



Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha Castleknock Hurling & Football Club

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Our New Home!



Castleknock Hurling & Football was formed in July 1998 and celebrates its 10th Anniversary in July 2008. The Club has gone from strength to strength since its establishment and the number of players and supporters continue to grow. We are a very progressive Club with over 1,000 members and 40 different teams competing in Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie and Ladies Football ranging from nursery (Under 5/6) right through to adults. The Club will continue to build on its

success and on its strengths. Clearly, we are one of the fastest growing Clubs in the country. The Club has had great success both on and off the pitch in its relatively short history. On Sunday 17th June 2007, Castleknock Hurling & Football Club delivered the ultimate prize for both the Club and Dublin hurling when the U14 Hurling Team won the All-Ireland Division 1 Féile Final in Kilkenny. We are now ready to take on our biggest challenge. Thanks to Fingal County Council and much hard work from our grounds committee, we are now ready to embark upon an ambitious development project of playing facilities at Somerton. We plan to develop 3 pitches (including 1

floodlite all-weather), club house and car parking.



Significant funding is required to realize our dream. In this regard, I would ask all families, players and friends of the Club to support the current fundraising drive and make a generous donation under the tax relief scheme. For a information pack on how you can help make this dream a reality, please contact Michael Maher on 086-2262128

Together we can invest in the future of our players and the local community and allow us to create facilities that all in Dublin 15 will be proud to call "our new home".

Mick Lynch
Chairman

Under 14's reach Dublin Football Féile Final



Our Under 14's have qualified for the Dublin Féile Final on May 3rd. This is the club's third Dublin Football Féile Final in a row and follows our historical success in the Hurling Féile last year. Well done to all involved.

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Spar Easter Camp

Congrats to all who planned, organised and participated in a great Easter Camp which was sponsored by Spar Carpenterstown. Over 170 kids took part and sincere thanks to Brendan, Mags and all our coaches. Special thanks to Dublin Football Star Bernard Brogan for visiting the camp and facilitating the many requests for autographs.



Crossmaglen Visit

Our under 12's visited the famous Crossmaglen Rangers Club and played two sporting games of football in monsoon type conditions. The lads are eagerly awaiting the return leg in Dublin, this time with a little less muck and rain.

BANK OF SCOTLAND
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Race Day a Huge Success

Castleknock Hurling and Football Club's annual Race Day in Fairyhouse was a huge success. Over 300 people attended the sell out function which had Bank of Scotland (Ireland) Ltd as the main sponsors.

Minister Brian Lenihan, Joan Burton TD - Deputy Leader of Labour Party, Councillors Peggy Hamill and Mags Murray were all present on the day and really enjoyed the successful Club day. A large array of prizes worth over

3,000 euros were kindly donated - thanks to Nick Boland, Finbar Kennelly, Michael Brady (98FM), Finbar Brady, Mags Murray, Charlie Spillane and Martin Kenna - for the large raffle. Congrats to all the lucky winners.

Paul Cunningham spoke on behalf of Bank of Scotland (Ireland) and thanked the Club for an excellent organised day and wished the Club continued success on the pitch and also in the development of our new

grounds in Somerton, Castleknock. Mick Lynch, Club Chairman, thanked Bank of Scotland (Ireland) for being the main sponsor and thanked all the other companies and individuals who supported this Club event. When the racing was finished, Smooth played hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s and had the dance floor full all evening.

Under 13 Presentation

Tom Doyle, Hurling Coach presents the Anna O'Leary memorial to Conor Madden. Conor received the award for the most improved and committed player last session.

Tom said when presenting the trophy "In a year when the U13 boys won the Division II hurling league, Conor showed commitment to the team and developed his game over the course of the league".



Footnote: Anna O'Leary who died last year was the Grandmother of Cormac Doyle and the trophy was provided by Tom Doyle in her memory.

Scór "Club na Bliana"

We entered six categories in Scór Sinsear, Ceili Dancing, Solo Singing, Set Dancing, Question Time, Instrumental Music and Ballad Group. We won the Dublin title in Ceili Dancing, Set Dancing and Instrumental Music, so particular congratulations to those who participated in those categories. We won the "Club na Bliana" trophy, which means that we are "Club na Bliana" in both Scór na nOg and Scór Sinsear in Dublin this year.

Liam McCarthy at Nursery



The 2001 & 2002 Nursery Hurling Teams had the privilege of holding the Liam McCarthy and getting much treasured photos taken.



Blanch Renault



Pictured at the presentation of a Renault Scenic by Blanchardstown Renault to Castleknock Hurling & Football Club are Brendan Phelan Castleknock Club Coach, Des Dempsey, Rory Doogan, John Quilter Director Blanchardstown Renault, Cormac Brady and Mick Lynch Chairman Castleknock GAA along with some young nursery members of the Castleknock Tir na nOg.

This is the third year of Blanchardstown Renault's support of Castleknock GAA and Castleknock Chairman Mick Lynch thanked Blanchardstown Renault for their continued support and commitment to the club. Why not check out the All New Laguna and the All New Twingo along with a wide range of new and used cars at Blanchardstown Renault, Coolmine Business Park. www.blanchrenault.com 01-8200155



Spring Ball

There was over 250 present on Saturday night (1 March) as the Club celebrated its 10th anniversary with the Annual Spring Ball (kindly sponsored by Jones Engineering) in the Castleknock Hotel & Country Club (adult Section Sponsor). Guest of honour on the night was Martin Fogarty (Kilkenny Hurling Selector) - Martin had helped train our Feile hurling team in the lead up to last years All-Ireland winning success. Martin brought the McCarthy Cup up for the night and it generated great interest and some memorable photographs! Minister Lenihan, Deputy Lord Mayor Peggy

Hamill, Joan Burton TD and Councillor Mags Murray were all present on the night to mark the 10th Anniversary celebrations.



Martin Fogarty receiving his presentation from Juvenile Chairman John Griffin

Quiz Nite

Many thanks to all club members and friends who supported the annual quiz in Kavanaghs (The Lodge) where we had record numbers in attendance. Special thanks to Fr. Dan Joe, Minister Brian Lenihan, Joan Burton TD, Leo Varadakar TD, Deputy Lord Mayor Peggy Hamill, Councillor Mags Murray, Councillor Eithne Loftus, Molloy's Office-Licence and particularly the Lodge for their support.



Tesco Bag Pack

Well done to all who organised, participated and supported the Castleknock GAA annual bag pack in Tesco Roselawn. Sincere appreciation to the Management, Staff and Customers of Tesco Roselawn for facilitating this fund-raising activity. As the saying goes 'Every little Helps!' On the way to Tesco Roselawn to witness the Castleknock GAA bag pack, a few signs were noticed advertising a Draíocht production of 'Oliver'. On arrival in Tesco a modern day 'Fagan' was in full swing organising his band of youngsters. Michael 'Fagan' Wylie had his charges strategically positioned and highly trained to 'bag' a good return for the customer and the club. Bonus Points for the club included the distribution of leaflets giving details of contact details for all team mentors. Well Done and thanks to all.



Local Schools in Action



It has been a busy month for Castleknock GAA Club Coach Brendan Phelan. Not only has he been coaching our many hurling and football squads, he has also been busy in the local schools coaching classes and organising matches. The pictures show the St. Patrick's, St. Francis Xavier and St. Mochtas

teams who recently played each other. The games demonstrated a high level of skill, commitment and sportsmanship which was a credit to the players, their teachers and their schools. St Francis Xavier also played Scoil Oilibhéir in hurling. Scoil Thomáis and due to play St. Pats and Brendan is organising a blitz

between all the local schools which will take place shortly. Best wishes to all the schools in the area in their respective leagues as they strive for championship glory. Any queries about coaching in either hurling or football, please contact Brendan Phelan on 085-1329397 or email on Brendan.phelan@games.gaa.ie.



Lotto News

Sincere thanks to The Bell, Brady's Castleknock Inn, The Carpenter, Myos and The Lodge for their continued support. Our Lotto jackpot has been won three times recently and Lotto direct debit forms can be obtained from Club Mentors or Michael Maher on 086-2262128

Minors Get New Kit

Jim Prunty presented a set of jerseys to the Castleknock Minor squad who are now looking forward to a season, not only of playing well but also of looking well. Many thanks to Jim and to all who donate or assist in the purchase of sets of jerseys for teams. These contributions are sincerely appreciated and contribute enormously to the running of the club. Anyone interested in sponsoring jerseys please contact your relevant mentor

Gum Shields

Blanchardstown Denture Studio facilitated a mass fitting at an under 10's training session and then gave each player a choice of colours for their gum-shields. Some players went for lucky colours, club colours, others for the colours of their

county or the county of their parents. So we all look forward to the under 10 lads perfecting the Gum Shield Grin in games to come! Joe in the Blanchardstown Dental Studio can be contacted on 01-8209043.



Dates for Diary

- May 3rdUnder 14 Football Féile Fina
- May 5thGolf Society Outing - Jason O'Neill (087) 990 5450
- May 25thDublin v Westmeath in Leinster Hurling Championship
- June 8thDublin v Louth in Leinster Football Championship
- June 27thGolf Classic – Mick Lynch 086 2531600 for info
- July 7th - 11thHurling Summer Camp
- July 14th - 18thFootball Summer (This is the VHI CUL Camp)
- August 18th - 22ndHurling and Football combined Summer Camp