

From the President

It was a great Honour to be elected as President of the Association for the second time in April 2016.

To absent friends

This past year we bade farewell to a number of Members, family and friends. St. Malachy pray for them and may they rest in peace.

91st Annual Dinner

Our 91st Annual Dinner was held in the College Hall in March 2017. The College was represented by Principal, and Old Boy, Mr Paul McBride, who addressed over 150 Old Boys' and guests. It was a great night and it is fantastic to see numbers growing at this event, particularly since we found our new home in the College. I would like to thank Mr McBride and his staff for allowing us to use this unique venue.

External Relations

Our relationships with other alumni Associations continue to go from strength to strength by attendance at their annual dinners. To date, I and other members of the Council have been honoured to represent the Association at the Annual Dinners of: the Old Campbellian Society, Methodist College Past Pupils' Association, St Columb's College Union and Coleraine Old Instonians Association, Blackrock College Union, Belfast Royal Academy Old Boys' Association and Belfast Old Instonians.

Annual Mass

In November, the Annual Mass for deceased pupils and staff of the College was celebrated in the College Chapel by Bishop Anthony Farquhar. Attendance was much improved on recent years thanks in part to our growing use of social media.

Prize Giving

In December, I was delighted to be invited by Mr McBride to attend the annual College prize giving. I was most impressed at the high standard of academic and sporting achievement attained by the pupils of the College at all levels. On behalf of the Association, I presented prizes and medals for:

*Outstanding Sporting Achievement

- * Best Overall Performance at GCSE
- * Best Overall Performance at A-level

SMCOBA Sections

This year, Sections have continued to flourish in activities as diverse as: Football, Darts, Snooker, Golf, Bridge, Camera Club and Sewing – some of whom have provided updates for you to peruse in the body of the Report.

Within the football section, St. Malachy's OB Youth FC continues to grow steadily thanks to the hard work and dedication of the coaches who give up their Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings for the children. More teams and age groups are appearing all the time!!

Club Rooms

We continue to trade at a surplus and this is in no short measure thanks to the continuing support of our members, the prudence and governance shown by the House Committee, and the hard work and dedication of our Club Steward Mark McAlinden and his staff.

Gloria ab intus

In conclusion, as my time as President draws to a close, I would like to extend my thanks to Council, the House Committee, Dinner Committee, and the Association staff and for the support and encouragement I have received during my time in office.

David Sullivan LLB MRAeS

From the Honorary Secretary

2016-17 has been another successful year for the Association overall. We have seen the expansion through the Association and are in good health overall.

We now have a new door entry system in place with new membership cards being used for entry. Along with this, we have installed a new till system which also helps manage stock control.

In combination with a new deal with the games machines providers, we sourced a full HD Projector for the Hugh Downey Room and large HD screen to go with it. This is linked up to a Sky box and will be available for events over the year.

We have also had the snooker hall refurbished and snooker tables recovered, which will help the Snooker Team going forward.

There has been a fantastic progression of the St Malachy's Old Boys Youth Football Team in particular. This is due to the dedicated hard work of the Coaches



David Sullivan, President (2015 – 2017)

and Staff involved and the terrific training that they offer. This has deservedly led to a massive reputation boost and acknowledgement for what has been achieved so far. We are proud to support such a team and hope it can carry these kids on into the senior team in years to come.

I am also happy to say that the Golf Society has also been started up once more. This now has 36 Members and has been running since October 2016. For anyone interested, get in touch with Mark McAlinden behind the bar.

I would also like to thank everyone involved in the huge transformation of the back garden.. Thanks given to Noel McNally, Lawrence White, Nuala Walsh, Aiden Allen, Dave Harwood and Kim McAlinden in particular.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Association on behalf of the Cassidy family. I would like to thank the Council and Committee for their help in the fundraising efforts throughout the last year. They have provided multiple donations towards the Motor Neurone Disease fundraisers in memory of Pat Cassidy. This has helped to raise a huge amount of money. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated and took part, and I hope we can achieve something similar again this year.

Conor Cassidy Honorary Secretary



St Malachy's Darts

This year has seen the St Malachy's Darts team continue to field 4 teams in the North Belfast Darts League with the Old Boys, Zulus, Warriors and Comencheros all taking part in league and cup nights. All teams have scored some impressive wins this year with the Old Boys lifting the Shamrock Cup back in October and the Warriors continuing to push for the Division 1 League title. Congratulations also need to be given to the Warriors for their recent Cup victory, and to the Zulus for reaching the semi-finals of each of the cup competitions.

The teams also held the Annual St Malachy's Cup in the League where the old Boys were beating in the final by a Rovers team in great form.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the club and committee for their continued support of the teams and also a big thank you for our sponsors Driving Academy Ni, Pizza Works, Breeze Drycleaners and O'Sullivan's Law for their contribution throughout the year.

If anybody would like to join our darts teams, please feel free to contact any of the St Malachy's players or bar staff for information, or come along on a Tuesday night.

Aidan Braniff

Snooker Section

This year St Malachy's snooker team entered two teams into the Belfast Snooker League. We currently have a team in each league.

The A team are currently placed 4th and still currently in both cups. The B' team have been holding their own in the second division and also remain in both cups.

Both captains would like to thank the committee for their support in keeping the playing conditions in top order. We would like to thank the bar staff for their hospitality and for giving a warm welcome to visiting teams.

Johnny Madden

Camera Club

The Camera Club had another successful season this year - we finished runner-up in the Top Camera Club but importantly achieved first place in the Top Mono Club.

We have a membership of 50 and continue to meet each Thursday night at 8.00pm. A number of highlights from the season so far was our trip to the beautiful city of Krakow in January where a number of brave photographers experienced minus zero temperatures!

Another highlight was a visit to our club by Dundalk Photographic Society last October and our return visit to Dundalk in March 2017. Both nights were a great success.

We look forward to our end of year exhibition on 11 May 2017 where everyone is welcome to come along and see excellent photographs from our members!

Finally the Camera Club would like to thank SMOB Committee for its continuing support throughout the year.

New members are always welcome: www.cbppu.com

Gary Johnston





Football Section

The 2016/17 season saw our first team playing in Division 1 of the Belfast & District League and the second team playing in the 3rd Division following relegation last season. The 1sts have picked up 31 points from 21 games so far, winning 10 and drawing 1, with the boys in green sitting 5th out of 12 teams in the division.

The 2nds have benefited from playing in the lower division and to date have 30 points on the board from 23 games. They are sitting 8th out of 14, at the time of writing.

The first's season started very well, winning three in a row but unfortunately bad luck with a number of player injuries and inconsistencies in performances throughout the year have cost the team a chance for promotion to the Premier Division. That means they will continue in Division 1 next year and will be aiming for promotion once more.

The seconds have been much more competitive this year and have given a good account of themselves, winning 8 games and drawing 6. The points total amassed is their highest in quite a few years and will be aiming to achieve more next season, playing in the same Division.

The Senior Football Committee continues to work hard in the background, applying to get the team into the Amateur League, raising finances and liaising with the Junior Football committee to keep things running smoothly. With the help of the

Association, we were fortunate enough to be in a position to put the sponsors of 2 worthy charities on our kits this year- Motor Neurones Disease Association (MND) and Lighthouse which we hope will raise awareness of their good work.

The teams are currently running a fundraising draw where once again the top prize is a trip to New York and all ballot purchases are much appreciated. Ballots can be purchased behind the bar and the draw takes place on June 4th in the Association, during our end of season presentation and BBQ evening.

We are always looking for new players to join the teams, so if anyone is interested they can contact us either through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmals.fc> or contact me directly by email at paddyccasso@hotmail.com.

The football club appreciates the continued support that we receive from the SMCOPA's committee and we would like to thank the bar staff as well for their assistance throughout the season, particularly Mark and Martin.

**Paddy Cassidy,
Secretary, St Malachy's Old Boys FC**

St. Malachy's OB Youth FC

2016 was our first full calendar year as a registered junior football club and as in the previous year we continued to grow at a rapid rate.

The year saw several on pitch successes, some highlights being tournament wins at both our U7 and U8 levels but more impressive was the expansion of the club in numbers and support from parents, sponsors and coaches.

Off pitch highlights included a 15 person strong marathon relay entry of 3 teams made up of a good mix of committee, coaches and parents, again only highlighting the massive support we have from all sections. Also we held a season ending awards day and multi age group tournament in St Malachy's college and then back at the old boys club for a barbeque and fun day for the kids...even the rain couldn't dampen the high spirits on the day.

The club also saw us host a club quiz night in September which was again a great success. As a junior club, we are now over 100 registered children strong with age groups competing each week and representing the club from U10 level right down to U5. We have approximately 20 coaches helping develop the kids and we also have increased our number of sponsors across all the age groups.

A great 2016 has lead into an equally successful current year and we look forward to continuing growing the proud awareness that we gaining for the St Malachy's name.

Kevin McGrattan

Ireland. www.ccanireland.com

* **Tools for Solidarity** is a non profit making development organisation from Northern Ireland run entirely by volunteers actively working for a more equitable distribution of power and resources in the world. www.toolsforsolidarity.com

* **Motor Neurone Disease Association of Northern Ireland** is an organisation set up to help research MND that also helps to provide support to people with the disease and their family members. This was taken up as a charity in memory of Pat Cassidy, and to date we have raised close to £8000 in the last year.

Charity Section

SMCOBA philanthropic activities continue, with several successful fundraisers being held in the Club Rooms this year in support of a number of worthy causes.

* **Let the Children Live!** Is a charity that works in Columbia with children from the streets and shanty -towns of the city of Medellín. These children are called 'the disposable ones' and they live, and sometimes die, in the streets and rubbish dumps of Colombia's cities www.letthechildrenlive.org

* **Glenveagh School for children with**

severe learning difficulties is situated in Harberton Park, Belfast. Pupils generally come to Glenveagh at age eight and stay until they are 19. The School seeks to create a safe and secure environment where all pupil success is acknowledged and celebrated. Their aim is to develop pupils to their full potential, so that they may be as independent as possible and have an enriching and happy experience of education. www.glenveaghschool.co.uk/Fundraising

* **Chernobyl Children Appeal (NI)** Limited raises funds and provides host parents for children brought from Belarus and the Ukraine for a 3 -week recuperative holiday in

Rules of St. Malachy's College Old Boys' Association
(Rule 5)

Application for Membership

Full Name: ("Candidate")

Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Residence:

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..... Postcode:

E-mail: Telephone: 028



I am a Past Pupil of St. Malachy's College. Years at College:

Students: I am currently undergoing a full-time course of further education, namely:

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 I am an established member of the Teaching Staff. I joined the Teaching Staff in (year):

Subscription:

"Life": £100.00

Annual: £25.00 per annum

Student: £5.00 per annum

For all other candidates:

I shall make a positive contribution to the Objects of the Association. £25.00 per annum

Signed: Date:



Proposed by: (PRINT name)

I am an Ordinary member of the Association and I can vouch for the Candidate for Membership from my own personal knowledge that he is a suitable candidate for Membership.

Signed:
..... Date:



Seconded by: (PRINT name)

I am an Ordinary member of the Association and I can vouch for the Candidate for Membership from my own personal knowledge that he is a suitable candidate for Membership.

Signed: Date:



The particulars of an application for Membership shall be displayed on a notice board at the Premises in a conspicuous place for at least two weeks preceding the day when the candidate comes up for election.