

Cumann Chluain Daimh



Crinniú Bliantúil 2018
(Annual General Meeting 2018)

TUAIRISCIGH AN RUNAÍ
(Secretary's Report)

28^u Mí na Samhain 2018)
(28th November 2018)

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Clonduff Gaelic Athletic Club



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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of CLONDUFF GAA Club will be held on
WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2018 at 7 PM in Clonduff Club
All members are invited to discuss the following:

CLÁR OBIBRE/AGENDA

- Minutes of 2017 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

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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 2017

2018 was a year of many highs and lows in Clonduff Club. In January, news came through that our great stalwart for nearly 40 years, Sean Cairns had passed away after a very short illness and almost six months to the day after Sean's passing came the news that one of our young Senior Hurlers, Péarce Branagan had also passed away very suddenly. The loss of two such icons from our midst could have signposted the way forward for Clonduff but of course this wasn't the case; nor was the devastating revelations by our former President Malachy Finnegan to previous members – Clonduff is a very resilient community.

A most important aspect of our club and community is the emphasis placed on Child Protection and Safeguarding. For many years we have had a Children's Officer whose main role is to ensure that all those working with our young people – mentors, helpers and executive members – complete the GAA's Child Protection Awareness Course and they must be AccessNI vetted. There are structures in place for reporting and dealing with allegations of abuse in whatever form it may take but we do not have the power nor the expertise to investigate – such incidents, (thankfully, we haven't had any) would be placed in the hands of the professionals.

Our Hurlers bounced back with great resilience to lift the County Junior title and went on to create their own little bit of history by becoming the first male team from Clonduff to reach the Ulster Semi Final. And then there was the Camogs! Not only did they retain their County title but they avenged last year's Ulster Final defeat to Eglisli who were going for 4-in-a-row provincial titles. We wish them well in their two remaining games – All Ireland Semi Final v the Connaught Champions and then the 'Big One' in Croke Park.

Another highlight of our year was Féile 2018 – we hosted the New York LGFA team and Laune Rangers (Kerry) boys. What an amazing festival of football – on the Féile Saturday Clonduff played host to twelve teams from all over Ireland and on the Sunday we had the Semi Finals and Finals of Div 5 and Div 9 Cup and Shield competitions. Our girls went to Louth on Saturday afternoon for their quarter final game which they narrowly lost; the boys having played their quarter final at home on Saturday played their Shield Semi Final in Meath and reached the final only to be beaten by Claregalway a team founded by former Clonduff great, the late Patsy O'Hagan.

Our PRO Ciara Kelly was selected as the Down Rose and what a magnificent honour she brought to our club – a big contingent of club members and her family followed her to Tralee. She may not have won the title but she won the hearts and minds of a lot of people and put Clonduff firmly on the map.

Handball continues to thrive in Clonduff but juvenile female participation has now surpassed the juvenile boys, an issue that needs to be addressed in the coming months. The girls collected four county titles, the boys two and the adult men two league titles. There were a number of schools titles also with children reaching the Ulster Final. As we continually aim to keep our players and community fit throughout the winter months perhaps they could do worse than visiting the Handball Court at least once a week if they're not really the gym-going types – fitness being the aim, competition a bonus!

During the year we fielded 20 Football, 8 Camogie, 6 Hurling and 4 Ladies Football teams and whilst it was often a juggling session to accommodate all the training sessions and games we generally did manage to do it with the co-operation of the mentors and with the introduction of the Team App – many thanks to Ciara for developing the App and taking on the onerous task of ensuring everyone got a fair crack of the whip.

It continues to irritate me that little consideration is often put into the fixtures calendar and how they can be changed at a whim – it is so unfair to our dual players to have to choose. Another difficulty arose when our Camogs reached the Ulster Final and a club 'dug its heels in' when we asked to change the time of a game to allow everyone in the club to attend the game if they wished. Thanks to the intervention of the County Secretary the game was eventually accommodated at an appropriate time. Such events in our community are too important an issue to be left to the whim of clubs agreeing on re-fixtures dates.

Again, we did manage to field in most of our games – the rules surrounding Football Championship eligibility which we have campaigned about for a number of years was implemented in 2018 allowing all players to play Championship football regardless of what level they played at the previous year.

Our club continues to supply quality players and mentors in all codes for our schools/colleges and county teams; support the various county and divisional boards and provide members for the various county/divisional sub committees.

BALLRAÍOCHT (MEMBERSHIP)

Our membership is well over 900 and remains one of the largest in the county and is by far the largest of any rural club in the county. As in the previous year automatic membership was granted to all those who bought the Down

Clubs Draw. Of the 930+ members 370 are juveniles which leave 560 adults – unfortunately the GAA Registration System through which the documentation for AGM is generally circulated was experiencing difficulties with attachments which meant that the majority of our adult members did not receive their documents until quite late. I wish to convey my thanks to all those who helped distribute the documentation to the remaining members. Many thanks to our Registrar Sean Fearon who was assisted by Paddy Morgan and Brian McGreevy.

UIMHIR CHLÁRAITHE AGUS RÁCHAS (REGISTRATIONS AND INSURANCE)

All members are registered on the GAA online registration system and issued with a unique number. Players were much more prompt about registering in 2018 – I stress once again that membership runs from 1st January until 31st December though there is the leeway of paying membership up until 31st March. However, players must register before training/playing – If an unregistered player is injured during those first three months he is not covered by insurance. 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.

OIBRITHE DEONACHA ÓGA (YOUNG VOLUNTEERS)

We have over 40 young people aged 14-25 registered with the Ulster Council’s Young Volunteer programme. Unfortunately, it wasn’t as productive in 2018 as in previous years. Many of our young people have now reached the age for part-time jobs and were not as readily available as previously. I would, however urge these young people to complete their 200 hours which is recognised by the Department of Education and can be used on their CV’s. We had a great turnout of these valuable young people at the recent Halloween Camp which was internally organized and run. Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

RÉITEORÍ (REFEREES)

Ciarán Branagan continues to fly the flag not only for Clonduff but for Down on the inter county scene. His most memorable game according to himself was the Kerry v Cork Munster Final in the redeveloped Paur Úi Chaoimh. We are one of a few clubs who supply referees in all codes but we need to push this aspect – with a club the size of ours we must be proactive in seeking new referees or at the very least ‘Young Referees’. Without referees we can’t have games and there are bound to be former players in all codes who, if they are not involved in managing teams they could extend their involvement by being recruited as referees. This must be a priority for our Adult and Juvenile Games Officers in the incoming year.

TACAIOCHT CLUICHI (ADULT GAMES)

Each of our field codes has a representative on The Executive to ensure the inclusivity of our Club Community. It would be ideal if we could ensure that all the codes had a rota for seeking/appointing linesmen, umpires, medical assistants, score keepers and gate collectors for home games as well as a cup of tea/sandwiches after the game – it works pretty well at Senior level but maybe our juveniles, with the aid of their parents, would appreciate such refreshments after their exertions. Thanks to all who helped fulfil these roles in the club during the past year.

PEIL (FOOTBALL)

FOIRANN SINSIR PEIL (SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM)

In the 12-team league format Clonduff Seniors finished joint 5th on the table on points winning half their games and drawing one after a very promising start; in the Championship they lost the first game to Saval, but recovered and resoundly beat the same team in the 2nd game in the ‘Back Door’ before eventually bowing out to Mayobridge in the Quarter Final.

Thanks to joint managers Sean Hughes and Pdraig O’Neill; Mark Trainor & Anthony Morgan (Kitmen); Administrator Tommy Kelly, Grainne Walsh and everyone else who helped out during the year including Umpires, Linesman, Jersey washers etc.

FOIREANN DHÁ (PREMIER RESERVE TEAM)

The Seconds, who trained with the Seniors finished in the top half of the Premier Reserve League and reached the semifinal of the PRFC. Thanks to Paul Lambe, Brian McGreevy, Eugene Branagan and Bernard Branagan who

looked after the Seconds games in 2018 and to Gerard Steward for the admin.

FOIREANN TRIUR (THIRDS [RESERVE] TEAM)

The Thirds Team consisting of players not named in the club's Top 23 adult players plus Minors finished bottom of their league having conceded a number of games. They went out in the first round of their Championship.

Thanks to Connor Maginn for taking charge of the team.

PEIL FAOI 21 (U21 FOOTBALL)

Once again, the U21 season is tacked on at the end of the senior season like an afterthought. This age group needs a lot more football against their peers – in line with inter-county structures. It can hardly be called a 'season' if a team only plays two games - it was a knock-out competition this year and after winning their first game met a 'select' team comprising players from Carryduff, Saul and Teconnaught who clinched the title recently in Clonduff Park. On the plus side a number of lads who had played very little or no football during the year signed up for the U21s and worked very hard and collected the Dalsey Mooney Cup in the pre-season tournament in Clonduff Park.

Thanks to Jamie Fegan, Mark McNulty and Gerard McNeill for their efforts with this age group.

PEIL MIONÚR (MINOR FOOTBALL)

Our Minor footballers competed strongly in the All County League and finished a commendable 5th and reached the semi-final of the Championship where they were defeated by the eventual County Champions Ballyholland. Injuries disrupted much of the campaign and the outcome of League and Championship may have been different if the full squad had been available for the full season.

Many thanks to the Management team of Jamie Fegan, Mark McNulty, Gary Haughian, Gerard McNeill and Charlie Carr.

IOMANA

IOMANA SINSIR (SENIOR HURLING)

The Senior Hurlers were rocked in June with the sudden passing of their playing member Peárce Branagan three weeks after he helped the squad win the Feis 7s Cup. A few weeks later the team regrouped to retain their Div 1 status and went on to clinch the Junior Championship for the 3rd time. They wrote themselves into Clonduff History by becoming the first male team to win an Ulster Club Championship game. They had competed extremely well in Div 3 of the Ulster Club League and were narrowly beaten in the final by St Fechin's of Louth. The Sean Cairns Memorial Training Camp was inaugurated in July with guest coaches David Herrity and Aidan Fogarty of Kilkenny fame defying the elements! In early September the new Peárce Branagan Memorial Trophy was presented for the Annual Clonduff Poc Fada which was won by Senior Manager Declan Napier. Within the last week it emerged that Shay Murnin had been nominated for a Gaelic Life All Star – hope you all voted for him! Many thanks to manager Declan Napier assisted by Francis Quinn and Paddy Branagan.

IOMANA MIONÚR (MINOR HURLING)

The younger members of the Senior squad augmented by U16 players took part in the inaugural series of end-of-season 7-a-side development blitzes among the non-Ards teams – Warrenpoint, Shamrocks, Ballyvarley, Ballela and Carryduff. Clonduff hosted two such blitzes including one floodlit one.

Many thanks to John Murphy, Eddie Clancy and John Norris for helping facilitate this development.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT (CAMOGIE)

What a year the Senior Camogs have had so far and it's not over yet! Having retained their County League and Championship titles, they then avenged last year's single point defeat to Eglis by turning them over by four points and now meet the Connaught Champions at the end of January in the All Ireland Semi Final. Before that exciting adventure ten members of the Clonduff team were on the Down team that annexed the Ulster title from reigning champions Derry. The same ten girls played in the All Ireland Intermediate Final in Croke Park and three of them earned Soaring Stars for their efforts. The same three girls, Fionnuala Carr (Co Captain), Paula O'Hagan (Club Captain) and Sara Louise Graffin were also awarded Gaelic Life All Stars for their exploits in run to Ulster Club title. The accolades didn't end there – young members of the Club team Isabella O'Hare (Our Lady's GS Newry) and Beth Fitzpatrick (St Mark's HS Warrenpoint) were recipients of Colleges All Star Awards.

Many thanks to senior team managers Damien Farnon and Alistair McGilligan and Minor team managers Sara Louise Graffin and Cassie Fitzpatrick.

The Camogs will present their report and answer any questions arising.

PEIL NA MBÁN (LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL)

The Minor Ladies ended the year AS runners-up in the league and were narrowly beaten in the quarter final of the championship. The girls had a great attitude from the outset and credit has to go to the younger members of the squad who held their own against some of the best players in the league. The team finished runners up in the inaugural flood-lit Sevens Tournament in Burren. Next year Clonduff are in a great position to go and compete against the best teams in Down. Well done girls and thanks for your commitment throughout the season. Thanks to Niall Rafferty and John Anthony Gribben for looking after the girls.

LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE (HANDBALL)

Congratulations to Niall Quinn (Div 3) and 15-year-old Patrick Cowan (Div 4) on winning their respective leagues. At the time of writing a number of local men are participating in the Down Leagues. I know everyone's time is precious but maybe a couple of the adults would take on the coaching of the younger boys. As with other codes the Club will fund the those wishing to gain coaching qualifications.

NA FÓIRNE ÓIGE (YOUTH TEAMS)

Undoubtedly the highlight of the Youth Season was the hosting of Féile Peil at the end of June/beginning of July. As it was the first time such an event was held in Down some people may not have initially understood what it involved but before the weekend was over the catchphrase on everyone's tongue was 'I wish I had known'. Adults of all ages and codes rowed in to make it a memorable experience for all our U14 boys and girls and those who visited our club. On the Saturday we hosted and fed 12 teams including those taking part in the boys' Div 1 Quarter Finals; on the Sunday we hosted/fed 16 teams taking part in the boys' Div 5 and Div 9 Cup and Shield semi-finals and finals – no mean feat! Our girls' families hosted the New York girls both of whom were playing in Div 2. The boys' families hosted the boys from Laune Rangers in Kerry both playing Div 1. Both our teams gave excellent accounts of themselves but the lasting friendships created that weekend is a hallmark of what Féile is about. Many thanks to the families who hosted our visitors, those who helped with the 'Big Clean Up' the previous weekend, cooked/served bacon butties, burgers, ran the shop, coordinated the event on and off the field, parked cars/directed traffic, acted as stewards inside and outside and to 'The Man Above' for the glorious weather. The event itself was vital for the well-being of our community commencing the day after our young Hurler Peárce Branagan was laid to rest.

We have up on 30 teams across all codes from U16 down to U6 - the teams at U6 participate in the 'Fundamentals Programme' and were mixed boys and girls for football; there was additional coaching for Hurling and Camogie at both U6/U8. It is crucial that all mentors and their parent-helpers possess the Child Protection Awareness course which is provided by the Club and are AccessNI vetted, the cost of which is borne by the Ulster Council. Most mentors in all codes possess at least Foundation Coaching Award Coaching. In 2018/19 we must aim for 100% of our juvenile coaches/helpers acquiring the Child Protection and AccessNI vetting not only for the safeguarding of the children but equally as important for their own protection.

It was a very good year for most of our Youth Teams in all disciplines with the U16 Footballers collecting the All County B League title; The U16 Camogs collected the League and Championship titles; in addition to reaching the final of the Féile Peil Shield the U14 boys reached the South Down Championship final, the reached their league and championship finals; U14 boys won their division in the Feile and represented Down in the All Ireland series in Fermanagh and Monaghan; the U14 Camogs were runners up in league and championship; the U14 LGFA had 30 children and fielded two teams with the U12s supplementing the Development team – the A team reached the semi-final of the championship where they were beaten by the eventual winners Carryduff; the U11, U12 and U13 boys performed well in their leagues (there is no championship) with the U12s winning the Warrenpoint tournament; the U12 Camogs were runners up in the league; the highlight of the year was undoubtedly winning the Ellen Finnegan tournament hosted by Castlewellan; they were selected to play in Croke Park at 'Cumann to Croker' and finished the year in style when they were joint winners of the final All county blitz of the season. The U12 LGFA finished joint top of their league have lost only two games all season and they won 3 tournaments including our own! The U12 hurlers had a very busy season taking part in the indoor Development Blitzes in DKIT. The small squad participated very well in the U12 League but the highlight for the older members of the squad was undoubtedly joining forces with Warrenpoint to compete in and win the Tain óg U13 Ulster League with the final in St Tiarnach's Park in Clones!

The U10 footballers had an extremely busy year – generally there were 30 boys attending training and tournaments and where permissible they fielded three teams – they took home silverware from 12 of the 15 tournaments they played in – some achievement! The U10 Camogs participated in the monthly county blitzes and also represented their primary school with St Patrick’s Ballymaghery winning the PS indoor camogie competition making it 3 in a row but were unfortunately beaten in the Ulster semi-final. The 10 LGFA attended four all county blitzes and were undefeated throughout; Clonduff hosted an Ulster Development Blitz in September and most of these girls were on St Patrick’s PS team that reached the Cumann na mBunscoil Final for the first time ever – Carrick PS retained the title by a single point! The U10/8/6 Hurlers participated in pre-season indoor blitzes in DKIT and the Eddie Irvine Centre in Bangor and attended fortnightly county blitzes hosting the event on two occasions. There were up on 60 children registered with the U8 footballers and generally fielded 4/5 teams; they had 12 Blitz Challenge Games, entered 14 tournaments with at least one of the teams reaching a final and won the Saval Tournament. There were huge numbers in the U6 Fundamentals programme – they played 8 Friendlies, 2 Skills Challenges Events – one county and one with Clonduff Senior Footballers, played in 4 Blitzes and were the subject of a SportNI Promotional Video.

It is the duty of the Children’s Officer to ensure the safety of our children at all times – thankfully there were no issues throughout the year and things went very well.

Once again, this year there were a number of registration days for the Cúl Camp – it was the biggest ever Camp in Clonduff with 268 children attending, 88 of whom were in the Nursery Camp – the biggest camp in Down.

Upwards on 60 children attended the Clonduff Camogie Camp and over 30 boys attended the Hurling Camp in Clonduff Park in mid-August. Both these camps were coached in the skills of the ancient game by volunteer coaches – current and former players. We also ran a very successful Halloween Camp in conjunction with the local Community Safety Partnership – over 100 youngsters attended over the two days.

The established U8, U10 and U12 football tournaments again ran very successfully in May/June with the U12 LGFA at the end of August two weeks after the Ella Trainor Memorial U6 Blitz which was attended by twelve teams – three from Clonduff and the rest from neighbouring clubs. The Camogs as usual ran their juvenile Parish League very successfully in September.

Upwards on 300 youngsters attended the recent juvenile (U10-U16) Awards Day. This was a new departure for the Annual Awards with the U10/12 from all codes attending the first session and the U14/16 from all codes attending the second session. The U6/8 youngsters had their own event and awards in ‘The Fun House’ Newry prior to this.

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, a number of Schools/Colleges games and various championship games.

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

Thanks to Youth Officer Paul McConville for the Report

It would be remiss of me not to name the juvenile coaches, mentors and volunteers during 2018 who gave their time so willingly to the youth of Clonduff:

Peil (Football)

U16 Football: PJ McGreevy, Tony Wilson, Paddy Brown, Arty Noel McConville, Charlie Carr, Stephen McConville, Mark Devlin

U14 Football: Mickey Fegan, Rory McGreevy, Jason Brown, Paul Lively

U13 Football: Mickey Fegan, Rory McGreevy, Jason Brown, Paul Lively, Shane Ward, Gary Haughian

U12 Football: Kevin McGrath, Conor Óg O’Hagan, Paddy Green, Paul Cunningham, Daniel McPolin

U11 Football: Daniel McPolin, Seamy Morgan, Kevin Kearney, Kieran Crosbie, Aidan McAlinden, Rory Matthews, Paudie Matthews, Paul McConville, Kevin McGrath, Conor Óg O’Hagan

U10 Football: Daniel McPolin, Seamy Morgan, Kevin Kearney, Kieran Crosbie, Aidan McAlinden, Rory Matthews, Paudie Matthews, Paul McConville

U8 Football: Paul Maginn, Damien Smyth, Kieran McLogan, Colin Shields, Steve Gilbey + Parents

U6 Football: Damien Fearon, Plunkett McConville, Gavin McCann, Anthony Grimes, Eugene Branagan, Declan Fitzpatrick, Damien Rooney, Gerard Morgan, Shane Quinn, Brian Canavan, Jamie Farrell, Paul McConville, Paudie Matthews + Parents

Peil na mBan (Ladies Football)

U14: Gavin McCann, Aaron Devlin, Shereen Lyness-Feenan, Sean Morgan, Sinead McKeown, Kevin Kearney
U12: Kieran & Majella Kelly
U10: Kieran & Majella Kelly, Kevin O'Rourke and all those who helped out for blitzes

Iomana (Hurling)

U16/Minors – John Murphy, Eddie Clancy
U12 – Anthony Binks, Paul McCusker
U6/U8/10 Shane Quinn, Danny Nugent, Chrissy Young, Jamie Lowry, Fionnbharr Murphy

Camógaíocht (Camogie)

U14/16: Oliver Morgan, Colin Shields, Guinevra McGilligan
U12: Kitty Fegan
U10: Eileen Hamill, Noreen Tumilty, Patrice Maginn, Orla Morgan
U6/8: Kitty Fegan
The Juvenile Camogie news and progress will be dealt with in detail in the Camogie Report which will be presented later.

Liathróid Láimhe(Handball)

It was another successful year for Handball in Clonduff with our youngsters. Great work is being done in juvenile handball in Clonduff in the girls' game – thanks to Colin Shields. As stated earlier we need someone to take the boys' game in hand and take the lads who showed such potential a few years back up to that level and beyond.

SCÓR, CULTÚR AGUS POBAL (SCÓR, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY)

Scór na nÓg 2018 began twelve month ago with almost 50 children participating in the various disciplines and the run came to an end for the Clonduff youngsters at the Ulster Final in January 2018. Brian McGreevy had won the South Down Recitation title and along with runners up Aoife Trainor (Solo Singing), Ballad Group, Instrumental Music and Set Dancing went on to represent the Division in the County Final. Our Ballad Group took the County title and thus qualified for the Ulster Semi Final and qualified from there to represent Down in the Ulster Final. Though they gave a magnificent performance on the day the title eluded them. It is quite a number of years since a Clonduff Scór na nÓg team reached an Ulster Final! Well done to all involved – Emma McGreevy, Kayleigh McPolin, Jordan McPolin, Aoife Trainor and Katie Murnin – your mentors Colleen, Caroline and Paul. Emma is now out of the age group but the other four have been joined by Grace Clancy and are sure to give the title another rattle this year.

Clonduff won three South Down titles in Scór Sinsir -Mary Catherine Murray (Solo Singing), Ceili Dancers (Lisa Gribben, Ellen Murphy, Gail Kane, Nicola Ward, Ursula Kearney, Caroline McGreevy, Wendy Branagan, Clare McAlinden) and Set Dancing (Lisa Gribben, Ursula Kearney, Gail Kane, Wendy Branagan, Elaine Farrell, Wayne Farrell, Jayme Farrell, Francis Quinn) and the Set Dancers went on to lift the county title. Five of the team -Jayme, Elaine, Lisa, Ursula and Francis were on the Scór na nÓg team that won a double All Ireland in Ceili and Set Dancing 25 years earlier in 1993 - they had won the All Ireland Set Dancing title also in 1991

The 2017 All Ireland Ballad Group Champions raise over £4,500 for Southern Area Hospice Services in their 'Champions for Charity' Extravaganza in INF Hall Hilltown in March 2018

Scór 2019 started in October and we have collected two South Down titles (Recitation and Set Dancing) and were runners up in five events. The big talking point in the County Final will be the McGreevy Brothers, Brian and Jack competing against each other in the Recitation Section.

Apart from representing Clonduff in Scór competitions our Young Ballad Group helped provide the entertainment before the start of the County Final in Pairc Esler.

We have five eligible singers who have completed the necessary National Anthem training and are regularly called upon to perform Amhrán na bhFiann at championship games and other county functions. There will be another such workshop coming up shortly so we would urge as many of our singers to attend this workshop – only those who participate in Scór can sing the National Anthem at such events.

Many congratulations to the four young people who received Gaeltacht bursaries from Down GAA. We as a club have always supported our Gaelgoiri óige by offering a small bursary to those who do not receive financial help from any other source.

Joe Farrell's Juvenile Set Dancing have made tremendous strides and just recently picked up the South Down title and therefore stand a good chance of picking up the County Title. Despite the Nolan School of Irish Dancing in Parochial Hall on Monday nights we do not again have a Juvenile Ceili Dance team to represent us in Scór na nÓg as unfortunately not many local children attend that School of Dancing. However if posts on Social Media are anything to go by there are lots of local children doing Irish Dancing and are good enough to have participated in both Ulster and World Championships. Our Cultural Committee must make this a priority for the incoming season. Plunkett McConville continues as the main Stadium Announcer As Gailge in Pairc Esler.

There were a number of community events hosted by the Club such as the Halloween Festival run in conjunction with the Hilltown Community Association and part funded by the Council's Community Safety Partnership Grant. There were a number of Health and Wellness events in the Club.

On behalf of Clonduff Club I wish to thank Miss Una Lawless Principal of St Patrick's Primary School for always making the school's facilities available to us particularly for Scór.

Thanks to our Cultural and Community Officer Thomas Murnin who has put a lot of effort into ensuring that Clonduff remains at the forefront of maintaining and preserving our cultural heritage!

Clonduff PRO Ciara Kelly gave us great joy when she was selected as 'Down Rose' and represented the county in the Rose of Tralee Festival in August. She was one of the successful 32 (out of 57) to make it to the televised show where she was mighty impressive and firmly put our community on the map.

NA SCOILA (THE SCHOOLS)

We are blessed with the personnel in our local Primary Schools for promoting and coaching our national games – Plunkett McConville, Kitty Fegan, Maeve McNeill and Ursula Kearney in St Patrick's and the principal of St Paul's Declan Mason who all back up the great work that is being done at juvenile level in the club in all our field sports. Unfortunately, it has been confirmed that the coaching programmes provided by Ulster and County Boards will discontinue in the schools for the remainder of this fiscal year. It must be a priority of our club to fill the shortfall in the meantime by providing volunteer coaches.

Our Secondary and Grammar Schools are also reaping the benefits of our young people as representatives on schools' teams and indeed back-boning all the Gaelic sports in all the local Secondary School. Our current and former players continue to promote and coach the games as teachers/lecturers in schools, colleges and third level education.

DISCIPLÍN (DISCIPLINE)

Discipline in Clonduff in all codes has been generally good in 2018 if we compare ourselves to some of the video footage that has done the rounds in the past season! We did have some red cards in all codes, some unwarranted. A couple of times during the year we had to attend 'Hearings' in this respect but in the absence of video evidence the referee's report has to be accepted. Unfortunately, on a couple of occasions this has cost us in terms of fines. As we now own a video camera is it time we started recording all games though this may, in some cases, contravene GDPR Guidelines.

NA PÁIRCEANNA AGUS NA ÁISEANNA (THE FIELDS AND FACILITIES)

At the start of the season a new ball stop was erected on the top pitch because of damage caused by the storms. A new fence was erected between the car park and the bottom pitch. Thanks to Leo Bloomfield, Paul Bloomfield and Martin Lynch for their help with this project. Pitches were cut at least once a week – thanks to Brendan Murray, Vincent Devlin and Aidan Brown for taking on this time-consuming work on our three pitches. Thanks also to Murtagh Walls for spreading the fertilizer, Damian Farnon, Mark Trainor, Thomas Murnin, Mickey Fegan and Brendan Carvill who were always available when called upon.

The Pre-Feile Clean Up Day was very successful – thanks to all who came and/or brought equipment/machinery. Personally, I felt that this day provided a great sense of belonging and camaraderie with some people remarking that we should have this kind of day more often.

With well over 30 teams in the club our facilities are in constant use – add to this the requests from outside teams – various county teams, other clubs and schools – keeping the dressing rooms 'respectable' was an onerous task. However, in PJ's own words 'If the dressing rooms are not to your liking, don't be complaining, lift the brush or

mop and play your part in helping keep them clean! Thanks to mentors and managers who do help by cleaning up after their teams whether it's training or games.

All pitches were sanded and verti-drained in April, fertilised in April and August; Goalmouths were resodded at end of last season.

A massive 'thank you' to PJ McGreevy for the work he does day and daily to keep our pitches and facilities in such excellent condition. Many thanks also for the Report PJ.

SIOPA GCLUB (CLUB SHOP)

The Club shop continues to prove its worth and many thanks to Goretta, Noleen, Shane and Geraldine for all the hours they give to the shop.

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 property and all noted for inspection. There is always a vast volume of foot and vehicular traffic around the club and we again implore drivers to take care and respect the pedestrian crossings and to please use the designated parking spaces.

SLÁINTE AGUS FOLLÁINE (HEALTH AND WELLNESS)

The Healthy Clubs Project Phase 2 came to an end in March and whilst we may not be taking part in the National Programme we continue with the building of healthy practices into their everyday activities while also responding to the health and wellbeing needs of our members and their communities.

We are now officially a non-smoking club with a designated area for those who wish to smoke whilst attending games. We continue with wellbeing initiatives that have a tremendous impact on our club members and the wider community – we ran a very well attended Drugs and Alcohol Awareness seminar and a Mental Health information seminar. Young need and want the information that is available to help them deal with issues that do not involve just playing the Game of Sport but the Game of Life

By being involved at any level of activity in our club including collecting the money at the gate or directing traffic at a tournament, making tea and organising social events, all tick the box for health and wellness in addition to playing our games or taking part in social activities. Areas of work that our club want to be included are:- physical activity, emotional wellbeing, health screening, anti-bullying, diet and nutrition, inclusion, drug and alcohol awareness, life skills and personal development, anti- smoking, facilities development, and engagement with older community members, eg creating a walk way around our Park for all to enjoy and be safe.

SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL)

The new year for the social committee began on 1st December 2017 with Santa's visit to the Youth Club after the Christmas lights switch-on in The Square. January saw the return of our annual Pool competitions run over 2 days with both senior and junior categories fed and watered!

Throughout the rest of the year we had the honour of hosting: 2 Christenings, 2 Quiz nights, 2 pre-Wedding Parties, 2 40th Birthdays, 1 Disco, The Féile, Rose of Tralee Celebration Night, 5 Championship Final Meals, 1 Ulster Final Meal, Juvenile Awards Day, Annual Awards and Dinner Dance, 8 Youth tournaments, U21 Blitz. Our club also facilitated 2 funeral meals during the year.

We would like to thank all those who put their shoulder to the wheel in any shape or form this year, without your continued help and support we could not run the clubrooms.

Also a big thanks to all those who had their possessions and machinery 'hijacked' or 'borrowed' on more than one occasion, even if you didn't realise it was gone! Your patience and cooperation is very much appreciated.

Finally, congratulations to all our players and mentors who this year took us on a great journey of emotion and excitement, we enjoyed every minute of it! UP THE YELLAS!!

Thanks Dermot and your committee for your hard work and to you Dermot for the report

FORBAIRT (DEVELOPMENT)

Clonduff became the first club to successfully complete Club Maith / SportNI Clubmark online and were selected to participate in a SportNI promotional video.

Development is always a 'work in progress'. The entrance update and car park fencing have greatly enhanced our facilities as has the restoration of the ball stop in the top field after the end of season storm last year. The storms

this year have played havoc with the fencing at the top car park – maybe we should look at replacing the wooden fencing with the same type of fencing as the car park/back field. I believe one of our priorities must be the provision of a ball wall which will be suitable for both the large and small ball training sessions.

CAIRDREAMH POIBLÍ AGUS CUMARSÁIDI (PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS)

Despite Ciara Kelly's busy role as the 'Down Rose' she managed to develop the Club App for team/field management, furnish weekly notes to Down website and the local press – unfortunately the 'Clonduff Post' has gone out of business which is a big loss to those who are not 'into IT', and assist with Social Media updates. Personally I would like to see the 'Home Games' League programme resurrected along with 'The Yellow Gold' Newsletter or as an Annual Year Book!

STAIR (HISTORY)

The 'Milestones' page on the Club's website www.clonduffgac.net continues to record the significant events and achievements of the year in the history of Clonduff. Moves are afoot to update the website through 'Content Management' software which will make it more accessible for uploads and updates.

RIARACHÁN (ADMINISTRATION)

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the administration of this big club – Assistant Secretary Niamh Murray whose help has been invaluable; our PRO Ciara Kelly, Treasurer Daniel McPolin, Chairperson Pdraig Matthews both in their first year, and host of other people who helped out with producing the Féile Peil Club Programme and to those who helped update the FaceBook and Twitter accounts. A big shout out to Colin Shields who took on the role of 'Tweeting' County Championship games from Pairc Chluain Daimh. If we are to 'grow' this role we really must look into upgrading our wi-fi capabilities.

CUNTAS AIRGID (FINANCE)

The Financial report comprehensively covers the sources of finance throughout the year. The full financial figures will be presented by our Treasurer at the AGM.

COMHGHAIRDEAS (CONGRATULATIONS) To CULTURAL AND SOCIAL

- Clonduff PRO selected as Down Rose 2018 and represented Down at Rose of Tralee Festival in August
- Clonduff Juvenile Ballad Group reached Ulster Final after winning Co Title - Emma McGreevy, Kayleigh McPolin, Aoife Trainor, Katie Murnin & Jordan McPolin. Over 50 youngsters had taken part in initial rounds of South Down Scór na nÓg 2018
- Three South Down titles for Clonduff in Scór Sinsir -Mary Catherine Murray (Solo Singing), Ceili Dancers (Lisa Gribben, Ellen Murphy, Gail Kane, Nicola Ward, Ursula Kearney, Caroline McGreevy, Wendy Branagan, Clare McAlinden) and Set Dancing (Lisa Gribben, Ursula Kearney, Gail Kane, Wendy Branagan, Elaine Farrell, Wayne Farrell, Jayme Farrell, Francis Quinn)
- Set Dancers are County Champions! Five of the team -Jayme, Elaine, Lisa, Ursula and Francis were on the Scór na nÓg team that won a double All Ireland in Ceili and Set Dancing 25 years earlier in 1993 - they had won the All Ireland Set Dancing title also in 1991
- 2017 All Ireland Ballad Group Champions raise over £4,500 for Southern Area Hospice Services in their 'Champions for Charity' Extravaganza
- Clonduff becomes the first club to successfully complete Club Maith / Sport NI Clubmark online
- 268 youngsters attend annual Kellogs Cul Camp in Clonduff Park making it second largest in county (Belfast Club Carryduff). With 88 children in the Nursery Camp it is by far the biggest at this age (P1/2)

HANDBALL

- Clonduff's Patrick Cowan and Niall Quinn win Co League Div 3 & 4 Respectively
- Patrick Cowan wins Ulster Schools U15 title and reaches Ulster Club Final
- Clodagh Kelly (U13) and Niamh McConville (U11) in Ulster Schools Singles Finals at their age groups

HURLING

- Clonduff wins Down Feis 7s, Junior Championship & CPN Charity Blitz
- John Murphy is Down Junior Hurler of the Year and was selected as Clonduff's Senior Player of the Year
- Conor Pio Gribben selected for the Sean Cairns 'Most Improved' Player of the Year
- Shay Murnin nominated for Gaelic Life All Star

- Sean Cairns inaugural Hurling Training Camp - 28th July - delivered by Kilkenny Hurling Legends David Herity and Aidan Fogarty
- Inaugural Peárce Branagan Memorial Poc Fada Cup won by Declan Napier (Senior Hurling Manager); Orla Morgan won Senior Ladies; Paudie Clancy U16 Boys; Ellen Shields U16 Girls
- U12/13s combine with CPN to win Ulster Blitz Cup

FOOTBALL

- Clonduff boys host Laune Rangers for Féile Peile na nÓg - Clonduff boys reach Shield Final - beaten by the Patsy O'Hagan founded Claregalway
- Down Masters win Plate Competition - Rory Matthews, Tony Wilson and Clonduff adoptee Kevin McGrath on team
- U21s win Dalsey Mooney Pre-season Tournament
- U16 Boys win All County B League
- U14 Boys in Championship Final
- U8/10/12 win numerous blitzes

LADIES FOOTBALL

- Clonduff girls host New York girls for Féile Peile na nÓg 2018 - Clonduff reach Div 2 Shield quarter final;
- St Patrick's Primary School, comprised mainly of Clonduff U10s reach their first ever LGFA Schools final - defeated by Burren by single point
- Minor Ladies reach final of Burren Floodlit 7s

CAMOGIE

- Down wins the Ulster Senior Camogie title defeating six-in-a-row winners Derry with 10 Clonduff girls on the team – Down also reach the All Ireland Final
- 3 Clonduff girls awarded Soaring Stars—Fionnuala Carr (Capt), Paula O'Hagan, Sara Louise Graffin; same three players selected for Gaelic Life All Stars
- Clonduff retain Co title and defeat 4-time Champions Eglis (Tyrone) in Ulster Final—7 girls nominated for Gaelic Life All Stars
- School girls Beth Fitzpatrick of St Mark's (2) and Isabella O'Hare from Our Lady's awarded Colleges All Stars

BUÍOCHAS (THANKS) To:

- The very many participants involved in Clonduff GAA Club – without you there would be no club. The players of all codes – Football, Hurling, Camogie, Ladies Football, Handball, Scór – at all levels gave so much of their time to train and represent Clonduff
- The mentors in all codes who freely gave their time to their teams and for their co-operation throughout the year
- Our club membership in general
- All our active referees in all codes – without you there couldn't be any games
- 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
- A special word of thanks to our Young Volunteers – more young people are making themselves available to assist in Club activities
- 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 until its demise in the summer and local newspapers for publishing Club Notes, reports and club adverts
- The Primary and Secondary schools for their continued support and promotion of Gaelic Games and to St Patrick's for the use of their premises for Scór and other club activities
- Those who cooked 'Big Breakfasts', Burgers, Hot Dogs, etc throughout the year and/or provided sandwiches

for tournaments, Fun Days, Juvenile Awards Events, etc and especially during Féile

- The Clonduff Host Families during Féile Peil
- The helpers/stewards and officials during our 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
- All those who helped sell or who bought the Down Clubs' Draw tickets and weekly Lotto tickets
- The County and Divisional Boards in all codes for their continued support and direction

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 and whilst we cannot list all our lost loved ones it would be very remiss of me not to mention the passing of Sean Cairns and Peárce Branagan both of whom are a major loss not only to our club but to the whole Clonduff Community. We should stand and observe a moment's silence as a mark of respect to their memories. They were all included in the Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday 14th November in the Clubrooms, along with all the past deceased members of our Club. Thanks to Father Charlie Byrne the celebrant, Eileen Mooney the organist and her magnificent choir, those who did Readings, Prayers of the Faithful, carried up the Gifts, distributed Holy Communion or simply attended – It is a fitting way to remember those connected with our club or their family members who are no longer with us. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha uasal.

DEIREADH (CONCLUSION)

Personally, as I write this final report of my term as Secretary of this great club it is with very mixed feelings. I have been involved in its administration for the past 20 year – 7 as assistant secretary and 11 as Secretary. I have worked along with numerous Chairpersons and Treasurers and created many lasting friendships both within the club and outside it and got to know people I otherwise wouldn't have encountered. Ten years ago, when Donal passed away very unexpectedly I honestly believe I wouldn't have been long after him if it hadn't been for my involvement in and commitment to Clonduff Club and the support I received from its members. Thank you Clonduff for being my saviour! I wish you good health and prosperity!

I would like to thank the outgoing Committee members for their co-operation and commitment over the past year and wish the incoming committee a successful and rewarding year in office. Whilst I may be retiring as secretary 'I haven't gone away you know'! I hope to remain as an additional member of the Executive if elected and will always be available if I can help in any way.

I sincerely apologise for any errors or omissions during the past year or in this report and to anyone that I may have offended – no offence was ever intended. Let us move forward as a united club in harmony with each other for the greater good of Clonduff and our community. 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. As I conclude this report it has been announced that Mark Harte and Adrian O'Donnell will be the new Senior Football managers – I send them and the footballers (and indeed all the Clonduff teams) my very best wishes. I reiterate the words of new Down manager Paddy Tally at our recent Awards night – 'Managers don't win games – the players on the field do'! I urge you to buy into this philosophy – it's been too long since 2000 when we last won the Frank O'Hare Cup. When we go through the entrance to Clonduff Park, let us put our differences behind us and unite behind the 'Yellow Gold'! Let the words of the late JFK be our mantra – "United we stand, divided we fall".

I cannot sign off without wishing the Senior Camogs the very best of good luck in the All Ireland semi-final at the end of January and then the All Ireland Final in Croke Park – bring it home girls!

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Anita Ón tUí Bhranagain

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