

Cumann Pheadair Naofa
Cultural Report for AGM
8th November 2022

2021/22 was a more successful year for the cultural section of Cumann Pheadair Naofa. After a period of limited activity within all clubs due to the Covid pandemic, we as a club were eager to embrace the reintroduction of all cultural activities for our club members.

Scór na nÓg gave us the forum to reach out to talented young club members, and in February/March 2022, the club was proudly represented by 19 children in the following sections: Ceili Dancing, Solo Singing, Recitation, Ballad Group and Instrumental. All were a credit to the club and we look forward to welcoming them (and hopefully many other children) back to participate in Scór na nÓg commencing in February 2023. We would especially like to thank parents for their continued support of cultural activities within the club.

We had further success with Scór Sinsir in October 2022, where our club was represented in Ceili Dancing, Solo Singing, Ballad Group and Set Dancing sections. Our enthusiasm and participation this year was acknowledged at the Down final as we were proudly presented with the Moya McCormack Perpetual Cup for endeavour in Scór and cultural activities.

We were delighted when our ladies' ceili and set dance teams were announced as South Down and Down champions on October 2nd in Mayobridge. The set dancers went on to proudly represent the club and Down in the Ulster Scór final in Galbally on October 15th. It was great to see the enthusiasm from both dance teams and we have every hope of continuing this success in Fleadh 2023.

Congratulations and good luck to our neighbouring club Glasdrumman in both Ballad Group and Solo Singing as they go forward as Ulster Champions to the All-Ireland Scór Sinsir Final which will be held in Castlebar, Mayo on the 12th November 2022.

The Cultural Section objectives for 2022/2023 include:

- Plan and host dance classes and workshops to prepare junior members for Scór na nÓg and Fleadh
- 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 at both senior and junior level.

As Cultural Officer I wish to extend my thanks to Méabh McArdle and the cultural committee who continue to support me in my role as Cultural Officer in 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 2023 and in doing so help keep our cultural activities alive within Cumann Pheadair Naofa.

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Cultural Officer

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