

Bruree

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#### G.A.A. CLUB FORMED

At a largely attended meeting in Bruree, it was decided to revive the Bruree G.A.A. Club after a lapse of a few years. Mr. J. Murphy was elected chairman; Mr. Donal Ryan, N.T., Vice-chairman; Treasurer, Mr. John Murray, and Secretary, Mr. Con Simcox. It was decided to run a series of "45" games to raise funds to run the club and subscriptions were taken from members. The club decided to affiliate a junior and Minor Hurling team in the South Limerick C'ships. for 1945.

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Introducing Mr. de Valera to the huge crowd, Very Rev. Fr. Kelly said that since "Dev." had played in the Bruree fields as a boy many changes had come over the country. One thing had not changed however; over all those years there had been no cause for a diminution of their pride in Mr. de Valera. "We had, and always will have, the greatest pride in our country's most distinguished son," he said, "who grew up among you here. He went to school here, played the games of the Gael here and, we hear, played them well. We have followed his distinguished career with pride."

## Bruree New Sportsfield

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Lady Ursula Vernon, Bruree House, has graciously donated a magnificent Playing Pitch (approximately 8 acres) to the Parish Priest, Very Rev. D. Canon Kelly, P.P., Rockhill, Bruree, on behalf of the parishioners. This will meet a long-felt want. It should indeed prove a lasting boon to the parish, and an asset of great importance to its young people.

Initial expenditure (which has to be met at once) may well reach £2,000, and although our people are showing themselves generous now as always, we are compelled to appeal to the public, and especially to all our friends to give a helping hand by contributing to this worthy object.

All donations will be gratefully acknowledged.

President, Canon Kelly, P.P.; Vice-Presidents, Dan Sheehan and Michael Mullane; Chairman, Father Kelly, C.C.; Vice-Chairmen, Ml. Leahy and Dennis Morrissey; Secretaries, Peter Fitzgerald and Felix Randles; Treasurers, Micheal O'Mahoney and Patrick Moloney.

Committee—Messrs. C. Carroll, E. Howard, M. Sexton, M. O'Brien, M. Murphy, V.S.; D. Byrnes, M. Hogan, J. Hynes, P. Potter, P. Cronin, T. Riordan, L. Hogan, J. Lynch, C. Maher, T. Cotter, P. Doody, D. Ward, W. Hartigan.

#### Bruree, 1-6; Rathluirc, 1-3

In a thrill-a-minute second-half, Bruree pulled out to defeat Rathluirc in the final of the Kilmallock Carnival Hurling Tournament at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, last evening.

The game was remarkable for the low scoring. Entering the last minutes of the game, the teams were level, then Potter pointed from a free. This was the signal for greater effort by Bruree, who followed with a point from a "70" per Fitzgerald, and Riordan completed their tally with a good point in a hectic finish.

In the first half, both forwards were faulty, Bruree erring particularly, having seven wides in as many minutes. Rathluirc, too, had their share of misfortune in this regard, and the faulty shooting may be attributed to the closeness of the hurling as no forward was given a good opportunity.

Best for Bruree were: Morrissey, Fitzgerald, Mullane brothers, Murphy, Kearney, Jones and Burke. Best for Rathluirc were: O'Toole brothers, Mahoney, Galligan, Kiely, Donohoe, Murphy.

At the conclusion of the game, Rev. J. Cullhane, C.C., Kilmallock, Chairman of Kilmallock Sportsfield Committee, presented the trophy to M. Potter, captain of the Bruree team, and congratulated the two teams on giving an excellent display.

The teams were played on to the field by the Kilmallock Boys' School Band.

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#### BRUREE G.A.A. CLUB

At the annual general meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. Club held in the Hall, Bruree, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. D. Horgan, N.T.; Chairman, Mr. P. Potter; Treasurer, Mr. T. O'Riordan; Secretary, Mr. M. Sexton; Assistant-Secretary, Mr. P. Fitzgerald. Committee—Messrs. W. Leddin, J. Murphy, J. Winters, M. Mullane, John Flaherty and Jerry Savage. Captain senior hurling team, Ml. Potter; Vice-Captain, Moss Riordan; Capt. junior hurling team, J. Sexton; Vice-Captain, John Ward. Captain junior football team, J. Burke; Vice-Captain, James Canty.

It was decided to leave the appointment of the junior hurling captain to a later date.

It was also decided to affiliate senior hurling, junior hurling, minor hurling and junior football teams this year.

The Chairman presented to the President of the Club, Mr. Horgan, the replica of the Gleeson Cup, which was given to the Club by the South Limerick Board in recognition of the junior hurling team's feat in winning the South Limerick Hurling Championship four years in succession. He thanked the South Board, on behalf of the Hurling Club, for giving so valuable a trophy and also the clubs of South Limerick, who were unanimous in granting the cup replica to Bruree.

#### BRUREE'S WIN

#### County J.H. Victory Celebrated

Upwards of one hundred and fifty guests attended a reception and victory celebration, held at the Maigne Hall, Bruree, Co. Limerick, and organised by the Ladies Committee of the local G.A.A. club, to mark the recent victory of the Bruree Junior Hurling team in winning the Limerick County Junior Hurling title. Amongst the guests were members of the South Liberties team which had been beaten in the county final by Bruree.

A special victory cake was provided by Miss M. Joyce, with a miniature playing field iced on top. One by one the Bruree hurlers and substitutes filed towards it, each one lighting a blue candle, standing on the white icing—the team colours are blue and white.

Mr. M. O'Mahony, chairman of the reception committee, bade a Cead Mile Failte to the guests, and introduced the other speakers.

Mr. D. Horgan, N.T., President of the Bruree G.A.A. Club, referred to the history of the Bruree team since they had last won a county championship title in 1893. He said that their perseverance had been rewarded and he hoped that they would keep fielding teams in the future as they had done in the past.

Mr. M. McNamee, N.T., Glenroe, treasurer of the South Limerick Board G.A.A., then presented the County Cup to Mr. M. Mullane, captain of the Bruree team, and said nothing gave him greater pleasure, as Bruree had always been a clean, sporting team. He hoped the next trophy to be presented to them would be the County Senior Cup.

Mr. M. Mullane, replying, said he was very proud to receive the cup, and proud also of the members of the team, who had worked so hard to earn it. He paid a special tribute to the South Liberties team, the most sporting they had ever met, he said, men who gave and took hard knocks and who played the game.

Mr. P. Potter, chairman of the hurling club, Rev. Fr. G. MacNamee, Glenroe; Mr. P. O'Dea and Mr. B. Power, both of the South Liberties team, and Mr. M. Sexton, Bruree, also spoke.



13-4-46

# Kilmallock and Bruree Take 1st Round Honours

THE South Limerick Junior Football and Hurling Championships opened at Kilmallock on Sunday when, before a fair attendance, Bruree beat Glenroe in the hurling and Kilmallock had a rather easy win over Bruff in the football game.

**THE HURLING**

After Glenroe, had driven wide, Bruree drew first blood in the hurling game, when Callaghan's pass went to J. Simcox who sent to the net. This was followed by a point per Harris and next O'Malley, who played a great game in goal for Bruree, brought off a series of saves at the other end. Into the attack again came Bruree and Callaghan again drove a low one to J. Simcox who found the net. From the delivery Glenroe went away and Dwyer placed M. O'Brien for their opening score of a point. There was some nice play and exchanges were keen before Harris added Bruree's third goal to leave the half-time score 3-1 to 0-1 for Glenroe.

In the second moiety Glenroe went into the game in a reckless spirit and made raid after raid on the Bruree goal, but the Bruree defence, where Sexton and O'Malley (goal) starred, held. Bruree moved to the other end where Harris goaled to give the winners four goals lead. Back came Glenroe and after a bout of fine hurling had a point per Hyland, which was followed by a goal per Connors, who received from O'Dwyer. S. Hyland retired injured and was replaced by J. J. O'Sullivan (Glenroe). Exchanges were keen before the newcomer Sullivan had another good goal for Glenroe, who were fighting hard, but their defence failed when T. Sullivan (Bruree) from far out sent a hard shot to the net. At the other end O'Malley made a great save which, however, fell short and Sullivan, dashing in, had a grand goal for Glenroe to close the scoring, and leave Bruree worthy winners.

Mr. W. Hannan, Kilmallock, refereed. Outstanding for Bruree were Sexton, O'Connor, O'Leary, Callaghan, and Simcox, while Dwyer, Sweeney, Lee, Drake, Fox, O'Connor and Mee tried hardest for Glenroe.

Holton opened the scoring with a goal for Killeely. At the other end a great duel took place in the Killeely goalmouth, but a "70" resulted. The shot by Wilcox went well in but English cleared. Simcox, however, nipped in and with a nice shot reduced the lead with a point. There was a loud cheer as Bruree took the lead when J. Riordan crashed the ball into the net, and it looked as if Bruree were going to have a rather easy victory when Martin sent the ball past Barry for Bruree's second goal. Martin was again the marksman when he snapped up Burke's centre to send over the bar. A Free eased for Killeely and English drove the shot well in. Kennedy placed Lyons for a good goal, which left the interval tally:—Bruree, 2—2; Killeely, 2—0.

**SWAYING FORTUNES**

Up and down the field play swayed on the resumption, to the delight of the spectators. Defences held well until Kennedy pointed for Killeely to leave only a point separating the teams. Excitement ran high as Bruree pressed and O'Leary was seen to effect, but his shot was saved at the expense of a "70". Sexton with a fine drive restored Bruree's interval lead. Both sides made strenuous attacks, but the defences, in which the goal-keepers and Sexton (Bruree) and English (Killeely) starred, staved off all attacks. Killeely were narrowly wide near the end—many of the supporters thought the ball was in the net, but it just skimmed the post. Bruree went into the attack from the delivery and Killeely had to concede a 70 under pressure, and from the shot, Sexton drove all the way over the bar, to give Bruree a deserved three points victory.

Mr. W. Hannan, Kilmallock, refereed capably.

Outstanding for Bruree were: Simcox, Sexton, O'Leary, Burke, Martin, and O'Malley, while Conway, Kennedy,

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O'Dea, English, Hogan and Holton tried hard for Killeely.

The teams were:—  
 Bruree—Michael Sexton, C. Simcox, D. Simcox, H. Simcox, P. Mullane, D. Martin, D. O'Riordan, E. O'Leary, S. O'Malley, M. McKeown, D. Byrne, S. J. O'Brien, J. Burke, P. Ryan, D. Duggan.  
 Killeely—P. Conway, Michael English, Barry, P. O'Brien, C. O'Connor, Michael Ryan, P. McGrath, S. Quirke, P. O'Riordan, P. Holton, S. Lyons, S. Kennedy, T. Hogan, T. O'Dea, D. O'Dea.

high land problems in the Golden Vale.

**LATE MR. H. SIMCOX.**

The death occurred at his residence, Rockhill, Bruree, of Mr. Harry Simcox, at the age of 69 years.

He was a keen business executive and was for a number of years, up to his death, Asst. Manager of Bruree Co-operative Creamery. A sportsman of the highest order, he was a keen follower of Gaelic games, and was a keen exponent of Gaelic football during his earlier years. He was a member of the Kilmallock football team that won the Limerick County Championship in 1908 and 1909. Of outstanding literary ability, he was Press Correspondent for a number of years for Bruree and district. He was also Secretary of the Kilmallock Show Committee.

His remains were removed to Rockhill Church on Thursday evening and the funeral took place on Friday to Bruree cemetery.

**SECOND GAME 17.7.48**

Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan, at home in Elton from the U.S. Mission, started the Kilmallock game. Bruree were first away, but Kilmallock cleared and from a free, O'Sullivan (Kilmallock) had a point. Mullane (Bruree) from a free quickly levelled and Bruree went into the lead with a goal from a melee in the goalmouth. Next, M. Mullane had a point from a 70 for Bruree and the same player followed with a like score. His brother, Bertie, sent over another point for Bruree, who added a goal to give them an interval lead of 2—3 to 0—1 for Kilmallock.

It looked as if Kilmallock would wipe out the interval lead when O'Sullivan sent over a point and O'Riordan smashed to the net, but Bruree were not daunted and B. Mullane shot into Martin who connected to send to the net. Mullane again transferred to Martin who again sent to the net for Bruree. Fighting grimly Kilmallock came back and Sullivan reduced the lead with a point and again in the last minutes Sullivan had another point. Kilmallock tried hard but a sound Bruree defence held well.

Mr. P. Clohessy, M.C.C., Pedamore, refereed.



# Bruree Win South Honours

19.10.49

## Thrilling Game at Kilmallock

There was a record attendance at Kilmallock Sportsfield on Sunday to see Bruree retain the South Limerick Junior Hurling title, when in the final of this year's championship, they defeated Bruff on the score of 7-8 to 4-3 for Bruff, Bruree having led at the interval by 5-4 to 3-1 for Bruff.

Bruree (holders) fully justified the confidence placed on them by the large number of their supporters who came to see the game and hurled their way to victory despite stiff opposition by a Bruff team that fought to the final whistle. Despite the rather wide winning margin, the game was a very interesting one and thrilling at times. The hurling featured hard ground play and there were periods of brilliant hurling that gave the large attendance much to enthuse about.

### EARLY SUPERIORITY.

An early superiority by Bruree was the key to their success. In the first quarter, the Bruff backs were unsteady and left the Bruree forwards through rather easily, with the result that at the end of the first quarter, Bruree were leading by 3-4 to nil for Bruff. Even then nobody could say that the game was not interesting, and when Bruff settled down after the first quarter, they played an inspired game and scored 3-1 before the interval, Bruree adding two more goals in the second quarter of the first half.

On resuming, Bruff had the better of the exchanges for some time and came within five points of the holders, but after Bruree had withstood further onslaughts by Bruff, they took control of the game in the closing stages and went on

to win well, with Bruff fighting to the last.

Best for Bruree were :—B. Mullane, C. Simcox, M. Potter, Carroll and O'Brien, and Bruff were best served by T. Hehir, J. Kiely, T. Bulfin, J. Farrell and P. Moloney.

At the conclusion of the game, Mr. J. A. Guerin, Chairman of the South Limerick Board, G.A.A., presented the cup to Mr. M. Sexton, captain of the winning Bruree team.

The Bruff Pipers' Band played the teams on to the field.

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### THE PLAY.

Bruree settled down early in the game and in the first few minutes, C. Carroll sent to the net. B. Mullane (Bruree) added a point and at this stage, tempers became frayed and the referee ordered one man from each side to the sideline. Mullane placed Carroll for Bruree's second goal, and a minute later M. Mullane (Bruree) added a point. C. Carroll (Bruree) placed Martin for Bruree's third goal, and Moloney in the Bruff goal saved a point blank shot by B. Mullane, who, however, dashed in to nip over the bar. M. Mullane (Bruree) had another point and then Bruff got going. Bulfin shot well in and Meaney and Canty combined in sending to the net for Bruff. Farrell placed Meaney for Bruff's second goal, and Bruff were now playing well. T. Hehir sent well in for J. Farrell to rush to the net for Bruff's third goal. At the other end, Moloney saved twice at the expense of 70's, and from the second of these E. Barry placed B. Mullane to send to the net for Bruree. Near the interval J.

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Bulfin pointed for Bruff, to leave the interval score : Bruree 5-4, Bruff 3-1.

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### BRUFF TRY HARD.

On the resumption, Bruff tried everything to get on terms, and things looked well for them, when J. Kiely placed J. Bulfin for a good Bruff goal. Higgins (Bruff) further reduced the lead with a nice point from a free, but Bruree did not appear to be worried. R. Connors (Bruree) sent over the bar, and after Moloney (Bruff goal) had saved a further shot by Connors, M. Mullane dashed in to send to the net. B. Mullane (Bruree) and T. Bulfin (Bruff) had a point each. In the closing minutes, Bruree had the better of matters and C. Carroll crashed to the net, M. Mullane sent over the bar and Potter pointed in the last minute for Bruree.

Mr. J. Hastings, Knocklong, refereed the game in a capable and impartial manner.

### THE TEAMS.

**Bruree**—M. Sexton, C. Simcox, D. Simcox, M. Mullane, B. Mullane, F. Mullane, J. J. O'Brien, M. Potter, E. Barry, L. O'Connor, P. O'Connor, R. O'Connor, D. Martin, C. Carroll and E. Simcox.

**Bruff**—P. Moloney, J. Kiely, J. O'Connor, J. Feely, T. Bulfin, E. Mac Flanncadha, J. Higgins, J. Casey, J. Farrell, T. Hehir, J. Bulfin, M. Meaney, D. Ryan, J. Farrell, J. Canty.



**BRUREE BEST IN REPLAY**

**Bruff Beaten For Second Time**

Bruree, 3-8; Bruff, 0-5.

Bruree won the South Limerick hurling title when they defeated Bruff in the replay of the final at Kilmallock, yesterday, by three goals and eight points to five points for Bruff. In the previous meeting Bruree won by five points, but on an objection by Bruff, a replay was agreed on and Bruree's twelve points' win yesterday certainly confirmed their superiority.

The game reached a high standard, particularly in the first half, when Bruff, with the advantage of the wind, played an inspired game. Bruff led at the interval by four points to one goal. Opening the second half, Bruff failed to mark their men, and Bruree went away with two points to take the lead for the first time. Then came a great solo run by Coyne, which ended with Ryan driving over the bar for Bruff to level the scoring. This was Bruff's opportunity to get on top again, but they failed to come up to expectations. Their defence fell to pieces and a fast-moving Bruree forward line crashed home two goals that made victory certain, though there was still the last quarter of the game to go.

Mr. J. A. Guerin, Chairman of the South Limerick Board, presented the cup to M. Mullane, captain of the Bruree team.

Best for Bruree were the Mullane brothers the Simcox brothers, Burke, Connors, Potter and Carroll, while Clancy, Moroney, Bulfin and Coyne tried hard for Bruff. Mr. P. Clohessy, M.C.C., Fedamore, refereed.

21-10-50

## KEEN RIVALRY

### South Limerick Hurling Final

#### TITLE AGAIN FOR BRUREE

Bruree ... .. 4-4,  
 Bruff ... .. 2-5.

**T**WO goals scored in the first few minutes of the game set the wheels of victory rolling for Bruree in the South Limerick hurling final played at Kilmallock on Sunday, when they beat Bruff by four goals and four points to 2-5, for Bruff, to win the title for the third year in succession and carry off the Gleeson Cup, the trophy for the championship (writes our Kilmallock correspondent).

Bruff never overcame this whirlwind start and though they had thereafter as much of the play as the winners, they lost many scores due to faulty forward play, particularly in the wings.

Played before a record attendance for a South final (gate receipts were over £136), the game in the first half reached a very high standard and fine hurling delighted the large crowd, but in the second half the pace slackened and when tempers became frayed towards the end of the game, the standard of play suffered in consequence. This was a pity, though there were no very untoward incidents, as the game would have ranked amongst the best in the annals of the history of the South Limerick Board.

There was plenty of close, hard hurling, Bruff getting the better of the hard ground pulling, but Bruree being better on overhead play. Throughout the game rivalry was keen, and the players matched one another's skill in truly sportmanlike fashion until the last few minutes; even then there were no untoward incidents, stewards acting most promptly with the Garda Siochana in preventing any encroachment of the pitch.

#### THE PLAY.

From the first crash of the ash, Bruree hurled like a team inspired and the Bruff defence fell to pieces in the first few minutes, as Bruree had two fast goals. The first came from the stick of J. Simcox, who received from B. Mullane, and Potter placed C. Carroll for the second goal, Ryan (Bruff) reduced the lead with a nice point and Bulfin, from a free, had a Bruff point. Potter was wide from a Bruree free. Play was very evenly distributed at this stage, both sides having an even share of the ground and overhead play. Bruree were again in the picture when J. Simcox placed F. Mullane for the champions' third goal. Sexton, in the Bruree goal, saved a point blank shot from Connors, Bruree, while defending, were penalised and Bulfin drove the shot low, the Bruree defence clearing and immediately at the other end Bruree forced a "70." Ned Barry shot well in and Moloney was prominent in the Bruff goal, but Bruree were in attack and J. Canty placed J. Simcox for Bruree's fourth goal. Bruff's poor forward play was telling now. From a close-in free, J. Bulfin pointed and then came Bruff's first goal when Farrell placed a free in the "square" and

Gleeson Cup semi-final, Meath v. Dublin. 22-10-50

● When Bruree won the South Limerick Hurling title for the third year in succession by defeating Bruff at Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, yesterday, one of the proudest men on the team was Mr. Michael Sexton, of Rockhill, Bruree, Co. Limerick, who has just completed twenty-four years as a hurler in top-class fare.

● Mr. Sexton played his first match in 1926, and since then he has played in numerous games, including senior hurling, with his native county. Yesterday he played in goal and acquitted himself very well, indeed. During the past few years he has been Bruree's bulwark at full-back, in which position he won the 1948 and 1949 titles with Bruree. A married man with a large family, one of his sons was this year a member of the Bruree Minor Hurling team.