



Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha Castleknock Hurling & Football Club

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Newsletter

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New Members

With the majority of teams starting back their seasons after the Christmas break, it's a great time to join a team.

New players at all ages and levels are always welcome. Just contact our Club Coach Brendan on 085 1329397 for details or check the website for contact information on each Mentor.

A message from the Chairman

I am honoured to take up the position of Chairman of Castleknock GAA Club and intend, with the new Executive, to continue the great work done by Mick Lynch and team.

As we finalise our teams and mentors, we welcome new members and are ready for another big year on all fronts. As we grow we need more and more people to step forward and volunteer to help, don't be shy!

Off the field this year we are working

to fundraise and then start our clubhouse build. This will require the support of members, supporters and the Dublin 15 community. I urge you to support our Clubhouse Appeal and Somerton Signs campaigns if you can. With you all on board we will achieve our goals.

On the field we look forward to action at all levels and ages after our winter training, please support the games where you can. Go mbeidh bliain maith agaibh go léir. Castleknock, give it a go.

Niall Tutty

Minor Champions

It was on Tuesday 22nd November 2011 that arguably saw Castleknock GAA's greatest success to date as our Minors brought back the Division 1 Dublin Minor Championship Trophy. The squad of players led by the management of Gerry Kindlon, Mick Marron, Finbar Brady & Co arrived at Parnell Park on the night well prepared and ready to go. Although they were coming off a string of four consecutive wins, the team knew better than to underestimate their opponents who were also the current title holders, Ballyboden St Enda's. It wasn't long before the large crowds arrived and the ball was thrown in. Castleknock got off to a great start, scoring the first 3 points. The teams then swapped points for a while with nearly all of the Castleknock forwards getting on the score sheet. It wasn't until late into the first half when a breaking ball in the middle of the park fell to a Ballyboden player who was able to find his full forward who managed to score a goal to bring Ballyboden back to within a few points. This was enough to keep the pressure on Castleknock at half time. The lads knew that Ballyboden were not going to go quietly and so they started the second half with the same

intensity that could be seen both at the previous games and in training session during the season. The desire, skill and hard work put in for the last 10 minutes of the game proved to be too much for Ballyboden and they were not able to penetrate Castleknock's air tight defence. When the final whistle blew the Castleknock men held their hands up high in celebration of a well deserved win and the end of an era for a group of players who have been playing together since the club was founded in 1998. "See you all in The Carpenter!!!"

Himalayan Climb for the Hospice

Huge congratulations and thanks to Fr. John Daly who reached Mera Peak in the Himalayas successfully and arrived home safely.

Thanks you to everyone who helped and supported the fundraising which raised €16,000. All the proceeds have been donated to the Dublin 15 Hospice.



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Scór News ~ Scór Sinsir

It's that time of year again! Scór Sinsir Atha Cliath is imminent. So if you are over 17 and can sing, dance, recite, put on a sketch or play trad music we need t to hear from you asap!!

There are 8 categories and the Club would like to enter as many as possible - Figure Dancing, Set Dancing, Solo Singing, Recitation, Ballad Group, Instrumental Music, Novelty Act and Quiz team.

Contact Barbara O'Neill at 086 378 2419 or barbaraoneill@eircom.net for further details

Scór na bPáistí

Scór na bPáistí Átha Cliath takes place on Saturday February 25th in St Peregrine's GAA Club at 2.30 p.m.. It is aimed at Primary School children only. The categories are the same as for Scór Sinsir and it's a great afternoon's entertainment for both participants and spectators. So if there's a budding Jean Butler or Michael Flatley or Sharon Shannon (I could go on!!) in your house here's their first step on the road to stardom. Contact Barbara O'Neill at 086 378 2419 or barbaraoneill@eircom.net for further details.

(Scór na bPáistí Atha Cliath 15, a joint initiative between Castleknock GAA and St Peregrine's, which focuses on

the Primary Schools in the area, is on Sunday February 5th in St. Peregrine's, so encourage your school to take part!!)

Table Quiz as Gaeilge

Coiste Cultúrtha Átha Cliath is organising a table quiz as Gaeilge on Thursday January 26th (Venue tba). The top 2 teams in the county go on to represent Dublin in the Leinster round in February, The top 2 teams

in Leinster proceed to the All Ireland Final in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day. It's a regular table quiz, just as Gaeilge, Teams of 4.

We are looking for at least 2 teams to represent the club, so if you have a ready made team, or are willing to be on one of the teams contact Barbara O'Neill at 086 378 2419 or barbaraoneill@eircom.net for further details.

Success in 2011

Adult A FootballAFL 5 Winners - Promotion to AFL4 Intermediate
 Adult A HurlingAHL 5 Runners Up - Promotion to AHL4
 Adult B Football.....AFL 10 Winners - Promotion to AFL9
 Ladies Football.....Div 2 Dublin Championship Winners
 Minor A FootballDiv 1 Dublin Championship Winners
 Minor B Football.....Championship Runners Up
 Minor B HurlingChampionship Runners Up
 U16 Football.....Christy Gallogly (Leitrim) Winners
 U16 HurlingDiv 2 Winners
 U15 HurlingDiv 2 Dublin Championship Winners
 U14 HurlingDiv 3 Dublin Féile Winners
 U13 Football.....Won Promotion
 U12 HurlingCamaint Winners
 U9 Football.....Div 1 Ger Canavan U9 Tournament Winners
 Castleknock GAA.....Gazette Group Club of the Month August
 Castleknock GAA.....Tesco/Evening Herald Club of the Month September

Be in the know!



Join the Club email list on www.castleknock.net or sign up for club texts by texting your name to 087 753 2030.

You will also be able to keep up to date by checking out Facebook [facebook.com/castleknockgaa](https://www.facebook.com/castleknockgaa) and Twitter @CastleknockGAA"

Adult Awards Night

Come out to Castleknock Golf Club on Saturday night 28 January 2012 and celebrate with all of our adult teams as they accept their prizes for competitions during 2011 and early 2012!! Great craic in store; food, music and dancing 'til late Tickets only €15 contact Finbar Brady 087-2378529 Mags Heelan 086-2577461 Pearse Tolan 086-2478961. Support your Club and our great footballers and hurlers!

Mick Lynch

After over 13 years of being a member of Castleknock GAA's Executive Committee, Mick Lynch has stood down as Chairman of the club.

Mick, who was one of the key figures in starting Castleknock GAA back in 1998 has been involved in every aspect of its success.

The hard work, dedication and love that he has put in and shown for the club was second to none and it is safe to say that the club would not be where it is today if it wasn't for the commitment, expertise and passion that he so regularly gave.

We wish Mick all the very best in the future as no doubt he will still play a



vital role in seeing Castleknock GAA move on to bigger and better things. And also sing a few songs in the meantime.

From all of Castleknock GAA, Go raibh míle maith agat.

Spot Prizes!!!

Want to see your team on Castleknock.net or in our Newsletter?

Don't wait on somebody else. Complete a player/member profile, write a match report or send in photos of your team in action to pro@castleknock.net.

Spot prizes each month! Everyone who sends in a piece is entered into the draw.

Lotto is at €7,200 and rising...

Don't forget to sign up to the direct debit, forms can be found on castleknock.net. A huge thanks to all our lotto supporters, both direct debit members and those who contribute in local pubs. Many thanks to The Carpenter, Myo's, The Bell, Brady's, Kavanagh's, The Ferryman and O'Shea's who sell tickets and facilitate the Lotto every Thursday.

Club Profile

Name: Claire Nulty

Age: 12

Teams: U13's Castleknock, Dublin Development Squad U12/13 Camogie, Castleknock Community College

Toughest Opponent: Na Fianna + Lucan (Football) Kilmakud Crokes (Football)

Fav Position: Midfield (Camogie) Left Half Back Football

Achievements: Most improved player 2007 Football, U10 Div. 3 League Winners 2008, Footballer of the Year 2010, School League Winners 2010 Football, Camogie League Winners 2011

Fav Music: One Direction & The Wanted

Fav Food: Pizza

Pet Hate: The way that Louis Walsh Claps!!!

Player Most Sports Person: Conal Keaney

Fav County Team: Wexford (Camogie) Dublin (Football)

Ambition: To play for Dublin in Football or Camogie

If I won the Club Lotto: I'd go to Disney World Florida & spend every last penny!!

Tip for All-Ireland Football and Camogie Champions: Dublin and Wexford
Best advice you ever got: "Let your stick do the talking" – Joise O'Neill, Camogie Mentor.

Extra Comment: Thank you to all my mentors who have helped me over the years.



Condolences

Castleknock Hurling & Football Club would like to extend its deepest sympathy to:

The Byrne Family on the death of Marie Byrne, Sister of Eddie and Aunt of Ciara & Darragh

The Ryan Family on the death of Gerard Ryan, Father of U16's player Kevin Ryan

The Levesley Family on the death of Anthony Levesley, Father of U9 Boys Mentor John and Grandfather of players Conor & Michael.

The Feehilly Family on the death of Willie Feehilly, Father of U13

Boys Mentor Michael Feehilly and Grandfather of players Tigernach and Fiachra.

The Galvin Family on the death of John (Jack) Galvin Grandfather to Mikey, Ben, Jenny & Kate.

Castleknock Clubhouse Appeal



Castleknock Hurling and Football Club are launching their Clubhouse Appeal to all members and supporters of the GAA club at the start of 2012.

This follows on from a very successful year in 2011 when the club, only formed in 1998, were promoted from Junior to Intermediate in Adult Football for the first time. Also County Championships were won at prestigious Dublin Minor A and Ladies B levels.

The club executive, trustees and membership of the club have decided to drive ahead with the building of a clubhouse. Niall Tutty, the new Chairman, commented "we have achieved a lot in our new home in the past three years building 3 pitches, an all-weather training pitch, hurling wall and carpark. It is now time to put a roof over our heads.

For our growing membership and particularly in bad weather we want to offer showers, toilets, meeting rooms to members and visitors –

facilities most established clubs enjoy."

To achieve this, the club is launching a bond scheme to members, supporters of the club and the local community. Participants in the scheme will loan a sum of money, interest free, to the club for a fixed period. The bond period is set at 10 years and the club will redeem the bonds after ten years. The club is expecting that contributors will have expressed their commitment to the scheme by 17th March in order to finalise building plans for 2012. Flexible payment plans into the scheme are in place and can be availed of by all. Any queries on the scheme can be made via email to info@castleknock.net or to the Club Fundraising Coordinator Pearse Tolan on 086 247 8961, check out www.castleknock.net/fundraising for more.



Registrations

Registrations are now due. The forms can be found on castleknock.net/forms. It is your responsibility to make sure you are registered. The Club will not accept liability for players who aren't registered by 10th February 2012. You must be registered to play. No exceptions made.

Castleknock Babies

Congratulations to Eoghan and Joan O'Callaghan on the birth of baby Leah Congratulations to Steve and Irene McCabe on the birth of baby Aisling Grace (born the day after Steve's "29th" Birthday)



Wear your Club Colours

Club merchandise on sale every Saturday morning from 10 to 12pm – Ideal gifts for birthdays and all occasions!

Under 21 Championship Action

Our U21 Footballers are playing Naomh Barrog in the Championship Final Saturday 21st January at 2:30 in Somerton Park.

The lads have fought hard through the season and we are expecting a huge crowd to come and support them and cheer them on as they compete for the first piece of silverware for Castleknock GAA in 2012.

Make sure your there and wear your club colours.

Also best of luck to the Hurlers who are at the Quarter Final stage of the Championship on 28th January



Well done to Rory Corcoran, full forward on the Castleknock Adult Intermediate football team, who made his debut for the Dubs in the O Byrne Cup on Sunday 8th January 2012. He's the first Club player to play senior football for Dublin and we're all very proud of him and wish him the best with the 5.30am starts for training!

Congrats to Jamie Tunney who has been selected to represent Dublin Under 21's.

Calendar

The 2012 Club Calendar is for sale for just €5 from the Club Shop. The Calendar is a great piece of memorabilia to remind us all of the successes and achievements of 2011. Why not pick one up this week?