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**International Awards Night**  
**& Aspiring Young Athletes Grant**  
**February 21st 2020**  
**Kingsley Hotel, Cork @ 8p.m.**

*On behalf of the Cork County Board of the Athletics Association of Ireland, I would like to welcome everybody here tonight to our Awards ceremonies..*

*It is indeed a great honour to represent your County & your Country, as very few people get to wear the green vest of Ireland.*

*Congratulations to all our Athletes, Coaches and family members on attaining this standard.*  
*Continued success for 2020*

*Patrick Buckley*  
*Chairman,*  
*Cork County Board.*



### **Aidan Hogan.....Rising Sun A. C.**

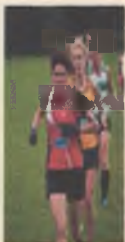
Aidan Hogan Rising Sun A.C. captained the Irish ultra 24 hour running team to the World Championships in Albi France and also represented Ireland in the Anglo Celtic plate 100k in Edinburgh Scotland.



### **Paul Moloney.....Mallow A.C.**

British and Irish Masters Cross Country in Liverpool (November 2019): Individual Silver Over 40 and Gold medal with the O40 Irish team.

Individual Bronze at the 2019 National Intermediate Cross Country Championships



### **Breda (Gaffney) Walsh....Mallow A.C.**

British and Irish Masters Cross Country in Liverpool (November 2019). Silver medal with the Irish Over 45 team.

Individual Gold Over 45 at the 2019 National Masters Cross Country Championships.

Individual Gold Over 45 at the 2019 National 10k Road Championships in Dublin (April).



### **Lucy O'Keeffe.....Youghal A.C.**

Lucy competed in the Celtics under 20's on 19/01/2019 at Billy Neill Centre .

She was 11th overall 6th for Ireland and 3rd team. ,



### **Alex O'Shea.....St. Finbarr's A.C.**

Alex was selected to represent Ireland in the World 24 Hour Championships in Albi, France last October.

Alex completed a distance of 198.377km in the 24 hour event.



### **Eamonn McEvoy.....St. Finbarr's A.C.**

Eamonn was selected to represent Ireland on the men's O-65 team at the British and Irish Masters Cross Country International in Aintree last November. Eamonn was on the M65 Irish team that won bronze in the event.





### **Padraig Mullins.....St. Finbarr's A.C.**

Padraig was selected to represent Ireland in the World 24 Hour Championships in Albi, France last October. Padraig completed a distance of 131.311km in the 24 hour event.



### **Stephen Bradley.....West Muskerry A.C.**

Stephen made history for the club when he competed in the Czech Republic in the European IWAS Games and won the first 800m and 1500m Bronze Para International medal for the club in both events. Stephen has worked hard to achieve these medals improving and wanting to better himself all the time. He now looks forward to improving on his performances with every competition.



### **Stephanie Cotter...West Muskerry A.C.**

Stephanie has had an exceptional year. In July 2019 – Stephanie competed for Ireland and made the final of U 23 European Track and Field 1500m in Sweden She has done her Country, County, and her club proud when she crossed the line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the European Cross country Championships in Lisbon. She also captioned the team to the Silver medals.

Watch out for Stephanie, another Sonia O'Sullivan in the making



## **Cathal Ryan.....West Muskerry A.C.**

Cathal competed in Switzerland in the World Para Junior Track and Field Championships and did his Country, County and his Club proud. It was his first major Championships competing for Ireland at Junior Level. He competed in the 100m and the 200m and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the World but the icing on the cake came when he won the silver medal in the Discus. The first World Para Junior Discus medal for the Club.

Cathal now has his sights set on progressing to U23 and Senior International standard.



## **Alan O'Brien.....Eagle A.C**

Alan was part of the Irish M40 team which won Team Gold. Alan also won an individual M40 Silver medal.



## **Ken Higgs.....Eagle A.C.**

Ken was part of the Irish M70 Team who won Bronze. He also won an Individual M70 Bronze medal.



### **Michelle Finn.....Leevale A.C.**

Michelle represented Ireland at the World Championships in Doha in the 3km steeplechase.

Michelle claimed victory in the 3km steeplechase at the national seniors in a new championship record. Michelle also broke the national 2km steeplechase record.



### **Alex Wright.....Leevale A.C.**

Alex represented Ireland at the European Race Walking Cup in Lithuania and the World Championships in Doha. At the world championships Alex finished 31<sup>st</sup> in the 20km walk.

Alex became National indoor champion in the 5k walk, national champion in the 10km walk and broke the national indoor 3km walk record. During 2019 he also secured the qualifying standard for the 2020 Olympics.

### **Louise Shanahan.....Leevale A.C.**

Louise qualified for the European u23 championships in the 800m.

### **Cian O'Neill.....Leevale A.C.**

Cian took silver in the seated discus and bronze in the seated javelin at the International Wheelchair World Games.



### **Conor Morey.....Leevale A.C.**

Conor was selected to represent Ireland at the European Juniors in the 100m and 4 x 100 relay.



### **Ryan O'Leary.....Leevale A.C.**

Ryan was selected to represent Ireland at the European Juniors in the 4 x 100 relay.



### **Niamh McCarthy.....Leevale A.C.**

At the world para athletics championships Niamh won bronze in the discus.



### **Ian O'Leary.....Leevale A.C.**

He competed in the European Masters Athletics Championships 5000m as well as the Cross Country held in Venice, Italy in September 2019 and was selected to represent Ireland to compete at the British and Irish Masters International Cross Country held in November 2019 in Aintree, UK.





## **Phil Healy.....Bandon A.C.**

Phil represented Ireland at the Vienna Indoor Meet, winning Gold in the 400m fastest time of 52.32 seconds in January.

Placed second in 400m at the Millrose Games in New York in February

Only Cork Athlete to be selected for the Irish Team to compete at the European Indoor Championships March .

Phil selected to be part of Team Ireland competed at the World University Games in Naples, placing 6 th overall in the 400m. in July  
Competed in the 200m and 4x 400m at the European Athletics Team Championships First League in Sandnes, Norway in August  
competed in the 200m at Al Khalifa International Stadium. September 2019.



## **Shane Howard.....Bandon A.C.**

Shane was selected to compete in the Long Jump at the European Team Championships. These were held in Sandnes, Norway in August 2019. Shane jumped 7.41m





### **Frank O'Brien.....Midleton A.C.**

Frank was selected for The Celtic Irish u/20 Development Team following his placing at the National u20 Cross-Country Championships. Frank ran an impressive race finishing in twelfth position and was second scoring member for the Development Team.



### **Paul Hartnett.....Midleton A.C.**

Paul was selected for The Celtic Irish u/20 Development Team which took place on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 in Dundonald, Belfast and was run over an undulating fast course. Paul went to the front from the gun and continued to press on over the 6km to turn in an outstanding performance when finishing a fantastic second in the u20 Celtic International race and first scorer for his team.

## ***Aspiring Young Athletes***

*The following athletes in the opinion of the Selection Committee have shown constant progression in performance in inter club competitions and Cork County Board A.A.I wish to honour this achievement with a bursary as an encouragement to continue improvement in their chosen events.*

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Club</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>
<b><i>Emily Wall</i></b>	<b><i>Leevale A.C.</i></b>	<b><i>Sprints</i></b>
<b><i>James Ezeomu</i></b>	<b><i>Leevale A.C.</i></b>	<b><i>Sprints</i></b>
<b><i>Jack McGrath</i></b>	<b><i>Leevale A.C.</i></b>	<b><i>Sprints</i></b>
<b><i>Samuel Judd</i></b>	<b><i>Carrignavar A.C.</i></b>	<b><i>Sprints</i></b>
<b><i>Aoife O'Sullivan</i></b>	<b><i>Liscarroll A.C.</i></b>	<b><i>Jumps</i></b>
<b><i>James Hyland</i></b>	<b><i>Bandon A.C.</i></b>	<b><i>Distance</i></b>
<b><i>Holly Carroll</i></b>	<b><i>B.I.A.C.</i></b>	<b><i>Distance</i></b>
<b><i>Adam Kiely</i></b>	<b><i>Leevale A.C.</i></b>	<b><i>Distance</i></b>
<b><i>Aoibheann Lawton</i></b>	<b><i>Durras AC</i></b>	<b><i>Distance</i></b>
<b><i>James Kirkby</i></b>	<b><i>Leevale AC</i></b>	<b><i>Distance</i></b>
<b><i>Sarah Morrisson</i></b>	<b><i>St. Nick's AC</i></b>	<b><i>Distance</i></b>

<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Club</b></i>	<i><b>Event</b></i>
<i><b>Nicola Tuthill</b></i>	<i><b>Bandon AC</b></i>	<i><b>Throws/</b></i>
<i><b>Eadaoin Coady</b></i>	<i><b>Bandon AC</b></i>	<i><b>Throws</b></i>
<i><b>Max Hallihan</b></i>	<i><b>Bandon AC</b></i>	<i><b>Throws</b></i>
<i><b>Cathal Scanlon</b></i>	<i><b>Leevale AC</b></i>	<i><b>Throws</b></i>
<i><b>Sean O'Riordan</b></i>	<i><b>Midleton AC</b></i>	<i><b>Throws</b></i>
<i><b>Meghan Lenihan</b></i>	<i><b>North Cork AC</b></i>	<i><b>Throws</b></i>
<i><b>Joe Ivory</b></i>	<i><b>Liscarroll AC</b></i>	<i><b>Throws</b></i>
<i><b>Blessing Alamu</b></i>	<i><b>Carrignavar AC</b></i>	<i><b>Throws</b></i>

### ***Combined Events***

***Dylan Chambers      Bandon AC    combined events***

## *Hall of Fame Award*



***Tom Burke.***

*Tom Burke was the driving force behind the Grange International cross-country. Such was its popularity that, to this day, people ask where the Grange International was held - It was held on the Dublin Road, just outside Fermoy, on the lands of the Coughlan family. He brought some of the best athletes from across the World to Fermoy; European Champions, World Champions and Olympic Champions. The great Rob De Castela, Craig Virgin, Steve Jones, Henry Rono, Hans Juergen Orthmann, Leon Schots, Danny McDaid, Noel Carroll, John Buckley, Donie Walsh, Eamonn Coughlan, John Treacy, Fanahan McSweeney, and many, many more, including the cream of athletes from across Ireland came to Fermoy.*

*Tom's vision of the Grange International Cross-Country brought World class athletes, and athletics to a small Cork town. In doing so, Tom was the inspiration for many organisers and administrators. He also provided an International platform for so many athletes around him. The Grange Fermoy International Cross Country may have ceased over 30 years ago, however the legacy of Tom Burke's vision has lasted the test of time.*



*An Award is being presented to the Men's &  
Women's Teams of 1968 to mark the heralding  
of a "New Era" in  
Cross country running for Cork.*

*This idea was the brainchild of Liam Fleming  
of Bandon A.C. a few years ago,  
and it was decided to continue it.*

*The presentations will be made by our County  
Chairman,  
Mr Paddy Buckley*

# Honouring Cork 1968

## All-Ireland Winning Teams

Cork retained the all-Ireland senior title at Mallow Race Course. This was the fifth title to come to Cork in six years!



### **John Buckley (St Finbarr's)**

John became the second Cork man to win all-Ireland cross country when he won in 1967 and again 1972 when he won both inter club and inter county titles in the same year. Munster champion in 67 and 71. Was a scoring member of the Cork Junior winning team of 64, a scoring member of the Cork senior winning team of 64, 65, 67 and 68 Three times Cork Cross country champion (The youngest man to win the title). Also Cork Junior and Novice champion in 64.



### **: Donie Walsh (Leevale AC)**

Donie was the youngest member of the 67 team having finished second in the previous week's All-Ireland Junior and he went on to finish second in the Senior Race. Later he went on to win all Irelands senior titles in , 73, 74, 76, 78. Member Cork winning teams 67, 68, 73. Won Irish Titles in 10K and the Marathon. Four times Cork Senior Cross Country Champion, Novice County Champion in 1966, Intermediate county Champion 1967.



### **Mattie Murphy (Rising Sun),**

Mattie finished third in 1967 Member of 1962 Junior winning team and Senior teams of 1964, 65, 67, 68. Winning Cork County senior Championship in 1964, 67, 68, 70. Novice County Champion 1962. Winning Munster Senior Cross Country 1970. Winning Track all-Ireland 10 mile champion 1968, 4miles in 1964, 66

### **Stephen Hennessey (Youghal),**

Second in Junior and Youths all-Ireland 1966 and a member of both Cork winning teams, Retaining youths in 67. Cork Intermediate Champion 66. Cork Junior 66. Cork Youths 67.



### **Pat O'Reardon (Leevale)**

Member of Cork winning Senior teams 67 68 and 72, Junior winning team of 1965. Won Irish Steeplechase title 1971, 5000m 1973. A Member of first Leevale team to win Cork Senior Title in 1968. Won all-Ireland hurling medals with Cork minors in 64 and U21 in 66



### **Richie Crowley.....Blarney/Inniscarra A.C.**

Won Junior All-Ireland 1967 Cork senior winning team 1968, 72, 74, 81, 83, Munster senior champion, County Novice Champion 1967 county senior champion 1979, member of St Finbarrs county winning teams 1970. 83



### **Jackie O Callaghan (Leevale)**

Member of Junior winning teams of 1964, Senior teams in 1964, 67, 68 and 73. Jackie was the first winner of the Cork Intermediate Championship in 1964. He was a member of the first Leevale team to win the Cork County Senior Championship in 1968.



### **Dennis Buckley (St. Finbarrs)**

Like his brother John he was a scoring member of the junior and senior teams of 1964 and a member 67 and 68, Winning all-Ireland 880 Yards in 1965. Won a number of Munster and Cork titles in that same event.



### **Pat O'Connell (Blarney)**

Finished fourth in the first ever U20 all-Ireland Cross Country in a race won by his Blarney team mate Richie Crowley from Donie Walsh leading Munster to victory. He finished second in the Irish Junior Championship 1968. Third in Irish Intermediate Championship 1970. Cork Intermediate Champions 68. A member of St. Finbarrs Cork County champions team 71.



### **Liam Horgan (Leevale)**

A founder member of Leevale club a member of the first Leevale county title 68 Scoring member in 69, 71, 76.





### **Dick Hodgins (Leevale)**

A member of the Cork Junior winning team of 1964 and senior team in 1965 Dick finished third in the AAUE senior championship in 1967, Member of the 1974 winning team.

Also a member of the first Leevale team to win the County Senior in 1968. Member of winning Leevale county champions 71, 74, 75, All-Ireland Marathon champion 1975. All-Ireland 1mile Champion 1965.



## **Cork Senior Women 1968**

Cork senior women won the first title for Cork at Dromoland (Co Clare). The first Cork women's team to win the all Ireland.

Ita Rice (Tracton) 1<sup>st</sup> Angela Rice, (Tracton) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sheila Leahy(Ballymore), Carmel Rice (Tracton), Mary O'Donoghue. & Ann Leahy.