

Picture Parade



The O'Connor family
Photo: Billy Saunderson



The Haran family
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The Haran family closely followed by the O'Connor family led the charge of fifteen teams to the finish line at the Templegate Hotel, Ennis on the first Sunday in January. The event was the popular Clare Branch Annual Treasure Hunt, which forms part of the Christmas holiday. The prizes, some generously donated by the contestants and title of "Hunt Champion" are keenly contested. A variety of prizes ensure happy young faces all around; the adults are not forgotten either; hot coffee and finger food provided by the management of Templegate Hotel in Ennis town centre is a welcome gathering point for social banter after the winter adventure.

The nominal entrance fee and voluntary donations were all donated to the IPA emergency aid fund "The Laura Fund"



Fr: Major Markaniusz Skrzypczak & IPA President Billy Saunderson.
 Mid: V/P Paul Mangan, Dave McEllin, P J Nunan, Jacenty Baciewicz (Dir' Police Training Legionono), Wieslaw Jan Modrakowski (Dr. of Law), Conor O'Higgins.
 Back: Eugene Mullany, Maciev Makowski, Marcin Kozkowski, Noel Geary. (Polish Delegation at IPA House, Dublin).

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Secretary General, Conor O'Higgins, presented with the IPA Retirement Sculpture by President Billy Saunderson.



Back: Eddie Brennan (Hurling), David Conlon (Boxing), James (Jas) Murphy (Hall of Fame), Aidan O'Mahony (Football), Bill Daly (Road Bowling), Michelle Fahy (Basketball)
 Darragh Hughes (Rugby), Noelle Curran (Ladies Football), Ray Campion (Special Contribution Award), Ken McDonald (Rowing), Eamon Maher (Sports Administration).
 Front: John O'Driscoll (Selection Committee St. Raphael's Credit Union), Tom Noonan (Selection Committee St. Raphael's Credit Union), Kevin Dolan (Chairman of St. Raphaels), Comm. Noel Conroy, D/Comm T.P. Fitzgerald (Chairman, Coiste Siamsa) Fred Cogley (MC Setanta Sport), Martin McLoughlin (Selection Committee for Coiste Siamsa), Valerie Tobin (Selection Committee for Coiste Siamsa).

On the 16th November 2007 nine Garda athletes and two sports administrators received the annual Coiste Siamsa awards in recognition of their prowess. This climax to the sporting year is sponsored by St Raphael's Garda Credit Union; the conferring inspires our sporting heroes to what is described as *citius altius fortius* in the world of the Olympics. It was fitting that the great event was staged in Mullingar where the County Coat of Arms features two lions to symbolise courage & bravery; a swan to remind us of the romantic story of the 'Children of Lir' and a Viking helmet to commemorate the Irish victory over 'Turgesius the Mighty'.



All Star Gaelic Footballer with the winning Kerry team in 2007, Aidan O'Mahony, pictured with his family. Aidan is stationed at Limerick.

Student Michelle Fahy represented Ireland at Basketball in 2007, she plays with Garda College, pictured with her family.



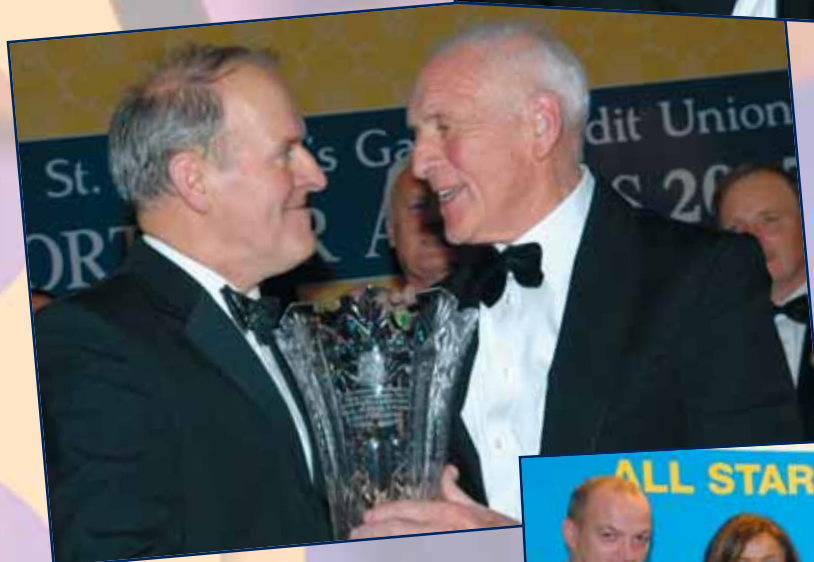
David Conlon and family, winner of gold medals in World Police & Fire Games 2007. David is stationed in Cavan.

ALL STAR FINANCIAL SERVICE



Eddie Brennan (Man of the match on Kilkenny's All-Ireland winning team) & Noelle Curran (Ladies Junior All Ireland football winner with Kilkenny).

C/Sup't Willie Ryan presents Comm'r Conroy with a Micahel Casey Sculpture to commemorate the visit to Mullingar.



James (Jas) Murphy receives 'Hall of Fame' Trophy from Comm'r Conroy. 'Jas' achieved fame as a footballer in Co Kerry. Born in 1923 he joined the Garda in 1943, along with such notables as E J Doherty, L Wren & IPA Benefactor Eamonn Gunn.

Brian & Marie Willoughby (stationed in Mullingar), Eddie Brennan & Olivia Ryan (stationed in Portlaoise) Mick Morrissey (stationed in Enniscorthy) holding a brief for the IPA at the awards.

