



# CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB

Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha

## NEWSLETTER

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### Happy New Year to all our members, supporters and friends.

2003 was a fantastic year for Castleknock Hurling & Football Club. Successes were achieved on several fronts. Two new adult teams emerged, Junior Hurlers and Junior Ladies Football team. Our U-12 Ladies and our Junior Hurlers did the double in style in 2003, with league and Championship victories, respectively. Seven juvenile players went on to represent Dublin during the year. Lorna Hillery was called up to the Dublin Senior Ladies panel who reached the All-Ireland Final in Croke Park. Under the watchful eye of Juvenile Chairman, Ciáran Prunty, both our Nursery & Juvenile Section continues to flourish. New mentors have joined our ranks, helping to build up the coaching programme within the Club. Excellent Club profile in the Community Voice and the Dublin GAA Yearbook. On the social front, the CHFC Golfing Society was formed under the excellent guidance of Jim Prunty.

The Club enjoyed success in the Juvenile section of Scór na nÓg. Many thanks to Barbara O'Neill for her role in coordinating our contestants. On the community service aspect of our Club, a dynamic committee, chaired by Larry Kennedy, delivered an extraordinary boost to plans to establish a satellite St. Francis Hospice in the Dublin 15 area. A sum of over €54,000.00 was raised. Mick Lynch & Charlie Spillane organised yet another successful CHFC Annual Golf Classic. Several social gatherings were organised throughout the year, culminating in an excellent Christmas Social & Dinner Dance in Westmanstown. Many thanks to the host Clubs, throughout the country who welcomed our visiting teams throughout the year.

Our grateful appreciation to the CHFC Lotto Committee for their dedicated service throughout the year. My personal thanks to my colleagues on the CHFC Executive, for their dedicated work, throughout the past year. Our gratitude to all our supporters, sponsors and local public representatives, who continue to pledge their support. We look forward to a thriving year ahead. Gach rath oraibh go léir.

**John Hillery, Club Chairman**

### General Club News / Nuacht Gineáralta

- ❑ Please return all adult membership forms before AGM on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, Contact Vivian Peelo (086 8048749) or Laura Donoghue (086 3694634) if you require a form.
- ❑ Our junior footballers were beaten by Lucan Sarsfields in the semi-final of the Parson Cup. Well done to all involved for a great year of football.
- ❑ New boys juvenile league (U8 upwards) will start on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February.
- ❑ Well done to our Scór participants who competed in the Leinster semi-final in Navan. This was our first venture into this talent competition and it has been a resounding success.
- ❑ Congratulations to Castleknock Community College on their great victory in the Dublin College U14B final. Matthew Griffin and Paul Cunniffe starred in this super performance.
- ❑ Training resumes for all juveniles on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. Nursery also resumes at CCC. Contact your mentor for details.
- ❑ Training for all adult footballers and hurlers will resume in Blanchardstown IT on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. All new players welcome. Contact Donal Cunningham (086 6189857) for further details.
- ❑ Congratulations to our neighbours St. Brigids on winning the Leinster club title and best of luck against An Gaeltacht in the All-Ireland series.
- ❑ Best of luck to Mick Maron, Charlie Spillane and Jim Dunne who take our U13 boys to Armagh to face the mighty Crossmaglen Rangers on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. Full report and pictures in next months newsletter.

### Dates for your Diary / Dátaí don Dialann

**Juvenile AGM:** (Kavanaghs-upstairs) Thursday 22nd Jan 2004 9.00pm

**Club AGM:** (Westmanstown) Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004

**Pub Quiz:** The Bell. February 2004

**Irish Night:** St. Patrick's week (T.B.A)

**Golf Classic:** Hollystown. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

### Player of the Year Awards 2003

#### Imreoirí na Bliana 2003

Congratulations to Gerry Kelly on winning his first Footballer player of the year award in the Bell in Monday 22nd Dec. Team manager Fionán McDonagh presented the prize, which was sponsored by Mick Lynch.

Previous football winners include:

Eoghan O'Callaghan	1999
Patsy McGinnell	2000
Denis Lally	2001
Shane Reilly	2002

The hurlers, Junior Championship winners selected Mick Geaney as their Player of the Year. James Lacey accepted the award on behalf of Mick who is currently in Australia from Mick Daly. The hurling award was sponsored by Brendan O'Flathery.

Ann Brogan was the recipient of the 2003 Ladies Footballer of the Year presented by Fiona Brennan. (Now we know how her nephew, Alan gets his talent from!)

## Club Profile / Beathaisnéisín

**Name:** Ciáran Prunty

**Age:** Big 40

**Status:** Married

**From:** Longford

**Present Position in Club:** Juvenile Chairman

**Favourite Music:** Christy Moore to Aslan

**Favourite Film:** Witness

**Favourite TV program:** Anything to do with sport

**Favourite food:** Italian

**How do you relax outside football?** More football

**Pet Dislike:** Soccer

**If I won the Club Lotto:** Carol would spend it

**Most admired GAA player:** Eddie Keher.

**Favourite GAA Ground:** Porterstown.

**Honours:** Midlands boxing champion, finalist 1500 metres for community games, underage honours with Killoe Young Emmett's.

**Ambition:** Live happily ever after.

**Favourite holiday destination?** Portugal.

**Do you see yourself as a good dancer?** 1st class.

**Tips for Football/Hurling:** Castleknock will win minor titles within 7 years!

## U15 Christmas challenge

Paul Garvey organised a super day for the U15's before Christmas with a football challenge against the U15 girls selection. This game was refereed by an ebullient Donal 'Santa Claus' Cunningham. Guess what? The match ended in a draw!!

Afterwards at a great function, Dan Stewart received Hurler of the Year. Rory Corcoran was awarded Footballer of the Year. Ian Dunne got most improved hurler award and Ronan Moore received the most improved footballer award.

## LOTTO NEWS / NUACHT

Lotto numbers and winners drawn in December 2003.

**Winning Numbers The Carpenter Thursday 4th Dec.**

**21 22 24 25      Jackpot €4,800**

No JACKPOT winner. One "Match 3" winner  
*Cara O'Neill - €200*

**Winning Numbers The Bell Thursday, 11th Dec.**

**2 10 11 16      Jackpot €5,000**

No JACKPOT winner. 5 Match 3 winners receive €40 each.  
*Damian Whelan, Nuala Maher, Lynn Gannon, Paddy Hanaphy, Patrick O'Brien*

**Winning Numbers Myos Thursday 18th Dec.**

**9 16 17 18      Jackpot €5,200**

No JACKPOT winner. 3 'match three' winners - €70 each  
*Noreen Maher, Kay Ryan, Eithne Lynch*

N.B. Next draw will be in The Carpenter on the 8th of January 2004 for a jackpot prize of €5,400

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters for their contributions.

Stuck in the city and haven't got your LOTTO? Then drop into Cumiskey's in Little Dominick St. and try your luck. A Direct Debit facility is also available for those who want to be included every week. Contact any member of the Executive or Lotto Team on any Thursday night in The Bell, The Carpenter, Myos or Bradys of Castleknock.

## Scór Sinsear

Scór Sinsear, the GAA adult talent competition, is coming up in January. Following our success in Scór na nÓg, we now intend to participate in the adult competition. There are 8 categories in all.

**Solo Singing,**

**Recitation/Storytelling** (1 participant),

**Ceili Dancing** (8 participants, preferably 4 men and 4 women),

**Set Dancing** (8 Participants, preferably 4 men and 4 women),

**Ballad Group** ( 4 participants),

**Novelty Act** (7 participants), Quiz Team (3 participants),

**Instrumental music** (4 participants).

If you are interested in taking part, or if you know someone else who would be, please contact Barbara O'Neill at 086 3782419, or Peter Donoghue at 087 6374331 as soon as possible, so that rehearsals can start in early January.

## U9's boys win the shield in Killoe Co. Longford.

24 players from Castleknock travelled to Killoe in Longford to play against 3 teams from Leitrim, Longford and Roscommon. This was an under 10 competition that the Castleknock U9 team was entering with the help of 4 of the U10 Castleknock panel. Captained by Cian Conway, this team was expected to do very well.

The Dubs played Leitrim's Aughawilan/Drumreilly in their first game and led comfortably at half time leading 4-2 to 0-1. Several changes were made and in the second half Leitrim came into the match, which finished 5-02 to 1-03 in favour of Castleknock. Fine performances were had by Conor Prunty, Tom Quinn and Cian Conway. Good scores from Eoin Conway, Gerry Cadden, Brian Slevin and Andrew and Brian Hughes gave the Dublin side a comfortable win.

Castleknock played Killoe of Longford in the second game. Castleknock were expected to win this one but at half time Killoe led by 2 points 0-03 to 1-02. Killoe upped the pace in the second half with their physically bigger team. This game ended with Killoe on top winning the match 1-03 to 4-02. The Castleknock defence led by Eoin Connor, Eoin O'Brien and Ross McDermott played very well and were made to work hard throughout this competition.

The next match for Castleknock was against Roscommon's Shannon Gaels. This was a difficult game for Castleknock but a chance to try players in different positions. Man of the match Conor Madden made several brilliant saves. His vision, kick outs and confidence under a high ball makes him one Tommy Lyons needs to keep an eye on in the future. Shannon Gaels out pointed Castleknock to deservedly win the match and were expected to go on to win the overall competition. Fine performances by Colm Neville, Michael Kiely and Daragh McCormack. An excellent defensive performance by Ronan Prunty kept Castleknock in touch but this physically bigger team went on to the cup final and left Castleknock to contest the Shield final

Castleknock went on to easily win the shield final. Ronan Sweeney was solid in the backs. Good displays were had by Kevin Murphy, Jack O'Neill, Alex Kelly, Dermott Murray and Mathew Dunne. Timothy Moran and Michael McDonnell got some nice scores to secure the shield for Castleknock. A delighted Cian Conway lifted the shield trophy to take 3rd place with 2 wins out of 4 games.

A big thank you to Killoe for their invitation and their hospitality especially to Kevin Prunty. Congratulations to Killoe on winning the Cup by beating Shannon Gaels by a point.