



CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB

Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán Cnucha

NEWSLETTER

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Annual General Meeting

The was a good attendance at the Castleknock Hurling and Football Club Annual General Meeting held on Sunday afternoon January 25 in Westmanstown. The following officers and committees were elected for the 2004 season:

Executive Committee: Chairman - John Hillery, Vice Chairman - Mick Lynch, Secretary - Vivian Peelo, Treasurer - Charlie Spillane, Assistant Treasurer - Eamonn Connor Registrar - Laura Donoghue, Juvenile Chairman - Ciaran Prunty, Communications - Tony Nulty, Irish & Cultural Officer - Barbara O'Neill, Co. Board Rep. - Joe Murray, Joe O'Reilly, David Leydon, Johnny Corcoran, Jim Healy, Donál Cunningham.

Juvenile Committee: Juvenile Chairman - Ciaran Prunty, Vice Chairman - Johnny Corcoran, Secretary - Sean McLaughlin.

Ladies Committee: Chairperson - Barbara O'Neill, Secretary - Mags Heelan

General Club News / Nuacht Gineáralta

- ❑ Condolences: The Club offers our condolences to Marie Wiley on the death of her father Christopher McCann. To Brendan Griffin on the recent death of his father and to Val McDonald and Pat Convery on their recent sad bereavements.
- ❑ Please return all outstanding membership forms and membership fee as soon as possible, Contact Vivian Peelo (086 804 8749) or Laura Donoghue (086 369 4634) if you require a form.
- ❑ Ladies Football Training: Combined Adult & U-16 Ladies Football training commences Thursday 5th Feb at 9.30 pm in Coolmine Sports Complex All-Weather facility. For further details please contact Fiona Brennan (086 384 3647) or John Hillery (087 259 1922).
- ❑ Training for all adult footballers and hurlers continues in Islandbridge on Monday's at 7.30pm and in Blanchardstown IT on Thursday's at 9.00pm. All new players welcome. Contact Donál Cunningham (086 618 9857) for further details.
- ❑ Well done to the U-16 Football Players who were honoured: Sarah Cadden – "Most Improved Player 2003" and to Rachel Fleming & Lorna Hillery – "Player of the Year 2003" (Joint Award).
- ❑ Castleknock U10 played Confey of Kildare in an indoor Hurling competition. Each team played 2 games, the first game for 15 minutes and the second game for 10 minutes. Overall result Castleknock wins 3 draw 1 lost 2.
- ❑ Come along and join in the Céili Dancing in Laurel Lodge Community Centre on Friday Nights between 9 p.m. – 10 p.m. All are welcome to come along! Admission €3.
- ❑ New arrivals: Congratulations to Seamus and Linda McKiernan on the recent birth of their baby girl and to Dennis and Ber Lally on their new baby boy.
- ❑ Bon voyage to adult hurler Simon Cahill and his wife Fiona who are heading to Australia for a year.
- ❑ Congratulations to club stalwarts Noel O' Reilly (brother of Joe) and Kathy's Fitzsimons on their recent marriage in Mauritius.
- ❑ Best of luck to Deborah Gerathy Leanne Quinn who were called up to the Dublin U14 football county panel
- ❑ Camogie training in Mount Sackville for beginners (U6 upwards) every Monday evening at 6pm. On Monday evening at 8pm for U14 and on Wednesday's at 8pm for U13.



New 'Castleknock' Jerseys

In an exciting development in our club history we have recently launched our new unique Club jersey (see above). Among the reasons for this are: many of our existing jerseys need replacement, our existing style clashes with Na Fianna among others and also because we are on the verge of announcing a sponsorship deal.

To avoid any team feeling less valued we are going to try to change all jerseys in mid-March. To meet the substantial cost of changing 20 sets of jerseys we are launching a **team sponsorship** scheme. For €800 you can sponsor a team for 3 years and contribute to securing new jerseys and also to the cost of running the team. We hope to have a sponsor found for each team by **1 March 2004**. As a thank you to the team sponsor a special package has been put together (details on attached letter).

Finally we are deeply indebted to all the individuals and companies who have provided us with sponsorship for jerseys since 1998 – Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

If you or a business contact would like to sponsor a team please fill in the form on the attached letter and return it to a Club mentor directly or email info@castleknock.net. Alternatively, if you require further information please don't hesitate to contact either Joe O'Reilly (087 854 0762) or David Leydon (086 326 2208).

**** See attached letter or Club website for full details of this exciting Club development ****

Dates for your Diary / Dátaí don Dialann

Irish Dancing	Friday nights (See general news item above)
Scór Sinsear	Feb 11 th in Craobh Chairain
Pub Quiz:	The Bell. 17 th February 2004 at 9.00pm sharp. €20 per team of 4.
Irish Night:	March 16 th 2004. Westmanstown.
Golf Classic:	Hollystown. Friday 18 th June 2004.
Summer camps:	Hurling July 5 th 2004, Football July 12 th 2004

Gaeltacht Scholarships

The Dublin Co. Board is offering Gaeltacht Scholarships to registered players U15 years of age. To qualify, send a copy of your Gaeltacht deposit receipt to Sean Kavanagh, 5, St. James' Rd. Greenhills, Dunlin 12. He will send you an application form. Interviews will follow receipt of applications. Grants will be paid on return from the Gaeltacht.

St. Francis Hospice Racenight –Thanks for your support

The Race night fundraising account has only recently been wound up. The final amount being transferred to the Dublin 15 Hospice Building Fund is €54,200. As we sign off on the project we are very conscious of the huge wave of support within the club that propelled the initiative and made the event such a resounding success.

Whatever you may have done to help whether it was selling horses, securing sponsorship, putting up a sign or contributing financially yourself, we would like to say a big thank you.

The Racenight Organising Team

Club Profile / Beathaisnéisín

Name: Barbara O'Neill
Age: 40+
Status: Married
From: Cork
Present Position in Club: Chairperson of Ladies Committee
Favourite Music: Neil Diamond, Bruce Springsteen
Favourite TV program: Sport, documentaries
How do you relax outside football: Not a lot! Walking, Reading
Pet dislike: Housework!
If I won the Club Lotto: Holidays here we come!
Most admired GAA player: Setanta O' hAilpin- lives up to his name!
Favourite GAA ground: Croke Park
Tips for Football/ Camogie: Cork to win the Camogie of course! and Dublin Ladies to win the Football!
Ambition: To see our Club win Scor All- Ireland!
Do I see myself as a good dancer? : Ask Chris! I don't look at myself when I'm dancing!

Craic agus Ceol traidisiunta

Castleknock Hurling & Football Club are hosting an evening of Traditional Irish Music, Song and Dance for all the family from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in Westmanstown on 16th March 2004. (Free Admission with Mineral Bar Only).



But the Craic doesn't stop there for the adults who will have a session from 9.30 p.m. till late! This part of the evening will be ticket only which will be on sale soon in the Club Shop.

If anyone is interested in taking part in the singing, dancing or music on the night please contact Laura at 086 964634 or Babara 086 3782419.

U-10 Girls football challenge -v- Scoil Ui Chonail

After a 10:15 am rendezvous @ Tír na nÓg, and much discussion regarding the best route to our destination, the U-10 girls set out for their first away football match in a Castleknock shirt. How would it go? No one could be sure, our hosts Scoil Ui Chonail are an established club with good players and an enviable set-up. Would they show us how it was done? Maybe, but our girls were up for it.

The game started with Castleknock playing into a stiff breeze. The girls started with a little nervousness on their maiden away assignment, and soon found themselves a point behind. With some slick passing and good teamwork, the Castleknock girls soon found some rhythm and a wonderful move finished with an outstanding goal by Niamh Kiernan. The hosts, with the aid of the wind, applied the pressure and added 1 – 01 to have a two point lead at the interval.

Half time score Castleknock 1-0 Scoil Ui Chonail 1 –02

The Castleknock girls used the breeze to great territorial advantage in the second half and pinned the good Scoil team in their own half for long periods. It is testament to the spirit and skill of the Castleknock team that they were scoreless for the half. Unfortunately we could not score ourselves, despite many chances and plenty of wides to nick a victory.

The game finished Castleknock 1-0 Scoil Ui Chonail 1 –02
Notable performance on the day came from Aofie Finnerty, Fiona Black, Ciara Mc Donnell, but an outstanding display by Sorcha Quinn in the second half earns my "man of the match" award on this occasion.

Scór Sinsear

Our Club will be taking part in Scor Sinsear (Adult Scor for over 17's) on 11th February in Craobh Chairain, Parnell Park at 8 p.m. We will have entries in the following categories:

Céili Dancing Team, Recitation, Ballad Group, Solo Singing, Instrumental Music, Question Time.

Please come along and support our Club's Entrants on the night.



Castleknock U13's play Crossmaglen

On Saturday morning 10th January, Castleknock U13's under new management of Michael Marron, Charlie Spillane & Jim Dunne headed north across the border to County Armagh to face the mighty Crossmaglen Rangers. With a good squad of players and many parents on board everybody was looking forward to the trip to this famed ground.

A game of 3 x 20 minute periods was played. Crossmaglen wasted little time in stamping their authority on the game and took a good lead going into the first break. Castleknock started the second period in determined fashion and tried to upset the Crossmaglen side's rhythm, but were still behind on the scoreboard. In the third period Castleknock produced a strong finish and picked off some fine scores, battling gamely to the end to finish the game level.

The panel of players included Fergal Murphy, Jack King, Wesley Roberts, Conor Murray, Philip Byrne, Brian Dunne, Daragh Prunty, Jamie Tunney, Eoghan Spillane, Adam Lacey, Cillian Daly, Collie Regan, Sam Henderson, Vincent Turner, Óisín Hunt, Óisín Smith, Eoghan O'Connor, Stephen Carroll, Mark Kellet, David Creegan, Cian Spillane, and David Lacey.

After the game both teams and supporters flocked into the magnificent Clubhouse for lunch supplied by the hosts. Charlie Spillane made a presentation to the Crossmaglen manager Des O'Neill of an action picture of Francie Bellew against the Dubs in the 2002 championship and also a book on the history of Castleknock written by local historian Jim Lacey.

Lotto News / Nuacht

Lotto numbers and winners drawn in January 2004.

Winning Numbers The Carpenter Thursday 8th January.

3 4 10 25 **Jackpot €5,400**

No JACKPOT winner. 7 match 3 winners - € 30 each

Dr. Etop Akpan, John Keogh, James Mahony, Seán Littleton, Marian Donoghue, Sam McKeever, Willie Fogarty

Winning Numbers The Bell Thursday, 15th January.

1 9 17 21 **Jackpot €5,600**

No JACKPOT winner. 9 'Match 3' winners each receive €25.

Mary Bates, Tom Doyle, Carol O'Neill, John Clarke, Con Pendred, Dermot Conlon, Pairic Madden, Dermot Kelly, Peter O' Brien

Winning Numbers Myo's Thursday 22nd January.

11 13 20 26 **Jackpot €5,800**

No JACKPOT winner. 3 'match three' winners - €70 each

Gerry Walker, Pam Fagan, Emer Byrne

Winning Numbers Myos Thursday 29th January.

8 12 15 22 **Jackpot €6,000**

7 "Match 3" winners - €30 each. *Cathal Brughá FC, Helen Coleman, Joe Murphy, Alan O'Rafferty, Kavanagh Family, Mary Moynihan Doyle, Jimmy Mullins*

Stuck in the city and haven't got your LOTTO? Then drop into Cumiskey's in Little Dominick St. and try your luck. A 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.