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Castleknock Hurling and Football Club win GAA McNamee Award for Best Club Website



The GAA recently announced the winners of the 2003 McNamee awards. These awards are presented annually by the GAA in recognition of outstanding contributions made by individuals in the area of communications. The concept evolved as a result of the McNamee report published in 1971. Castleknock Hurling and Football Club were the winners of the Best Website Award.

Due to not having a Clubhouse the website, www.castleknock.net, acts as the Club's 'virtual' meeting place. Speaking after the presentation, Tony Nulty, Communications Officer with the Club said, "Myself and David Leydon, who look after the site, are really delighted that the website has won this award. The site is working well and is a credit to the mentors who take the time to email us reports on their matches and also to Fergus Hamill who was the original driving force in getting the site going."

"Each week the Club Notes, lotto results and match reports are put up. The monthly newsletter is also available to download from the site. Club profiles and lots and lots of photos are also online. In any given week the website is updated about 5 times".

The Club would like to thank all who contribute to the website with reports and photos, in particular Fergus Hamill who updates the Lotto results each week, but also, John Hillery, Gerry Kelly, Jim Healy, Michael Maher, Séamus McKiernan, Terry O' Brien, Michael Wylie, Johnny Corcoran, Eamonn Connor, Fiona Brennan, Colm O'Dea, Barbara O'Neill, Ray Murray, Mags O' Brien, Leona Molloy, Con O'Gorman, Brian Kelly, Seán McLaughlin, Pat Convery, Pat Comerford, Frank Curley, Padraig Purcell, Fergal Quinn, Damien Whelan, Vivian Peelo, Jim Prunty, Ciarán Prunty, Laura Donoghue, Colin McCabe and Australia based Niall Tutty.

Many thanks also to Webtrade (www.webtrade.ie) CHFC's web hosting and development partners.

The Award was presented to Tony Nulty and David Leydon, on behalf of the Club, by Mr. Seán Kelly, President of the GAA at a function in the Burlington Hotel on Saturday, August 28th 2004 (photo above).

Below are the comments of the GAA on www.castleknock.net:

Best Website: Castleknock Hurling and Football Club

"The Dublin club's website is a deserving winner of this year's awards. Their site www.castleknock.net is regularly updated and easy to navigate. It also offers regular email updates to club members and contains excellent photographic content with extensive archival information."

There were nine categories in the 2003 Awards and among the other recipients were Kieran Shannon of The Sunday Tribune, Frank Rogers of the Ulster Herald and South East Radio. For further details log onto to www.castleknock.net.

Finally and most importantly, it is up to our Club members to keep this site going. If your son or daughter play a match, why not send in a 200 or 300 word report with the names of the team and result - it doesn't have to be the mentor! Nobody is going to ask you, as the ad goes - just do it!

Send reports, photos, comments and criticism to info@castleknock.net.

General Club News / Nuacht Gineáralta

- ❑ The club offers it condolences to Con Gibney on the death of his brother Martin.
- ❑ Congratulations and best wishes to adult footballer Declan Reilly who got married during July.
- ❑ For all of you who have missed the old Sunday Game theme tune, you'll be glad to know that it can be downloaded off www.castleknock.net at anytime
- ❑ Congratulations to the Adult Ladies who have added The Cup to their League title by virtue of their convincing win over Croi Ro Naofa.
- ❑ Well done to Andrew Morgan and his wife Mary on the recent birth of their daughter Anna.
- ❑ For information about travelling around the world, "Talk to Joe", that's Joe O'Reilly and his wife Geraldine and family who have just returned from their 3 month trip down to Australia and New Zealand.
- ❑ Membership registration forms to be returned A.S.A.P
- ❑ Parents get the kids down to Tír Na nÓg each Saturday at 10.00am

Credit Union

Our generous Juvenile Section Sponsor, **Premier Credit Union**, have recently launched a new low interest loan for educational purposes. It is targeted at Primary, Secondary and third level students and the new product has received very positive feedback so far, particularly from third level students. Please see the newsletter insert or alternatively go down to Laurel Lodge and let the Credit Union Staff take you through their range of products and find the most suitable one for YOU.

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LOTTO NEWS

Lotto numbers and winners drawn for July/August 2004.

Winning Numbers: Bradys for Thurs 8th July 2004

9 11 20 25

Jackpot €3,000

No JACKPOT winner. 6 "Match 3" winners €35 each
Leo Liu, Larry Keegan, Sarah Sweetman, A McLoughlin, Gerard Corkery, Kiernan Fergus

Winning Numbers: Bradys for Thurs 15th July 2004

1 4 21 25

Jackpot €3,200

No JACKPOT winner. 2 "Match 3" winners receive €20 each
Sean Littleton and Paul & Catriona Quinn

Winning Numbers: Bradys for Thurs 22nd July 2004

2 3 15 17

Jackpot €3,400

No JACKPOT winner. 6 "Match 3" winners receive €35 each
Danny Connellan, Jason Hogan, Padraig Madden, Marie Gormley, Ann Macken and Lorraine Ennis

Winning Numbers: The Carpenter for Thurs 29th July

1 3 8 9

Jackpot €3,600

No JACKPOT winner. 10 "Match 3" winners receive €20 each
Neil McDermott, Jack O' Brien, N & M Boland, Miriam Dunne, D. Hannigan, Larry Kennedy, Pat Maher, Barbara Lee, Thomas Hurst, Damien McCane

Winning Numbers: The Bell for Thurs 5th August

1 4 6 16

Jackpot €3,800

No Jackpot winner. 4 "Match 3" winners receive €50 each
Oliver Coffey, Gerry Sheerin, Monica c/o Bell, Mary Conlon

Winning Numbers: Myo's Castleknock for Thurs 12th August

6 10 12 19

Jackpot €4,000

No JACKPOT winner. 2 "Match 3" winners receive €100 each.
Harry Shannon, David Griffith

Winning Numbers: Brady's Castleknock for Thurs 19th August

1 2 5 23

Jackpot €4,200

No Jackpot winner. 5 "Match 3" winners receive €40 each:
Eugene Costello, Jim Dunne, Declan Hannigan, John McDermott, Frank Ryan

Winning Numbers: The Carpenter for Thurs 26th August

4 14 20 25

Jackpot €4,400

No Jackpot winner. 4 "Match 3" winners - €75 each
Monica C/O Bell, Catriona Prunty, Padraic McGabhann, Rory O'Brien

Note: "Match 3" prize has been raised to €300 weekly.

Next Lotto Draws: Thursday 2 Sept 2004 – The Bell
Thursday 9 Sept 2004 – Myos
Thursday 16 Sept 2004 – Bradys
Thursday 23 Sept 2004 – The Carpenter
Thursday 29 Sept 2004 – The Bell



Adult Hurlers 2004

Adult Footballers in line for promotion play-off place



Castleknock Adult Men's football team (pictured above) currently stand third in Junior 3 and look almost guaranteed to secure a promotion play-off spot at the end of the year. Losses to close rivals and neighbours, St Peregrines and Brigids at the start of the season meant a shaky start but the lads have responded magnificently with a run of league wins to shoot up the table. In particular, the second half comeback against Vincents and the gutsy performance against Na Fianna stand out. The foundation for this performance has been the existence of a large pool of players, which has provided necessary cover when injuries and holidays take hold.

The team failed to qualify for the semi-finals of the cup as the competition had been regarded as a breeding ground for up and coming talent. Also, an unfortunate championship knockout by Templeogue/Syngue St in the first round took place in May. Club stalwart, Denis Lally broke his shoulder in the encounter but the Galway maestro reckons he'll be fit in time for the league meeting with the same opposition which is due to take place shortly.

The second team are also going very well and some fine wins means that they too are still in a race for promotion at this late stage of the season.

Adult Hurlers going strong

The Castleknock Hurlers have continued their great form into 2004 season. Martin Mangan (Team Manager), Mick Daly (Selector) & Ken Walsh (Captain) are providing inspirational leadership.

This years coaching has been divided between various team members, Mick Geaney, Ciaran O'Dwyer, Mick Stokes, Mick Barry, Paul Morrissey and Terry O'Brien, as opposed to last year where Mick Stokes did most of the work.

After early practice matches and a couple of cup games in the spring, Castleknock Hurlers headed into the new style Championship in late April. The Junior B Championship (16 teams) like all other hurling divisions, has been structured into an "A" and "B" sections, each with 8 teams. Whether you are in the A or B section, depended entirely on this first round match in late April. The hurlers travelled out to Naomh Mearnog, where on the day they were beaten by a better team. So Castleknock have been hurling in the B section of the Junior B Championship.

Since then, it's only been only good and even better news. The hurlers drew with Oliver Plunketts and beat every other team (6), to go top of the B section. That put Castleknock automatically into the semi final of the Junior B "B" section Championship. We await a date for this match.

Also because we finished top of the B section, we went directly into a league final, which was played against the second placed team Cuala. In O'Toole Park, last Sunday 29th, the two teams played out a great draw and we are currently awaiting a date for the replay.

The Castleknock hurlers are also in a Cup competition and are currently top of this table also. We drew away against St. Vincents and won every other match. There are further matches to be played in this competition in September and October.

So overall, it's been a great year so far for the hurlers, and we are in the hunt for silverware on three fronts. However good our form has been, we have to continue to win matches.

As the "hurler on the ditch", might say, "They hand the medals out in September, not in May". So let's hope we stay focused and bring home some silverware!

Summer Camps



Castleknock Hurling and Football kicked off their Summer Programme with their Hurling Summer camp on w/c 5th of July. This represented another milestone for the club as it was the first camp which was being solely run by the club itself. The primary focus of the camps is to improve the skill levels of the children in a fun atmosphere.

But the club also saw it as an opportunity to nurture coaching skills within the young people in the club. So the club brought together a team of highly experienced coaches (most of whom are senior inter-county players) and players from it's U16 panels as coaching assistants.

Castleknock summer camps are always well attended events. This year was no exception, with a 120 children brought together in CCC improving their skills in the ancient game. From the word go everything went like clockwork. The coaches with their assistants got the kids working on their drills. Teams were formed for Mini-leagues with matches held everyday. As the camp progressed the children noticed the high standard of coaching they were getting which was confirmed with a lot of positive feedback from parents. Blessed with great weather the camp operated without interruption. Which was great testimony to the amount of planning and effort by club members.

The camp also had a few personalities that dropped by. Firstly Eddie Brennan star forward for Kilkenny arrived up on Wednesday. Eddie spent a lot of time with each group giving them positive encouragement, demonstrating some neat tricks and autographing everything from Helmets to Hurleys. Next guest on the last day of camp was none other than GAA President Sean Kelly. Sean gave an excellent speech and expressed himself really impressed with a club that is so obviously part of the community showing great commitment to promote Gaelic Games. As a keen hurling fan he spent a lot time encouraging the kids and listening to how they were getting on in the camp. It was a very impressive and memorable visit for all.

The final part of the day was the awards and the goodies. Every child got a certificate of attendance and a skills award from their coach. In addition to the quality camp merchandise each child got a nice goodie bag thanks to the generous sponsorship from SPAR of Carpenterstown. As the children made their way home after an eventful and enjoyable camp it was clear that Hurling was the main beneficiary. Long may it continue.

Thanks to Michael Wylie and John and Maureen O'Sullivan who put huge effort into the successful running of the football and hurling summer camps. Many thanks also to Spar, Carpenterstown for their sponsorship of the camps.



U16 Hurling Championship

Castleknock 6-07 v Commercials 3-04

The second round of the Championship was played in glorious conditions at the picturesque Porterstown venue on Saturday last 4th Sept. The home side tore into the game from the start and within 10 minutes had registered 2-02 courtesy of full-forward Liam McCrane.

The 'Knock' had total control around the centre of midfield and a limited visitors side struggled to make any impact against the quick striking half back line of Fanning, Geraghty and O'Callaghan. Centre fielders Corcoran and Dineen launched over a brace of points and it was well into the half before Commercials started to make inroads to the home defence. P O'Brien and G Lalor for the visitors combined to manufacture a goal and this was followed by a couple of points to leave the half-time score Castleknock 3-05 Commercials 1-3

There was no score for 10 minutes of the second half as Commercials tried to get back into the game. They shocked the home team with a fortuitous goal from a long range free, but this seemed to shake the home team into action replying in style with a string of scores. The visitors never stopped trying, but at the final whistle the 'Knock' boys had recorded their second championship victory on a scoreline of Castleknock 6-07 Commercials 3-04

Castleknock Team: Simon Kelly; James Martin, Dan Stewart, Conor Taffe; Ros Fanning, Gerard Geraghty, Joseph O'Callaghan; Rory Corcoran, Eoin Dineen; Liam McCrane, Dean St. Marte, Ciaran Hegarty; Ronan Moore, Davy Moran, Paul Hughes.
Subs: Colin Kenny Adam Garvey, Paul Cunniffe

Dublin wins first All-Ireland U-14 title.



Well done to the Dublin U14 Ladies Footballers who captured the Capital's first ever All-Ireland U14 Ladies Football title. It was a particular joy for CHFC, who despite being only 6 years in existence, had 3 players in the starting 15, corner-back, Leann Quinn, centre half-forward, Ailish McKenna and corner forward, Deborah Geraghty.

Golf Society

Castleknock Hurling and Football Club Members Golf Society held their 2nd club golf outing of the year on Saturday 4th September in R & R Dunboyne. Well done to Jim Prunty who organised the event.

Overall	Player	Points
First Prize	James Lacey	36
Second	Eoghan O'Callaghan	34
Third	Kevin Hogan	33
Fourth	Francis O'Donnell	32
Front 9	Noel O'Shaughnessy	
Back 9	Hugh Kennedy	

Mentor contact list

Under 7	Fergal Quinn	8206064
Under 7	Barbara O'Neill	8208190
Under 8	Damien Whelan	8226678
Under 9	John O'Sullivan	8214838
Under 10 (Boys)	Eamonn Connor	8200234
Under 10 (Girls)	Jim Mahony	8211549
Under 11 (Boys)	Michael Wylie	8206045
Under 11 (Girls)	Claire Byrne	8211553
Under 12 (Boys)	Jim Healy	8215127
Under 12 (Girls)	Mags Heelan	8204514
Camogie	John Kilkenny	8203035
Under 13 (Boys)	Charlie Spillane	8205340
Under 14 (Boys)	Mick Geraghty	8204412
Under 14 (Girls)	Pat Convery	8205483
Under 16 (Boys)	Johnny Corcoran	8207640
Under 16 (Girls)	Peter Bates	8210250
Under 18 (Girls)	John Hillery	8203320
Adults	Dónal Cunningham	086 6189857

Boys Hurling Blitz

On Saturday afternoon the under 8 boys mixed with some under 9 played their blitz. Under the watchful eye of Ollie Coffey they all played four 15 minute games.

The rules allowed for ground hurling in the first and "all in" for the second half. The scores of note. Jack Gormly with a long-range point despite the close attention of two opponents. Dylan Singleton dispatched a clearance to the back of the net with a first time powerful strike. Andrew Daly sent a puck out, with a little help from a Galway divot to the back of the net. There was good defending from Fionn Leavy, Ryan McDonald, Colm Peelo, Ben Galvin, Shane Coffey, Daire Murphy and Oisín Finnerty.

Hurling stalwart Johnny Corcoran was suitably positioned to ably fulfilled his troika of duties as linesman, umpire and raconteur, and still have time to inform then referee the ball has to cross the goal line to count as a score. The under 10 boys and some of the under 9 boys played in the last group where the goalkeeping of Tom Quinn and Colm Neville were notable highlights. Defenders were on top in all games but Timothy Moran, Paul Bourke, Mark Prunty and the sartorial cat Conal Purscell made them work hard.

Eoin O'Brien, Eoghan Connors, Niall O'Callaghan all gave high calibre performances. The spectators who stayed awake were treated to some fine score and blocks. The under 10 players will be competing in the Dublin Cummaí next year and aspire to emulate the current under 11 team who won on Saturday.

Castleknock's U11 Boys win Dublin's U11 Hurling Cup (Camaint) in Parnell Park

Parnell Park was a sea of blue and gold on Saturday when the Castleknock U11 boys secured the Dublin's U11 Hurling Cup (Camaint). This was a great achievement for the "Castleknock Cubs" as it meant that they completed the Division 1 double having won the U11 Division 1 Football Cup in May 2004.

Reflecting the growing strength of the Club, Castleknock was the only North-side club to field two teams. The second U11 team played excellent hurling and were only narrowly beaten in the Division 4 final. Great support came with both teams. See both detailed reports on both teams adventure in Parnell Park.

U11 Division 4 Team



Managed by Colin McCabe and Ciaran Prunty, the Castleknock lads had an exciting win over Faughs in the Camaint semi-final. There were great performances from all involved. Castleknock, captained by Martin Brady won 2:0 with the two excellent goals from the captain himself. Faughs fought back hard but the backs, especially Donal Kennedy, Barry Donoghue, Bram McCabe and Brian Hughes, kept Faugh's chances to a minimum along with some great goalkeeping from Shane Butler.

In the final, Castleknock played with determination against Crumlin. This was a very fast paced, exciting game in which Castleknock played their best hurling ever. Eoghan Baker played some great hurling along with Ross Mullins at midfield. At half time the score was Castleknock 1-1 to Crumlin's 1-0. In the second half, Castleknock marked up well and were determined not to let Crumlin score again but it was not to be with Crumlin scoring another goal from a free. The score ended up at 2-1 to 1-1 to Crumlin. The Castleknock players were delighted with their runner-up medals which were presented to them in Parnell Park to great cheers.

U 11 Division 1 Team win County Camaint



Under the watchful eye of Gerry Cadden and Robert Tierney, the first team had been untouchable in the Camaint round robin series in June and July. Captained by Shane Maher, the team is noted for playing with great flare and move the ball swiftly from defence to attack.

In the semi-final, Castleknock were up against Lucan Sarsfields. Castleknock settled the quickest and after some great work from James McLaughlin, Jack Kiernan sent the sliothair to the back of the Lucan net. Castleknock added a quick second goal from Shane Maher after some great work by Gerry Cadden to distract the goalkeeper. Fintan Browne in goals, John Conroy, Ian Cleary and the Prunty cousins (Conor and Ronan) in defence were all having excellent games and this meant that Lucan only scored one score in the match. Just before half-time, Eoin Quinn scored a magical point when an overhead strike from a puck-out went straight over the bar and into the stands in Parnell Park.

In the second half, Castleknock moved up another gear and thanks to some great work from Eoghain Conway and Cian O'Dulaing, Graham Hannigan, Keiran Kilkenny (2 goals) and Stephen Donaldson were all on target. Skierries Harps beat Kilmacud Crokes in the other semi-final to progress to the final. After a close first half, Castleknock pulled away in the second half to be clear winners. As with the semi-final, every player played their heart out to secure the Division 1 title. Gerry Cadden, John Richard O'Donovan (2 goals) and Stephen Donaldson scored for Castleknock in the final.

After the match, the captain Shane Maher was presented with the Division 1 (Camaint) Cup and gave a great speech where he thanked Skerries, his own players and team mentors.

Annual Camogie Blitz

The under 10/Nursery girls were the first off in the annual camogie/hurling blitz which took place at Tír na nÓg (pitch beside The Carpenter Pub) on Saturday. All in all 24 girls took part and all had a very enjoyable afternoon.

The blitz was played on a round robin basis culminating in both a Cup and a Shield final, with Kerry and Tyrone contesting the Cup and Donegal and Armagh playing for the Shield! Armagh emerged as winners of the Shield. The game between Kerry and Tyrone ended in a draw, so in true Olympic spirit we had to use the count back system to decide the winner! On this occasion Tyrone took the honours. Quite a number of the girls are very new to the club, but they all acquitted themselves very well, with Erica Foley, Fiona McKiernan, Alice Geoghagan and Evana particularly worthy of mention. The girls certainly showed that training all year round pays off, with their defending being especially good.

At the end of the day the children all went home happy having won medals and got their goodies. Training for Under 10's continues on Monday evenings at Tír na nÓg with Camogie at 6.00p.m. followed by football at 7.00p.m. The Nursery for both boys and girls is on Saturdays at 10.00 a.m., also in Tír na nÓg. All are welcome to come and join us.

Participants: Amy Mahoney, Aoife Lawlor, Aoife Finnerty, Deirbhile Quinn, Sorcha Quinn, Amy Donoghue, Leah Mullins, Bronagh Quinn, Joy Guinane, Emily Geoghagan, Alice Geoghagan, Erica Foley, Jane Murray, Niamh Murray, Roisin Murray, Evana, Michaela Power, Niamh Kiernan, Orla Peelo, Clara Butler, Fiona McKiernan, Robyn Collins, Shauna Harries

The medal presentation to all players was by the CHFC Secretary Vivian Peelo. A word of thanks to those who helped in organising the teams, linemen, refereeing, giving refreshments, managing teams (and proving that the less you know the less damage you can do).