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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Members and Supporters



Chairman's Message

As the curtain comes down on yet another year, we can proudly reflect upon a very successful season both on and off the playing fields. Our Junior Hurlers repeated the crowning glory of last year's achievements, winning both League and Championship, back to back. Meanwhile, our Junior 'A' Footballers reached the semi-final stage. Their steady progress in recent years, under Fionan McDonagh's management, has seen them promoted year on year. Our Junior Ladies achieved double success this season by taking both the League and Cup titles consecutively.

Meanwhile, the Minor Ladies won both the Dublin Shield and Div.2 League. Our U-16 Ladies had a respectable performance in Div.1 and won the Dublin Shield. Pride of place must go to the U14 girls who won the Dublin Div.1 League and Championship and were Feile Átha Cliath overall winners. They went on to represent Dublin in Feile Peil Na nÓg in Tyrone. A milestone in our Club history was achieved when Deborah Geraghty, Leann Quinn and Ailish McKenna received the first All-Ireland medals playing at U-14 for Dublin. Lorna Hillery represented Dublin on the Senior Ladies panel for the All-Ireland final in Croke Park. Lorna, together Emma Bates and Rachel Fleming received Leinster medals for Dublin U-16.

Well done to all our juvenile boys and girls who brought distinction and honour to the Club by their participation in Gaelic games. Best of luck to Damian and Ollie with our new U8 teams. Our U12b's, & U13's won their respective leagues, and our U16's reached the finals in Hurling and Football.

Our gratitude to the hard working members of our Lotto Committee. Many volunteers contributed to the success of our Golf Classic our Summer Camps. To our Scor Committee, under the guidance of Barbara O'Neill. To our Golfing Society and those who organised our various social activities throughout the year. Best wishes to our newly appointed coach, Gavin Dolan. We express our continuing gratitude to the Premier Credit Union - our Club Juvenile Sponsors. Thanks to my colleagues on the Executive Committee for your tireless efforts on behalf of Castleknock Hurling & Football Club. Even though I am confined by space limitations, I would have liked to individually thank you all for your contribution to the overall success of our Club. Wishing you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a bright and Prosperous New Year.

Beannacht Dé oraibh go léir,
John Hillery,
Club Chairman.

Castleknock Hotel and Country Club Sponsor Club's Adult Section

In an exciting development the Club has secured a Sponsorship Agreement with Castleknock Hotel and Country Club for the Adult Section of the Club. This will begin in the New Year and the Club is delighted to be involved with the 4 Star Hotel.

At this moment we wish the Hotel the best of luck with the final stages of the building work, we look forward to the Spring Ball in February and in particular look forward to working with the John, Michelle, SallyAnne and all the team in the coming years.

More about this sponsorship in the New Year.
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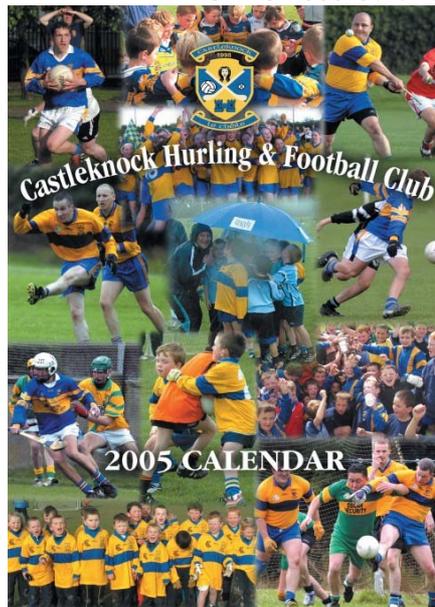


Castleknock U14 Ladies



The Castleknock Ladies U14 Division 1 team crowned off an excellent year, winning the Ladies Division 1 League title, on top of earlier successes in the County Championship and the Dublin Feile which started the ball rolling back in April. The Dublin Feile title also qualified the team for the All-Ireland Feile competition, held in July. Again the girls did themselves and the club proud as they made it to the semi-final of the Division 1 competition, only to be beaten by the eventual winners, Southern Gaels of Kerry. A measure of the girls' success is that this defeat was the only one suffered by the team in all of 2004. Three of the team (Ailish McKenna, Deborah Geraghty and Leann Quinn) also made county history by featuring on the Dublin team that won the Ladies U14 All-Ireland Title. Continued on page 2.....

CHFC 2005 Calendar



For the first year in our history, CHFC have available to members a Club Calendar. It features excellent action photos from all sections of the Club. It's ideal as a Christmas - Stocking filler. The Calendar is available from our Club Shop at CCC, contact your team mentor or email info@castleknock.net for more information. Calendar costs €6 each. Limited supply. A big thank you to Tom Morrissey of Irish Calendar & Diary Promotions for his help on this production



PREMIER CREDIT UNION

Juvenile Section Sponsor

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Laurel Lodge & Navan Road

Tel: (01) 8201111



Club Shop / Siopa an Chumainn

The Club Shop is open at Tír na nÓg (CCC) every Saturday morning from 10am until midday. Why not avail of "Club Gift Vouchers" - this is a great present for any Club member - young or old. There's something to suit everyone in the Club Shop from tracksuits, polo shirts, rain jackets, hoodies etc...

Adult tracksuit	€70
Juvenile Tracksuit	€60
Nursery tracksuit	€35
Club Jersey	€45
Polo Shirt (Adult only)	€35
Coach jacket	€70
Wolly hat	€10
Baseball cap	€10
Club shorts	€18
Club socks	€8
Juvenile training top	€30
Adult training top	€40
Juvenile rain jacket	€30
Adult rain jacket	€35
Juvenile Hoodies (7-13)	€25
Adult Hoodies (XS - L)	€30
Kit bags (inc bags)	€35
Sliothairs	€10
Footballs	€15



Pictured above are a selection of Club footballers, hurlers and Camogie players modelling the latest Club Gear. From Adult footballer Eoghan O'Callaghan to young 6 year old, Killian Dolan, there is an item of Club gear to suit everyone!!

Annual Report of the Castleknock U8 Squad

In September 2003 Damian Whelan and Ollie Coffey were 'volunteered' by Ciaran Prunty to take charge of the group of boys who were born in 1996 and develop a squad to compete at under 8 level for 2004. As parents of boys in this group Damian and Ollie were delighted to get involved and looked forward to the challenge. They started off with around 24 boys, however this figure has grown to 34 and continues to grow.

After a few challenge games, the first big challenge for the boys was the Indoor Hurling in DCU in February which proved very successful. The under 8's started off slowly but at the end of the 5 week tournament the boys improved greatly, culminating in a marvellous 7-6 victory over our local friends St Brigids.

The under 8 squad play in the hurling and football 10-a-side non Competitive leagues arranged by the Dublin County Board, although you wouldn't call it non-competitive if you saw the under 8 squad battling against some of the biggest clubs in Dublin. Some of the highlights of the year included a brilliant football blitz in Ballyboden St Enda's in March, the Summer Camp and our own blitz during the summer and of course our trip down to Mullingar Shamrocks in October.

A big thank you to our co-mentors Brian Hogan and Joe Cummins and all parents for their help and support during the year which was exemplified on Sat 20th November when 25 boys and their parents travelled to Clontarf to play a match on what must have been the coldest, wettest and windiest day of the year. A special mention must also go to parents Aileen, Catherine Troy and Lucy McDonnell who are organising the Juvenile Christmas party.

It is the boys themselves however who deserve most of the credit. They are bonding well as a team and making lots of friends along the way. Their football and hurling skills have continually improved throughout the year and their hard work and dedication is an example to all of us. We have no doubt they will go on to bigger and better things.....ROLL ON 2005 !!

Under 8 squad: Daragh Conway, Alex Hannigan, Ryan McDonnell, Brian Allen, Fionn Leavy, Andrew McDonnell, Abdullah Abassi, Daniel O'Neill, Charles Zivaljevic, Richard McInerny, Brendan Kearney, Kane Hogan, Cian Kelly, Ben Galvin, Luke Whelan, Jordan Toland, Adam Cleary, Justin Lowndes, Shane Coffey, Cathal Sheerin, Conor Gormally, Sean Cummins, Simon O'Callaghan, Adam Prior, Daire Murphy, Arthur Roberts, Kevin Stephenson, Caolan O'Donnell, Lucky Sithelo, Michael McKiernan, Colum Breslin, Thomas Phelan, Eoin McDonald-Kelly and Oisín Finnerty.

Spring Ball

This February will see the start of another Castleknock Hurling and Football Club annual event with the Club's first ever Spring Ball which will take place in the new Castleknock Hotel and Country Club (our new Adult Section Sponsors). This promises to be a really great occasion and is not to be missed.

When: Sat 26th Feb. 2005
Time: 7.30pm
Cost: €50 each



5 course meal- Live Band - Spots Not to be missed

Tickets available in Club Shop from January or contact Olive Hillery 086 8246918 or Catriona Prunty 086 8030495

U14 Girls Champions ...continued from Page 1

This was a first for any Dublin ladies football team and also the first All-Ireland medals for the club. Many of the U14 panel have also made valuable contributions to the Castleknock Ladies U16 and Minor team's successes.

Much of the success has been down to the hard work and dedication of the girls in training and matches. It is a measure of the success that a significant number of the players have been together from U10 and will move up together to U16 for the coming season. Significantly, the success has not been down to individuals, but to the real team effort and spirit. Well done to girls for an excellent year.

Castleknock panel: Cheryl Cooney; Caroline Lynch; Michelle Hoare; Michelle Heelan; Katie Kilkenny; Eimear Shannon; Ciara Prunty; Grace O'Neill; Fiona Curley; Denise Convery; Leanne Ryan; Leann Quinn; Ailish McKenna; Sinead Egan; Edel Quinn; Alison Murphy; Ciara McDonnell; Shauna Bates; Noelle Farrell; Louise Hannon; Deborah Geraghty, Jessie Boyle; Niamh Quinn; Aideen Ronan; Tara Lynch.

Team mentors: Pat Convery ; Frank Curley; Val McDonnell; Nancy Egan

Special thanks to Gerry Cadden, who gave the mentors and team excellent support and advice throughout the season, and the parents for their excellent support and encouragement. We would also like to acknowledge the different mentors that contributed to the girls' development at different times since U10.



Pictured above are the U9 footballers and hurlers with mentors, Seamus McKiernan, Terry Mullins, Nick Boland and Pádraig Purcell.

Scór Na nÓg



Well done to all our contestants in the Dublin final of Scór na nÓg, which took place in Craobh Chiarain on 24 November. Particular congratulations to our quiz team of Emma Lyons, Gerard Geraghty and Alex Griffith who won the Quiz and go forward to the Leinster Semi-Final which takes place in the Downes GAA Club Co.

Westmeath on Sunday December 12th, in the afternoon. Another Dublin title for our Club!! Anybody who wishes to go and support Emma and the lads on Sunday 12th please contact Barbara O'Neill at

1997 Born Boys v Dunamore, Ashbourne



Full Panel: John Carrie, Patrick Woodford, Cian O'Neill, Emmet Gallagher, Liam Mulroney, Liam O'Driscoll, Sean Hudson, Adam Coffey, Cian Doogan, Aaron O'Gara, Dylan Turner, Evan McDermott, Jamie Bradshaw, Mark Owens, Lelia Ryan, Orla Donaldson, Sean Hudson, Patrick Woodford, Emmet Gallagher, Liam Mulroney, Lelia Ryan, Orla Donaldson, Liam O'Driscoll, Cian O'Neill, Dylan Turner, Mark Owens, Evan McDermott, Jamie Bradshaw, Adam Coffey, Aaron O'Gara.

Adult Football

Getting to the semi-final play-off of the League was a significant achievement for the Adult A footballers this year. It continues the steady progressive trend of this team. After promotion 2 years ago, they held onto League status last year, came a step further this year by getting into the play-offs and will hopefully continue the trend and get promoted next year. In a very strong division the team had excellent wins against the likes of St Vincents and Na Fianna.

The play-off was an enthralling game against neighbours St Peregrines on Sunday 28 November. The team gave every ounce of energy to securing the win but it just wasn't enough, losing narrowly by 3 points. Suffice to say the reaction of the Club supporters present was one of disappointment but the overriding emotion was one of pride in a team had given everything for the jersey.

Finally many thanks to the Management team of Fionán McDonagh, Dónal Cunningham, Seán and Pat for all their efforts over the year.

Panel: Fionán McDonagh, Ambrose Galligan, Shane Reilly, Brian Kelly, Declan Reilly, Alan Rafferty, Peter McKillan, Eoghan O'Callaghan, Stephen Lynch (Dublin), Stephen Keogan, Barry Farrelly, Gerry Kelly, Andrew Morgan, David Leydon, Patsy McGinnell, Dominic Smith, Mark Mohan, Niall Tutty John McMenamin, Ger Byrne, Darach Mac Namara, Denis Lally, John Corkery, Cathal Carolan, Alfie Sawyer, Eoin Maloney and Stephen Lynch (Cavan).



Pictured left is Dominic Smith in customary tangle for the Adult footballers during the year!

Club Profile

Name: Damian Whelan
Age: 35 going on 9 (so my wife says!)
Status: Married with 3 kids Luke, Aoife and Caoimhe
From: Dublin
Occupation: Overworked and Underpaid Civil Servant
Present Position in Club: Boys Under 8 mentor
Favourite Music: Anything that's not a Boy Band
Favourite Film: Goodfellas
Favourite TV program: Simpson's
Favourite food: Chinese
How do you relax outside football: With a cold beer watching more football, hurling, soccer, rugby OR any sport on TV
Pet Dislike: Cliques, too much pressure being put on kids to perform and bumping into Davy Leydon on the train who ropes me in to do things like this!
If I won the Club Lotto: Buy my tea total co-mentors Ollie and Brian a few lemonades and If there was anything left my kids would spend it for me
Most admired GAA players: Henry Shefflin and Jimmy Keaveney
Favourite Ground: Croke Park
Honours: 1 or 2 in the foreign code, none in GAA yet - Under 8's are going to make me famous!!
Ambition: For my voice to reach the same decibel level as Ollie Coffey's and the club to maintain it's open and friendly atmosphere
Favourite holiday destination? Wexford
Tips for Football/Hurling: Castleknock boys to win Dublin Feile in 2010 (if not sooner)



U12B's win League Title



Well done to the Under 12B team who won the Division 3 title in Porterstown on Saturday 27 November 2004 with a great victory over old rivals Fingalians by 3 – 6 to 1 – 5.

Fingalians opened the scoring with a great goal after 4 minutes. Castleknock then settled down to their task and with some great scores from Philip Treacy (1-0), Sean Healy (1-2), Paul Donoghue (0-1) and Conor O'Riordan (0-1), leaving the score at 2 – 4 to 1 – 3 at half time.

The second half started with Andrew Treacy and his brother Philip swapping positions. A great second half display by Castleknock full back line of Emmet Hogan, Geard Keogh (C) and Ian Donoghue, kept Fingalians to 2 points in the second half. The halfback line of Ros Mullins, Cian Spillane and David Sweeney gave an exhibition of football. Mid field with Conor O'Riordan and Andrew Treacy (1-1) were magnificent. The half-forward line of Daine O'Neill (1-0), Donal Lane and Sean Healy worked tirelessly giving great supply of ball to Paul Donoghue, Patrick Broderick (1-0) and Simon O'Brien (0-1). **Full time score 5-6 to 1-5.**

Castleknock Team: A.Treacy, E.Hogan, G.Keogh, I.Donoghue, R.Mullins, C.Spillane, D.Sweeney, C.O'Riordan, P.Treacy, D.O'Neill, D.Lane, S.Healy, P.Donoghue, P.Broderick, S.O'Brien, F.Costello, C.O'Shea

Junior Camogie Team

CHFC are looking to form a Junior Camogie Team. Anybody from 16 to 66 is eligible. Please contact John Kilkenny on 8203035 or 086 8239087

LOTTO NEWS

Lotto numbers and winners drawn for November 2004.

Winning Numbers: Myos Castleknock - Thurs 4th Nov 2004

10 12 24 26

Jackpot €2,000

No JACKPOT winner.

6 "match 3" winners - €50 each

Frankie Darmody, Ann O'Connor, Liam Allen, Deirdre Hughes, Gerry Kelly, Alfie Sawyer

Winning Numbers: Brady's Castleknock - Thurs 11th Nov 2004

2 17 21 25

Jackpot €2,200

No JACKPOT winner

2 "MATCH 3" winners receive €150 each:

Frank Browne, Danny Conroy

Winning Numbers: The Carpenter - Thurs 18th Nov 2004

1 7 20 23

Jackpot €2,400

No JACKPOT winner.

3 match 3 Winners receive €100 each

Stephen Moran, Ger O'Neill, Rose Halpin

Winning Numbers: The Bell for Thurs 25th Nov 2004

1 12 13 26

Jackpot €2,600

One Jackpot winner Mary Corcoran wins €2,600

3 "Match 3" winners receive €100 each

Tony Nulty, Barbara O'Neill, Brian Parker

Next Lotto Draws: Thursday 2 Dec 2004 - Myos

Thursday 9 Dec 2004 - Bradys

Thursday 16 Dec 2004 - Carpenter

Thursday 23 Dec 2004 - The Bell

Thursday 29 Dec 2004 - **No Lotto Draw**

Thursday 6th Jan 2005 - Myos

1998 Boys



Pictured here on the left are two groups of Castleknock boys (born in 1998 - the year our Club was born) who recently were in action against our neighbours in Ashbourne Co. Meath

U-11 Camogie - Castleknock v Lucan Sarsfields

Castleknock travelled to Lucan with 22 under 11 girls last Saturday for three challenge match's. The conditions were good, their grounds and clubhouse are to be admired. The teams faced Lucan with varying degrees of success. Lucan were very dominant against the first team where they enjoyed an age advantage. Their first time strike and parsimonious defending was the difference between the teams. The final score CK 0 - 0 Lucan 12 - 0

In the second team and making their club debut were Laura O'Driscoll, Robyn Collins, Alex Howard. The second team held their own against Lucan for the first 10 mins but went in at halftime down 0 - 0 to 3- 0. The second half was much tighter with Castleknock having several narrow wide, but defending well and working hard as a team. The good first striking by Lucan was the difference the teams. The final score was CK 4 - 0 Lucan 7 - 0

In the third team and making their club debut were Dzana Hadzic, Ciara Grange. The tone was set in first minute when Hayley Carr poked over their goal line. Evanagh and Ciara let nothing past midfield. Niamh showed the benefit of striking off both sides with a well-taken score. Second half saw a lot of scoring chance and despite some strengthening changes in the opposition panel. All the 3rd team bar one were from 1996 so they performed very well. The final score Castleknock won 7 - 0 to 4 - 0.

Lucan were sporting hosts who have the ethos of balancing participation with competition in perfect measure. A word of thanks to those helped by taking teams, referring, transport, washing the kit. Happy birthday to Niamh Smith and Shauna Harries.

Camogie panel: Shauna Harries, Leah Mullins, Niamh Smith, Fiona Lyons, Amy Mahony, Deirbhile Quinn, Sorcha Quinn, Clara Butler, Alex Howard, Ryobn Collins, Megan O'Callaghan, Broangh Quinn, Orla Peelo, Aine Rush, Laura O'Driscoll, Joy Guinnane, Niamh Hartnett, Erica Foley, Hayley Carr, Ciara Grange, Evanagh Murcutt, Dzana Hadzic.

Another Great Year for the Hurlers !

It's been another great year for the hurlers, as they have built on the success of last years Championship win. Some great new hurlers have joined the club and with the under 16 hurling team coming through, the future of hurling in Castleknock has never looked brighter.

The highlight of the year is undoubtedly reaching the Junior B Championship Final in September. Castleknock overcame a strong Cuala outfit to win back-to-back Championships.

As it stands currently, the Castleknock hurlers still have to play a League Final reply and a semi final in the Corn Fag Cup competition. Rumours that the hurlers are on SKY pay per view over Christmas have been greatly exaggerated (we'll be on TG4). Great credit and praise must go to the players who have committed themselves 100% to the club.

Outside of the Championship win, it is a great achievement that Castleknock hurlers have lost only one competitive game throughout the season at this stage.

The team would like to thank Captain Ken Walsh, vice Captain Ciaran O'Dwyer, Team Manager Martin Mangan and Team Selector Mick Daly for all their leadership and the fantastic job they did throughout the year.

Congratulations also to Brian Lalor on getting invited to trials for the Dublin Intermediate Hurling team. We would also like to wish Paddy Wade the best of luck with his move down the country next year and Timmy Dawson on his wedding over the Christmas.

We're already looking forward to next year ...



Pictured above in action for the Hurlers during the year are Liam Walsh and Paul Morrissey

Dates for your Diary / Dátaí don Dialann

Christmas Party

The Bell Sun 19th December 2004 (Presentation of Adult Footballer/ hurler and Ladies footballer of the year awards). Admission free. Music, monster raffle and spot prizes. Everybody welcome.

CHFC AGM

January 2005 TBA

Dinner Dance (Spring Ball)

Sat. 26th February 2005 in new Castleknock Hotel & Country Club. Further details will follow

Irish Night / Oíche Gaelach

Wed 16th March 2004