



Indianapolis GAA

Vice Chair Report - 2021

Josh Lane

Leagues

Indoor Football did not occur in 2020/2021 due to COVID-19. Summer pub league hurling had seven teams totaling 118 players. Summer pub league football had 76 players on four teams this year. All league matches for both hurling and football were played at Eugene Burns. Both leagues were played on Sundays at Burns this year due to COVID-19 and scheduling conflicts with Thursdays and other users of Burns. This caused doubleheaders for some dual-sport athletes but really allowed us to promote our “one-club” vision. Leagues ended on the same weekend in October with Jephtha Creed winning hurling and Hotel Tango winning football.

Practices/Field Reservations

All practices were reserved through Indy Parks and Recreation. Hurling/camogie and football were all held at O’Bannon Park on Tuesdays. Due to the number of rentals through Indy Parks, we were able to receive a 25% discount on their rental fees. Another benefit of this consolidated approach was the additional financial savings. In 2019 our field cost for practices/premier nights at Indy Parks was \$3,411.90. The field cost for practices/premier nights at Indy Parks in 2021 was \$1,447.50.

As previously mentioned, Eugene Burns was used for league matches for hurling and football. Overall, the fields used at this location were in pretty good condition. We are still allowed to use on-site storage space and have access to restroom facilities. It would be great if we could find a more permanent solution for the crossbars and nets behind the goals in the future. Due to not utilizing Burns in 2020 (and already paying for fields before the pandemic started), we had a credit of \$2400 on file. The total cost for us to use Burns this year on Sundays was \$2700. By having both leagues on Sunday (as opposed to hurling on Sundays and football on Thursdays), we saved an additional \$2100.

Premier Nights

Premier nights took place at Kuntz Stadium again with two events this year.

USGAA Finals

Our focus this year was on our in-house leagues/practices. However, a hurling team did go to Nationals in Boston, MA.

Volunteers/Committees

I want to give a giant thank you to all the people that make this club operate. We would not be able to offer the leagues, practices, or social events that we do without a healthy group of volunteers. You might not always get the recognition you deserve but I appreciate all the work you put into this club.



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A special thanks to the fields committee and their dedication to getting the fields painted and ready to go for matches. Thank you to captains and league commissioners for hurling and football. Thank you to the coaches for their commitment to leading practices and working to further develop players. Thank you to Tim Riley for ensuring officials were scheduled for all the hurling matches. Finally, thank you to Kyle Keesling for working all of his tech magic with the website, registrations, and draft days.

Admin

2021 was an unusual year. The Board often had to make some difficult choices to make sure everyone was able to compete and play our sports safely. However, we have worked to make sure all dues-paying members get the most benefits possible from those dues.