

Cumann Iomána, Peile agus Camógaíochta Cuala Cuala Hurling, Football & Camogie Club

It's time to play with your Food...

All-Ireland Lunch 2013

Burlington Hotel, Friday 20th September



Who will lift Sam in 2013?

Be there for the build – up

Be there for the craic

See you on the 20th

An Enduring All-Ireland Tradition

The All Ireland Football final is not just a major sporting event; it represents a perennial milestone in our social and cultural calendar. And not just for the participating counties, but for everyone with a passion for Gaelic games here in Ireland and abroad. In Dublin, the mood in the capital in the build-up to the game is always electric - with fans consumed by speculation about the match, celebrity spotting, reminiscing of glory days, catching up with old friends & making new ones - and all in an atmosphere of witty banter.

At the heart of this social and sporting phenomenon lies the Cuala All-Ireland Lunch - a unique gathering of the Dalkey club's supporters and special guests - hosted by Des Cahill, RTE's sporting anchorman. Every year, on the Friday preceding the Football Final, the Cuala "Fear an Tí" attracts superb speakers and guests who are well matched to the participating counties and guaranteed to inform, inspire and entertain.

If the outcome of the Final is hotly debated, so too is speculation about the identities of the guest speakers - the names of whom are a closely guarded secret until the eve of the event. But patrons can be assured of one thing - the calibre of speakers will be top drawer!

Past guests include legends such as Mick O'Dwyer, Colm O'Rourke, Niall Quinn, Seamus Mallon, Brendan Kennelly, Jimmy Magee, Jarleth Burns, Paddy Cullen, Mick Spillane, Tony Hanahoe, Mick Galwey, Dara Ó Sé, Mickey Harte, Micheál O'Muirheartaigh, Anthony Molloy and John O'Mahony all of whom have captivated their audiences with their special insights, charm and wit.



Serving a wide community

Cuala is one of the biggest sports clubs in the country. Unlike many clubs that are grounded in specific parishes, Cuala's catchment area covers much of the Dáil constituency of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, stretching from Blackrock to Shankill with a population larger than most counties (e.g. equivalent to Carlow & Wexford combined).

Not traditionally seen as a heartland for the GAA, the club still manages to boast circa 1,200 playing members from 850 unique households. Its 70+ teams compete in Hurling, Football, Camogie & Ladies Football.

The organisational demands of managing such a big club might be daunting but Cuala has one more 'team' at its disposal - those ladies and gentlemen who officiate in so many ways on the sidelines and in the back rooms. Cuala is fortunate in having 300 non-playing officials & parents who "make it happen".

But people power is only part of the solution. The costs of running such a successful club are quite considerable. Mindful of the financial pressures on families in these difficult times, we do our best to keep membership costs at an affordable level and rely on fundraising to bridge the gap. The All Ireland Lunch is our single biggest fundraising event each year. While raising much needed funds for the club it also offers an affordable way for business people to show their support for the club, entertains customers, suppliers and staff or simply network with other entrepreneurs for an afternoon's enjoyment & relaxation.



Cuala Boys & Girls in Blue

On the field of play, Cuala's success is demonstrated by its growing representation at various County levels. In hurling we have: - David Treacy, Paul & Mark Schütte, Oisín Gough, Minor hurling Sean Treacy, Jack Behan, Andrew Murphy, Jake Malone, Con O'Callaghan. In Football we have Michael Fitzsimons, our 1st All-Ireland Senior medal recipient since the legendary late Mick Holden, Conor Mulally (U21). At Minor football we have Martin Cahalan, Cillian Sheanon, & Con O'Callaghan. Ladies football is also well represented with Elinor Doherty (our latest All Ireland medal winner), Martha Byrne, Shannon Huggard & Ciara McKeown.



A Word from the Host

I'm sure, like me, you are looking forward with great anticipation to the All Ireland Football Final and all the excitement that goes with it. I believe we can look forward to a fascinating summer of football action and no doubt controversies thrown into the mix – not to mention our new friend in Croke Park 'the hawk'. The finalists this year could be any combination from the platter and what mouth watering combinations you could choose from the menu.

The All Ireland Final is the culmination of a year of tremendous hard work in counties and clubs across the country and rightly holds its position as the premier event in the nation's sporting calendar. It gives me particular pride to report that my own club, Cuala, has been playing an increasingly important role in this remarkable journey. Being among the largest clubs in the country, our players have contributed to county teams at every level.

Cuala has always faced a difficult challenge promoting its games in a locality not traditionally renowned for Gaelic games. Add to that the difficult economic climate we are all facing and you will appreciate the huge efforts our club and officials must and do undertake. We are meeting that challenge head-on and continue to grow the club. We can only continue to achieve this with the generosity of business partners like you whose support for fundraising events has made a real difference.

I am hoping that you will be able to continue your valuable and much appreciated support for Cuala by attending our All Ireland Lunch on Friday September 20th. Now firmly established as the leading social event of the All Ireland Football Final weekend, this year is our 21st Anniversary and I'm more confident than ever that the calibre of guest speakers will match the excitement and fun of the big occasion.

Despite the current difficult financial circumstances we all face and endure I hope you will be in a position to continue your valued support for the Cuala club.



Kind regards and here's hoping we will meet again on the big day.

Des Cahill

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