Note: It will be secured and each shelf will have a door and be locked and the main door also secured



Your Function and Club bar have a new dartboard, two folding table tennis tables and pool table on the way – encourage social aspects and some team building:

Note: U18s will need supervision/mentors/parents when using the above



Website Updates for 2022. www.naomholaf.ie Special thanks to James Shiel and on Instagram – Stephen Mulvany

- New "**Partners**" and "**Part Of**" sections on Home Page.
- Updated "**Adult Teams Review for 2022**", "**Adult Teams High Profile Achievements**", and a new "**Senior Mens Football Testimonial**" section.
- **We now have an integration between Website and ClubZap.**

Any News Item published on ClubZap is also simultaneously shown on the Club Website Home Page & News page @ <https://www.naomholaf.ie/nuacht/latest-news.769.html>

- **New Partners Page** @ <https://www.naomholaf.ie/partners.778.html>
- **Overview of Sustainability and Green Charter** @ <https://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/sustainability.738.html>

Website Analytics for Jan 2022 - Dec 2022.

- Total unique visitors: **15,000**
- Home Page Views: **21,000**
- Membership Page Views: **3,300**
- Fixtures Page Views: **2,700**
- Contact Us Page Views: **2,200**
- Farmers Market Page Views: **1,800**
- Juvenile Page Views: **1,800**
- Academy Page Views: **1,600**
- Adult Teams Page Views: **1,500**
- Social Hurling Page Views: **1,400**
- Summer Camps 2022 Page Views: **1,500** - Sold out in just over **45mins (400 places altogether)**
- ClubZap News Article Views: **10,000+**

- "Club Overview" @ <http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club.8.html>
- "Club History" @ <http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/club-history.236.html>
- "About Us" @ <http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/about-us.235.html>
- "Fixtures" page listing of fixtures weekly @ <http://www.naomholaf.ie/fixturesresults.207.html>
- Weekly newsletter embedded into the "News" page @ <http://www.naomholaf.ie/nuacht.9.html>
- "Sustainability & Green Charter" with help from the van Gelderen family @ <http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/sustainability.738.html>
- New Page for the "Gaelic for Mothers & Others" group @ <http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/gaelic-for-mothers-and-others.741.html>
- New Page for the "Social Hurling" group @ <http://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/social-hurling.740.html>

2022 Sample of Events

– Why not help, come along
and get involved





NAOMH ÓLAF GAA CLUB PRESENTS
ADULT PLAYERS AWARDS 2022
FRIDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER

TALBOT HOTEL, STILLORGAN
DINNER AT 7.30PM.

STRICTLY OVER 18S (VENUE POLICY)
I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED AS THE VENUE WILL CHECK AND ADMISSION
CAN BE REFUSED
DRESS CODE SMART CASUAL (NO T-SHIRTS)

€50



NAOMH ÓLAF GAA CLUB PRESENTS
CORPORATE LUNCH FUNDRAISER 2022

HOGAN PREMIER SUITE,
CROKE PARK.
FRIDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER



Join us Friday, 30th September for our first corporate lunch in 3 years from 1.30pm for a day packed full of GAA entertainment in Croke Park.

We'll have a review of the season with MC for the day **Michael Duignan**, joined by **Grace** and **Tommy Walsh**, **Ciarán Whelan**, **Tomás Ó Sé** and **Séamus Darby**.

With auctions and raffles on the day and lots more!

Marking 40 years since the great Offaly win of '82

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

Ronan Bourke (086) 398 9736	Declan Murphy (086) 242 6071	John O'Brien (087) 410 5801	Michael Tuohy (086) 404 4248
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Public Speaker, Qualified Teacher.



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Club player at Naomh Ólaf.



ALAN SHORTT MODERATOR
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BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST
FRIDAY, 25TH MARCH 8 - 9AM
@ NAOMH ÓLAF GAA CLUB

Join us from 8 - 9am on Friday, 25th March along with our amazing line-up of speakers for an engaging and energising discussion on 'Performance in Business'.

- Doors open at 8am, with discussions starting shortly after.
- We'll have teas/coffee/juices & pastries on the morning.
- Talks wrap up before 9am, with lots of time to network & chat afterwards in the comfort of our spacious lounge.

No need to pre-register, just turn up on the day ready to engage.



SOCIAL HURLING
@ NAOMH ÓLAF GAA CLUB PRESENTS



Part of the
GAA
Dads
Lads
initiative

Inaugural Easter Social Hurling Blitz

includes ... lots of hurling,
match day tops & sliotars,
prizes, banter, the craic!

Easter Saturday, 16 April
Sign-in from 10am; Matches start 12.30pm

**@ Naomh Ólaf GAA Club,
Sandyford, Dublin 16**

**** Registration closes 16 March ****

Registration & More information

naomholafsocialhurling@gmail.com @olafsocialhurl
https://www.naomholaf.ie/the-club/social-hurling.740.html

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**Best of luck to all
our teams and their
mentors from
U8's to minor to Junior
to Our Seniors in 2023**



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