



The 2000 lads who did the club proud at the Camaint Finals in Parnell Park.

SCÓR

It's that time of year when we get going in Scór na nOg again, so if you are aged under 17 and are interested in competing on behalf of Castleknock GAA Club in any of the following categories please contact Barbara O'Neill asap at 086 3782419 or barbaraoneill@eircom.net

- **Figure dancing (8 dancers needed)**
- **Solo Singing**
- **Traditional music (5 musicians needed)**
- **Recitation**
- **Ballad Group (5 singers/musicians needed)**
- **Question -time (3 "quizheads" needed)**
- **Novelty Act (8 actors needed)**
- **Set Dancing (8 dancers needed)**

If you are interested or indeed if you know anyone else who might be, or if you would be willing to help out with training any of these groups, please get in touch as soon as possible. The first round of the competition will be at the end of October, so we don't have a lot of time.



The Castleknock Nursery takes place every Saturday from 10am and all kids from 4 to 9 years old are very welcome to drop down to CCC (Castleknock Community College). Contact our Club Coach Brendan for more details on 085 1329397. Learn new skills and make new friends while having fun and why not bring a friend!

Our Juvenile teams are back training and would welcome any new players who would like to Give Castleknock GAA a Go. Just contact Brendan 085 1329397 for relevant contact details.



Last weekend was a great weekend for our U12s as they took part in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the famous St Rynaghs Club from Banagher in Offaly. They then attended the U21 hurling final in Thurles before travelling back to Dublin and the next day winning the Camaint Shield Final in Parnell Park. A weekend to remember!



The well travelled 2001s visited Brian Cody's club, the famous James Stephens club in Kilkenny. They also went to Nolan Park to see Kilkenny v Waterford, Tullamore to see Dublin v Galway, Thurles to see Dublin v Limerick and Croker to see Dublin v Tipp and Dublin v Donegal.

They have 46 footballers, 43 hurlers and what is obvious from above, some super parents and helpers!



U11 Girls played their first Championship game for the club last week. The conveyor belt of talent just keeps rolling on. Well done to all.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Club featuring recently on RTE TV, RTE Radio, The Star, The Herald, The Gazette and The Examiner.



Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha

CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB



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NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2011



"Up For the Match"
Pre All Ireland Final social in Kavanaghs on Sat 17th, Live music and craic, all welcome to enjoy Jacks v Kingdom banter.

Gazette Group Newspapers

(2011 DUBLIN SPORTS AWARDS)

August TEAM of the MONTH Winners

CASTLEKNOCK GAA

"Castleknock GAA, for what is a relatively young club in GAA terms, have proven themselves hugely capable of taking their club to the next level this year. Their community spirit, the development of their impressive new facility at Somerton Park and the promotion success of their teams is worthy of note."

Comments from the Judging Panel.

Well done to one and all and all your efforts and dedication is very much appreciated.



Special Best Wishes to the Castleknock Lads, Graham, Ciarán, Ross, Kevin and Eoghain who are on the Dublin Minor Football Panel for the All Ireland Minor Football Final against Tipp. Hard luck to Ciarán, Shane and Ian who were on the Dublin Minor Hurling Panel who unfortunately went down to Galway in the All Ireland Final.

The club is very proud of all our Castleknock Dubs at all levels and we appreciate the great work and commitment put in by all the Club Coaches and Mentors in coaching our players to such a high standard. Castleknock GAA, Give it a Go!

CLUB LAUNCH 'DECORATE FOR THE DUBS' CAMPAIGN

Sunday 18th September is the first time Dublin have qualified for the Senior All Ireland Football Final in 16 years, the vast majority of our club's juvenile players weren't even born the last time this happened!

To celebrate this and in an effort to turn Castleknock Blue and Navy in support of The Dubs, the club are running a 'Decorate for the Dubs' campaign in which we're asking all club members to decorate the front of their houses with Blue and Navy, anything goes...bunting, flags, posters, jerseys, paint, windows, cats, dogs...anything goes once it's Blue and Navy.

Take a photo of the front of your house and email to info@castleknock.net or post to our Facebook page and you could be in with a chance to win a prize which will be given to the best decorated house.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A Chairde,

I write to you after a very successful year for Dublin and Castleknock GAA. We look forward with great anticipation to the minor and senior football finals in Croke Park this Sunday. The club are very proud of the 7 lads that are representing Castleknock in the minor football and hurling finals.

I would like to update you on the latest developments at Somerton. With the 3 grass pitches, all weather training pitch, floodlighting, hurling wall, entrance, shed and carpark complete we now look forward to the final phase which is the construction of our clubhouse.

We will commence our fundraising drive immediately. The bond scheme will be our primary fundraiser. Our target is to raise a minimum of €150,000 from this scheme. We are looking for a commitment from ALL MEMBERS to give a minimum of €300 which is refundable to members after 10 years. Members can pay their contribution by lump sum or by direct debit over a 12 month period. Amounts in excess of €300 will be gratefully received.

We plan to start the clubhouse build in April 2012. The extent of the build will depend on the amount of money raised to that date. Our intention is to build the full shell of the clubhouse and fit out downstairs as much as funds will allow. We envisage this to take 6 to 9 months. Further details will follow.

Castleknock GAA has travelled a long way in 13 years. We look forward to playing intermediate football and hopefully hurling too for the first time next year. Our Ladies Football, Camogie and Juvenile Sections are experiencing success at all levels and the club is pushing forward on all fronts. To maintain our progress it is vital that we push on and complete our development in Somerton.

Castleknock GAA has set high standards on the field. To match these high standards, we aim to provide the best facilities possible for our players, members and supporters. Let's roll up our sleeves and let the work begin.

Up the dubs!

Mick Lynch

LADIES SECTION

Castleknock Hurling and Football Clubs Ladies section has gone from strength to strength with close to 300 players toting out on a weekly basis some even twice a week. We are fielding 7 Camogie Teams from U 8 – 15 yrs and 11 Football teams from U 9 – Adult.

The Dublin County Board "Faoi Naoi" initiative is in operation providing Football for girls of 8-9yrs allowing them to progress from Nursery where they develop their skills further in a fun based environment of small sided games. This has been hugely successful and the "Brendan Martin" Cup did the rounds last Summer which was very exciting for them. The U10 girls play mini-games based on the G.A.A. "Go Games" concept and there are plans to adopt this philosophy for players up to age 12yrs of age with emphasis on participation rather than the results.

We have much success amongst our Juvenile teams both in Football and Camogie with a lot of girls playing both codes an initiative that has stemmed from playing Hurling/Camogie/ Football from the outset at Nursery.

Our U12 Camogie girls have won their League, the same girls are also making great strides at their Football and are in a Championship competition. The Camogie section has continued to grow steadily over the past couple of years and have also adopted the "Go Games" philosophy up to age of 12yrs.

Many of our young members have undertaken both Referee and coaching courses and are active within the club. We enter a team into the Feile competition every year and have had success in both Camogie and Football.

All our Football Teams are currently playing Championship with our Minors in a play off for the League and our Adults playing in a Championship Final on wed 21st Sept.

We have representation on both Football and Camogie County Panels and have girls progressing well on County Developmental Panels in both codes.

Last November we set up a new initiative in our Club "Gaelic for Mothers." This has proven to be a huge success with up to 35 Ladies turning up on a weekly basis to learn new skills have the craic and keep fit. To join just contact Mags on 0862577461



Congrats to Castleknocks pairing of Sinead Comerford & Leah Mullins who represented the Dubs against the Kingdom in the U16s Ladies All Ireland Final. Unfortunately the Kingdom were too strong on the day but all of us in Castleknock are very proud of the achievements of our Castleknock Dubs.



Best wishes to our Senior Ladies Football Team who are preparing for their Championship Final. Please support the girls if you can.

ADULT SECTION REPORT

A FOOTBALL

With one game to go Castleknocks A footballers have been promoted to Intermediate Status(AFL 4). This is a tremendous achievement and great credit most go to first of all the panel of players who have worked really hard since last October to achieve this goal. Also to the Management team of Tom Mc Cormack, Ray Holland and Sean O'Brien..well done lads on achieving your goal of Intermediate status for next year.

A HURLING

With 10 of their 11 games played in AHL5 our A hurlers top the division with 18points. However they need a point in their last game at home to Scoill Ui Chonaill to gain promotion to Division 4 for the 2012 season. The very best of luck to the the players on the panel and the Management team of Paul Williams, Jimmy O Dwyer and Neil Kedward. Keep an eye out on www.castleknock.net for final fixture and get behind the lads in their final push for promotion.

B FOOTBALL

With 22 out of a possible 26 points Our B footballers earned promotion from AFL 10. Again this was a great achievement and the players both young and experienced should take a bow. Well done to the Management trio of Alfie Sawyer, Paul Warnock and Jim Marron on attaining this promotion. No resting on laurels here however as the team have the no small matter of a Junior Championship 1/4 final against our neighbours Erin go Bragh in the coming weeks. Check castleknock.net for details. The very best of luck to the lads in that.

B HURLERS

In the league AHL8 Castleknock are in 5th place with 11pts from 8 games. Johnny Corcoran and Mick Geraghty are the Mentors here having successfully completed the double last year.



ADULT A PROMOTION TEAM

MINOR TEAMS

Our 4 minor teams (2 hurling 2 football) are training hard for the upcoming Championships which begin with the Hurling on September 25th and Football the following Sunday. These championships are run on a League basis. Best of luck lads...go for it.

U21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

No word yet from the County Board as to when these championships will take place. We will compete in both Hurling and Football championships.

CASTLEKNOCK PLAYERS ON DUBLIN MINOR SQUADS

Well done to Ciaran Kilkenny, Ian Cleary and Shane Boland who were on the Dublin panel throughout the season. Hard Luck to the team in the All Ireland final against Galway.

In football we have 5 representatives..Ciaran Kilkenny, Eoghan Quinn, Graham Hannigan, Kevin Kindlon and Ross Mullins. Good luck to the lads in the All Ireland final against Tipperary on Sept 18th. It is 27 years since Dublin won a Minor title and on that day they beat Tipperary also...hopefully a lucky omen!!

Well done to all the lads from the Castleknock Junior B football team who completed the very challenging Gaelforce adventure race in the wilds of Westport. They completed the run to raise funds for the Heartchildren Ireland Charity. The lads involve were Paul Warnock, Danny Stewart, Ben Mulcahy, Anthony Corbett, Conor Murray, Tony Corcoran, Thomas Maloney and Bryan Casey.

HOSPICE CONCERT

The club is organising a concert in aid of Dublin 15 Hospice. This will take place in the Castleknock Hotel on Thursday October 20th, so keep that date free and come along for an evening of music, craic and entertainment, all in a very good cause. If you would like to help out with the organisation of this event, please contact Barbara O'Neill at 086 3782419 or barbaraoneill@eircom.net asap. Congrats to Fr. Mick from Laurel Lodge who successfully completed his hike for the hospice.



Dublin City Public Libraries has created a new online image gallery - 'The Jacks Are Back - The Dubs In The 1970s' - celebrating the Dublin team that contested six All-Ireland Finals in a row between 1974 and 1979. Can you spot a well known club member, remember colour photos were not around at the time!