



CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB

Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha

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Club's first Leinster Title - Nuala McCloskey, Leinster Scór title for Recitation

The Leinster Final of Scór which took place in Taghmon-Camross GAA Club, Taghmon, Co. Wexford had two entrants from Castleknock taking part, Aidan Boushel for Solo Singing and Nuala McCloskey for Recitation.

They both performed brilliantly on the night and many thanks to you both as you really and truly did our Club proud.

There was great excitement in the hall as Nuala was announced the winner of the Leinster Scór Title for Recitation and was presented on stage with her Scór Medal. Nuala will now represent us in the All-Ireland Scór Final, which will take place in Castlebar on 24 April 2004.

John Hillery, Club Chairman, views our successes in Scór as another strong sign of our Club's wholehearted commitment to all aspects of the GAA, both culturally and on the playing fields. John also extends sincere congratulations and thanks to both Nuala and Aidan.

Thanks to all our supporters and everyone is welcome to come along for the Final – we might even make a weekend of it in Castlebar! Anyone interested in coming along contact Laura 086 3964634 or Barbara 086 3782419 for details.



6th Annual Golf Classic

Castleknock Hurling and Football Club are holding our 6th Annual Golf Classic On Friday 18th of June in Hollystown.

Last years outing proved to be our most successful to date. Once again we are grateful for the generous support of our principal sponsor Flynn Auctioneers.

Your support, which is most appreciated indeed, enables the Club provide essential funding to sustain the significant growth experienced since it's foundation 6 years ago.

We look forward to your support and hope you and your guests have a wonderful day's golfing and enjoy the day at Hollystown Golf Club. Please contact the committee as early as possible to secure your preferred tee-time or if you wish to sponsor a Tee-box or Green.

Fees: Golf Team: (4 ball): €400
Sponsorship of Tee-Box: €125
Sponsorship of a green: €125

Golf Classic Committee: Mick Lynch (086 2531600), Charlie Spillane (087 2214455).



General Club News / Nuacht Ginearalta

- ❑ Well done to Tom Quinn who scooped the top prize in our weekly Lotto draw. Many thanks to all our members and friends who take part in the draw each week. A Direct Debit facility is 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, Myo's or Brady's of Castleknock
- ❑ Congrats to Castleknock Community College on their great victory in the U14 Leinster B Final. Well done to all concerned.
- ❑ Deepest condolences to the Kennedy Family of Brambly and the Connor family of Luttrellstown on their recent bereavements.
- ❑ Come along and join in the Céili Dancing in Laurel Lodge Community Centre on Friday Nights between 9 p.m. – 10 p.m. All are welcome to come along! Admission €3.
- ❑ Camogie training in Tír na nÓg for beginners (U6 upwards) every Monday evening between at 6 ad 7pm. On Monday evening between 7 and 8pm for U13 and U14. League games every Saturday for U13 and U14.
- ❑ Congrats to club member Philip Brady of the Rathmines Inn and Carmel Mulligan both from Arva, Co Cavan, who were married during March.
- ❑ Easter Tournament: CHFC has 4 players taking part in the Easter U12 tournament which involves a selection from North Dublin playing a selection South Dublin. The four in question are Michael Galvin, Seán Healy, Barry Hillery and Evan Kennedy. Well done to all involved and having 4 U12s involved in the North Dublin selection again shows how the Club is going from strength to strength.
- ❑ Adult football training continues every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.00 in Porterstown.

Dates for your Diary / Dátaí don Dialann

- Irish Dancing** Every Friday night (See general news above)
- Scór Sinsear** Saturday 24 April in Castlebar (All Ireland Final)
- Golf Society** Saturday 29th May 2004 Elm Hall, Celbridge
- Golf Classic:** Friday 18th June 2004. Hollystown
- Summer camps:** July 5th 2004 Hurling
July 12th 2004 Football
- Hurling Championship:** May 29/30 Dublin v. Kildare/
Westmeath or Wicklow
- Football Championship:** June 6 Dublin v. Offaly/Westmeath



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Oíche Gaelach – a great success



Donnacha Howard of Riverdance and Junior Hurling Fame dancing to rapturous applause from the 200 juveniles attending the Oíche Gaelach

Bhí an-oíche go deo ag baill an chumainn ag an gcéad oíche Gaelach a reachtál Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha ar an 16 Márta 2004. Bhí neart craic agus ceol don teaghlach go léir agus baideadh an-taitneamh as an oíche.

Westmanstown was full to capacity and it was a great family event with Irish Dancing, Traditional Irish Music and Singing. Páirc Cúl Na Glais, organised by Colette McMahon, started off the evening with thirty Musicians playing Traditional Irish Music. They played throughout the evening and were joined at various times by Geraldine Corrigan's School of Irish Dancing, Barry Donoghue, Conor O'Reilly, Julie Rodgers, Gerald Cunningham and Conall Ní Lorcaín. Bhí siad uile thar cionn! At the end of the evening Donnacha Howard, one of the hurlers danced a solo from Riverdance to so much applause that he had to dance once again. The family event ended at 9 p.m. and the children all went home happy after receiving some sweets on their exit.

At 9.30pm the adult part of the evening began and once again Geraldine Corrigan's School of Dance did some Irish Dances and Donnacha Howard performed a Solo Dance. They were brilliant. John Hillery gave us a few words and introduced Dermot Healy, Director of Hurling in Dublin. After saying a few words, Dermot Healy then presented medals to our Hurlers who won our first ever Dublin County Junior Championship Title.

Scór Medals were also presented by The Dublin County Board's Oifigeach Gaeilge, Sean Kavanagh to Aidan Boushel for Solo Singing and Nuala McCloskey for Recitation (who has since gone on to win the Leinster title). Aidan sang for us and Nuala gave us her recitation and they were much appreciated by the audience. Then the Ceilí Dancers took to the floor whilst John O'Brien and Cuan Ó hAogáin played some Ceilí music. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir agus do John Kilkenny and David Leydon a bhí mar fir an tí don oíche.

The Irish Night Committee (Laura Donoghue, Gerry Cadden, Muirinn Connor, John Kilkenny, Geraldine O'Reilly and Barbara O'Neill) would once again like to thank everyone who made the whole night so successful.



Jim Prunty and Eoghan O'Callaghan enjoying the Oíche Gaelach and admiring the much coveted Hurling Medal

Golf Society

The Club's first Golf Society outing of the year exclusively for members is fixed for Saturday 29 of May in Elm Hall in Celbridge, so make a note in your diary. Tee - times available from 1:30 to 3:30. Full details from Jim Prunty in next edition of newsletter.

U9 Football and Hurling Update

Our season commenced in early January with football and hurling training taking place on Monday and Thursday evenings at Blanchardstown IT. Our first two games of the year were against Naomh Mearnóg and Plunketts. In football we recorded good wins. The non-competitive Under-9 football league kicked off in early February and in our Division we have teams from Erin's Isle, St. Vincents, Clontarf, Whitehall, St. Sylvester's, St. Brigids, Naomh Barro, St.Maurs and Na Fianna.

To date we have played 3 of these Clubs recording good wins over St.Maurs, defeats against St. Sylvester's and Clontarf. Players who featured prominently were Mark Prunty, Conal Purcell, Matthew Murphy, Niall O Callaghan, Paul Burke, Jack Mullins, Ben McDonagh, Colin Lynch, Jack Ryan, Michael Boland and many others.

On 8 February the Indoor Hurling League commenced in Dublin City University, and takes place over 5 weeks. Each week 3 Teams(7 a-side) from Under Nine compete in this excellent Ground Hurling Competition. Our lads have shown great improvement over the weeks recording wins over no lesser opposition than Faughs, St.Peregrines, Naomh Fionnbarra and Commercial. Tribute must be paid to the great coaching work of parents like Pdraig Purcell, Nick Boland, Philip Bourke, Pat Shelly, Terry Mullins and others. Young stars of the future who are featuring prominently in this competition are Paul Bourke, Colin Lynch, Paul Prunty, Jack Mullins, Thomas Byrne, Killian Healy, Adam Shelly, Liam Quinn, Darragh McCaffrey, Andrew Daly, Andrew Lonergan, Niall O Callaghan, Colm Peelo, Ciaran Coady, Matthew Murphy, Kevin Ryan, Michael Boland, Ciaran Balfe, Colin Byrne, Jack Ryan, Kevin Cassels, Eoghan O Sullivan, Terry Sheridan, Aodhan Peelo, Michael Fahy, Dylan Singleton, Darragh McKiernan, Luke Nulty & Mark Prunty.

Lotto News / Nuacht

Lotto numbers and winners drawn in March 2004.

Winning Numbers Brady's Thursday 4th March.

3 4 13 18 **Jackpot €7,000**

No JACKPOT winner. 6 "match 3 " winners receive € 35 each
Paddy Rafferty, Ann Mc Cullagh, Brendan Pat Sweeney, Ken Walsh, Kennett Moran & Stephen Harte, Noreen Maher

Winning Numbers The Carpenter Thursday, 11th March.

4 7 9 16 **Jackpot €7,200**

One JACKPOT winner - Tom Quinn wins €7,200

9 match 3 winners - € 25 each *Catherine Carroll, Andrew Doyle, Sean Farrell, Alan King, Maura Mc Neely, Desmond Quinn, Ann Carolan, John O'Sullivan, Vinnie Flanagan.*

Winning Numbers The Bell Thursday 18th March.

5 9 19 25 **Jackpot €2,000**

No JACKPOT winner. 5 'Match 3' winners each receive € 40.
Richard Dunn, Mary Mc Donnell, Allen Moran, Joseph Turner, P. O'Shaughnessy

Winning Numbers Myos Thursday 25th March.

3 6 19 23 **Jackpot €2,200**

No JACKPOT winner. 6 "Match 3" winners - € 35 each.
Frank Kelly, John Clarke, Seán McCabe, Richard Dunn, Barry Farrelly, Thomas Hannigan

Next Lotto Draws:

Thursday April 1st Bradys Castleknock Inn
Thursday April 8th The Carpenter
Thursday April 15th The Bell
Thursday April 22nd Myo's
Thursday April 29th Bradys Castleknock Inn

Club Profile / Beathaisnéisín

Name: Luke Nulty

Team: Under 9

Mentors: Nick Boland, Pádraig Purcell, John O' Sullivan

School: Scoil Thomáis

Favourite music/song: Band 'Blue'

When I joined CHFC and why:

September 2003- because nearly all my friends were going and I wanted to go with them

The sportsperson I admire most and why? : Séamus McKiernan and Nick Boland-

Because they're really nice to me.....and Ryan Giggs.

What I like about CHFC: I like playing football- it gets you healthy. It's better than eating sweets, watching TV and playing Playstation because you get more fit.

Highlights of my sporting career with CHFC to date: I'd say when we beat Clontarf earlier this year just gone by- we got revenge! (Castleknock had been narrowly defeated in a hotly contested match in December. Ed.)

Hopes for my sporting future with CHFC: I think I'll play with Castleknock Hurling and Football Club until I'm about 55.

The best game that I have ever watched: I'd probably say Dublin against Tyrone in January

Should Croke Park be used for other sports? Yes- because hurling, football and Camogie isn't that much and there could be a lot use made of it.

How do you think the club could be improved for juveniles?

Free new jerseys and the coaches could go a bit easier on us!



The Castleknock Dictionary of GAA Speak

- Bata - eg "I gave it bata" - I put a fair bit of effort into it
- Stomached - surprised eg. "Jaysus when he came up behind me I was awful stomached"
- Mighty - very good
- Hames - a right mess - eg. "he made a hames of that clearance"
- Timber - intimidation of a hurling opponent
- Welt - swing at
- Lamp - a good thump
- Schkelp - a good thump
- Bullin' - angry. eg. "the centre half back was bullin' after I lamped him"
- Bull thick - very angry
- Joutl - a push
- Joshel - a shoulder push
- Bushted - eg. "Jayz me arm is bushted"
- The Bomber - a very popular nickname for a GAA player
- A hang sangwidge - consumed with tay on the sides of roads after matches in Croker or Porterstown.
- Citeog - he hit it with his citeog. ie. left handed/footed
- Blast - A great amount of anything.
- Rake - Also a great amount of anything, usually pints of Guinness
- A Shamozzle - a group of players shkelpin' one another but not exactly hittin' anyone at the same time!
- Flakin' - usually goes on for a whole game..... eg. "Jayz Paul Hanley gave Padraig Griffin an awful flakin' below in Tír na nÓg on Sunday". To "flake" a lad for a whole game usually starts off with a bit of the aforementioned "joshellin'" and "joutlin'" and develops into a bit of "weltin'" and may even result in a good "lampin'" for the victim especially if he gets "bull thick".
- Namajaysus - What was that for, referee?
- Mullocker - untidy or awkward players
- Horsed - bout of rough play or intimidatory tactics as in we horsed them out of it. Sometimes referred to as kicking/batin' the shit out of the opposing team.
- Horse - untidy or rough player. There's one in every club
- Row - Fight involving four or more players swinging hurls like lunatics
- Massive Row - Row involving both team, substitutes and supporters jumping fences
- Running Row - A massive row that continues out in the parking area and or dressing room areas (**CHFC do not condone "running rows" or rows of any sort**)
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Adult Football / Peil Sóisir

The Junior 'A' footballers have started the season in the right fashion - three wins out of three. The league is very competitive with both our near neighbours, St Brigids and St Peregrines, also unbeaten. The arrival of some new players has added strength to the squad with Mark Mohan at centre half-back dominating all no. 11's so far. Barry Farrelly, the man from Monaghan, is this year's captain taking over from the evergreen Eoghan O'Callaghan.

With Fionán McDonagh at the helm, hopes are high for a promising season. After all the team that beat us by a point in the first round of the Championship last year went on to win it.

Junior Hurlers



Junior Hurling Championship Winners 2003

The Junior Championship winners who were presented with their medals at the recent Oiche Gaelach. Those who received medals include Paul Morrissey, Captain who held the Cup. Mick Daly, goalkeeper and Manager, Terry O'Brien, Martin Griffin, Ken Walsh, Mick Geaney, Donnacha Howard, Thomas Corcoran, Eoghan O'Callaghan, Ciaran O'Dwyer, James Lacey, John O'Brien, Paddy Wade, Mick Stokes, Tim Dawson, Liam Walsh, Cuan O'Aogáin, Eoghan O'Reilly, Colm O'Dea, Colm Phelan and Martin Mangan. Michael Coleman, Simon Cahill and Keith O'Brien were unable to attend so Captain, Paul Morrissey received medals on their behalf. Congratulations Lads and Best of luck this year to the team and new Captain Ken Walsh!

Premier Credit Union Prize Draw

To celebrate their sponsorship of CHFC Premier Credit Union which has an office in Laurel Lodge, is entering anyone who joins PCU between 1 March and 30 April 2004 into a holiday prize draw worth €3,000!!!

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Presentations

The U11 Div 2 (2002), U11 Div 4 (2003) and U12 Div 4 (2003) League winners were presented with their medals in Laurel Lodge Community Centre on 27 March 2004. Well done to Charlie Spillane and Kevin Hogan for organising the event. Well done to the mentors and all the boys who have worn the Club jersey with distinction.

Ladies U14 Div 1 team beat Confey

Castleknock Ladies U14 Division 1 team had a very good win over their Kildare "neighbours" in a competitive challenge match. Confey were the first to exert pressure on the Castleknock back line and took the lead with a well-executed point from play. After a slow start Castleknock came more into the game and were rewarded when Noelle Farrell managed to squeeze the ball past the Confey keeper into the net for a well-taken goal. Castleknock continued to maintain the upperhand on their opponents, restricting their opponents to one further point in the half. They left the field at half time with a 3-1 to 0-2 lead following some sharp shooting from Deborah Geraghty (1-1).

The second half saw some well contested football with both teams trying to put pressure on their opponents defence lines. Castleknock withstood the pressure with some excellent defence work by Shauna Bates, Ciara Prunty (player-of-the-match), Caroline Lynch and Denise Convery. There were other fine performances by Sinead Egan, Leanne Quinn, Ailish McKenna and Deborah Geraghty (who notched up a further 1-1). The final score was 4-3 to 1-4 in Castleknock's favour. The Castleknock team was: Cheryl Cooney, Katie Kilkenny, Fiona Curley, Shauna Bates, Grace O'Neill, Denise Convery, Ciara Prunty, Leann Quinn, Ailish McKenna, Alison Murphy, Sinead Egan, Louise Hannon, Noelle Farrell, Leann Ryan (captain), Deborah Geraghty, Caroline Lynch, Michelle Heelan, Eimear Shannon, Ciara McDonnell, Jessie Boyle, Edel Quinn, Niamh Quinn.

Castleknock help Dublin Ladies Teams to a winning Leinster Championship start.

The Dublin Ladies U-14 Team made an excellent start to their Leinster Championship campaign with wins against Westmeath, Meath, Laois and Kildare. Castleknock were represented by Deborah Geraghty (Vice-Captain), Leann Quinn and Ailish McKenna.

Dublin U-16 Ladies, managed by our Club Chairman, John Hillery, conclude a four match unbeaten record, in emphatic style, to top Group A, as the round-robin phase of the Leinster Championship competition concludes. The U-16's also had comprehensive wins over Westmeath, Meath, Laois and Kildare. Representing Castleknock were Lorna Hillery, Emma Bates and Rachel Fleming. John has taken this Dublin team to last year's All-Ireland Semi-Final and he has every confidence both teams will progress even further this year. Well done girls and good luck in the rest of the campaign.

Your newsletter and your website

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U11 & 16 Hurlers Trip to Wexford

The Under 11 & 16 hurlers had a great day out in Wexford on Sunday 14th March last. The teams met at CCC at 8.00am and headed off by coach to 'The Model County'.

First stop was Oylegate, home club of Wexford Chairman (Sean Quirke). The U16 team, under the watchful eye of 'The Great' Johnny Corcoran and captained by Dan Stewart, played a great game of hurling in difficult conditions. The old saying of a 'game of two halves' best described this match. Castleknock started slowly (rumour has it that the coach and some of the team took time to adjust to playing outside 'The Pale') with Oylegate using the strong wind to build up a nice lead by half time. The Castleknock spirit was evident in the second half with all 17 players playing their heart out - Simon Kelly (goalkeeper), Alex Griffith, Eoin Dineen, Gerard Geraghty, Ian Dunne, and Adam Garvey all had great games. Some excellent teamwork in defence and some great individual skills by the forwards meant that Castleknock pipped the locals to win by a point.

After dropping the U16's in Oylegate, the U11's headed off to Oulart the Ballagh, home club to Martin Storey, captain of Wexford's All-Ireland winning team in 1996- to play their U12 team. Team management (Gerry Cadden and John O'Brien) and hurling coach (Robert Tierney in his Wexford jersey) gave a few passionate words of encouragement in the dressing room before the match. The words seemed to work a treat as the team, lead out by captain Shane Maher, were really fired up as they ran out onto the pitch. A big crowd of locals, including the Great Mr. Storey came to see if the Dublin boys could hurl. And hurl they did!

From the throw-in, the Castleknock boys matched their opponents in all areas of the pitch. Both teams had a number of good scoring chances in the first half that went just wide in the blustery conditions. Oulart got a couple of points from frees towards the end of the first half and despite some heroics by our goalkeeper, Conor O'Reilly, a goal was conceded right on the stroke of half-time. Highlight of the first half was the excellent blocks from Shane Butler & Eoin Conway in defence and Ian Cleary in mid-field. The second half was full of passion and skill with Oulart adding a couple of more points and a second goal to extent their lead. Castleknock made one big effort towards the end of the match and a great clearance from defence by Fintan Browne was sent into the forwards by Conor Prunty. Gerry Cadden and Barry Donoghue put pressure on the Oulart defence and Robert 'DJ' Wiley squeezed (confirmed by video evidence) the sliothair over the line.

After the match, the teams made the short journey to Wexford Park to see the big National League double header (Wexford v Cavan in Football and Wexford v Tipperary in Hurling). The team watched two excellent games, which were full of skill and passion. Gerry Cadden (Cavan's lone supporter) felt that Cavan were robbed but everyone else felt that Wexford were by far the better team and deserved more than a draw. The teams stayed on after the matches to meet some of the Tipperary and Wexford players. Special thanks to both Wexford clubs who were excellent hosts. Castleknock looks forward to welcoming both clubs to Dublin 15 in 2004. Also, special thanks to Wexford Chairman (Sean Quirke) who arranged free entrance to Wexford Park for all the mentors and adult supporters.



Aidan Boushel who won the Dublin Scór Final for Song-Singing and went on to represent CHFC in the Leinster Final in Wexford is pictured here with his wife Nuala



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