



# CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB

Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha

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### Medal Presentation in Castleknock Hotel & Country Club

On Sunday the 3rd of April CHFC held a very successful Medal Presentation with over 300 young club players present. Thanks to our Juvenile Section Sponsor, Premier Credit Union and also to Castleknock Hotel & Country Club for hosting the event.... Continued on page 2



**Pictured some of large crowd who attended the Medal Presentation in Castleknock Hotel and Country Club**

### Dates Finalised for this Years Summer Camp

After the great success of last year, this year's Summer Camp programme has been expanded. The dates for the Camps are

**4th July** Hurling  
**18th July** Football  
**15th August** Hurling  
**22nd August** Football



**Thanks to SPAR Carpenterstown who are again generously sponsoring this Years Summer Camp.**

The camps are open to all those born between 1st January 1992 and 31st December 1998. Application forms will be available shortly.

One of the benefits the Club sees of organising our own camps is that it gives us an opportunity to cultivate our own coaching talent. So like last year we are looking coaching assistants. If you will be 15 or over on the 1st July 2005 and are interested in being a coaching assistant please contact John O'Sullivan on 086 1729988.

One requirement of being a coaching assistant is that you must attend the foundation level coaching course. Our games development office Gavin will be organising this course in April, so if you are interested please get your names in early.

The organisation and running of these camps is purely a voluntary effort. If you are interested in getting involved in the organisation of the camp or helping out during any camp please contact John O'Sullivan on 086 172 9988.

### Céilí Dancing

Céilí Dancing for Complete Beginners continues every Tuesday evening from 20:00 – 21:00 in Laurel Lodge Community Centre. Cost €5.00 Everybody welcome –bring a friend!!  
Contact Laura Donoghue on 086 3964634

### U13 Indoor Hurling in Gormanstown

An indoor hurling tournament was hosted in Gormanstown between 16/01/05 - 28/02/05. Denis Forde, the organiser invited the Castleknock U13 team to take part. We entered 3 teams (6 a side). Great hurling was enjoyed by all with Castleknock coming out overall winners.

The team was presented with their medals on the final evening by Denis Forde. There was also a great honor brought to the club by young Sean Healy, when it was announced that he had won the best U13 hurler over the 6 weeks. Sean was nominated by the referees that officiated each week. The prize, a trophy and a beautiful cup, The Conor Kelly Memorial Cup was presented to Sean by the Kelly family from St. Pats. Donabate. The cup is in memory of their son, a young man who died in March 2004 aged 18 years. Conor had himself been a referee in Gormanstown for many years. Castleknock is very proud to be the first recipient of this cup. We would like to thank Denis Forde for asking us to take part in this great event.



**U13 Hurler Sean Healy being presented by Helen Kelly with the "Conor Kelly Memorial Cup" and trophy he received for best U13 Hurler of the tournament.**

### Gaeltacht Grants available from the Dublin Co. Board

Are you aware that there are Gaeltacht Grants available from the Dublin Co. Board to young people under the age of 17 (on January 1st 2005) who are playing members of a GAA club?

#### How does a person apply?

Fill in the application form, get it signed by your Club Secretary and send it, together with a copy of your Gaeltacht deposit to Oifigeach na Gaeilge, 5, St. James Rd., Greenhills, Dublin 12 before April 22nd.

#### What will happen then?

Applicants will be interviewed and those who are successful will receive a grant towards the cost of their Gaeltacht course. This grant will be received after returning from the Gaeltacht.

#### What are the criteria?

Applicants must be U17 on January 1st 2005. Members of a GAA Club which has participated in Scór this year. A maximum of 2 awards per club will be made. Only 1 award per family will be made. Previous recipients are ineligible Applications must be signed by the Club Secretary.

Go n-éirí libh go léir!



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In the girls/ladies section the following were presented with medals: U-12 Camogie Runners-Up, U-12 Girls Div. 2 Runners-Up 2004, U-12 B Girls Shield Runners-Up 2003, U-12 Girls Div. 1 Runners-Up 2003, U-14 Div-3 North, Runners-Up 2004, U-14 Girls Div.1 League Winners 2004, U-14 Girls Championship Winners 2004, U-14 Girls won Feile Atha Cliath 2004. U-16 Girls won the Dublin 2004 Shield title, Minor Ladies Div.2 League title Winners, Minor Ladies won Dublin Minor Shield title, Adult Ladies Won Junior League, Adult Ladies Won League Cup title.

A special award was presented to Michael Geraghty who received the "Spirit of the Club Award". Our U-14 Lady Footballers who won an All-Ireland for Dublin: Deborah Geraghty, Ailish McKenna & Leann Quinn and Lorna Hillery who was on the Dublin All-Ireland Senior Ladies Football panel were also honoured. Also U-16 Footballer Rory Corcoran who represented the Dublin U-16 Team and U-16 Hurler, Dan Stewart represented Dublin in the U16 hurling team.



Above pictured along with Michael Geraghty who received a "Spirit of The Club" award is John Hillery, Ciaran Prunty and Gavin Dolan



At the Medal presentation were the Castleknock Adult Ladies Football Team who won both the Junior League and League Cup titles in 2004 pictured with Team Manager Gerry O'Connor

### Condolences

Castleknock Hurling and Football Club would like to extend its sympathy to Mick Marron on the death of his mother Mary and also to Ger and John Keogh on the death of Gers' Mother Tess Slevin.

Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas siorraí dóibh.

## U10 Hurling v's Naomh Fionnbarra & Naomh Mearnog

Castleknock fielded three Under 10 Hurling teams (9-a-side format) on Saturday 2nd April. Two teams played at home at Carpenterstown while the other team travelled away to Portmarnock.

### Castleknock v Naomh Fionnbarra

The matches at Carpenterstown were against Naomh Fionnbarra and four games were played in all with Castleknock winning three of these. Overall the standard of hurling from both clubs was high with the players getting accustomed to outdoor hurling again.

Among the scorers for Castleknock were Darragh McCaffrey, Matthew Murphy, Andrew Lonergan, Liam Quinn and Killian Healy. In addition to these Mark Prunty, Colm Peelo, Adam Shelly, Dylan Singleton and Conal Purcell also performed well. Naomh Fionnbarra proved worthy opponents and their challenge was led by the Curley cousins, Andre, Scott and Ryan. Others to feature were Josh Turner, Sean McCann, Eoin Lohan and Paul Ward.

### Castleknock v Naomh Mearnog

In Portmarnock Castleknock started brightly and raced into an early lead with goals from the deadly Mullins twins, Leah (two) and Jack. Paul Bourke landed a magnificent point from a sideline cut – incidentally under the current experimental rules this would be worth two points.

Naomh Mearnog rose to the challenge in the second half and scored two goals to bring them back into the game. It was very closely fought from there to the end with Castleknock holding on to win by one goal. In addition to those mentioned above Aodhan Peelo, Colin Byrne and Luke Nulty featured prominently.

### Dates for your Diary / Dátaí don Dialann

<b>Members Golf Society</b>	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Elmgreen Golf Centre
		Tee times from 13:30.
		Contact Jim Prunty (086 249 8370)
<b>Table Quiz</b> (In aid of Juvenile Section)	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Carpenter Pub
<b>Summer BBQ</b>	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> June	(to be confirmed)
<b>Juvenile Summer Camp</b>	4th July	Hurling
	18th July	Football
	15th August	Hurling
	22nd August	Football
<b>Annual CHFC Golf Classic</b>	Fri. 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Hollystown

### Player Profile

**Name:** Brian Lawlor

**Age:** 28

**Status:** Have Girlfriend Charlie who plays Camogie with Brigids

**From:** Dublin

**Occupation:** Garda

**Present Position in Club:**

Goalkeeper with Junior Hurlers

**Favourite Music:** Damian Rice

**Favourite Film:** Goodfellas

**Favourite TV program:** The Simpsons

**Favourite food:** Bangers and mash

**How do you relax outside football/hurling?** Sleep

**Pet Dislikes:** People being late

**If I won the Club Lotto:** Holiday and plenty of drink for the Hurlers!

**Most admired GAA player:** Damien Fitzhenry-What a Goalkeeper!

**Favourite Ground:** Croke Park

**Honours:** Played with Dublin Senior Hurlers against Antrim and DIT. Played for the Dublin U-16 football team. Won League Medals with Brigids for Football and Hurling at under 10,11,12,13,14,15,16 and a Minor. Managed to come back and play hurling again, after a nine year absence with Castleknock thanks to Club Captain Ciaran O'Dwyer. Then preceded to win Hurling League and Championship double with Castleknock. Amazing.

**Favourite holiday destination?** Livigno (Italy) skiing.

**Do you see yourself as a good dancer?** No way,

**Can you sing?** Not at all.

**Tips for the hurling and football this year:** Cork for the Hurling Kerry for the Football.





## U11 Camogie v's St Finbar's

The opening league game for U11 Camogie team was played in Porterstown against St Finbar's. St Finbar's were stronger and physically imposing. This was to be expected with 12 of the Castleknock starting 15 eligible again next year.

**First Half.** The anticipated onslaught started from the throw in with the game played in the Castleknock half. Leah Mullins and Fiona Lyons did Trojan work in midfield and did not allow any free strikes. Niamh Smith at fullback made timely interceptions to deny certain strikes on goal. Clara Butler and Shauna Harries were imperious and fearless at the back. Fionnbar's had three initial wides. Dzana, Alex and Deirbhile had a good workrate and stopped many attacks. As the half progressed Castleknock attacked. The Fionnbar's backline were on top and quickly cleared. Their markers dwarfed Evanagh, Sorcha and Amy but they worked tirelessly. Hannah Hanlon and Niamh Keirnan competed for every ball. Orlaith Darcy at centre forward had some great strikes, one from close on halfway almost excoriated the sloitar and meandered across the goal line. The muted response reflected the keeper error. Against the run of play Castleknock were ahead. Further defending and a good block by keeper Bronagh Quinn followed.

**Second Half:** Castleknock started well and were getting on top, however three poor puckouts resulted in constant pressure. Failure to clear despite a number of opportunities proved costly and the sloitar was poked over the goal line. The puckout from the score proved to be Castleknock's penultimate puckout. With 20 minutes remaining the forwards started getting more ball, Michaela Power typified the grit and determination shown by all the girls, when with eyes only for the ball she failed to notice half of the boss had been shattered and continued to strike.

Aoife O'Reilly and Aoife Finnerty kept their backline busy and narrowly failed to score. Fionnbar's puckouts were almost reaching halfway. Alex, Dzana, Niamh and Emily Geoghegan let no ball past the 20 mts line for rest of the game. Castleknock's were profligate and failed to get the winning score. It was clear what Castleknock lacked in size they compensated for in teamwork and spirit. At the final whistle Fionnbar's and Castleknock were delighted with the result of a truly sporting game.

In Fiona Lyons Castleknock had the best player on show. The result will provide inspiration and self-belief for the future. All players are to be commended for their work ethic.

**Castleknock:** Clara Butler, Aoife Finnerty, Shauna Harris, Fiona Lyons, Dzana Hadzic, Amy Mahony, Leah Mullins, Hannah Hanlon, Evanagh Murcutt, Aoife O'Reilly, Bronagh Quinn, Deirbhile Quinn, Sorcha Quinn, Niamh Smith, Michaela Power, Orlaith Darcy, Emily Geoghegan, Alexandria Howard, Niamh Kiernan



Above Team manager Johnny Corcoran with the U16 Hurlers/Footballers panel who reached both Hurling and Championship Finals in 2004

## Castleknock girls reach All-Ireland Semi-Final

Congratulations to Castleknock Community College (CCC) U-16 girls who won the Post-Primary Schools Leinster Junior Final on Friday 11th March. The match was played in St. Loman's G.A.A Club, Mullingar.

C.C.C (0-9 pts.) overcame their opponents, Mountmellick Community School, (0-4 pts.). Deborah Geraghty received the "Player of the Match" trophy.

14 of the starting 15 on the C.C.C team are members of Castleknock Hurling & Football Club. Rachel Fleming, Captain of the C.C.C team accepted the Leinster Cup from former Leinster President, Bill Daly.

Team Manager: Diarmuid McCluskey; Coach: Lorna Hillery.

## U8 Footballers successful in "Go-Games" rules



On 12th March the U8 Panel travelled to Erin's Isle in Finglas to play 4 Football "Go Games". Under the new Go-Games Football rules we fielded 4 separate 6-a-side teams. Each team consists of two defenders, two midfielders and two forwards, with no goalie. The new format is to encourage players to be aware of their positions on the field, and to make sure that each child gets involved in the game as much as possible.

After each quarter the players change positions. The scoring is slightly different too with 2 points being awarded for a score over the bar and just 1 point for a goal. This encourages high, accurate kicking. The matches are split into quarters, each lasting 7 mins. If these matches were anything to go by the Castleknock lads are having no problems adapting to the new rules. We won the four games thanks to some brilliant teamwork, kicking and passing. The Go-Games format certainly got the best from every player making it hard to single out anyone in particular.

## Irish Night

Well done to Laura Donoghue, Barbara O'Neill, Gerry Cadden and John Kilkenny who organised our very successful Oíche Gaelach on the eve of St Patrick's Day. A big welcome was had of course to our special guest St. Patrick himself who appeared courtesy of John O'Sullivan! Many thanks to Discount Electrical and 98FM for the excellent spot prizes (flat screen TV, tickets to Elton John and much more besides).

## U10 Camogie

### Castleknock 2-06 to Scoil Uí Chonaill 1-00

The U10 Girls celebrated the St. Patrick's Festival in style with a very good win away to Scoil Uí Chonaill on Saturday. The girls all played with enthusiasm and showed the benefit of all that indoor training. Coming so soon after their narrow defeat by Ballyboden this victory will give them heart for the new season.

Leah Mullins and Ciara McDonnell gave very solid performances in mid-field and Hannah Hanlon was very strong in the half-back line. Sarah Murray notched up 1-3 and Louise O'Connor, Alex Howard and Kelly Saunders all picked off points. The girls' next outing is at the beginning of April in an under-10 blitz. Keep it up, Girls!

**Castleknock:** Amy Mahoney, Deirbhile Quinn, Sorcha Quinn, Alex Howard, Sinéad Comerford, Shauna Harries, Louise O'Connor, Aisling Rafferty, Hannah Hanlon, Leah Mullins, Clara Butler, Sarah Murray, Ciara McDonnell, Aoife Finnerty, Michaela Power, Kelly Saunders



Pictured at Medal Presentation in Westmanstown are Charlie Spillane and Jim Dunne with U14 boys who won U13 league title in 2004



## U10 Football v's St.Sylvesters

### Castleknock 7-15 to St. Sylvester's 6-11

On Saturday 12/03/05, our U10 boys played St. Sylvester's at a sunny Porterstown. Three nine aside matches were played, under the Football Go Games rules. Even though the matches were only for experimental purposes, the quality of football and entertainment was excellent. Thirty five players took part in the three matches, which comprised of four quarters of eight minutes per game.

During the course of the games players alternated positions so as to gain experience in each sector of the pitch. On an aggregate scoreline of 7-15 to 6-11, Castleknock won the day with seven points to spare. Playing against such a well established club, all our lads did extremely well, particularly Adam Shelly, Conal Purcell, Paul Bourke, Michael Boland, Niall Whitelaw, Mark Prunty and Niall O'Callaghan.

## U10 Girls



Michael Wiley pictured above with the U10 Div 2 girls on their first outing of the year to Naomh Barrog. The panel includes: Aoife O'Reilly, Caoimhe Dwyer, Fiona Cooney, Ciara Grange, Lauren Fitzsimons, Deirdre Kelly, Aine Rush, Niamh Hartnett, Aisling Murray, Ciara Wylie, Megan O'Callaghan, Bronagh Quinn, Alice Geoghegan.

## LOTTO NEWS

Lotto numbers and winners drawn for March 2005.

### Winning Numbers: Myos Castleknock - Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2005

5 10 19 23

Jackpot €4,400

No JACKPOT winner.

7 "Match 3" winners receive €45 each.

Helen Byrne, Joe Coyle, Kevin Moloney, Terry O'Brien, Frank Ryan, Monica (Bell), Phil, Dave & Emma

### Winning Numbers: Brady's Castleknock - Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005

4 11 14 24

Jackpot €4,600

No JACKPOT winner

7 "MATCH 3" winners receive €45 each:-

Brian Kelly, Kevin Nolan, Rebecca Comyn, Niamh Forristal, Olga Bell, T. Dillon, Seán Mac Giolla Phádraig.

### Winning Numbers: The Carpenter - Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March 2005

2 16 18 24

Jackpot €4,800

No JACKPOT winner.

8 "Match 3" winners receive €40 each

Michael Daly, Trish Fleming, Martin Farrell, Kevin Keating, Patricia Carroll, D. Heaney, E. Halft, Luke Traynor

### Winning Numbers: The Bell - Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005

11 12 23 24

Jackpot €5,000

No JACKPOT winner

No "match 3" winners. Six "Lucky Dip" winners receive €50 each.

Sean Carolan, Lucy Browne, Pat Doyle, Sam McKeever, Denis O'Leary, Anna Murphy

**Next Lotto Draws:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2005 – Myos  
Thursday 14 April 2005 – Bradys  
Thursday 21 April 2005 – Carpenter  
Thursday 28 April 2005 – The Bell

## Lotto Direct Debit Brochure now available online

The Club's Lotto Direct Debit Brochure is available to be printed online now. Join the Club Lotto and if you're currently a member what about signing up one more person to the DD?

The Lotto is the key to the Club's finances - the Direct Debit is the key to the Lotto! We need as many people signed up as possible.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh for investing in our Club's future.

## U7 (1998) v Erin's Isle

The Castleknock U7 Boys played their first away match this year when they took on Erin's Isle. In the two very sporting and entertaining games the Boys chalked up two victories and demonstrated great skills and determination against an equally skilful and determined Isles outfit.

Both games were end to end with all players and supporters enjoying an exhibition of how the game should be played. Many thanks to Isle's for their hospitality and to all who travelled to cheer the Boys on.

Erin's Isle 0-3 Castleknock 1-2

Erin's Isle 3-4 Castleknock 4-2

The Castleknock 1998 Boys squad: Niall Boyle, Owen Burke, Jack Carroll, Jonathan Charles, Andy Connellan, Tigernach Feehilly, M.J. Fetherston, Sean Grange, Tom Gubbins, James Igoe, Luke Kearney, Philip Kelly, Martin McGrane, Ruairi McLoughlin, Sean Moran, Tim Murphy, Oisín Murphy O'Kane, Osgur Murphy O'Kane, Dane O'Brien, Oran O'Brien, Conall Phelan, Jack Purcell, Jack Quinn, Shane Sweeney, Daire Walsh.



## U10 panel with Jim & Ciaran Prunty travel to Longford

On Saturday 9-4-05 all roads led to Killoe Co. Longford, where our U.10's competed against the local braves at the Emmet Og GAA club. At around 12.30 pm a very jovial group of players and parents boarded Hyland's bus and we headed for the north midlands. The trip down passed quickly and quietly thanks to the hilarity of a Mr. Bean movie being shown. Thirty five players traveled and competed in two fifteen a-side games under normal GAA football rules. Both these games were exciting and played in very competitive and sporting manner. Our hosts emerged victorious in both games, with a few points to spare, but there was very little between the teams until the final whistle.

We would like to thank Kevin Prunty (uncle of Mark and Paul) and Emmet Og GAA, or hosting us, and especially for the lovely refreshments afterwards. We hope we can return the compliment soon. We would also like to thank the parents who accompanied us on the trip and assisted in any way.

The panel who traveled were as follows, Jack Ryan, Colm Peelo, Paul Bourke, Ciaran Balfe, Jack Mullins, Dylan Singleton, Killian Healy, Niall O'Callaghan, Paul Prunty, Evan Kennelly, Mark Prunty, Colin Byrne, Darragh McKiernan, Colin Lynch, Liam Quinn, Adam Shelly, Thomas Byrne, Darragh McCaffrey, Luke Nulty, Luke Lynam, Niall Whitelaw, Andrew Lonergan, Conal Purcell, Michael Fahy, Kevin Ryan, Aodhan Peelo, Steven Curran, Jamie Houlihan, Terry Sheridan, Cormac Brophy, Mark Maloney, Andrew Daly, David Connellan, Kevin Cassels and Cathal Hurley.