



CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB

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Juvenile Players and Mentors 2004



Premier Credit Union and Jersey Launch

The launch of Premier Credit Union sponsorship of the Castleknock Hurling and Football Club Juvenile Section and of our new Club jerseys, in Blanchardstown IT on 11 May 2004, proved a huge success.

John Conway was MC for the night and certainly did well - dealing with 600 youngsters is not easy! Our Juvenile Chairman, Ciarán Prunty thanked Aidan O'Brien, Manager of PCU for their sponsorship and presented him with a framed Club jersey which looked very well adorned with the PCU logo. Aidan then spoke and conveyed how happy PCU were to be involved with our Club, mentioning our shared community focus being key to the deal.

Club Chairman John Hillery then took to the floor thanking Joe O'Reilly and David Leydon for their work in securing the Sponsorship. John also thanked Michael Maher, Vivian Peelo, Ciarán Prunty, Ray Murray and Seán McLaughlin for organising the event. Very importantly John thanked Premier Credit Union for their contribution, pointing out that their financial input will help us on the road to securing a home of our own. He also thanked the individual team sponsors who were vital in the successful provision of jerseys to all our Juvenile teams (see related article).

Every team got their photo taken in their fantastic new jerseys (these photos can now be bought, see pg.4 of the newsletter). Around 600 Juveniles then proceeded, with their mentors, to get into one big group photo together - a super shot (can be viewed on larger scale on www.castleknock.net)

Among the highlights of the night was the draw for a holiday worth €3,000 from Premier Credit Union. Young footballer and hurler Conor Prunty won and was suitably pleased, intimating that all the Prunty cousins would go on holidays and leave the parents at home. No comment from Carol or Ciarán on that one though!

After that 98FM (thanks to Club member Michael Brady) gave out plenty of goodies and proved an exciting attraction. The children had a ball. We also got the event plugged on the Sports bulletins of both 98FM and Today FM! John Todd of Phoenix FM was also there, recorder in hand as were, Lord Mayor of Dublin Royston Brady and Joan Burton of the Labour Party. Next Thursday check out the Blanch Gazette for a 2 page spread on the launch.

Time now to return to the on-field action and start a winning tradition in our new jerseys.

Gach rath ar an bParóiste!

Dates for your Diary / Dátaí don Dialann

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| Golf Society | Saturday 29 th May 2004 Elm Hall, Celbridge |
| Golf Classic: | Friday 18 th June 2004 Hollystown |
| Summer camps: | July 5 th 2004 Hurling July 12 th 2004 Football |
| Hurling Championship: | May 29/30 Dublin v. Kildare/ Westmeath or Wicklow |
| Football Championship: | June 6 Dublin v. Offaly/Westmeath |

Golf Society

The Club's first Golf Society outing of the year exclusively for members is fixed for Saturday 29 of May in Elm Hall in Celbridge Tee - times available from 1:30 to 3:30. To book your Tee-time, put your name down at the Club Shop at CCC on Saturday Morning or phone/text Jim Prunty on 086 2498370



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Castleknock U14 Ladies crowned Dublin Feile Champions

The weekend of April 17/18th was a very busy weekend in Ladies football, which culminated in Castleknock captain, Denise Convery, lifting the Dublin Feile trophy in Westmanstown against gallant beaten finalists Ballyboden. A very proud Dublin Ladies Board Chairman, our own John Hillery, presented the trophy. The win means that Castleknock have the honour of representing Dublin in the Feile Peile na nÓg 2004 to be held in Tyrone in July.

The Dublin Feile commenced on Saturday morning with the group stages, with two Castleknock teams entered in the competition (the only other club with two teams in the competition was Ballyboden). Castleknock A team ventured to The Naul and came through a competitive group that included our very hospitable host's Clan Mhuire, St Brigids, St Maurs and Skerries, winning all of their matches on the way.

The Under 14B team made a gallant effort in their group at Bohernabreena. The outcome of the group came down to the decider between Castleknock Bs and Round Towers with Round Towers coming out victorious after a valiant effort by Castleknock. Considering that most of the B team will be under 14 next year, Castleknock's participation in next year's Dublin Feile looks very encouraging. Well done girls!

The group stages resulted in semi-finals in Westmanstown between Ballyboden A's and Cabinteely with Castleknock A's coming up against Round Towers (their second helping of Castleknock in the weekend). Ballyboden won a very tight match against Cabinteely, while Castleknock ran out winners against a very dogged Round Towers side. Cabinteely and Round Towers contested the Feile Shield Final with Cabinteely coming out victors.

The final turned out to be an excellent exhibition of competitive football fought out by two totally focussed teams. The match commenced with Ballyboden putting pressure on the Castleknock defence, which coped very well with Leann Quinn in particular flourishing in her "sweeper" role. Fiona Curley was also performing very well under the high ball. After a slow start, Castleknock at last began to move the ball up the field and a well-worked move up the right wing resulted in Ciara McDonnell sending over an accurate point. Ballyboden continued to press and were rewarded when the ball broke to Dearbhla Brennan who scored a well-taken point. Further Ballyboden pressure resulted in a further point for Laura Murphy.

However, Castleknock were beginning to exert pressure of their own and this resulted in midfielder, Sinead Egan lobbing the Ballyboden keeper from an acute angle for the first goal of the game. Unfortunately Caroline Lynch who was having a very good game in defence had to retire with a finger injury. The first half also witnessed some of the best goal-keeping feats from player-of-the-match, Cheryl Cooney in the Castleknock goal. In what seemed like a certain goal, Cheryl jumped and managed to get her hand to the ball and push it against the crossbar and away to safety. Castleknock went into the half-time break 1-1 to 0-2 to the good.

After the half-time break Castleknock came forward exerting more pressure and the early superiority resulted in one of the best scores of the day. Denise Convery won possession in the half back line and played the ball wide on the right to Ailish McKenna, who's first time ball found Ciara McDonnell. Ciara (who covered an enormous amount of ground during the match) also fed the ball early to Edel Quinn, who crossed to find left corner-forward, Deborah Geraghty, in space, Deborah took on and beat the Ballyboden defender and scored a goal with clinical accuracy.

Back came Ballyboden, more pressure on the Castleknock defence, in which Michelle Hoare, Grace O'Neill, Ciara Prunty, Denise Convery and Fiona Curley were performing heroic clearances at times. The strength of their performance was highlighted by the statistics, which saw them limit their opponents to one score (a goal) in the second half, from the impressive Natalia Hyland, whose impression on the game was limited by the tireless Ailish McKenna. In addition to her defence, Cheryl Cooney made another "save of the season" when she somehow managed to turn a goal-bound Ballyboden effort around the post.

The match was end to end, with cameo battles taking place all over the pitch. Upfront Shauna Bates was rewarded for her tireless work (doubling up as centre-half forward and full-forward) when her pressure on the Ballyboden defence paid off when she managed to force the ball over the Ballyboden goal line. The score took the pressure of the Castleknock team. Further well taken points from Deborah Geraghty, after some excellent feeds by Louise Hannon, brought some further daylight between the teams. Deborah capped a fine display with some a fine goal near the end.

Final Score: Ballyboden 1-02 Castleknock 4-03

There were many individual heroes on the day, but the real winner on the day was the team effort. The teams were really well encouraged throughout the whole match by the great crowd. Both sets of supporters had witnessed a truly competitive and absorbing display by both teams. The bitterness of the defeat for Ballyboden was lessened when they found out that they too would go forward to compete in Feile Peile na nÓg 2004

The result was a deserved payback for the commitment and dedication of the Castleknock girls to training over the winter and the experienced gained in the friendlies played leading up to the competition. So well done girls on your achievement in bringing much honour and joy to yourselves, your parents and the club. We are all very proud of you.

The Castleknock team: 1. Cheryl Cooney; 2. Michelle Hoare; 3. Fiona Curley; 4. Grace O'Neill; 5. Ciara Prunty; 6. Denise Convery (Captain); 7. Caroline Lynch; 8. Ailish McKenna; 9. Sinead Egan; 10. Edel Quinn; 11. Shauna Bates; 12. Leanne Ryan, 13. Leann Quinn; 14. Ciara McDonnell, 15. Deborah Geraghty; 16. Michelle Heelan; 17. Louise Hannon; 18. Noelle Farrell; 19. Alison Murphy, 20. Katie Kilkenny; 21. Jessie Boyle; 22. Eimear Shannon; 23. Niamh Luckie.

Mentors: Pat Convery, Frank Curley, Valerie McDonnell and Nancy Egan

Lotto News / Nuacht

Lotto numbers and winners drawn in April 2004.

Winning Numbers Brady's Thursday 1st April
2 9 10 18 Jackpot €2,400

No JACKPOT winner. 5 "Match 3" winners €40 each.
Frank Brown, Paul Lennon, Peter Mc Killen, Audrey Whelan, Myles Smith

Winning Numbers The Carpenter Thursday, 8th April
7 12 24 25 Jackpot €2,600

No JACKPOT winner. 2 "Match 3" winners receive €100 each
John Conway, Tony Lupton.

Winning Numbers The Bell Thursday 15th April.
6 17 22 24 Jackpot €2,800

No JACKPOT winner. 8 "match 3" winners receive €25 each.
Adrienne Healy, Michael Wylie, Paul & Catriona Quinn, Eugene Treacy, Debra Greene, Lorcan Woods, Gareth Preston, Marian Lynch

Winning Numbers Myos Thursday 22nd April.
5 19 22 23 Jackpot €3,000

No JACKPOT winner. 8 "match 3" winners receive € 30 each.
Joe Coyle, John Moran, Seán O'Brien, Caroline O' Reilly, Frank Ryan, John Roddy, Ildi, John McMenamin

Winning Numbers Brady's Thursday 29nd April.
6 11 18 21 Jackpot €3,200

No JACKPOT winner. 8 "match 3" winners receive € 25 each
Richard Grimes, Brian Hynes, D. McAndrew, Henry Hamilton, Oliver Coffey, Caroline Lynch, Joseph Turner, T & B Williams.

Next Lotto Draws:

Thursday May 6th The Carpenter
Thursday May 13th The Bell
Thursday May 20th Myo's
Thursday May 27th Bradys Castleknock Inn

Direct Debit facility is also available for those who want to be included every week. Contact any member of the Executive or Lotto Team on any Thursday night in The Bell, The Carpenter, Myos or Bradys of Castleknock.

Junior Hurlers

Castleknock 0-07 v's Naomh Mearnóg 0-12

Mon, 3rd May 2004

Castleknock Junior Hurlers were beaten in the first game of the new round robin styled Championship. It was a tough fast encounter in which last year's 'D' Champions were playing in the 'B' level championship. Naomh Mearnóg were very strong from the start and it took Castleknock a couple of minutes to get up to the pace of the game. The home side started with a couple of points from distance and these were to prove decisive. Castleknock began to get into the game with Paul Morrissey at centre back, starting to show what a classy player he is. Liam Walsh and Ger McCann were holding the half back line together well. Jimmy Lacey scored from a free and from play to leave the scores at half time:
Naomh Mearnóg 0-6 Castleknock 0-2

The second half began with a Castleknock comeback and points were scored by Paul Morrissey, Mick Stokes and Jimmy Lacey. Castleknock put in a battling display in the second half and made a very good game of it, however Naomh Mearnog kept picking off points at crucial stages to keep ahead on the scoreline. The full back line keep had a good solid game. Brian Lawlor in goal for Castleknock made a great save half way through the second half, to keep Castleknock in the game. Overall the better team won on the day, by playing fast efficient hurling and taking their chances up front. Castleknock learned a great deal from the match as Naomh Mearnog were a very handy outfit and ran out deserving winners on their home pitch.

Final score: Naomh Mearnog 0-12 Castleknock 0-7

Scores: Jimmy Lacey 0-05, Mick Stokes 0-01, Paul Morrissey 0-01

A helicopter, a bear hug and then a great win!

Cuala 4-06 v Castleknock 3-11

Castleknock made a successful long trip to the far side of Dublin (felt like the far side of the world!) to play Cuala, a team with a long and proud tradition in Dublin hurling. Rumour was that Mick Daly was coming by Helicopter (directly from the races in Newmarket), but stories about this were later dismissed in the Bell, as Mick was actually getting the car serviced. Either way, he didn't make it, but he missed a very determined display by Castleknock.

Round two of the new championship format began with a shock for the Castleknock hurlers as they shipped a couple of soft goals early on, to give the advantage to a spirited Cuala team on their home patch. Castleknock fought back with a number of well-taken scores. In particular the away team were kept in the game through a number of forwards playing well. Michael Barry, a new addition to the panel scored an excellent 1-01 in the first half before being injured and replaced early in the second half. Enda Shiels scored a very battling point to keep Castleknock in the game. Cuan MacAogain was keeping the scoreboard ticking over with accurate free taking and a point from play. The full back line and goalkeeper were under savage pressure and by half time, the score was Cuala 3-03 to Castleknock's 1-07

After the break, the legend Mick Geaney was introduced which made the midfield area very solid. As a result Castleknock, came more into the game. The match became more competitive. In the second half a number of points were scored from play by Ciaran O'Dwyer, Paul Morrissey, Jimmy Lacey and Mick Stokes. At this juncture, the game was in the balance and then a strange incident happened.

Young Terry O'Brien was hacking away as usual in the corner back slot when there was a bit of a scramble for the ball. In the ensuing melee, Paul Morrissey arrived in and two of the Cuala players decided to bear hug Paul into submission on the ground. The ref decided to send 2 of the Cuala players to the line and thus were down to 13 players for the rest of the game.

The final 10 minutes were tense as Cuala scored some wonderful points, but the day was won by the away team, as Cuan MacAogain scored his second goal in that second half to put Castleknock ahead by a point. Mick Stokes scored his second point from play to leave Castleknock the deserving winners by two points.
A great win by Castleknock - Well Done Lads!

Final Score: Cuala 4-06 Castleknock 3-11

Scores: Cuan MacAogain 2-04, Michael Barry 1-01, Paul Morrissey 0-1, Jimmy Lacey 0-1, Enda Shiels 0-1, Mick Stokes 0-2, Ciaran O'Dwyer 0-1

General Club News / Nuacht Gineáralta

- ❑ **Exclusive: Mickey Harte, Manager of the Tyrone Footballer Team will be in CCC on Saturday morning at 10am with Sam Maguire – all welcome!!!**
- ❑ Congratulations to footballer Shane Reilly and his wife Caroline on the birth of their baby girl.
- ❑ Pride of place goes to the U14A girls who won Division One of the Dublin Féile. They now represent Dublin in Féile Peil Na nOg 2004 in Tir Eoghain in July
- ❑ Camogie training in Tir na nOg for beginners (U6 upwards) every Monday evening between 6 and 7pm. On Monday evening between 7 and 8pm for U13 and U14. League games every Saturday for U13 and U14.
- ❑ Adult football training continues every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.45 in Porterstown.
- ❑ Congrats to Barbara O'Neill and her team who have reached the All-Ireland Final of the Inter-Club question time.
- ❑ Well done to Nuala McCluskey on representing CHFC in the All-Ireland final in Scór in Castlebar. Thanks to all the supporters who travelled to support her.
- ❑ This Saturday is a big day for CHFC when 3 of our U14 players compete in a Leinster Final against Kildare at 2pm and 3 of our U16's against Laois at 3:30pm in Ratoath. All support really appreciated.

Team Sponsors / Urraitheoirí na bhFoirne

While Premier Credit Union are the main Sponsors of the Castleknock Juvenile Section we have been very fortunate to have another 20 people / companies sponsor a team each. These people made it possible to provide all our young players, boys and girls, with new jerseys and they deserve a massive thank you. They will all have a place on www.castleknock.net where a new page will be online shortly with details of all our sponsors.

| Team | Mentor | Sponsor |
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| BOYS | | |
| Under 8 | Damien Whelan | Terry Mullins (Terry Mullins Construction) |
| Under 9A | Seamus Mc Kiernan | Paul Ryan (Linde Refrigeration) |
| Under 9B | John O'Sullivan | Colm Murphy (Colm Murphy Solicitors Laurel Lodge) |
| Under 10 A | Vinny Conway | Price Waterhouse Cooper Tom Quinn Tom Doyle Michael Mc Carty & Jim Duignan |
| Under 10 B | Eamonn Connor | Thomas Kelly (Dublin Bus) |
| Under 11 A | Gerry Cadden | Anonymous |
| Under 11 B | Michael Wylie & Eddie Byrne | Joe O'Reilly (IT Force) Michael Wylie |
| Under 12A | Larry Kennedy | Mick Galvin |
| Under 12 B | Kevin Hogan | John Keogh Kevin Hogan |
| Under 13 | Mick Marron | Jim Prunty Charlie Spillane |
| Under 14 | Mick Geraghty | Anonymous |
| Under 16 | Johnny Corcoran | Paul Garvey (Paul Garvey Construction) |
| GIRLS | | |
| Under 10 | Barbara O'Neill | Peter & Laura Donoghoe (Dalymont Tyres) Barbara O'Neill (O'Neill Quinn Solicitors) Q Design |
| Under 11 | Claire Byrne | Promotional Premium & Advertising Gifts (PPAG) |
| Under 14 | Frank Curley | Mick Lynch |
| Under 14 | Phillip Burke | Dominic Smith (Discount Electrical) |
| Under 14 | Con O'Gorman | Anonymous |
| Under 16 | John Hillery | Finbar Brady (Rathmines Inn) |

Go raibh míle maith agaibh



Team Photos For Sale / Grianghraif ar Dhíol

If you wish to purchase a photo of your team (as seen above), please fill in your details below, cut out the form and return to team mentor.

Size: 10" x 8" on Presentation Mount
 Cost: €12.50

Team Details

Team Name: _____ (e.g. U11 B Girls)

Mentor's Name: _____

Your Details

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Tick box if you wish to purchase the group photo which can be viewed on www.castleknock.net. This costs €17.50 and is 16" x 8" in size.

NOTE:

- Photos will be available to view at CCC from the weekend of 22 May 2004
- The Club is receiving a donation from the photographer for every photo bought

U9 Football: Castleknock v St. Brigids

Sat, 17th April 2004 (U9's pictured above)
 Result: 2 to 2

On Saturday 17th April our U9 footballers pictured above travelled the short distance to Russell Park to play our near neighbours and rivals St. Brigids. Despite the Easter holidays we had a great turnout of players, with thirty of our group there, and also a good attendance by the parents. Three very sporting, but competitive games were played, with the group divided into three nine aside teams. In some of the games Castleknock emerged victorious, but in the end Gaelic football won the day with a very good level of skill, commitment and positional sense shown by these kids who are only eight and nine years old. There will be many great battles between these players wearing the blue and gold of Castleknock and the red and white of St. Brigids in the years ahead.

The Castleknock players were: Eoghan O'Sullivan, Bernard O'Connor, Mark Moloney, Andrew Lonergan, Alex King, Cathal Hurley, Niall Whitelaw, Steven Curran, Matthew Murphy, Ciaran Coady, Colm Peelo, Thomas Byrne, Adam Shelly, Ciaran Balfe, Aodhan Peelo, Dylan Singleton, Ben McDonagh, Evan Kennelly, Michael Fahy, Conal Purcell, Kevin Ryan, Killian Healy, Jack Ryan, Colin Byrne, Jack Mullins, Paul Bourke, Paul Prunty, Darragh McCaffrey, Mark Prunty and Colin Lynch.

Summer Camps / Campáí Samhraidh 2004

Camp Dates: Hurling 5 – 9 July 2004
 Football 12 – 16 July 2004

Times: 10am – 2pm each day

Cost: €50 per child per camp

Contact: John O'Sullivan
 086 1729988

- Forms are available from mentors and from John O'Sullivan and need to be returned before the end of May
- Camps are usually oversubscribed so book early to avoid disappointment
- Make sure to provide details of how you can be contact during the camp
- A single cheque for the total cost of the camp needs to be made payable to Castleknock Hurling and Football Club