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Chairman's Christmas Message Teachtaireacht an Cathaoirleach

As 2005 draws to a conclusion, we can reflect on yet another successful sporting year for Castleknock Hurling & Football Club. There have been numerous highlights on and off the field of play, thanks to the extraordinary work of so many dedicated volunteers who continue to make our Club such a sporting success.

Reflecting on the year just past, our December Newsletter highlights the overall achievements in Hurling, Football, Camogie and Ladies Football throughout 2005. On the cultural side, we compliment Barbara O'Neill and the Scor committee. All our activities from Nursery to Summer Camps to Coach Education programmes, etc, could not have been achieved without the committed and dedicated efforts of a host of volunteers. We salute the achievements of our inter-county representatives who have brought pride and distinction to our Club in 2005.

Autumn witnessed the arrival of our new Games Promotion Officer, Daire O'Neill, who has made a significant impact in the implementation of coaching techniques in the Club. We continue to welcome newcomers to our Club, particularly to our Nursery.

In a year when the Club announced the acquisition of a home of its own on lands at Somerton, adjacent to the Castleknock Hotel & Country Club, there was a palpable sense of pride and achievement. The Club is indebted to Fingal Co. Manager, John Tierney, the local elected Councillors, F.C.C. Director of Services, Senan Turnbull and my colleagues on the Grounds Committee for their hard work and dedication to this project.

On behalf of the Club Development Committee, I would make a special request to all Club members, parents and supporters, not yet contributing to the Lotto, that they would seriously consider enrolling in the Lotto Direct Debit contribution scheme early in the New Year. Your monthly Direct Debit contribution will be most beneficial to the Club as it embarks on its most ambitious development project in 2006 - an investment in the sporting and recreational future for you and your family in your local community. Please be generous.

Finally, on behalf of Castleknock Hurling & Football Club, I extend our best wishes to all our members, supporters and friends and wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous and Sporting 2006.

Go raibh maith agaibh go leir!

John Hillery
Club Chairman

CASTLEKNOCK PLAYER IS HONOURED BY AN TAOISEACH



Samanta Stokes was honoured by An Taoiseach, Bertie Aherne T.D., in Croke Park's Hogan Stand Convention Centre on the occasion of her securing an All-Ireland medal for Dublin in 2005. Samanta is pictured above with An Taoiseach and our Club Chairman John Hillery, also Chairperson, Dublin County Board, Ladies Football.

HURLATHON 2005



The first Annual Hurlathon took place in Erins Isle GAA Club on Sunday 20th November, 2005. The match took place from 10a.m. until 8 p.m. - a total of 10 hours fabulous juvenile hurling. The match involved players from every juvenile team in both clubs in a relay fashion beginning with the U7's. Parnell Park supplied an electronic scoreboard for the day and goals and points counted as 1 score. During the day, some inter-county stars paid a visit. Erins Isle's Anne McCluskey, an all-Ireland Camogie medal winner with Dublin this year started proceedings by throwing in the ball. Others followed suit during the day such as Shane Casey also from Erin's Isle and a member of the victories Dublin Minor Hurling team who beat Wexford to clinch the Leinster title this year, he arrived with the Minor Cup. Dublin Senior Hurlers, Kevin Flynn, the two Carton brothers, Steven O'Reilly and Tommy Moore also made an appearance. Just after 8pm Erin's Isle Club Captain for the day, Craig Kavanagh was presented with the Inaugural Erin's Isle Castleknock Challenge Cup by the Castleknock Club Captain U15 hurler, Thomas Maloney (pictured above). A word of thanks to all the mentors for organizing their teams, also to parents and supporters and especially all the juvenile members who played some great hurling and whose spirit and attitude ensured a great day. The Hurlathon raised funding for the two clubs (please return all Hurlathon cards to mentors) and praise must go to the Organizing Committees. Both Clubs are already looking forward to Hurlathon 2006!

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NEW CLUB STRUCTURES FOR 2006

Croke Park has advised that all Clubs must now have a standardised constitution which is available (see on www.gaa.ie). The Executive of Castleknock Hurling and Football Club have decided to take advantage of this opportunity to formalise positions on our Executive in order to position the Club to face the challenges going forward.

This proposed structure has been discussed at Executive and Juvenile meetings throughout the year and the main purpose of this article is to advise you of those positions and specifically of all the duties and workload that fall under those positions.

The Club has expanded rapidly over the last seven years and we have achieved many successes. In order to continue this growth, we need to spread the workload and establish very important sub-committees which are crucial to our future success. It is important to note that there is continuous interaction between all these sub-committees.

Please see the the chart on page 3 identifying the Executive positions and suggestions for sub-committees. This is your CLUB so we would ask all members and parents to get involved in these sub-committees. If you require further information or are happy to volunteer your services please contact Joe O'Reilly at joe.oreilly@itforce.ie or on 087 854 0762 or any member of the Executive.

UNDER 14 GIRLS WIN QUARTER FINAL

Castleknock's U14 girls won this quarter final match in fine style. Starting with the aid of the hill, the girls got stuck in and despite going behind to an early Boden point, they soon made up and began taking some fine scores. Ciara Black and Laura O'Hare controlled the midfield and lead by example taking some fine scores. They were ably assisted by the full forward line who took some fine points before Aoife McCaffrey hit the back of the net. Laura O'Hare scored three well taken goals having worked the ball from the Castleknock back line to see Castleknock lead at half time by 4-8 to 0-3. In the second half play, despite a number of changes, the girls controlled the game even though Boden got five late goals. There was excellent performances, in particular, from Shauna Bates, Emma Weafer, Laura Whitty in the backs, in midfield Laura O'Hare and Ciara Black and forwards Samanta Stokes, Aoife Delaney, Aoife McCaffrey and Aishling Mahony.

Team: Emma Weafer, Eimear Hogan, Laura Whitty, Rachel Brown, Jane Burke, Shauna Bates (Captain), Lisa Creaner, Laura O'Hare, Ciara black, Samanta Stokes, Laura Bourke, Aoife Delaney, Aishling Mahony, Aoife McCaffrey, Grainne O'Brien, Katie Halford, Aifric McDiarmada, Ciara Prunty, Amy Fitzpatrick & Julie Rodgers.



Ceilí Dancing

Back: Riona Moore, Rioghain Ní Lorcáin, Lisa O'Donovan, Rebecca Murray.

Front: Aisling Mahony, Nicola Moran, Emily Sinclair, Nicola Fagan.



Ballad Group

Aifric MacDiarmada, Nicola Moran, Aoife Gray, Rioghain Ní Lorcáin, Julie Rodgers.

SCÓR na nÓg

The Dublin Semi-final of Scór na nÓg took place on 14th November, 2005 in St. Mark's GAA Club in Tallaght. We had participants taking part in Ceilí Dancing, Solo Singing, Instrumental Music, Ballad Group and Quiz. It was a great night of entertainment and the Irish Dancers, Ballad Group and Instrumental Group went forward to the Dublin Final which took place in Craobh Chiarain the following Thursday evening. The Ballad Group were winners in their category and on 3rd December, they represented our Club and Dublin in Leixlip where they won the Leinster semi-final of Scór na nÓg.

The Leinster Final will take place in Ballinakill, Co. Laois on Saturday 21st January, 2006 and all support is welcome. If you would like to come along and support them then contact Barbara at 086 378 2419. Tickets cost 10 Euro and have to be bought in advance.

Well done and thanks to all our participants who represented our club with a very high standard. Well done to all the organisers of all the groups and especially our Oifigeach na Gaeilge, Barbara O'Neill.



Instrumental Group

Eoghan O'Connor, Joseph, Alex Kelly, Oisín Hunt, Tom Quinn.



QUIZ TEAM

Thomais Moloney, Simon Kelly, Matthew Griffin.



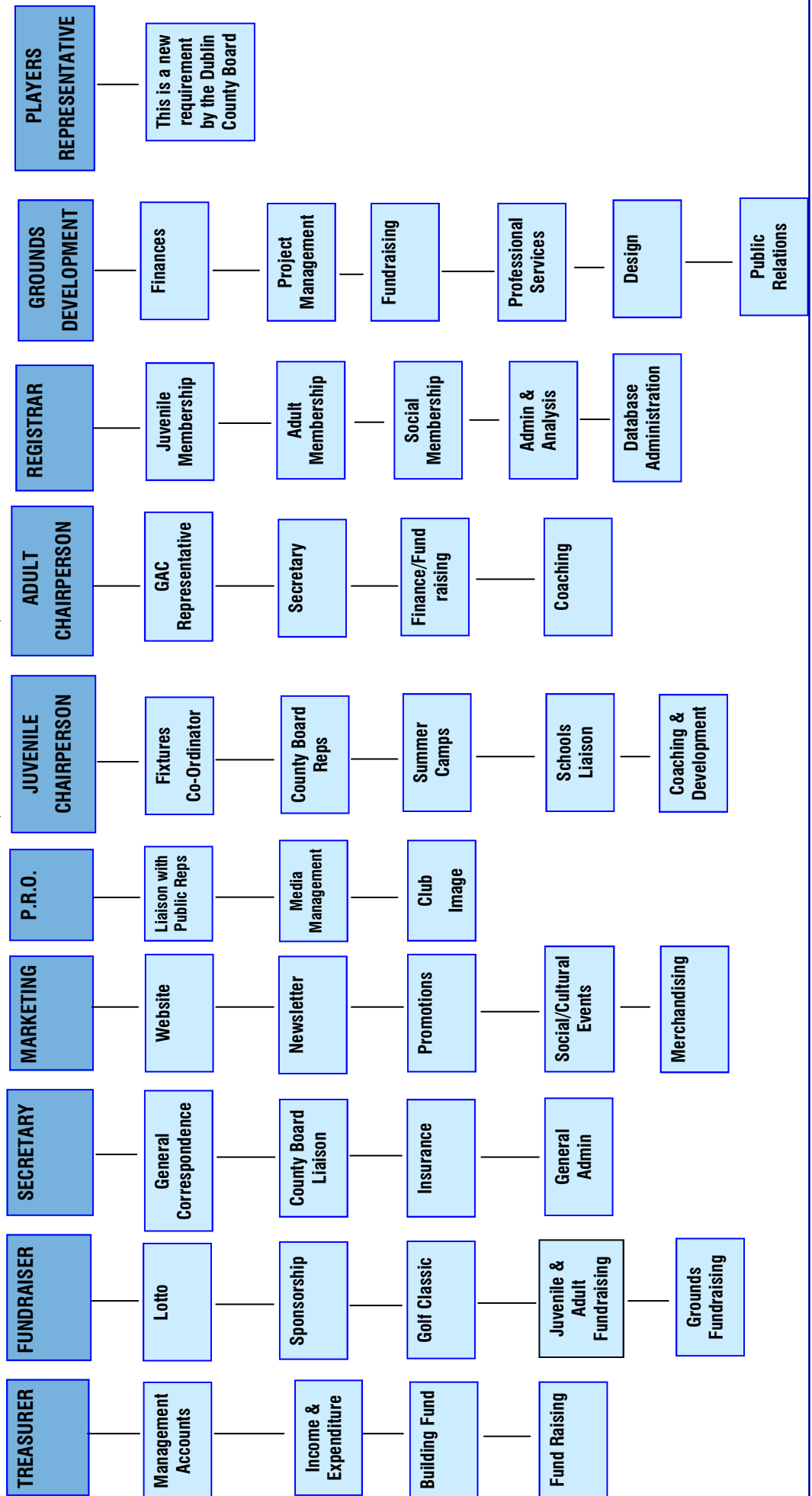
Solo Singing

Conor O'Reilly

NEW STRUCTURES FOR 2006

CHAIRMAN

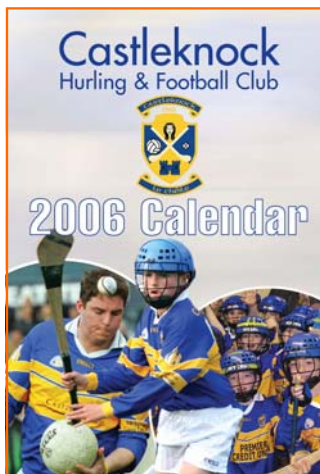
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BAG PACK IN TESCO

Well done to Mags Heelan, Joe Murray, Mentors, parents and particularly the children who made our first ever bag packing weekend a great success. Many thanks to the Manager and Staff in Tesco of Roselawn!

Please return all Hurlathon cards to Mentors!

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- ◆ Club Christmas Party - The Bell - 22nd December 2005
- ◆ Juvenile A.G.M. - Tuesday 10th January 2006 - Kavanagh's @ 8.30pm
- ◆ Club A.G.M. - Castleknock Hotel & Country Club - 13th January, 2006 @ 7.30 pm
- ◆ Spring Ball - Castleknock Hotel & Country Club - 11th February 2006

LOTTO NUMBERS AND RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 2005

THE CARPENTER : 10 12 15 24
 JACKPOT €3,400 - **NO JACKPOT WINNER** - 3rd November 2005
 Six "Match 3" Winners each receiving €50
 P. O'Connnor, Fergal Quinn, Kavanagh Family, Gerry Kelly,
 Patricia O'Connor, A & A Sawyer

THE BELL : 2 10 20 26
 JACKPOT €3,600 - **NO JACKPOT WINNER** - 10th November 2005
 Five "Match 3" Winners each receiving €60
 Ambrose Galligan, Nuala Maher, Damian Whelan, Sean McLaughlin,
 Patricia Sheehan

MYOS : 2 5 8 16
 JACKPOT €3,800 - **NO JACKPOT WINNER** - 17th November 2005
 Eight "Match 3" Winners each receiving €40
 Grace Ahern, Dominic Smith, Mick Stokes, Martina English, Jack O'Brien, Paul McNally, Brian Parker, Sean McCague

BRADYS : 8 18 23 24
 JACKPOT €4,000 - **NO JACKPOT WINNER** - 24th November 2005
 Three "Match 3" Winners each receiving €100
 Desmond Quinn, Pat Teehan, Joanne McGrath

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