

# Cumann Chluain Daimh



Crinniú Cinn Cliaana 2015  
(Annual General Meeting 2015)

TUAIRISCIGH AN RUNAÍ  
(Secretary's Report)

25<sup>u</sup> Mí na Samhain 2015)  
(25<sup>th</sup> November 2015)

í Ceannáras Chluain Daimh





Cumann Lúthchleas Gael  
**CUMANN CHLUAIN DAIMH**  
Clonduff Gaelic Athletic Club



*Hon President:*  
Dean A Davies

*Hon Chairman:*  
Brendan Murray

*Hon Secretary:*  
Anita Brannigan  
59 Rostrevor Road  
Hilltown  
Co Down BT34 5TZ

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of CLONDUFF GAA Club will be held on  
WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 at 7 PM in Ceannaras Chluain Daimh  
All members are invited to discuss the following:

**CLÁR OBIBRE/AGENDA**

- Minutes of 2014 AGM
- Adoption of Standing Orders
- Secretary's Report
- Camogie Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Chairman's Address
- President's Address
- Election of Officers
- Motions to AGM
- Any other notified business

Is mise

*Anita Brannigan*

Anita Brannigan  
Runai (Secretary)  
Cumann Chluain Daimh (Clonduff GAA Club)





Cumann Lúthchleas Gael  
**CUMANN CHLUAIN DAIMH**  
Clonduff Gaelic Athletic Club  
*Affiliated since 1887*



Crinniú Cinn Cliana 2015  
(Annual General Meeting 2015)

## GNÁTHRIALACHA/STANDING ORDERS

1. The Proposer of a motion or Amendment may speak for five minutes, and not more than five minutes.
2. A Delegate speaking to a resolution or an amendment must not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment may speak for a second time for three minutes, before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak for a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman, may at any time, he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer for a reply and when that has been given **A VOTE MUST BE TAKEN.**
5. A Delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman move that **THE QUESTION BE NOW PUT**, after which, when the Proposer has spoken, **A VOTE HAS TO BE TAKEN.**
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda, except by the consent of the equal to **TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2015**

Success isn't always about titles won but rather the journey involved in getting to that stage. We still await the 'big one' but we are starting to see the seeds of the 5-year plan beginning to bear fruit. The U12 and U13 Footballers were runners up in their leagues and the U14s had a successful Feile trip to Mullingar.

Earlier in the year the Youth Committee proposed to change the structure of the teams that Clonduff fielded at U8½ and U10½ - instead of having totally mixed ability teams it was agreed to field teams in the tournaments in PS class groups. The highlight of the juvenile year on the field of play was the U14 and U16 girls winning the Club's first ever LGFA championship titles and the U16s also winning their league. On the adult front it was left up to the Thirds to bring honours to the club – they picked up the RFC title playing against Ballyholland II - again I am advocating that Thirds teams should only play against Thirds teams. The Co Board attempted to implement a PRFL Div III last year but not many clubs were in favour so it didn't get off the ground. Perhaps as with the rescheduling of the U21s on alternate weekends with PRFL/RFL there will eventually be a dedicated AC Div III for club players outside the top 23.

There was a lot of off field success with our adults winning three Scór Sinsir county titles. The juveniles picked up one county title in Leiriú and South Down title in Quiz and narrowly missed out on the county quiz title by one mark! The Club's handballers flourished in 2015 and won ten county titles!

Membership this year came in at 835 slightly up on last year and we remain the largest rural club in Down.

During the year we fielded 14 Football, 8 Camogie, 2 Hurling and 3 Ladies Football teams. The Boards attempted to extend the playing season for the juveniles but I am a firm believer that youngsters should not be asked to play games under lights – there are still plenty of weekends which should be used for the games.

For me the big disappointment was our failure to appoint management teams for the Senior Hurlers and Senior Ladies. Ryan McShane made a great job of the Hurlers taking them into contention for league honours. The Ladies fared less well - the girls tried to keep themselves motivated but they withdrew from the league with a couple of games remaining as they found it impossible to field with girls committed to working Saturdays and others unable to travel home from Belfast for training. These two teams must be prioritized for management teams by the incoming committee

For many of us the visit of DJ Carey and Michael 'Ducksie' Walsh for the Down Handball Awards in June in our Club was a major highlight. They are such inspirational men and role models in their respective sports – DJ is a Dual player of Hurling and Handball. As one of the most decorated Hurlers of all time it is amazing how he found time to train to the high standard of winning four world Handball titles.

The GAA has directed that from 2018 Adult Managers of Football and Hurling teams, including club teams, should have a Level 2 coaching qualification; Minor and U16 managers should have Level 1 and all other mentors must have at least Foundation Level. Now is the time for our managers and potential managers to start getting their qualifications up to date.

### **RÉITEORÍ (REFEREES)**

We had two Hurling, one Football, two Ladies Football and three Camogie referees active during the past year, a drop from last year. For a club this size we need to recruit additional referees particularly in Football. We need to encourage the County Boards to reintroduce 'Young Referee' and 'Young Whistler' programmes and hopefully, some of those who have previously qualified at this level will forge ahead and convert this qualification to full referee status. This must be another priority of the incoming committee. Congratulations to Ciarán Branagan who continues to represent his club and county with distinction on the inter-county scene.

### **TACAIÓCHT CLUICHI (ADULT GAMES)**

The remit of this Sub Committee was to look after the needs of Football, Hurling and Ladies Football. At the

beginning of the year it tended to concentrate on Adult Football before the chairperson resigned leaving the various disciplines to operate on an ad hoc basis. We need to ensure that this subcommittee embraces all the codes in relation to seeking and appointing linesmen, umpires, medical assistants score keeper and gate collectors for home games in all codes as envisioned in Our Five Year Plan.

### **PEIL (FOOTBALL)**

#### ***FOIRANN SINSIR PEIL (SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM)***

As the 16 team Down leagues were being reduced again to 12 team leagues, our seniors avoided the playoff with the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team in Div 2. They had a fantastic first round win over one of the favourites Bryansford in the first round of the Championship but were unable to replicate that form again. In the qualifier v Rostrevor Darren O'Hagan sustained a bad head injury and Kevin Smith a leg injury which knocked them out for the rest of the season but thankfully both progressing well. Kevin was called for U21 County trials as was Stephen McConville, Liam McGreevy and Patrick O'Hagan. Aidan Carr, Darren O'Hagan and Arthur McConville represented Clonduff on Co Senior panel.

Mouthguards and insurance claims once again reared their head –sounds ridiculous that when a player receives, eg, a leg injury during training that the Club Secretary has to submit a letter stating that the player was using a mouthguard at the time he was injured.

Thanks to manager Gearoid Adams who has moved on to joint management of Antrim Senior Football team; Paul Shields, selector; Mark Trainor, Kit man; Stats Ciarán McGreevy, Tommy Kelly, Administrator and team Nurse Sarah Grant and everyone else who helped out during the year.

#### ***FOIREANN DHÁ (PREMIER RESERVE TEAM)***

The Seconds, who trained with the Seniors also retained their Div 1 Premier Reserve League status finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their 10-team league winning 12 of the 16 games they played. Because of the rule re player-restrictions applicable to last year's senior championship a weaker team was field in PRFC. I believe the County needs to re-examine this rule and keep the restriction to the current season.

Thanks to Paul McConville and Shane Ward who looked after the Seconds.

#### ***FOIREANN TRIUR (THIRDS [RESERVE] TEAM)***

The Thirds Team consisting of players not named in the club's Top 23 and Minors had a very successful season winning the All Co RFC, going one better than last year. Obviously the weekly training session as recommended by FRC has paid dividends and it is evident that a number of this team should be pushing for a place with Senior team, never mind the Seconds team. Well done to all concerned.

Thanks to Jamie Fegan and Connor Maginn for taking charge of the team.

#### ***PEIL FAOI 21 (U21 FOOTBALL)***

Unfortunately the U21 season is once again stuck in at the end of the senior season despite a Co Board recommendation to alternate it throughout the season with PRFL/RFL but this was deferred for a year. At the time of writing the Clonduff lads are undefeated for the 2015 season. 14 teams entered this year, the best ever but Loughinisland withdrew from our group. The format this year sees the winners of the two groups playing off for the A Championship title and the runners up playing off for the B Championship. As previously stated four of the lads who regularly played for the Senior team during 2015 have been called for trials for the Co U21 team – Liam McGreevy was the only representative last year.

Thanks to Ross Carr, Alistair McGilligan and Shane Ward for taking charge of the team in 2015.

#### ***PEIL MIONÚR (MINOR FOOTBALL)***

Our Minor Footballers were in a very competitive ten team league and finished in the top half. They qualified for the knockout stages of the Championship!

Stephen McConville played for the Down Minors.

Charlie Carr is the Captain of St Colman's MacRory Cup team this year and there are four other Clonduff Minors on the panel.

Some of the boys supplemented the Seconds and Thirds panels and are now playing for the U21s.

Thanks to P J McGreevy, Arty Noel McConville, Artie Quinn and John O'Hagan for looking after the Minors.

## **IOMANA**

### ***IOMANA SINSIR (SENIOR HURLING)***

The Down League was re-instated during 2015 and with a player-manager Clonduff gave it a good run and but for another team fielding seven illegal players Clonduff could have won this league. An objection was lodged but the referee's report somehow got misled and was never followed up by the Hurling committee! If those two points had been awarded to Clonduff they would have been well in contention going into the last game but as there was nothing going to happen Clonduff conceded.

Once again Rían Branagan made history – last year he became the first Clonduff person ever to captain the Down U21 team – recently he made the U21 international Hurling/Shinty team playing all but the first ten minutes of the game. Rían demonstrated that dual players are not an extinct breed as he currently leads the line for the U21 Club Footballers.

Thanks to the Player/Manager Ryan McShane who took the team under his wing.

### ***IOMANA MIONÚIR (MINOR HURLING)***

Unfortunately there were insufficient numbers to field a Minor team in 2015 but the few players we had temporarily transferred to other local clubs to play at their own level whilst at the same time lining out with the Clonduff Seniors. Rhys Ward and Darragh Downey were selected to play with the Down Minor team.

### ***PEIL na mBAN (LADIES FOOTBALL)***

The managerless Senior Ladies team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom of the Junior League. They failed to complete their fixtures in the league having used some U16 players to fulfill fixtures. They went out in the first round of the Championship. Some of the senior girls who have been involved with the team for many years have indicated that unless an enthusiastic manager is found for 2016 many of them will not return – this is not a situation that can be allowed to develop.

Thanks to Joeleen Branagan and Kelly Fitzpatrick to trying to keep the team going.

### ***CAMÓGAÍOCHT (CAMOGIE)***

The Senior Camogie team, supplemented by five Mayobridge players reached the County Finals against the odds. Their gutsy performance deserved a replay but unfortunately the referee, having given an unwarranted free out against Clonduff played seven extra minutes, having indicated four, and promptly blew the whistle when Liatroim got the next score.

Once again the Co team was backboned by Clonduff girls and whilst they didn't reach the heights of 2014 they did retain their Intermediate Status.

The Camogs will present their report and answer any questions arising. Thanks to Guinevra McGilligan and all the Camogie mentors for their co-operation over the past year and to Guinevra for the Report.

### ***LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE (HANDBALL)***

The introduction of the Innovative Social Handball League saw over 20 Clonduff players taking to the courts and competing against teams from other South Down Clubs and emerging as the top two in the league and played off in the final – Clonduff Harps defeated Clonduff Shamrocks for the title. Many of these players are currently participating as individuals in the restructured 4-division leagues.

As previously stated one of the Highlights of the year was the visit of DJ Carey and Michael 'Ducksie' Walsh to Clonduff Club for the Down Handball presentations in June.

### ***NA FÓIRNE ÓIGE (YOUTH TEAMS)***

The Youth Committee is responsible for activities for the younger members of Clonduff from Under 16 downwards. The youngsters benefitted from several trips to Croke Park during the season and five U12 players took part in the Down Activity day in Croke Park and had the opportunity of playing on the hallowed turf.

The Children's Welfare Officer ensured all the youth mentors were AccessNI approved, had an up-to-date Child Protection Certificate and someone from each mentoring team attended the Club's Pitch-side First Aid and Defibrillator Course which has now become an annual event in the pre or early season calendar. The Fundamentals programme for U6-U18 year olds was held every Sunday morning from April to

September under the direction Shane Quinn and Pdraig Matthews and the programme is continuing in the Youth Club on Friday nights. The programme is generally run by the parents and often there were as many as 30 children in attendance.

Over 200 youngsters attended the Kellogs Cúl Camp in Clonduff Park in August – the National and County organizers were unprepared for the number of older children that took part in 2015 and consequently basing their predictions on the last few years did not have enough kits in stock to meet the demand. Hopefully at this stage everyone has now been sorted out. 36 girls attended the Newry & Mourne sponsored Camogie Camp the week after the Cul Camp and 20 children attended the Clonduff Hurling Camp. Again the young Hurling coaches gave their time voluntarily to provide the boys with the basic skills of the game.

The three football tournaments again ran very successfully in June and thankfully we were able to fit the U12 Ladies Tournament into the calendar at the beginning of September. The Camogs as usual ran their juvenile Parish League very successfully.

Clonduff Park hosted the annual Connor McConville Primary Schools Blitz in June – thanks to the McConville Family for organizing this now well-established fixture in the calendar of the Co Down Primary Schools. We also hosted a number of Go Games Blitzes at each age level, the South Down and County juvenile Finals in the various codes.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the juvenile mentors at all levels in all codes and particularly to those who helped out at tournaments, provided and served refreshments.

Thanks for the hard work and the Report Shane.

### ***Peil (Football)***

The U8, U10 and U12 Footballers all took part in Go Games blitzes and tournaments and at the end of the season we played in the U13 league. The U12s and U13s were runners up in the Div 1 Leagues; The U14 boys, having reached the semi finals of the Down Feile Peil were invited to take part in a new initiative and took part in the Regional Feile in Mullingar and came home with the shield!

A number of our boys are on their respective schools teams in their year groups.

Again many thanks to the coaches and helpers.

### ***lomana (Hurling)***

We had a very young panel of U14 Hurlers but they acquitted themselves very well in the Div 2 league completing all their games. Many thanks to Paul McCusker who continues to give great service to Juvenile Hurling in Clonduff.

A new bunch of Hurlers are being prepared with the Friday evening sessions for U10 boys and this too is continuing indoors in the Youth Club on Saturday evenings.

We had three boys on the successful McGreevy Cup team – Pdraig Clancy (Capt), Aaron Norris and Jamie McDonald – well done boys and to your club mentors.

### ***Peil na mBan (Ladies Football)***

The Juvenile Ladies games continues to go from strength to strength with over 30 girls playing at U12 and the U14s creating Clonduff history by becoming the first club team ever to win a juvenile LGFA championship title. Five days later a number of the U14s turned out for the U16s in their successful bid for a championship title. The U16s had won their league the previous month.

Thanks to John Anthony Gribben, Niall Rafferty, Bronagh O'Reilly (U14 & U16), Kieran Kelly, Paddy McCumiskey, Joeleen Branagan, Kelly Fitzpatrick and Sarah Bloomfield (U12) and numerous others who helped out during the year including Paula Gribben, Darren O'Hagan, Johnny McAleavey and Ryan McShane coming up to the Championship Finals.

### ***Camógaíocht (Camogie)***

The Juvenile Camogie news and progress will be dealt with in detail in the Camogie Report which will be presented by Guinevra Carr.

### ***Liathróid Láimhe(Handball)***

Clonduff had a great year on the 40x20 handball courts and in the newly instituted one-wall Down Championships in 2015. There were five juvenile winners in the 40x20 - Orlaith & Aoife McCusker (U12 Doubles), Lyndon Brown (U16) Lee Murnin (U17), Jayme McDonald (U13), Patrick Cowan (U12) and four Juvenile One Wall titles – Lee Murnin (U18), Ella McCumiskey (U12 Singles) Orlaith & Aoife McCusker (U12 Doubles), Patrick Cowan (U12). (It should be noted that Des McNeill won the Adult Junior One Wall title)

The Club shop now stocks a full range of handball equipment and gear.  
Thanks to Sean Cowan and Colin Shields for organising the coaching.

### **DISCIPLÍN (DISCIPLINE)**

Unfortunately I lost count of the number of red cards dished out to players and we just don't seem to learn – players in both Football and Hurling may have cost their team – for the first straight red card in a season the player automatically misses the next game – if there's more than one the penalty is increased. The same goes for black cards – If a player receives 3 black cards in a season he will miss the next game. Once again I implore that we continue to impose the '*Give Respect, Get Respect*' campaign across the Club. As stated on previous occasions, we will not overturn a referee's decision by shouting at him/her and while we can appeal red cards this is unlikely to be successful unless there is video evidence. At a recent appeal it was pointed out that CCC must take the referee's report as correct without that video evidence.

### **SCÓR (SCÓR)**

Our adult musicians again retained their divisional and county titles in 2015 with the adult Ballad Group and Solo Singer, Colleen Walls also picking up South Down and County titles. Colleen is the prime example of what Scor is all about – she took part in Scor a nOg for years without ever winning anything but success has eventually come her way. She and the Musicians reached the Ulster Final. Our juvenile Leiriú Stáitse won the county title and the Quizzers won South Down and a second team was the runners up in 2015. The South Down Champions were runners up in the County Final. Kayleigh McPolin was runner up in both South Down and County Solo Singing.

The 2016 Scor na nOg is drawing to a close and four Clonduff acts were runners up in South Down represented Clonduff in County Finals on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Thanks to Joe Farrell, Wendy Branagan, Ursula and Maura Quinn, Lisa Gribben, Paul Kelly, Ann Murray and Eileen McCusker in preparing the teams for both Scór Sinsir and Scór na nÓg and thanks to Jimmie Cousins for bringing it all together.

The second Clonduff Pantomime took place in early January which it was agreed that whilst it was a great success the best time of year for it is pre-Christmas and it has reverted to early December for this year's. Joe Farrell's Juvenile Set Dancing continues to flourish Thursday nights in the Parochial Hall. The Nolan School of Irish Dancing continues in Parochial Hall on Monday nights but unfortunately not many local children attend it – they tend to travel to other areas for classes. The Adult Irish Conversation class for post-beginners continues every Wednesday night in Clubrooms with Ciarán Dunbar. A few weeks ago a new beginners' class began with Colleen Rooney from Mayobridge taking the eight beginners.

Just recently there was a visit from Glor na nGael, who are now in partnership with the GAA, to ascertain what we were doing about promoting the Irish Language – they were suitably impressed with the signage, the scoreboard and the home games programmes being used as mediums of promotion.

Thanks again Jimmie and his committee for all the hard work and thanks for the Report Jimmie.

### **NA SCOILA (THE SCHOOLS)**

We are blessed with the personnel in our local Primary Schools for promoting and coaching our national games – Vincent Devlin in St Paul's, Plunkett McConville, Kitty Fegan, Meave McNeill and just recently Ursula Quinn in St Patrick's all back up the great work that is being done at juvenile level in the club in all our field sports. Sarah Bloomfield is on a 2-day a week placement in St Patrick's and it has been agreed that she will attend St Paul's one afternoon per week to assist with coaching. Both schools receive a 20-week programme of coaching from County Board during the school year.

On Club Day in St. Patrick's PS all the children from P5-P7 get at least a 4 week 'taster' of handball coached by Des McNeill, which can only bode well for the game at local level. Another of the 'Clubs' is Irish Dancing which all the children get to sample.

Our Secondary and Grammar Schools are also reaping the benefits of our young people as representatives on schools teams in all the Gaelic sports. Handball and Hurling in St Colman's College is backboned by Clonduff youngsters. Our current and former players continue to promote and coach the games as teachers/lecturers in schools, colleges and third level education.

Club member Mark Copeland was trainer on Co Management team in 2015 but has now moved on to UUJ

Management team – we wish him well.

### **NA PÁIRCEANNA AGUS NA ÁISEANNA (THE FIELDS AND FACILITIES)**

The acquisition, equipping and relocating of the Club gym within the Clonduff Complex was made possible by the Adult Players buying into the Down Clubs Draw scheme which sees a large percentage of the money returned to the club after the first 20 have been sold. It is well used by the players and it will soon be accessed by a key fob.

Team mentors, as usual, cooperated fully in adhering to the Pitch Schedule and are flexible in sharing or moving their slots to accommodate others.

Despite our own busy schedule we still managed to host championship games in all codes and we provided our facilities for some county training sessions and numerous schools games.

The Club shop continues to prove its worth and is mainly responsible for the large growth in the amount of Clonduff gear in evidence around the parish. Thanks to Goretta and Noleen for all the hours they give to the shop.

Thanks PJ and your team for the year-round hard work that keeps our pitches in such pristine condition. PJ thanked his small field committee of Sean Cairns, Leo Bloomfield, Ciarán McGreevy, Brendan McGarry; A special thanks to Sean who has kept the dressing rooms washed and cleaned throughout the season. This season the three pitches were cut twice weekly – this is a time-consuming job. Thanks to John Boden, Kevin Campbell and PO McConville. Thanks to Murtagh Walls and Eamon Murray who spread the fertiliser on each of the pitches three times. Thanks to Mickey Fegan and Brendan Carville who are always available for all electrical repairs required. Thanks also to Damian Farnon who services the generator and sorts out any problems with the mower. The club has always been fortunate to have access to diggers and forklifts free of charge. Thanks to Hugh and Martin Grant, Martin Lynch, Gerry McGreevy and Michael Crilly. Thanks also to Mark Trainor for all plumbing repairs.

### **SLÁINTE AGUS SÁBHAILTEACHT (HEALTH & SAFETY)**

At our club, we aim to keep our environment as safe a place for our community and visitors as possible.

Regular safety audits are carried out on the premises and all noted for inspection. Many Health and Safety issues arise each year but these have to be prioritised. Last year the club implemented designated parking spaces for less-able patrons and safe crossing areas for pedestrians and we appeal to our own members to respect this. Thanks for the Report Sean.

### **SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL)**

Martin and his hard-working team ran a number of fundraising events in conjunction with Friends of Clonduff. The big one was undoubtedly the highly successful adult sports day in conjunction with the Boley Fair festival. The clubrooms, as always, held a number of family and community events throughout the year.

Thanks Martin and committee for your hard work.

### **TIONSCNAMH SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL INITIATIVE)**

Clonduff's Social Initiative project was rather quiet in 2015 with no away days but rather small groups visited the Cathedrals in Armagh and a Weaving Workshop in Newry Museum. A few people also attended the Famine Commemoration in Newry earlier in the year. Because of the long waiting list following renovations a trip to Kilmainhaim Gaol has been booked for next May.

Many thanks to Marie Milligan for keeping the project running for non-players and thanks also to Marie for the Report.

### **FORBAIRT (DEVELOPMENT)**

Development is always a 'work in progress'. This year's project was the location of the gym at the club. The big community Project for the top of the road moved a step closer to fruition with an application to 'Space and Place'. Unfortunately Dermot O'Hagan stepped down as Development Officer as he felt he had brought the project as far as he could but he assured the Executive that he would always be available for advice and assistance where possible. Jimmie Cousins and Brendan Murray took over the role of attending

meetings and sourcing funding opportunities and information relating to development issues.

### **CAIRDREAMH POIBLÍ AGUS CUMARSÁIDI (PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS)**

As per usual the weekly notes have appeared in local papers, The Clonduff Post, Down website and on occasion 'Club Call' in Irish News; the website, Facebook and Twitter pages are updated on a regular basis. The 'Yellow Gold' has now reached its two-year anniversary and has generally been well received – a new edition is due out shortly.

It is important for members to realise that with the exception of The Clonduff Post, a newspaper chooses what part of the submitted notes to print and what headline to highlight.

The County Board did not print a Year Book last year, instead they chose to upload a series of photographs and asked members to pay to print off the ones they wished to have copies of. This was a disaster from their point of view – word has been recently received that they will be printing a Year Book for 2015 – it will mainly be a pictorial representation of clubs' activities.

Thanks to Francis Quinn and his team for keeping the 'show on the road'.

### **STAIR (HISTORY)**

The 'Milestones' page on the Club's website [www.clonduffgac.net](http://www.clonduffgac.net) continues to record the significant events of the year in the history of Clonduff.

### **UIMHIR CHLÁRAITHE AGUS RÁCHAS (REGISTRATIONS AND INSURANCE)**

Overall numbers have gone up slightly and we continue to maintain our place as the largest rural club and just behind Carryduff in the overall County ranking.

There is a big problem with players waiting until the last day of March before paying their registration fee. Alistair has been informed by Willis, the GAA Insurance Company, that if a player is injured during a training session or a challenge game and has not been registered then they do not have insurance cover. The Insurance Company continues to insist that their involvement is not 'Insurance' but rather a 'Player Injury Support Scheme'. It is essential that when a player is injured he/she gets in touch with Insurance Officer who will log the injury online. There is no harm done if there is no further action required. It is also imperative that team managers ensure that the referee takes note if a player is injured during a game and includes it in his/her report.

Thanks to Alastair for all your work and support during the year.

### **RIARACHÁN (ADMINISTRATION)**

I appealed in my report last year for anyone that held Clonduff documents from the past to lodge them in the fire-proof cabinet now in the club but unfortunately not much stuff has been handed in. I **beg** former administrators to check their attics or garages or wherever to locate them and present to the club where they belong. These documents are the archives of our 128 years of existence. I am sure you will be glad to reclaim the space they are taking up.

This subcommittee had the remit of collating records of meetings by all other subcommittees but again, despite the provision of a template very few sub committees were forthcoming.

Following on from the Club Maith Platinum Award last year were awarded the Irish News Club of the Year in May.

In conjunction with the SportNI accreditation there is a 'Club Mark' Award for young volunteers aged 16-25 who can obtain their award simply by sending an email to the Ulster Council and keeping a diary of work done within the club. This is an excellent achievement to show on a CV but unfortunately very few of our young volunteers are taking the opportunity to achieve the award.

### **CUNTAS AIRGID (FINANCE)**

The Financial report comprehensively covers the sources of finance throughout the year. We have spent a lot of money on player welfare but Willis is very slow to reimburse.

Thanks to the Lotto sellers and the checkers who attend every Monday night – 52 nights per year! This is a constant source of valuable income for the Club.

A continued immense source of turnover is the club shop which stocks and sells club merchandise as well

as tuck, teas and coffee.

The financial figures will be presented at the AGM.

### **PLEAN CÚIG BLIANA (FIVE YEAR PLAN)**

We are now three years into our 'Five Year Plan' and whilst we are on target in most areas it has to be tweaked from time to time. It is monitored and appraised throughout its lifespan. It will soon be time to think about the next 5-year plan as we cannot wait for the current one to expire before looking at where we are heading next.

### **COMHGHAIRDEAS (CONGRATULATIONS) To**

- Clonduff History Makers – the U14 Ladies team on bringing the first LGFA title to Clonduff, and the U16 girls who secured the second juvenile LGFA title to the Club five days later; the U16s won their League also
- Our Thirds Football team who won the All County Reserve Football Championship
- The U14 Footballers who won the Feile Peil Regional Shield in Mullingar
- John Boden (Jnr) on his selection for U16 Provincial team
- Rían Branagan on his selection on Irish International Hurling/Shinty team
- Darren O'Hagan on once again being nominated for a Down All Star. He has also been shortlisted for 'Spirit of Breen Morgan' Award and Down Supporters Club 'Player of the Year'
- Our referee Ciarán Branagan who continues to take charge of games at the highest level in the country and recently was an umpire at the International Rules game in Croke Park
- LGFA referee Paula Cairns on promotion to inter-county panel
- Lee Murnin, Lyndon Brown, Jamie McDonald, Ella McCumiskey, Orlaith & Aoife McCusker and Des McNeill who brought a combined ten County Handball titles to Clonduff
- The Instrumental Musicians ( Paul Kelly, Vivienne Mulcahy, Mary Catherine, Sean & Stephen Murray), the Ballad Group (Paul Kelly, Agnes Morris, Colleen Walls, Caroline Carvill, Martina Cunningham) and Colleen Walls (Solo Singing) who won Co Scór Sinsir titles and everyone one else that represented Clonduff in either Scór Sinsir or Scór na nÓg competitions
- All the boys, girls, men, women who represented Clonduff in any way throughout the year
- All those who represented Clonduff on Provincial, County, School, College teams during the year
- To Charlie Carr on being selected Captain of the St Colman's MacRory Cup team, best wishes for progress in the competition
- Padraig Clancy (Capt), Aaron Norris and Jamie McDonald who helped St Colman's College win the Year the McGreevy Hurling Cup just recently
- Our Lady's Grammar School (U16 & U18), St Mark's (U16) on reaching Ulster Camogie Finals – best wishes in the finals
- Katie McGilligan (U16 Player) Orla Maginn (Div 1 Player) and Paula Gribben (Senior Player) at the recent Co Camogie wards for 2016. Paula was also nominated for Ulster Player of the Year

### **BUÍOCHAS (THANKS) To:**

- The very many players involved in Clonduff GAA Club – without you there would be no club. The players of all codes at all levels gave so much of their time to train and play for Clonduff
- The mentors who freely gave their time to their teams and for their co-operation throughout the year
- Our club members
- All our active referees in all codes
- All our players who represented our county at any level and those who gave their time to manage or mentor county teams
- All the boys and girls who represented their schools or colleges and our adult members who were mentors or administrators of Gaelic Games in their schools
- The Gate Collectors, lines people, umpires, medical personnel and those who washed the Jerseys
- The Executive and subcommittees members for their contributions and cooperation
- All our volunteers – the GAA is built on volunteerism and without you there would be no games, no

activities and no club

- All those who took part in Scór and Handball competitions or helped prepare the competitors
- The Club sponsors and all who helped financially
- The Lotto sellers and checkers and the Pub owners for hosting the Club Lotto
- The Clonduff Post and local newspapers for publishing reports and club adverts
- Fr Cushenan for making the Parochial Rooms available for meetings and courses when the clubrooms were unavailable
- The Primary and Secondary schools for their continued support and promotion of Gaelic Games
- Goretta and Noleen Cairns for running the shop
- Those who cooked 'Big Breakfasts', Burgers, Hot Dogs, etc throughout the year and/or provided sandwiches – tournaments, U14 Inter-county Football Blitz, Juvenile Awards Night
- The helpers/stewards during the Club Tournaments
- Friends of Clonduff for their continued support and assistance with fundraising
- Everybody who has given their time, effort, expertise, money, money's worth or other commitment, to help Clonduff GAA Club in any way
- All the Clonduff people who are members of County or Divisional Boards

Personally I would like to thank the outgoing Committee members and subcommittee members for their co-operation and commitment over the past year and wish the incoming committee a successful and rewarding year in office. I particularly want to thank Brendan for his commitment over the last five years and hope that he will continue to give his invaluable service to Clonduff Club.

I offer my grateful thanks to the Assistant Secretary, Niamh Murray whose help has been invaluable over the year.

#### **COMHBHRÓN (SYMPATHY)**

On behalf of Cumann Chluain Daimh, I would like to express my sincere sympathy to the Gaels of Clonduff who lost loved ones, inside or outside the Parish during the past year. They were all be included in the Mass of Remembrance on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, along with all the past deceased members of our Club.

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha uasal

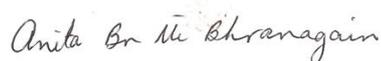
#### **DEIREADH (CONCLUSION)**

Liam O'Neill's vision of the 'One Club' is unfortunately no nearer fruition that it was a year ago but we in Clonduff will continue to embrace the spectrum of Gaelic Games as one family as we should.

Personally I would like to see all players being able to participate in championship every season – those who step down a level should not have to sit out a year because they played at higher level last year. My vision would be to see the first round of Senior Championship played before the first round of Premier Reserve Championship which in turn should be played before the first round of Reserve Championship. The restriction should be limited in this way but obviously if a player moves up a level in a year then he should be barred from the next round at the lower level.

Clonduff Club is the envy of many others in the county and beyond – let us continue to build on this image and move it to the next level in peace, progress and prosperity.

Is mise le meas



An Rúnai

Cumann Chluain Daimh