

Under 8 Winners

The Castleknock Nursey continues to produce well prepared teams and this was proved when our under 8 boys played their first matches against Ballyboughal and Erins Isles. In both games the Castleknock Crew won well demonstrating the skills they have learnt during their fun times in the Castleknock Nursery. With these lads coming up through the ranks the future of Castleknock is in safe hands. Well done to all the Players, Mentors and Parents. pic shows the team who beat Ballyboughal.



Hurley Repairs

Just a note to let you all know that Keith O'Brien (adult hurler and minor and juvenile hurling coach) has now started doing hurley repairs. Keith can be contacted at 087-9574953 if anybody requires further information.

Race Day

The Clubs annual Race Day took place in Fairyhouse and a great day was had by all. This is a vital day in the clubs fundraising calendar. With the hard work of our Fundraising Team and with the support of all those who attended and supported the event, this race day continues to contribute to our ongoing development.

Sports Quiz

Our first Sports Quiz, which was held in Kavanaghs was a resounding success with over 40 tables competing to demonstrate their knowledge of GAA and of sport in general. With Setanta Sports own Kevin Mallon as quiz master and an All Ireland quiz champion in the audience a night of challenging questions and craic was a guarantee. Many thanks to all who put this night together and who have placed this event firmly on the calendar.

Car Stickers

Show your colours and get one of the new club car stickers which are now available from the club shop on Saturday mornings.

Easter Camp

The Castleknock GAA Easter Camp (Hurling & football) from 29th March to 2nd April is open to all who are interested in having fun and in learning or improving their skills in Gaelic games. Contact Brendan 085 1329397 for booking details.

Juvenile Disco

Our Easter disco for 10 - 13 year olds will take place on the 26th March in Castleknock Community College from 7pm to 9pm. All 10 to 13 year olds are very welcome and a great night is promised. So kick off the Easter Holidays with a guaranteed night of fun.

Spring Ball

The date of the Spring Ball is the 7th May and tickets are expected to go on sale shortly. Put this date in your diary and we can all look forward to a great night of dance and celebration.

Player Recruitment

Castleknock GAA have been busy recruiting new players to grace the clubs new pitches in Somerton. Pictured here is one of the new arrivals, Jimmy 'the cap' Sneachta who will give any opposition player the cold shoulder while freezing out any attack on the Castleknock goal. Jimmy, however put on a bit of weight over the Christmas but now plays 5-a-side in Somerton on a Friday night to help melt the pounds away!

Castleknock has a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining the club at any age or level. Just contact our club coach Brendan on 085 1329397 for details.



Lotto

This continues to be the fundraising lifeblood of the club. Many thanks to all who organise and support our weekly lotto.

Castleknock Dubs

Castleknock Hurling & Football Club wish to congratulate Castleknock Minor Hurlers, Ross Mullins and Ciaran Kilkenny on being named on the Dublin Minor panel for 2010. Well Done Lads!



Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha Castleknock Hurling & Football Club

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Helping Haiti



Castleknock Hurling and Football Club donated €1,050 to the Haiti Appeal Fund from proceeds of the Club Lotto pub sales on Thursday, 28th January.

Pictured are club members Michael Nulty, Finbarr Brady (Adult Chairman), presenting the cheque to Father Dan Joe O'Mahony who thanked the club for the donation and for their thoughtful initiative.

Hurling milestone

Another milestone for the club was achieved when we recently fielded two adult hurling teams.

The new 'B' team, comprising of fresh faced youths like Jack King, James Martin and Jamie Tunney, and weathered veterans like James O'Connor(Limerick), Anton Cleary(Wexford), and Ken Walsh(Cork), took on Ratoath in a fine challenge in St. Catherine's Park. Then on Sunday the 'A' team travelled to Rush to tackle the local St. Maurs, recording a victory in the first competitive game of the year. Well done to all concerned and particularly Paul Williams, ex senior inter-county player, and Jimmy O'Dwyer, former chairman of St. Judes and trainer of the great Dublin minor hurling team of '06 and '07. We look forward to our first league games on the weekend of the 20th of March.

Castleknock GAA facilitate Cross Border & Cross Community exchange.

Castleknock GAA played host to Limestone Utd, a cross community football team that incorporates young people from the Protestant Tigers Bay and the Catholic New Lodge, which are adjoining interface communities in North Belfast. The group spent the morning visiting areas of historical interest in Dublin before visiting Somerton for a game against the Castleknock U15 lads followed by lunch in the Castleknock Hotel.

Many thanks to Cllr Ciaran Byrne Mayor of Fingal and Cllr Mags Murray for supporting this initiative



PIC SHOWS SOME OF THE LIMESTONE GROUP WITH VIVIAN PELO AND DAVE O'BRIEN FROM CASTLEKNOCK GAA.


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January 7th 2009

A chairde,

Áthbhliain faoi mhaise agus gach dea ghui i gcóir 2010.

With the onset of the New Year I write to thank you for your assistance over the course of 2009 and especially with the series of events that took place to celebrate the Association's 125th Anniversary and your role in them.

Clubs played an important part in these celebrations, the highlight coming with our Lá na gClub, which took place in communities throughout the country on May 10.

This event showcased everything that is good about our clubs and the special place that they occupy at the heart of so many communities across the island.

In addition to these celebrations, a number of clubs – some of whom like Clara in Co. Offaly were also celebrating 125 years in existence – also organised other events to mark the year and help draw attention to the work they do on a daily basis, in turn raising the profile of the GAA and our important anniversary year.

Sunday May 9 next has been left free of fixtures to provide clubs with the opportunity to organise similar events after we received requests from a number of clubs to repeat the exercise.

In addition to these specific events I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you as club secretary and your wider membership for all of your hard work over the course of 2009.

I wish you every success on the playing fields and hope that 2010 is a productive year for you and everyone involved in the promotion of our games in your club.

Ar aghaidh len ár geluichi,

Criostóir Ó Cuana
Uachtarán

Páraic Ó Dufaigh
Ard Stúirthóir

Sports Injury Clinic

The Club are pleased to announce the provision of a weekly sports injury clinic. Contact your Mentor for further details.

Historic Day for Castleknock Minors

Castleknock had a comprehensive victory over Cu Chuaillainn in the Division 1A Minor League tie played in ideal conditions in St Catherines Park. This was an historic day in the relatively short history of the Castleknock Club as it was the Clubs first time to play Minor football in the premier division.

Registrations

Registrations have now been received from over 400 families. This represents a total registered membership of approx 1000.

All outstanding registrations should be completed as soon as possible.

Scór Update

The club has had a very busy time in Scór lately. In mid-February we co-hosted with St Peregrines the inaugural inter schools "Scór na bPaisti Atha Cliath 15". A great afternoon's entertainment was had by all and Scoil Oilibheir emerged as Scoil na Bliana.

We found ourselves competing in both Scór na bPaisti and Scór Sinsear Atha Cliath. In Scór Sinsear we came out on top in rince foirne. Our dancers competed in the Leinster semi final in the Downs Co Westmeath.

We had a particularly good day in Scór na bPaisti Atha Cliath winning rince foirne, rince seit, novelty act, instrumental music and recitation and also achieving "Club na Bliana". Well done to all who took part and to those who prepared them. The Club are running a music night for Juvenile Musicians on 18th March in the Castleknock Hotel at 7pm. All are welcome.

All Ireland Champion

Congrats to under 12 hurler & footballer Jack Quinn on becoming All Ireland Irish Dancing Champion in Killarney recently.



Nursery Fun!

every Saturday@10am in CCC
See you there.

Profile



Name: Brendan Phelan

Present Position in Club: Games Promotion Officer

Age: 28

Status: Seeing someone

From: Attanagh, Co. Laois

Occupation: Games Promotion Officer

Hobbies: Hurling, Football and Running!!

Favourite Music: Chart

Favourite Film: Avatar

Favourite TV program: Flash Forward

Favourite food: Steak

Pet Dislike: People telling me how

bad Laois football is!!! (I already know!!!)

If I won the Lotto: I would buy a corporate box in Croke Park and an apartment in Sydney

Fav GAA player: John Mullane

Fav Sports Personality: Jack Charlton

Fav Sporting Memory Laois v Kildare 2003, Leinster Final.

Fav GAA Ground: Croke Park, Somerton would be a close second!!

Previous Clubs and Honours won: . U13 Kilkenny hurling (primary school), Laois u16 Hurling & Football, Two Laois u21 "B" Football titles, Laois Junior A Football title and All-Ireland intermediate Hurling title with UCD

Ambitions: To see future Castleknock teams compete(&win!!) in Dublin Senior hurling & Football Championships

Tip for All-Ireland Hurling and Football Champion 2010. Kilkenny Hurling and Kildare to cause a major shock in football.

GAA Speak

Bill 'Squires' Gannon of Kildare was the first football captain to lift the Sam Maguire cup in 1928 when Kildare defeated Cavan 2-6 to 2-5.

Footballer Jem Roche of Wexford contested the world heavyweight boxing title in 1908 and was knocked out in under 3 minutes went on to manage a multiple All-Ireland winning Wexford team.

I didn't mind a fella who wanted to know why or to argue the toss. That was good. He had to understand , though. In the end we would do it my way' Kevin Heffernan

'There was still a doubt in my head. January came and I felt I should be enthusiastic for it and I wasn't. I hate standing in Crusheen and the wet league Sundays and the slow ball fellas rolling over one another like drowsy cattle' Ger Loughnane

There was a grand Hurling Match in the neighbourhood of Gort in the county for the considerable sum of Money between Galway and Clare,

the Hurlers of the latter made a very handsome appearance.' Report on a hurling game in a newspaper on 16th Oct 1759.

'I see life as an experiment. When you win, you don't do everything right and when you lose, you don't do everything wrong.' Mickey Harte

The minute you start to feel happy with yourself, it all disintegrates.' Joe Brolly on the dangers of overconfidence.

Roving Reporter???

We are looking for a budding Sports Journalist to sharpen their skills by reporting on a Castleknock game every weekend. The report will appear on the Castleknock Website and may also be used in local newspapers. Please contact dave on 087 2559559 if interested.

Hurlathon

The annual Hurlathon was again a great event. The format was changed this year with the older kids scheduled to play in our new all weather training facility in Somerton and the younger kids to show their skills in the hall over in Isles. However, Sunday started with a blanket of snow forcing the cancellation of the outdoor session to a further date. The indoor event ended with just two scores between the clubs. Well done to all the players, mentors and organisers of an event which is of great credit to both clubs.

