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6th Annual Golf Classic

On Friday 11th of June in Hollystown we had our 6th Annual Golf Classic. As well as being an enjoyable day out this is a vital fundraiser in our Club's calendar and a very sincere thanks you to all who made it a resounding success, in particular to our generous main sponsors Flynn & Associates Auctioneers.

The CHFC Golf Classic has now become one of the biggest GAA Golf Classics in North Dublin, so congratulations to the organisers, Mick Lynch, Charlie Spillane and co., on a job well done.

The winning team of Patrick Flanagan, Noel O'Connor, Gerry O'Connor, Bill O'Connor all come from the Beaverstown and Donabate Golf Clubs.

An enjoyable Social Night was held in The Bell that evening with some excellent Prizes on offer.

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Teams:

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Winners:

1st Patrick Flanagan's Team: Patrick Flanagan, Noel O'Connor, Gerry O'Connor, Bill O'Connor

2nd Jim Maron's Team: Jim Marron, Leo Marron, Aiden Vadley, Derek Nicholson

3rd Tom Stanley, Jim Clancy, Al Stein, Gerry Harrington

4th Gerry McIntyre's Team: Gerry McIntyre, Brian Fleming, Martin Walsh, Pat Guinan

5th Frank Brown's Team: Frank Brown, Dónal Cunningham, Ger Cunningham, Con Gibney

Nearest the Pin sponsored by Michael Fetherston: Derek Nicholson (Hole in One)

Longest Drive sponsored by Hugh Hourican (Boars Head): Mick Greaney

General Club News / Nuacht Ginearalta

- ❑ CHFC Summer Juvenile Summer Camps are currently under way with the Hurling Camp finishing this week and the Football Camp starting on Monday July 12th.
- ❑ Best of luck to our three young county representatives Deborah Gerathy, Leann Quinn and Ailish McKenna, who are on the Dublin U14 team who face Mayo in the All-Ireland Final on Saturday 17th Of July in Birr Co. Offaly.
- ❑ Hard luck to the Dublin U16 girls, Emma Bates, Lorna Hillery and Rachel Flemming and Team Manager John Hillery who were beaten by 2 points by Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final.
- ❑ Best of luck to Rory Corcoran who is on the Dublin U16 team who are playing in the O'Reilly tournament in Oldcastle, Co. Meath. The Dubs beat Meath, lost to Westmeath and now face Cavan in this famous tournament.

LOTTO NEWS

Lotto numbers and winners drawn in the month of June 2004.

Winning Numbers: The Bell on Thursday 10th June 2004

8 14 20 26 Jackpot €2,200
No JACKPOT winner. 3 "Match 3" winners - €70 each.
Caitríona Prunty, Tina Casey, Joe O'Reilly

Winning Numbers: Myos for Thursday, 17 June 2004

2 6 7 21 Jackpot €2,400
No JACKPOT winner. 9 "Match 3" winners - €25 each.
Fergal Black, Michael Brady, Oliver Coffey, Brid Considine, Carmel Geraghty, Kevin Gormley, Derek Lowndes, Sean O'Brien, Frank Peel

Winning Numbers: Bradys for Thursday 24 June 2004

1 6 9 16 Jackpot €2,600
No JACKPOT winner. 10 "Match 3" winners - €20 each.
Mairéad Nulty, John Thomson, Neil McDermott, Paul Slevin, Colm Baker, Eileen Hayde, Michael Manning, Seamus Quinn, Breda O'Hara, Sam McKeever

Winning Numbers: The Carpenter for Thursday 1 July

3 8 10 19 Jackpot €2,800
No JACKPOT winner. 11 "Match 3" winners €20 each.
N & M Boland, Seán Littleton, John Thomson, Helen Byrne, Gerry Donohoe, Kevin Hogan, Gerard Kindlon, Lynda Phillips, Jim Prunty, Eileen Hayde, Stephen Galen

Next Lotto Draws: Thursday 8 July 2004 – The Bell
Thursday 15 July 2004 – Myos
Thursday 22 July 2004 – Bradys
Thursday 29 July 2004 – The Carpenter

Tráth Na gCeist

Well done to the Tráth Na gCeist team who came a credible fourth in the All Ireland Final of the GAA Irish Language Quiz. The final was held in Croke Park before the Offaly v. Wexford Leinster Final. The team comprised of Barbara O'Neill, Gráinn Uí Chaomhánaigh, Antoine Ó Cleirigh and Dáithí Loideáin.



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ALL-IRELAND FÉILE IN TYRONE – JULY '04



Castleknock U14 Div 1 Team members

Féile Peil Na nÓg Na hÉireann Tír Eoghain 2004 was held from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th in Tyrone. Castleknock U14 girls who earlier in the year were crowned Dublin Féile champions proudly represented Dublin in Division 1 of this prestigious All Ireland ladies football competition.

They gave an unbelievable account of themselves by winning their group and reaching the All Ireland semi-final only to be beaten by the eventual winners, Southern Gaels of Kerry.

Castleknock were in Group A with Errigal Ciaran (Tyrone Champions and hosts to Castleknock), Beara (Cork) and Aodh Rua (Tyrone). Group B included Truagh (Monaghan), Kileeshil (Tyrone) and Loughmacorry (Tyrone). Group C included Southern Gaels of Kerry, Dunboyne (Meath), An Charraig Mhor (Tyrone), and Dromore (Tyrone). Group D included Hollymount (Mayo), Corafin (Galway), Sperrin Óg (Tyrone), Glenelly (Tyrone).



Castleknock banner in Feile Peil Na nÓg 2004 parade

Errigal Ciaran: Castleknock's first match was on Friday afternoon against Errigal Ciaran on their home pitch and what a cracker it turned out to be. Errigal have represented Tyrone for the past 5 years and had high hopes for this year but Castleknock had other ideas. Playing against the breeze in the first half Castleknock came under severe pressure from a fast moving and skill-full Errigal team who were boosted in their full-forward line by Áine Canavan, daughter of the great Peter Canavan. The Castleknock backs coped well with Leann Quinn playing in a sweeper role being very effective. Caroline Lynch was having a great game at right half back until going off injured. Caroline was a big loss to us in the backs as she was unable to play for the remainder of the tournament. The play was non-stop from end to end with Grace O'Neill and Sinead Egan being particularly effective at mid-field. With minutes to go the teams were tied and Noelle Farrell, team captain scored a great winning point. Final score was 1-05 to 2-01.

Aodh Rua: Next up was Aodh Rua on Saturday morning. This turned out to be less daunting match with Castleknock on top throughout. Louise Hannon has a superb game scoring two goals and tormenting the Aodh Rua defence. Fiona Curley was very solid at full back with great support from Ciara Prunty, Katie Kilkenny and Niamh Quinn. Ciara McDonnell worked very hard throughout and scored a well taken goal. Goalie Cheryl Cooney made an excellent save from a penalty. Up front Edel Quinn provided great supply of ball to full forward line and Sinead Egan scored 3 well taken points. The final score was 3-07 to 1-01.

Beara: The next match against Beara proved to be the group final as Beara also won their two matches and what a final it turned out to be. Beara have also won the competition outright for the past two years. Castleknock looked dwarfed against the physically stronger Cork champions but the girls fighting spirit, determination and teamwork more than made up for it. It was a fight to the death in a close marking, highly skill-full and end to end battle throughout. Sinead Egan and Ailish McKenna played their hearts out at midfield against their powerful Beara opponents and kept them at bay for most of the match providing good supply to the forwards.

Deborah Geraghty showed why she is one of the top forwards in Ireland at Under 14 level scoring Castleknock's entire tally of 1-3 against a tight marking and uncompromising defence. She was ably supported by Ciara Mc Donnell, Alison Murphy and Shauna Bates in particular, giving some excellent passes. In the Castleknock defence Leann Quinn, Denise Convery, Ciara Prunty and Michelle Hoare performed heroics to keep the Beara forwards at bay and carved out a great victory to reach the All Ireland semi-final. Final score 1-03 to 1-02.

Southern Gaels: Castleknock's opponents in semi-final were Southern Gaels of Kerry. Playing into a strong breeze in the first half the Castleknock defence was under sever pressure with all 6 backs, especially Michelle Hoare, Ciara Prunty and Leanne Quinn as sweeper keeping their Kerry opponents at bay. With the strong breeze in their favour it was a confident Castleknock going into the second half with the score line at 1-1 to 0-1 in favour of Southern Gaels. However, early on there were obvious signs of weary legs from the Beara match and when the Kerry representatives got through for two goals in quick succession the match was over as a contest. On the day the better team won convincingly. Final score 4-02 to 0-04.



Castleknock U14 Team Captain Noelle Farrell pictured here with Tyrone All-Ireland winning Captain Peter Canavan

SKILLS COMPETITION: Michelle Hoare represented the club in the skills competition and did very well by coming 2nd in the group.

KEY PLAYERS IN THE COMPETITION: In the backs Leann Quinn was very effective in her sweeper role and saved the day on many occasions while Denise Convery was a very consistent performer at centre-back. At midfield Ailish McKenna and Sinead Egan worked tirelessly and covered enormous ground throughout.

In the forwards Deborah Geraghty was once again our top scorer and showed she is a player of exceptional talent. Ciara McDonnell's work-rate and ability to carry the ball was very impressive. Noelle Farrell at full-forward played a captains part leading and encouraging her troops as they fought and won each battle. While the above players were particularly prominent the entire panel of 24 made their contribution at different stages both when playing and while supporting from the sideline.

Pat Convery, Castleknock manager, afterwards paid a glowing tribute to his team for their great fighting spirit, team work and skill to reach the closing stages of what was a memorable competition. He said every member of the panel of 24 can be justly proud of their achievements and take comfort from the fact that their conquests went on to win the competition outright. He also paid tribute to Errigal Ciaran for being such excellent hosts for the weekend.

PANEL: 1. Cheryl Cooney; 2. Michelle Hoare; 3. Fiona Curley; 4. Grace O'Neill; 5. Ciara Prunty; 6. Denise Convery ; 7. Caroline Lynch; 8. Ailish McKenna; 9. Sinead Egan; 10. Ciara McDonnell 11. Shauna Bates; 12. Alison Murphy, 13. Leann Quinn; 14. Noelle Farrell (Captain), 15. Deborah Geraghty; 16. Edel Quinn 17. Louise Hannon; 18. Leanne Ryan; 19. Niamh Quinn, 20. Katie Kilkenny; 21. Jessie Boyle; 22. Eimear Shannon; 23. Aidean Ronan, 24. Tara Lynch

Mentors: Pat Convery (Manager), Frank Curley, Valerie McDonnell and Nancy Egan.

The Féile Experience



Feile Atha Cliath 2004 Winners before embarking for Feile Peil Na nOg 2004 in Tyrone

There was much to be admired in a truly great festival of sport and friendship. The exemplary behaviour of the girls over the week-end both on and off the pitch is worthy of special mention and recognition. Our success in the competition winning our group and getting to the semi-final only to be beaten by the eventual winners. It was a true team effort with a very high level of skill, great determination and fighting spirit.

The team was relaxed but fully focused before matches, thus getting the best out of them. Although disappointed, they accepted defeat when it came against Kerry and soon lifted their heads to wish the Kerry girls good luck in the final. We also had success in the skills competition coming second in our group.



Castleknock panel with hosts Errigal Ciaran

The hospitality of the host club Errigal Ciaran was exceptional to both the girls, mentors and parents so much so that we felt duty bound to return the compliment this year. We look forward to the return visit to Castleknock in the not to distant future. Of particular note was the friendships made between the girls from both clubs. The week-end has formed a very good bond between the two clubs.

The support we picked up as the competition progressed, particularly from the Errigal Ciaran girls but also from other clubs, Truagh from Monaghan and Dunboyne in the semi-final.

The parade was a spectacular event organised with military precision marshalling 156 teams of 24. Castleknock were extremely well presented competing with the best in their tracksuits, banners and flags. If there had been a prize for singing during the parade the girls would have won it! Finding our way around Tyrone proved an interesting and challenging experience at times for some of us.



Under 8 Boys Football

Game 1 : Castleknock (1) 9 Whitehall Colmcilles (2) 7

Castleknock proved a little too strong in the opening 10-a-side encounter in what proved to be a very tight contest. Kane Hogan was top scorer with one goal and two points and both Shane Coffey and Abdullah Abassi scored excellent points. Some great defensive work from Conor Gormally, Cathal Sheerin and Brendan Kearney ensured the Castleknock boys were victorious.

Game 2 : Castleknock (2) 7 Whitehall Colmcilles (1) 13

The boys from Castleknock came up against a very strong Whitehall side in the second game. Two well taken goals from Oisín Finnerty were the highlight for Castleknock, but most of the Castleknock points came from blocks and catches from the defenders Justin Lowndes, Daniel O'Neill and the excellent Adam Prior. It's ironic that a lot of the Whitehall points came from Castleknock boys Luke Whelan and Kevin Stephenson who performed brilliantly against their own team mates.

Game 3 : Castleknock (1) 17 Whitehall Colmcilles (1) 12

Castleknock were quickly out of the blocks and took a quick lead thanks to three points from Shane Coffey and one from Cathal Sheerin. Arther Roberts and Andrew McDonnell also scored well with some great blocks and catches. Whitehall came back strongly but Castleknock held on for victory thanks to further scores from Fionn Leavy, Cian Kelly and Sean Cummins.

Game 4 : Castleknock (2) 9 Whitehall Colmcilles (2) 13

Whitehall raced into a big lead early on thanks to some fine points and catches, but Castleknock battled back well and Adam Kelly and Jordan Toland kicked two lovely points. Simon O'Callaghan and Richard McInerney also scored well with some great blocks. Great defensive work from Michael McKiernan and Caolan O'Donnell couldn't keep their opponents out as Whitehall ran out winners.

U8 squad: Daragh Conway, Colum Breslin, Brian Allen, Fionn Leavy, Andrew McDonnell, Abdullah Abassi, Brendan Kearney, Kane Hogan, Cian Kelly, Luke Whelan, Jordan Toland, Cathal Sheerin, Conor Gormally, Sean Cummins, Daire Murphy, Arthur Roberts, Adam Kelly, Kevin Stephenson, Caolan O'Donnell, Shane Coffey, Michael McKiernan, Adam Prior, Ben Galvin, Ryan McDonnell, Eoin McDonald-Kelly, Daniel O'Neill, Charles Zivaljevic, Richard McInerney, Justin Lowndes, Oisín Finnerty, and Simon O'Callaghan.

U9 Boys Football

We had a very busy week of football at U9 level as firstly we were invited to take part in the Gerard Canavan Annual Tournament, which takes place at O'Tooles GAA Club.

On Tuesday night our section of the competition commenced and we found ourselves in the same division as Fingalians and Craobh Chiarain. The teams were nine aside with each game lasting half an hour. Our first game was against Fingalians and even though we had nearly total possession of the ball in the first half we were defeated 2-03 to 1-3.

In our second game we made up for the earlier loss, beating Craobh Chiarain 4-10 to 0-0. This gave us a very attractive semi final spot against Parnell's on Thursday evening. What a match this turned out to be. Looking at the size of some of the Parnell's team as the game was commencing, one would have been inclined to ask was this their U11 team. But this did not bother our lads as they played their hearts out and leveled the game right at the full time whistle. Five minutes extra time was played with Castleknock scoring first and still holding the lead with a minute to go, but like many GAA stories, just as we thought victory was ours a Parnell's forward managed to put the ball past our keeper.

This questionable score was allowed by the ref. However despite all the odds we had more than enough chances to win the game. The tournament was a good experience for the team for the future.

Castleknock panel: Darragh McCaffrey, Killian Healy, Dylan Singleton, Colin Lynch, Paul Bourke, Liam Quinn, Evan Kennelly, Jack Mullins, Kevin Ryan, Darragh McKiernan, Colin Byrne, Jack Ryan, Mark Prunty, Paul Prunty, Michael Fahy, Niall O'Callaghan and Thomas Byrne .

Curraha, Co. Meath On Wednesday evening we were hosts to Curraha GAA club Co. Meath at CCC, where we played a very entertaining 15 aside game with the same panel of players taking part. This match was played in typical Dublin/Meath fashion with the Meath lads showing great ability to tackle and hunt in packs and the Castleknock lads demonstrating great skill at blocking, tackling, and scoring. Castleknock won the game 3-07 to 0-05.

Junior Hurling Championship

Na Fianna 0-09 –v- Castleknock 3-11 6th July 2004

Castleknock travelled to Molbi road, a proud and traditional venue of the "Na Fianna", the fighting warriors of Ireland, for third last game in the B Section of the Junior B Championship. It was a competitive game throughout and started brightly for the visitors with points from Tommy Corcoran, Ciaran Galloway and Cuan MacAogain. Na Fianna opened their scoring account before Mikey Barry hit a thunderous shot to the back of the net to leave the away side ahead by five points.

At this stage the home side roused themselves and rattled off a couple of good scores to leave them only one score behind. The away side went clear when Paul Morrissey latched onto a scrappy ball, to score another goal for Castleknock. The forward lines were moving quickly and picking off good points. At half time the scores was Na Fianna 0.7 Castleknock 2.6

There was another bright opening by Castleknock in the second half, while the Na Fianna full back was having a very good game, keeping the goals out. Enda Shiels (with his brand new hurl) scored the vital goal to push Castleknock clear. The second half was very competitive and notably Na Fianna didn't allow Castleknock an easy passage. In the end Castleknock were worthy winners of a good game.

Final Score: Na Fianna 0-09 Castleknock 3.11

Castleknock Scores: Cuan MacAogain (0-3), Paul Morrissey (1-1), Tommy Corcoran (0-1), Ciaran Galloway (0-3), Ciaran O'Dwyer (0-1), Mikey Barry (1-1), Enda Shiels (1-1)

Na Fianna Scores: Liam Walsh (Castleknock Wing back) – (0-1).

Next Championship Fixture in Porterstown on Tuesday evening 13th July in Porterstown against Faughs – all support welcome.

U-11 Girls Football Div1

Castleknock 4-05 Thomas Davis 5-00

Castleknock U11 Girls won by 2 points over Thomas Davis in a tough thriller last Thursday, in the final league match before the summer break at Porterstown.

The rain held off in Porterstown to reward the big turnout and see an excellent match between two evenly matched teams. Castleknock knew they were in for a tough contest, as Thomas Davis won a pre-season warm up match earlier in the year. Once again Aisling O'Donnell was outstanding for Castleknock in midfield. Covering all parts of the pitch in defence and adding 1-2 to her tally going forward. Jessie Lynch for Thomas Davis showed great grit also in midfield by scoring 2 goals and constantly put the Castleknock defence under pressure for the entire match. Aisling Tierney's was unluckily not to get a goal as her shot from a tight angle hit the crossbar and went over for a point.

Edel Eglington was solid in central defence for Castleknock showing some skilful block downs and clearances to keep the half time score even with Castleknock 1-3 Thomas Davis 2-0. Castleknock stepped up the pace in the second half with strong attacking runs by Maeve Byrne by getting Nicola Fagan into position for the opening goal of the second half. Castleknock could have run away with the match only for Niamh Harmon in goal for Thomas Davis with some superb saves and clearances out the wing. Jessica Comerford put in a fine performance for Castleknock by adding a goal and a point in open play to her earlier point from a free kick.

Thomas Davis kept up the attacks and were only one point behind with 10 minutes to go in the match. Halfbacks for Castleknock Anna Cunniffe & Caitriona Murphy held their ground under pressure with great blocking which prevented certain points and kicking the ball clear of danger. Orla Boyle got a crucial goal for Castleknock to stretch their lead and put a cushion between the two teams, but back came Thomas Davis with another goal in the last few minutes. In the end it was Aisling O'Donnell's final point that gave Castleknock a 2 point victory.

Well done to both teams for a well spirited and nail biting match. This victory sets up a thrilling finish to the season after the summer with Castleknock contesting for top honours in the Girls U11 Division 1 final few games.

Castleknock: A O'Shea, C Maher, E Eglington, O Cashell, M Waters, A Cunniffe, C Murphy, A O'Donnell, A Saeid, N Fagan, J Comerford, M Byrne, A Tierney, O Boyle, E Spain, A Creaner, C King, L Walters.

Mentors: Clare Byrne, Pat Comerford & Martina Reidy

U12 FEILE LAIGHEAN 2004

Castleknock Hurling and Football Club hosted the U12 Leinster Feile 2004 Hurling Tournament on Saturday last in Porterstown. Three clubs visited from Young Ireland, Kilkenny, St. Pats, Wicklow and Good Counsel, Drimnagh.

Young Ireland

Castleknock played their first game against Young Ireland. Both teams played great Hurling with first class performances from the Castleknock backs, Luke Kelly, Ian Donoghue and Donal Lane. Our half backs, Fiachra Costello, Ros Mullins and David Sweeney also showed great skill and determination. There wasn't much between the sides at half time. However, Young Ireland proved to be the stronger in the second half and won the game.

St. Pats

Castleknock played their second game against St. Pats of Wicklow. Castleknock started well with Dane O'Neill scoring four great goals and Colm Walker scored some great points from out-field. Sean Healy, Evin Kennedy, and Michael Weldon kept St. Pats under pressure in mid-field. Goal Keeper, Paul Donoghue made some fantastic saves and scrambled the ball off the line several times. Castleknock proved to be the better and the score ended Castleknock 8 – 4 to St. Pats 3 – 0.

Good Counsel

Castleknock's U12 third game was played against Good Counsel, Drimnagh. Castleknock started strong with good work from the mid-fields and forwards. Captain, Sean Healy, Cian Spillane, and Gerard Keogh played brilliantly, always getting to the ball first, working together and getting some great shots at goal. Brian Kennedy, Kevin Gallagher and Colm O'Shea helped Castleknock to a great victory over Good Counsel with the score ending at Castleknock 7 – 3 to Good Counsel 1 – 3.

Castleknock's Manager, John Keogh was delighted with the performance from the Castleknock players. He thanked the visiting teams for a great day of Hurling and the Managers, Liam Walsh, Young Ireland, Kilkenny, Tadgh O'Flaherty, St. Pats, Wicklow and Derek Heavey, Good Counsel, Drimnagh and hoped they would meet again soon.

Club Shop

Well done to Harry Shannon who gave our Mobile Club Shop a new look recently!

Harry installed a pinewood counter, shelving, information holders, notice boards, a hurl holder, blinds and floor covering.



The Club Shop is open every Saturday morning just outside Tír na nÓg (CCC) from 10.00 am. – 11.30 a.m. We now have a wide range of gear in stock as listed here, both for adults and juveniles which includes the new Club jersey, shorts and rain jacket.

Helping out at the Shop, we have below Mary Corcoran displaying Club Shorts and Phil Shannon holding our Club Jersey.

