



CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB

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CLUB FACILITIES URGENTLY REQUIRED – WE NEED YOUR HELP

As our members are aware, Castleknock Hurling and Football Club has rapidly grown since its birth 6 years ago in 1998. Our Grounds Committee have been working tirelessly for the last five years, with the assistance of the County Manager, to secure adequate facilities for our members.

At a recent meeting of Fingal County Council, the Fingal County Manager's proposal was narrowly defeated: 11 votes to 10 by the County Councillors. The Fingal Manager's proposal would have incorporated lands for sporting clubs, community facilities and green open space in addition to housing, in proximity to the existing rail network, which was sympathetic to national policy guidelines.

As a consequence of this vote, Fingal County Council has no land to offer any sporting organisations in our area including Castleknock Hurling and Football Club. We now have a membership of over 800! The vast majority of our members are juveniles – 600 in total. Our children need a home to call their own. This need is urgent. Take for example all our young boys and girls who don't have access to a toilet, let alone access to adequate changing rooms as the Club currently stands.

Notwithstanding the difficulties that the lack of a home of our own creates we have had some fantastic achievements both on and off the field. Our greatest achievement is arguably providing sport and recreation facilities to over 800 children and adults. The positive influence of sporting activities on our children is very well documented, not forgetting the positive benefit that the Club has on the social cohesion of the Community.

Why we urgently need a home of our own:

- Growth in membership: 2002 - 275; 2003 – 550; 2004 – 800 and growing.
- To continue providing access to sporting activities for both the boys and girls and men and women of the area
- No toilet facilities - it is not acceptable for teenage girls in particular
- 14 rented venues needed for winter training spread all over the Dublin 15
- We regularly have to concede home advantage in competitive fixtures
- Our youth is the future of our community – they need a home in their local area



Some of our recent on-field achievements include:

- Our U14 Ladies are the current Dublin Champions who will represent the County in the National Féile Finals this Summer in Tyrone
- Our Adult County Champion Junior Hurlers
- 8 juvenile members on Dublin County teams,
- 6 of our young players compete for Dublin Ladies at U-14 and U-16 level, both teams are in All-Ireland Semi Finals
- One of our members is on the Dublin Senior Ladies Football Panel
- League wins and tournament wins in numerous under-age groups



Castleknock Hurling and Football Club are the Community

- Raising over €56,000 in aid of the St. Francis Hospice – thanks to our extensive support
- Providing coaches to our local schools
- Social activities for our members and friends
- Cultural activities -All-Ireland Scór Finalist, Dublin Scór Champions, Scór na nÓg Champion Irish Dancers

What we need? We need facilities of our own to cater for our needs. Over 800 people have voted with their feet and joined our Club because of the services we provide to our Community.

What you can do? We will not let this setback divert us from our objective of securing adequate facilities to which we are entitled. We ask you to raise the issue of when adequate facilities will be provided for our Club with election candidates during the current election campaign.

We would ask you to do this in a positive and constructive manner, and judge for yourself what each candidate will specifically do.

As Castleknock Hurling & Football Club continues to flourish with the sustained support and goodwill of the wider community, we are encouraged by the level of public support for the positive and constructive work for the youth within our community. We remain confident that our public representatives will listen to our needs and respond in both a meaningful and constructive manner.

Junior 'B' footballers bow out to Templeogue in Championship

Castleknock 'B's' bowed out of the D Championship to Templeogue/Synge St in a tight match in Porterstown on Thursday 20th May last. A strong team took the pitch in front of a sizeable home crowd on a perfect night for football.

Castleknock got off the mark with Ambrose Galligan getting through for an early point. Templeogue got back into the match with some nice points of their own following some good interplay between their forwards.

As the half wore on Castleknock got a foothold in the game with Rory Doogan making some telling runs from midfield and Alan Rafferty winning some good ball on the edge of the square. This resulted in a few frees which JP Corkery slotted over. One of the best scores of the half was a brilliant effort from the sideline off the outside of the right boot from John Corkery. Unfortunately Templeogue snapped out of it and scored two break away goals through their lively forwards to go in six points up at the break.

Castleknock went out in a determined mood in the second half and rattled off an early score through the free-taking of JP Corkery. Templeogue weren't going to lie down and matched Castleknock score for score. Rory Doogan really stepped up to the plate at this stage and fired over some vital scores for Castleknock. There was still 5 points in it when a long ball from Eoin Moloney found its way into the hands of the Alan Rafferty and the Tribesman made no mistake from 10 yards. There was only 2 points in it now and Castleknock pushed on with Mick Connor grabbing and releasing Stephen Keogan. Keogan was fouled and it was left to JP Corkery to slot over to leave the bare minimum between the sides.

Castleknock tried desperately to close the gap but some misplaced passes meant Templeogue gained possession to go back up the pitch and score two pints in quick succession. The referee blew the final whistle shortly afterwards to leave the Castleknock boys on the wrong side of the result after a manful effort.

Scorers: JP Corkery (0-5), Alan Rafferty (1-1), Rory Doogan (0-3), Ambrose Galligan (0-1), John Corkery (0-1), Mick Connor (0-1).

Team: Kevin Moynihan, Alfie Sawyer, John Mac, John Stokes, Eoin Maloney, Shane Reilly, Donegal Paul, Aussie Mick, Rory Doogan, Stephen Keogan, Ambrose Galligan, JP Corkery, John Corkery, Alan Rafferty, Pat Lynch



Junior 'B' football championship 2004

Golf Society

Well done to Jim Prunty who organized the Club's first Golf Society outing of the year on Saturday 29th of May in Elm Hall in Celbridge.

Congratulations to the overall winner, hurler Mick Geaney with a handicap of 12 came home with an excellent score of 41. In second place Mick Deasy scored 40 and third place went to Francis O'Donnell with a score of 39.

The front 9 was won by Paddy Wade with 19 points and Noel Doogan on the back 9 had the best score with 19. An enjoyable day was had by all.

U10 Hurling

Na Fianna 5 Castleknock 9

Castleknock's first outing in the new Jerseys saw them win against a very good Na Fianna side. This was an 8-a-side competition with the first 10mins of ground hurling followed by 10 min of all in for the first half. Captained by Eoin Connor, this side took the lead with Eoin scoring 2 goals and a point for his side. Darragh McCormack shown nice skills with nice side line pucks and work very hard throughout the game.

Cian Conway got a lovely point from 30 metres out to stretch the lead. Na Fianna got back into the game and stayed in touch with scores which Brian Hughes kept to a minimum in the backs. Goalkeeper Cormac Doyle played very well and along with great puck outs will hold onto this position for some time. Eoin Carthy and Ronan Sweeney contributed a goal each.

Man of the match: Darragh McCormack.



Many hands make light work !!!

Frank Browne has plenty of help getting the nets ready in Porterstown

U10 Boys Football

Scoil Ui Chonail B 14 Castleknock B 16

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Out came Scoil Ui Chonail for the second half who used the breeze well to draw level with Castleknock and it looked as if an upset was on the cards especially when Scoil Ui Chonail pulled away by 2 points. Super defending by Dermot Murray halted the assault on the Castleknock goals. Ronan Sweeney and John O Hare worked the ball up to their opponents goal and with dazzling skills from Michael McDonnell got two beautiful points very late in the match to draw level. After that a well taken goal and a point by Ciaran Clarke sent the game Castleknock's way.

Man of the match Dermott Murray

Lotto News / Nuacht

Winning Numbers Brady's Thursday 6th May

1 2 9 25 **Jackpot €3,400**

No JACKPOT winner. 8 match 3 winners - €25 each
N & M Boland, Miriam Dunne, Tom Heffernan, Brian Dolan, Carol Doran, Des - Brady's, Seamus Kane, G & C Cusack.

Winning Numbers The Carpenter Thursday, 13th May

5 9 18 26 **Jackpot €3,600**

One JACKPOT winner. Junior Footballer Brian Kelly wins €3,600.
5 'Match 3' winners each receive €40. Joseph Mooney, Damian Whelan, Maureen Keegan, Celine Cullen, Sue Bolger.

Winning Numbers The Bell Thursday 20th May

2 11 12 19 **Jackpot €2,000**

One JACKPOT winner. Noel Donohoe 7 "Match 3" winners. €30 each. Vinny Conway, Gerard Corkery, Eoin Lennon, Kevin Mallon, Joseph Mooney, Thomas Shiels, D. Campers.

Winning Numbers Myos Thursday 27th May

8 13 22 23 **Jackpot €2,000**

One JACKPOT winner. (3rd week in a row) G. Looking (TPA) wins € 2,000. 6 "Match 3" winners - receive € 40 each. John Conway, Mary Hannon, Mary Mahon, Patsy Glasgow, Marian Grains, Mc Carrick

Next Lotto Draws:

Thursday June 3rd Myos
Thursday June 10th Brady's Castleknock Inn
Thursday June 20th The Carpenter
Thursday June 27th The Bell

Boys U14 Football League

Ballinteer 4-10 Castleknock 4-11

This was a rip-roaring game from the word go! Visitors Castleknock won the throw in and full forward Conor Corcoran clipped over a sweet point. Joseph O'Callaghan and Paul Cunniffe were dominating centre field, and backed up by a lively half back line, they kept the pressure on the home team. After 15 mins. it was Castleknock 1-4 Ballinteer 0-2. The goal coming courtesy of Neil Flynn. Gradually the home team came into it, and a goal on the stroke of half time left it 1-6 to 1-4 in favour of Castleknock.

Ballinteer started the second half in fine fettle, and ripped open Castleknock defence with 3 goals in 15 mins. It was make or break for the visitors, and a smashing goal by young Griffen opened the game up again. Scores were coming thick and fast, but the combination of Flynn, Moloney and Corcoran proved too strong for the Ballinteer defence. With 2 mins. to go, Barberstown boy Fergal Ross scored a great goal to draw the match, and from the kickout Thomas Moloney shot over the winning point. This was a great game of football played in the proper spirit.

Best for Castleknock - Ian Walsh, Liam Tremble, Simon Cumiskey and James Martin.



Bon Voyage

Good luck and best wishes to Joe, Geraldine and family pictured here with Sam Maguire as they embark on a trip of a lifetime around the world for 3 months.

Girls U14 Football League Div3 North

Castleknock 3-11 Naomh Barrog 1-01

The under 14 Div 3 North team continued in their winning ways making four out four with a super display against Naomh Barrog. As with their previous games the Castleknock girls were smaller than their opposition but made up for this with speed and accurate passing. The first score of the game came shortly after the start with a fine well taken goal from one of the player's of the match Samantha Stokes. The backs had to be on their best performance with the home side making a number of attacks on the Castleknock goal. Great defending from player of the match Jane Burke ably assisted by Lisa Creaner, Amy Doolan, and Eimear Hogan keep the Naomh Barrog side tally for the first half to just one point.. At the other end fine points from Laura Bourke, Emma Weafer, Ciara Black, Samantha Stokes and Aoife Delaney, was followed up by a Niamh Hanniphy goal after she had disposed her back to hit the back of the net with a very well taken goal. This left the half time score at 2.5 to 0.1 for Castleknock.

The second half saw a number of positional changes in the home side and resulting in a quick goal for Naomh Barrog, but this was followed by a well taken point from Laura Bourke. Some fine set play saw the Castleknock girls increase their lead with points from Julie Rodgers Niamh Hanniphy. Naomh Barrog made a good few attacks on the Castleknock goal but fine defending from Amy Fitzpatrick, Jane Burke, and Nicole Bennett stopped the Barrog from scoring. Some fine fielding and blocking from Ciara Black, Lisa Creaner, Amy Doolan resulted Naomh Barrog attacks been stopped and from the resulting passes further scores for Laura Bourke, Lisa Creaner and Anna Quinn before Samantha Stokes scored an excellent goal with a solo run through the Naomh Barrog defence to score. Each member of the panel gave great displays and Castleknock ran out deserving winners

Scores: Samantha Stokes 2.1, Niamh Hanniphy 1.1, Laura Bourke 0.3, Aoife Delaney 0.1, Julie Rodgers 0.1, Anna Quinn 0.1, Emma Weafer 0.1, Ciara Black 0.1, Lisa Creaner 0.1,

Castleknock Team: Laura Whitty, Shauna O'Connor, Amy Fitzpatrick, Eimear Hogan Amy Doolan, Lisa Creaner, Jane Burke, Ciara Black, Nicole Bennett, Samantha Stokes, Laura Bourke, Emma Weafer, Julie Rodgers, Aoife Delaney, Niamh Hanniphy
Subs: Aoife Mc Caffrev. Anna Quinn. Lvnv Hennessv. Grainne O'Brien.

Mickey Harte & Sam Maguire visit Castleknock



On Saturday morning, 15 May 2004, Mickey Harte and Sam Maguire arrived in Tír na nÓg to a rapturous reception. The large attendance of members of the club were delighted to hold and have photos taken with Sam Maguire and to meet and hear Mickey Harte. His speech was an inspiration to anyone who heard it. Below is a verbatim account of some of that speech.

"I think it's brilliant to see your Club and what you've done here in such a short time. There is nothing like the GAA to give a good start in life to all our young people and to have adults like you have around here, who are so enthusiastic and so helpful - it's brilliant."

He continued "I think the young people would do well to recognise that, because people could go and sit in their own houses and live their lives and enjoy themselves but they don't, they give up time to be with you, to develop you, not only as good sportspeople but as good young people for life and I think that we owe a lot to the GAA for that and to see so many people from so many different counties here deciding to give of their best for the GAA, that is just super. It's a privilege for all of us to be associated with the GAA and that's the way I look at it. I'm delighted to be here this morning, it's a real gift to have the opportunity to be here so it's not a difficult thing to do."

Here's Mickey's response to a question by John Todd about success: "There's only a few winners if you're talking about cups only but the winners are the people who participate in our games, the people who organise them, the parents who give support to kids to go out and do it. That's success because there's no other organisation, no other group of people that have such affinity with each other like the people in the GAA and its very evident here. There are people from all parts of the country and they all come in here and what's their key focus and key association - the GAA and their young people and it's just fantastic."

Transcript taken from John Todd's Sports Programme on Phoenix FM (92.5) every Monday night at 7.30. This programme is repeated every Friday night at 7.30 and we must thank John for his continued support of our Club. Finally, well done to Peter Donoghue who organised the visit of Mickey and Sam to CHFC.



Vivian Peelo and John Hillery welcome Tyrone manager Mickey Harte and Sam Maguire to Castleknock

Dates for your Diary / Dátáí don Dialann

Football Championship:	June 6 - Dublin v Westmeath
Golf Classic:	Friday 18 th - June 2004 Hollystown
Summer camps:	July 5 th 2004 - Hurling July 12 th 2004 - Football

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Man of the match: Dermot Murray



It's a dogs life !!!

Spotted recently, taking in a game in Porterstown was this Castleknock follower fully clad with the latest club colours.

Castleknock's U11 Boys win Division 1 Cup



Castleknock and Raheny supporters left Erin's Isle grounds on Sunday evening having witnessed one of the best games of Gaelic football that is likely to be played this year. In a high scoring game that went right to the wire, Castleknock's young cubs tamed the Raheny lions to win the inaugural U11 Division 1 Gaelic football Cup.

Team manager, Gerry Cadden, gave a few passionate words of encouragement to the Castleknock lads before the match. The words seemed to work a treat as the team, lead out by captain Eoin Conway, were really fired up as they ran out onto the pitch. A big crowd of supporters had travelled from Castleknock to see if the boys in their new club attire could deliver another big win.

From the throw-in, Castleknock, playing with a strong breeze, dominated midfield (Kieran Kilkenny and John "Man-of-the-Match" Conroy) and sent some great ball into the full forward line where Fintan "Vinny Murphy" Browne (dad Gerry, who was umpire, was beaming with pride) scored two early points. The two corner forwards, Jack Kiernan and Gerry Cadden, had their markers at "sixes and sevens" as Castleknock continued to bombard the Raheny goal. A great goal from Kieran Kilkenny and some great points from centre forward, John R. O'Donovan, stretched the Castleknock lead before Raheny got a quick goal and a point. Castleknock's forwards lost their scoring boots for the remainder of the first half and a late goal from Raheny meant that Castleknock had only a two point lead at half-time.

Half Time: Castleknock 1-7 Raheny 2-2

At half-time, manager Gerry Cadden made a very passionate speech and reminded the kids of his playing days (good memory, Gerry !) and how this team reminded him of his own team in that they always played better football when they were playing into the wind. This speech seemed to inspire the Castleknock boys as super-sub Eimhin Kinsella scored two great goals in the opening two minutes of the second half. The second goal was a real opportunist goal and came after some great work by Cian O'Dulaig. For the next twenty minutes, Raheny dominated play and turned an eight point deficit into a four point lead. But for some great defending by Shane Boland, Graham Hannigan, Eoghain Quinn and Ronan Prunty Raheny could have been further in front. With five minutes to go Gerry made some tactical changes which saw the reintroduction of the injured Conor Prunty. These changes worked a treat as Castleknock worked the ball from goalkeeper James McLaughlin to Ian Cleary and Ian blasted the ball to the back of the net. GAME ON !

With one minute left, following some good tackling by Stephen Donaldson, John R. O'Donovan plucked the ball from the sky and scored a fantastic goal. Raheny had one last chance to win but a goal stopping save by Shane Maher sealed a two points win for Castleknock. Captain Eoin Conway received the Cup on behalf of the team and thanked Gerry Cadden and John O'Brien and the Raheny team. A great match by two great sides that did Dublin football proud.

Final Score: Castleknock 5-7 Raheny 4-8

Team Photos For Sale / Grianghraif ar Dhíol

Deadline for orders: 13 June 2004

If you wish to purchase a photo of your team (taken at jersey launch), 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
- The Club is receiving a donation from the photographer for every photo bought



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