

Evening Echo Communications awards for GAA clubs

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THE Cork GAA Communications Awards are back, and will be presented on a quarterly basis for 2013.

Nominations are now being taken for the Cork GAA Communications Award for Quarter 1, powered by Compu b, in association with Silver Springs Moran Hotel.

The award will be presented in late April, and the process is a simple one. Nominations are invited from clubs, individuals, community groups, or anyone who feels

that their local GAA club deserves to win this award.

Submissions should be emailed to pro.cork@gaa.ie, and will then be passed on to the judging panel for consideration. Details such as website links etc. should be included in the submission, along with any other relevant information.

All forms of GAA communications are relevant, from websites and social

media to local posters and signage, and photographs of such material can also be included. The closing date for receipt of nominations is April 12. The winning club will receive an Apple iPad courtesy of Compu b.

Short-listing will apply, and the judges' decision is final.

The judging panel for the Communications Awards consists of former County PRO and current Vice-Chairman, Gerard Lane, journalist Denis Hurley and

Judy Hopkins of Hopkins Communications.

The new Chill Insurance Cork jersey is now available for purchase at Páirc Uí Rinn at special discounted prices as follows:

Ages 1-2 and 3-4: €25; Ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 10-11: €32; Age 13-14: €38.

Jerseys on sale from 9.30am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday.

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GAA NEWS

Superfast couple head to Algarve

ATHLETICS

By JOHN WALSH

IT WAS a productive weekend for Mark Hanrahan and Laura Crowe as they added the Boherbue to Kiskeam road race titles to their victories over five miles in Killarney on Good Friday.

And for good measure, they also established two new course records for the four-mile route between the two villages which should last for some time.

Despite the bitter cold conditions, the following wind made for fast times and Leevale-man Hanrahan made the most of it, knocking over a minute off of Sergiu Ciobanu's course record to cross the line in an excellent clocking of 18:38.

James McCarthy of East Cork, who was also second in Killarney on the Friday night, may have finished further back on this occasion but his 19:24 was another personal best and also inside the record.

Philip Harty from West Waterford was third in 19:35, again faster than the old mark with his namesake, Michael Harty of East Cork, also having a good run to take fourth spot in 20:23.

Hanrahan's girlfriend, Crowe, had another clear-cut victory, her 21:41 putting the Riocht athlete over a minute-and-a-half ahead of Maria McCarthy of Farranfore-Maine Valley who clocked 23:14.

Carol Finn (Leevale) was third in 24:24 with Catherine Kiely of the promoting Gneeveguilla club fourth in 25:09.

Hanrahan and Crowe are now heading to Monte Gordo in the Algarve for some warm-weather training in preparation for the track season with both planning to open their campaign at the Leevale T&F meeting on April 20.

With generous sponsorship from former athlete Jack O'Keeffe, the organising Gneeveguilla AC were rewarded with a fine turnout of over 130 but it was the quality up



Mallow athletes John Holland, Aoife O'Carroll and Dave Lyons pictured at the Boherbue to Kiskeam road race.

Picture: John Walshe

front that marked out the race as one of the top events of the season so far.

RESULTS

1 M Hanrahan (Leevale) 18:38; 2 J McCarthy (East Cork) 19:24; 3 P Harty (West Waterford) 19:35; 4 M Harty (East Cork) 20:23; 5 K Moore (Dundrum) 20:39; 6 E Murphy (Gneeveguilla) 20:55; 7 J Barrett (Gneeveguilla, M45) 20:59; 8 D Smith (Ballynonty) 21:08; 9 A Lenihan (Duhallow) 21:22; 10 A Fitzgerald (Farranfore-MV) 21:25.

M40: 1 G McCarthy (Farranfore-MV) 21:55; 2 D Kelly (unatt) 23:16; 3 F Barry (Gneeveguilla) 25:05.

M45: 2 R Purcell (Gneeveguilla) 21:42; 3 P Myers (unatt) 28:41.

M50: 1 K Griffin (Gneeveguilla) 24:32; S O'Mahony (Skibbereen) 24:45; 3 D Carroll (Eagle) 24:47.

M55: 1 W Hayes (St Finbarrs) 24:58; 2 T Cody (Middleton) 25:31; 3 S O'Mahony (Youghal) 27:32.

M60: 1 J Holland (Mallow) 27:51; 2 J Walshe (East Cork) 29:10; 3 P Fitzgibbon (unatt) 35:07.

M70: 1 J O'Leary (Leevale) 29:36; 2 J Langan (Tullamore) 30:03; 3 P Gaffney (Mallow) 31:57.

Women: 1 L Crowe (Riocht) 21:41; 2 M McCarthy (Farranfore-MV, F35) 23:14; 3 C Finn (Leevale) 24:24; 4 C Kiely (Gneeveguilla) 25:09; 5 S Daly (Riocht) 25:24; 6 M O'Connor (Riocht, F40) 26:26.

F35: 2 K Clarke (Bro Pearse) 27:09; 3 G Tierney (Clonmel) 31:35.

F40: 2 A-M Perry (Middleton) 28:52; 3 T Donovan (Riocht) 28:53.



Mark Hanrahan, winner of the Boherbue to Kiskeam four-mile Road Race in record time, receiving his prize from Paddy O'Donoghue of Gneeveguilla AC.

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F45: 1 M O'Mahony (Ballintotis Fit4Life) 28:57; 2 M Buckley (Donoughmore) 29:12; 3 C Murphy (Gneeveguilla) 29:13.

F50: 1 F Neupaur (unatt) 27:44; 2 M Mulcahy (St Finbarrs) 31:29.

F60: 1 M Barry (Middleton) 33:33.

Wheelchair: 1 J Forde (Blarney-Inniscarra, M60) 30:24.

Shades of Gray has got us guessing



Robert O'Shea

THE LONGSHOT

WHEN BBC Radio Five Live wanted to talk to someone about Martin O'Neill's sacking as manager last Sunday morning they got on to the blower to Michael Gray.

Alas, this Mister Gray wasn't the former Black Cat legend. The man on the other end of the line had not missed the decisive penalty during a shoot-out in the First Division playoff final after a 4-4 draw with Charlton in 1998.

No, this Michael Gray had a Glasgow accent, something the other one was unlikely to have picked up during his brief loan spell at Celtic 10 years ago.

In fairness to the Scottish student the station mistakenly phoned, he spoke about the need for a "fresh start", of O'Neill being a "great manager" and how the Irishman will go on to "better things".

It's not the first time the BBC have done something like this. In 2010, Radio 4 almost sparked a crisis in the Liberal Democrat political party when 27-year-old construction worker Paul Leatherbarrow (great name for a builder by the way) said he was prepared to resign as an MP over the issue of student fees.

They had believed they were talking to junior member of government Michael Crockett (which is almost as good a name as Leatherbarrow.)

While it might be easy to make such a mistake on radio, the BBC World Service topped this when interviewing taxi driver Guy Goma (a large black man) about internet security live in a TV studio, instead of the late Guy Kewney (a small white man). This is well worth checking out on YouTube.

Probably my favourite story of mistaken identity appeared in an English newspaper about a decade ago.

After keen ornithologist, Neil Simmons from Devon discovered a tawny owl nesting in his garden, he began studying its calls each night. He would enter his garden and hoot to the owl. To his delight, he'd hear a hoot in reply; then he'd hoot some more.

This went on night after night, month after month; he even kept a log of his conversations with the owl.

Then one day, Neil's wife got to talking about this with a neighbour, who said that her husband had also been going out every night to hoot at the same owl. Spoiler alert: There was no owl.

Recommendation: In light of today's topic, guess who I'm going to go for in the 7.20 at Dundalk tonight?

Guess Who is right. The son of High Chaparral was pretty poor in his opening season in 2012 so we are looking for a big improvement at 12-1.