



Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha

Castleknock Hurling & Football Club



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Castleknock's Junior footballers won the Frank Dardis Perpetual Trophy for the second year running last weekend (Feb12th). The tournament is an annual competition organised by St Brendans. The four teams invited were Castleknock, Na Fianna, Round Towers and St Brendans themselves. Castleknock were paired off with Round Towers in the first semi-final while Brendans faced Na Fianna in the other semi.

Castleknock's game with Towers turned out to be a one sided affair with Castleknock running out easy winners despite a strong first half by Towers. Goals by Gerry Kelly, Davy Leydon and Eoin Maloney gave Castleknock a decent cushion and they were ably assisted by joint players of the year Brian Kelly and Paddy O'Brien, full back John McMenamin and new signings Iggy Reilly in midfield and Danny in the nets.

The win ensured Castleknock had to play again the next day in the final against Na Fianna who pipped Brendans. In a tough encounter not helped by the heavy pitch and the sore heads from the Spring Ball(!), Castleknock ground out a victory by four points with Barry Farelly leading the charge with eight points. The win sets the team up nicely for their opening match against Monicas in the Conlon Cup.

JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS WIN DARDIS CUP FOR SECOND YEAR



BALLAD GROUP REACH SCÓR NA NÓG LEINSTER FINAL

Well done to the Ballad Group who represented us well in the Leinster Final in January in Co. Laois. This is the first time we have reached a Leinster Final in Scór na nóg. Thanks to everyone who represented our Club this year in all the categories and thanks to all those who supported us throughout!



From left: Our Irish Officer, Barbara O'Neill, Aifric McDiarmada, Rioghain Ní Lorcáin, Aoife Gray, Nicola Moran & Julie Rogers.



Some Supporters!
From left: Aoife O'Reilly, Yvonne M c C l o s k e y , Derbhile Quinn, Amy Donoghue and Sorcha Quinn.

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WIN FOR U11 CAMOGIE GIRLS

Well done to the U11 girls who won our first ever Camogie title when they claimed the top prize in the St. Brigid's indoor tournament. Well done to the mentors, Jim Mahony, Fergal Quinn and Louise Mahony. It is great to see all their hard work come to fruition.

U11 FOOTBALLERS WIN 3 MATCHES

Three very sporting games were played on Saturday, 11th February in Porterstown by our U11 Footballers. There was tenacious defending, some slick moves and a bagful of goals and points during this game between Castleknock and Naomh Barrog. The aggregate score was Castleknock 15 - 20 - Naomh Barrog 6 - 11. Well done boys!

INDOOR HURLING IN GORMANSTOWN

This will be the final weekend of the indoor hurling tournament in Gormanstown where our Under 11's, Under 12's and U13's have been playing for the past few Sundays. Well done to all involved!

MATCH REPORTS

Email all your Match Reports to info@castleknock.net for inclusion on the website and newsletter.

WIN FOR MINOR FOOTBALLERS

A fourteen point haul for full forward Rory Corcoran kept an injury hit Castleknock Minor Team on track for a win on Sunday morning in Lusk. Castleknock got off to the best possible start with a goal from Paul Hughes inside two minutes. Lusk, however, responded with two goals, one from a penalty and a point in quick succession to really pile the pressure on the Castleknock boys. Castleknock's ever dependable goalkeeper, Alex Griffith, was forced off with a wrist injury sustained tipping a powerful shot over the bar. Half forward, Stephen Maher was the brave soul who offered his services in goal. Before half time, Corcoran and Hughes tacked on a few more scores to leave Castleknock two adrift at the break.

Lusk started the second half on the back foot, with wing forward Conor Deasy winning a lot of ball in midfield and laying it off to Corcoran for the scores that pushed Castleknock into the lead. Castleknock started to dominate the game with Gerard Geraghty playing through the pain barrier and newcomers, Gary Feely and Anthony Corbett coping well in the forward line. The lead changed hands constantly over the course of the second half.

Corcoran, however, kept tacking on the scores and Castleknock looked home and hosed until a goal from Lusk left them only a point in arrears and made the last few minutes anxious ones for the Castleknock players before Corcoran scored the insurance point.

Castleknock: A. Griffith, A. Corbett, R. Moore, P. Mulcrone, R. Fanning, D. Stewart, E. Dineen, D. Griffin, G. Geraghty, K. Brady, S. Maher, C. Deasy, P. Hughes (1-1), R. Corcoran (0-14), G. Feely.

U14 GIRLS REACH CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Well done to the under 14 girls who won the semi-final against a battling Croi Ro Naofa side to make the Championship Final. Playing with the advantage of a first wind the girls were slow to use to their advantage with no score in the first ten minutes before an Aoife Delaney goal starting the scoring. This followed by a well taken goal by Laura O'Hare and two points from Julie Rodgers and one point from Laura O'Hare. A lot of these scores were the result of good passing between the forwards with player of the game, Katie Halford, involved in a lot of play.

Croi Ro Naofa were very fast on the break and started to get into the game with very good passing between their half backs and midfielders which resulted in a number of attacks on the Castleknock goal. Great goalkeeping by Emma Weafer saved the Castleknock team on several occasions. Five well taken points by the Croi Ro Naofa team kept the game close. Two more goals from Samanta Stokes and Julie Rodgers followed by an excellent point from Shauna Bates saw the half time score 4 - 4 to 1 - 6 in favour of Castleknock.

In the second half, Castleknock were slow to get going which resulted in Croi Ro Naofa making a lot of the second play. The midfield pairing of Aisling Phillips and Rosin Brady for Croi Ro Naofa controlled the midfield during the second half which resulted in both players taking some fine long range points which allowed Croi Ro Naofa creep back into the game. For long periods of the second half, the Castleknock backs were under pressure only for excellent display at full back by Ciara Prunty ably assisted by Laura Whitty, Grainne O'Brien and Lisa Creaner kept Castleknock ahead.

A number of breaks down field in the second half saw further scores from Laura O'Hare, one goal, Shauna Bates, two points, Aifric McDiarmada, one goal and Julie Rodger's, one goal to give the Castleknock girls a very hard found victory.

Castleknock:: Emma Weafer, Laura Whitty, Ciara Prunty, Grainne O'Brien, Lisa Creaner, Shaunta Bates (0-2), Jane Burke, Laura O'Hare (2-1), Ciara Black, Samantha Stokes (1-0), Laura Bourke, Katie Halford (1-1), Julie Rogers (1-2), Aifric McDiarmada (1-0), Aoife Delaney (1-0), Aishling Mahony, Aoife McCaffrey, Eimear Hogan, Rachel Brown, Ciara McWilliams, Nicola Moran.

Best of Luck Girls in the Final on 28th February!

SPRING BALL 2006



Left:
Junior
Football
Champions
2005

Spring Ball - A Tremendous Success

On Saturday night, 11th February 2006, Castleknock Hurling and Football Club hosted their second Annual Spring Ball. With close to 400 guests in attendance, it was a great success and a very enjoyable evening.

John Hillery, Club PRO, was MC for the night and did a very fine job. Among the recipients of Awards were Fr Eugene Kennedy for his long service to the Community and staunch support of Castleknock GAA Club. John Tierney, Fingal County Manager, received a very warm reception - his part in giving the Club a "Home of its Own" will long be remembered. Gerry Harrington, County Board Chairman, complimented the Club on our successes to date, wished us well in the future and pledged the unqualified support of the County Board to our Club as we undertake the massive job of developing our grounds.

Pillar Caffrey, Dublin Football Manager, spoke about the importance of Club and how the Mentors work is so vital. Pillar then presented the Junior B Football Champions with their medals. He also presented the magnificent half backs of Brian Kelly and Paddy O'Brien with their joint award for Footballer of the Year. Mick Geaney was the well deserved recipient of Hurler of the Year.

Mick Lynch, Club Chairman, spoke with passion about the future of the Club and the presentations ended with Club Secretary David Leydon presenting John Hillery, Chairman, 2001-2005, and Ciarán Prunty, Juvenile Chairman 2001-2005, with a small token of appreciation from the Club for the unbelievable effort they have put in in the last few years.

Many thanks to Caitríona Prunty, Olive Hillery, Joe O'Reilly and David Leydon who organised the event. Special thanks also to the sponsor of the Home Entertainment System for the Raffle and to Dominic Smith of Discount Electrical for the LCD TV and DVD player. Thanks also to the Band, The Bees Knees, for a super set.

The Spring Ball was indicative of all that is good about our GAA Club - friendship, good craic and above all a sense of Community. There is no doubt that the revellers left with a pep in their step and looking forward to the challenges ahead, be that on the playing field, on the sideline or in the committee room.

Go mbeimid beo ag an am seo arís!



Paddy O'Brien accepts the 2005 Joint Footballer of the Year Award from Dublin Football Manager, Paul Caffrey.



Brian Kelly accepts the 2005 Joint Footballer of the Year Award from Dublin Football Manager, Paul Caffrey.



David Leydon, Secretary makes a presentation to John Hillery in recognition of his work as CHFC Club Chairman 2001 - 2005.



Ciaran O'Dwyer accepts on behalf of Dual Star Mick Geaney the 2005 Hurler of the Year from Dublin Football, Manager Paul Caffrey.



David Leydon, Secretary, makes a presentation to Ciaran Prunty in recognition of his work as Juvenile Chairman 2001 - 2005.



Club Chairman, Mick Lynch makes a presentation to Fr. Eugene Kennedy.



Left: Mick Lynch, Chairman presents Catriona Prunty and Olive Hillery with flowers in thanks for organising the Spring Ball.



Notice Board

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DATES FOR YOU DIARY

- Ladies AGM - Church of Ireland Hall, Castleknock at 8p.m - Thursday 23rd February
- Scór Sinsear Dublin Final - 22nd February - Craobh Chiarain - 8p.m.

CONDOLENCES

Castleknock Hurling & Football Club would like to extend its deepest sympathy to Ambrose Galligan & Family on the death of his father, Thomas Galligan.

FAME FACTOR

Castleknock Hurling & Football Club are hoping to organize a "FAME FACTOR" competition, hopefully involving not only Club Members but also their brothers, sisters and friends.

If you, your friend, brother or sister are under 18 and interested in taking your talents to the stage then log onto www.castleknock.net and download your application form asap. Forms are also available in the Club Shop on Saturday mornings.

Tráth na gCeist

A table quiz as gaeilge will take place on Thursday 23rd February in Raheny. We would like to send a team to represent the Club so if you are interested then please contact Barbara O'Neill, Irish Officer at 086 3782419.

ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ

Congratulations to Gerry Kelly and all his team who won the Table Quiz in the Bell on 31st January. It was a great night. Thanks to all who came along to support!

Scór Sinsear

Congratulations to our adult Scór ballad group, recitation and instrumental group who qualified for the County Final of Scór which will take place in Craobh Chiarain on Wednesday, February 22nd at 8p.m. Thanks also to our solo singer, Aidan Boushel and our quiz team of Ger Ryan, Eddie Darcy and Sean McLaughlin.

2006 CHFC Calendars are still available from the Club Shop.

Many thanks to "The Gazette newspaper group" for allowing us use their photographs taken throughout the year!

LOTTO NUMBERS AND RESULTS FOR JANUARY 2006

THE CARPENTER : **3 10 11 26**
 JACKPOT €5,000 - **NO JACKPOT WINNER** - 5th November January 2006
 Four "Match 3" Winners each receiving €75
 Declan Fitzpatrick, A & S Byrne, Cathal O'Driscoll & Aishling Caulfield

THE BELL : **10 12 22 23**
 JACKPOT €5,200 - **NO JACKPOT WINNER** - 12th January 2006
 Two "Match 3" Winners each receiving €150
 Patricia O'Connor & Michael O'Connor

MYOS : **2 5 8 16**
 JACKPOT €5,400 - **NO JACKPOT WINNER** - 19th January 2006
 Three "Match 3" Winners each receiving €100
 Philip Bergin, John Greene & Ciaran Emerson

BRADYS : **14 15 19 22**
 JACKPOT €5,600 - **NO JACKPOT WINNER** - 26th January 2005
 Two "Match 3" Winners each receiving €150
 Carmel Geraghty & Luke Traynor