

Cumann Pheadair Naofa

Cultural Report for AGM

9th November 2021

Unfortunately, the latter half of 2020 and 2021 to-date, has been another quiet period in terms of cultural activities within our club due to Covid-19. Once again, the Fleadh was cancelled during Summer 2021 and our last Senior Scór events were held in March 2020 when Glenuillin and Randalstown hosted two magnificent Ulster semi-finals.

Despite the delay of over eighteen months since the last acts were on stage competitors returned with as much enthusiasm to the Senior Ulster Scór final in Silverbridge GAC on Saturday 29th October 21. The event followed strict Covid-19 guidelines and was managed with two separate (ticket only) sections. The first section included Ceili Dancing, Recitation, Novelty Act and Set Dancing. The second section included Instrumental Groups, Ballad Groups and Solo Singing.

Congratulations and good luck to our neighbouring Club Saul and their Ballad Group who qualified as Ulster Champions and will go forward to the All -Ireland Senior Scór Final which will be held in Connacht GAA Air Dome, Claremorris on the 20th November 2021.

Despite the lack of competition for our Scór participants this year our senior ballad group members demonstrated their continued interest in singing and being prepared for the next event as a number of them participated in the on-line Scór singing workshops with Bronagh Lennon in January 2021. It is hoped that the learning from these workshops will not only enhance their skills as a group but also help in their support and mentoring of our junior Scór solo singers and ballad groups.

As Cultural Officer I wish to extend my thanks to the cultural committee who continue to support me in my role as Cultural Officer and the promotion of cultural activities within our club. As a committee we continue to be grateful to all our Scór and Fleadh competitors who come forward each year to share their talents and proudly represent our club. We hope our mentors will return to their active roles of developing and supporting participants in Scór and Fleadh events during 2022 and in doing so help keep our cultural activities alive within Cumann Pheadair Naofa.

In keeping with Covid-19 guidelines, the Cultural Section objectives for 2021/2022 include:

- Plan and host workshops to prepare junior members for Scór na nÓg and Fleadh
- Resume 'Dance for Fun' classes
- Continue to promote active fundraising within the cultural section
- Liaise with local schools regarding the promotion of Fleadh and Scór activities in order to enhance club involvement in competitions and increase club membership
- Continue to develop the cultural committee in-order to support and promote club cultural activities

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