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(Annual General Meeting 2022)

TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ
(Secretary's Report)

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of CLONDUFF GAA Club will be held on

TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 20 at 7 PM in Clonduff Club

All members are invited to discuss the following:

CLÁR OBIBRE/AGENDA

Re-affirm Commitment to GAA Constitution
Adopt the Standing Orders
Minutes of 2021 AGM
Secretary's Report 2022
Camogie Report 2022
Treasurer's Report 2022
Chairperson's Address
President's Address
Election of Officers
Proposals and Recommendations to AGM/Co Boards
Any Other Notified Business
Open Forum

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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 2022

The short U19 Football season got underway at the end of February 2022 with the LGFA kicking off a month later, the Men's football and Hurling began early April and Camogie a couple of weeks later. Thankfully, unlike the previous two years there were no breaks in play due to the Coronavirus and all games in all codes were completed more or less as per programme.

One thing Covid did teach us was the advantages of embracing modern technologies – during the lockdowns, we conducted our monthly Executive Meetings over Zoom and even did the Annual Adult Awards and an AGM across Zoom. We have moved on from those early days and now conduct our monthly Executive Meetings in a Hybrid format where members may attend in person or join in from their homes, or whatever part of the world they may be in – one member has been known to tune in from his car!

What a year it was for Clonduff Camogs – a clean sweep of all five county titles – has that ever been achieved before in any code? And then an Ulster title in a hard-fought encounter in Newry recently and hopefully more to come. Most of the girls on the U14 Camogie team were also on the LGFA team that won the County A Championship; The same goes for the Minor age (U18) girls who won the County Camogie and were runners up in the LGFA Championship. The County U15 Feile winning teams also mainly comprised of dual players – with the LGFA collecting the Regional Title in Darver Co Louth. This perhaps more than any other factor underlines the importance of underage players being exposed to diverse skills sets in their formative years.

There were a number of other highlights for me during the Year – the recent visit of Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Larry McCarthy to our Awards Night, the provision of activities for the 'more mature' members – Gaelic for Mothers and Others (G4MO), Saturday Night Lights Social Hurling, Caman n Chats (Camogie, now been running a few years) – all we need now for a full house is the 'Dads n Lads'! I'm throwing down the challenge!

COSAINT (SAFEGUARDING/CHILD PROTECTION)

In these challenging times, the safety and welfare of our young members is always to the forefront of our minds. It is critical that the Club continues to provide a safe and enjoyable environment where all children feel appreciated when playing our Games. The Club continues to utilise the GAA Code of Behaviour as a guidance for all our Policy and Guidance. These documents provide guidance of what is expected from our Coaches, Our Parents and our Juvenile players. Respect is a central theme. Respect to our Coaches, Respect to our Parents, Respect to our Players and Respect of Opponents and particularly the Games Officials. It is a continuing policy of the Club that all volunteers who assist with Juvenile Teams have Access NI clearance and have completed an up-to-date Child Safe Guarding Course.

Thanks to Safeguarding Officer Shane Quinn for the report.

BALLRAÍOCHT MEMBERSHIP

The Club membership was again one of the largest in the County with 458 adult members and 508 juvenile members. There were 582 registered males and 384 females. Of the registered adults, 180 were players, 34 G4MO and 244 non-players.

Our Registrar Damian Fearon does a tremendous job coordinating all the memberships and getting most people to register themselves on the Foireann system; players and coaches are not insured if they are not registered. Again, it is essential to stress that all injuries need to be reported to the Club's Insurance Officer as soon as they happen so that all systems are in place if the claim progresses and there is no harm done if it does not progress.

Unfortunately, our long-term servant in this role Denise Close, has declared her intention of stepping down this year – many thanks Denise for all your time and effort and chasing up players' documentation. Damian and Denise have carried out their roles for our members to a very high standard and we thank them sincerely.

RÉITEORÍÍ REFEREES

We welcomed back former referee Gerard (Ben) Brennan and Clonduff resident Dane Devlin transferred into the club. We are now one of the better equipped clubs with refereeing personnel and these two men represented us well, along with existing and long-time referees - Ciarán Branagan, Eddie Clancy, Kevin McGrath, and Paddy

Branagan (Sen). We know only too well that in the heat of games it can be very easy to criticize the referee and in recent months there has been a lot of adverse publicity about the physical and verbal abuse that has been hurled at the match officials – hopefully our mentors and members will never be guilty of such abuse nor our officials the subject of such abuse. We need to show all referees, even if we are not happy with some of their decisions, the greatest respect – without them there won't be any games. GAA President Larry McCarthy, on his recent visit, highlighted this very issue and implored our players, mentors to continue to promote the important role of the referee in furthering the development of our National Games.

Thanks also to Niall Rafferty and other mentors and anyone else who has helped out with refereeing Ladies Football, Hurling and/or Camogie Games.

PÁIRCEANNA AGUS ÁISEANNA PLAYING FIELDS AND FACILITIES

At the beginning of the year, Prunty Pitches verti-drained the three fields, sanded the main pitch and the back pitch and resodded the goal areas in all three pitches. The main pitch was also sprayed to treat a worm which was leaving the surface of the pitch slippery. The top pitch also had to be shock-waved to break a crust to allow proper drainage, there was a cost of around £12,000 to complete this but it was much-needed work which was required to be carried out - the fields hugely benefitted from this throughout the year. There should be a grant available for the verti-draining on those three pitches to be claimed back from Ulster Council. The verti-draining and resodding will need to be carried out in the coming year also.

Brendan wished to thank a number of people for all of their help throughout the year; Murtagh Walls for the spreading of fertiliser for summer and winter; Anthony Morgan and Tommy Kelly for keeping our pitches marked throughout the season; Bernard Branagan for the organising the pitch signage, which is bringing in much needed funds; Tommy Kelly and Peter McKeefry for the planting of the trees along the river in the field that we purchased; PJ for organising the Bollards at the bottom of the main car park to ensure the safety of the patrons going to both the shop and the back pitch; and to our many volunteers who made themselves available for the clean-up days which were arranged, all of the help was greatly appreciated - we will probably need to organise another clean-up day soon.

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway throughout the year with the maintenance of our grounds, apologies if I left anyone out.

Brendan appealed to all club mentors to make it part of their training schedule to ensure all litter and bottles are removed from the pitches and put in the bins appropriately - unfortunately this was a persistent issue when cutting grass throughout the year, a lot of time had to be spent lifting litter before the grass could be cut. Personally, Brendan would like to see the day where there are no plastic bottles on the grounds, with the wider appreciation on the impact of climate change as well as the benefits to the club we should all be encouraging the use of reusable water bottles.

On a final note, Brendan, along with many other club members, would like to see our dressing rooms refurbished; this can only be done with everyone getting behind a fundraising plan to ensure the relevant funds are available to do this as it is likely to come at a significant cost. He states we need people to work for it as opposed to talking about it. Our players are one of the most valued assets in our club and I think it is important that we have the appropriate facilities for them.

Personally, I wish to commend Brendan and all his volunteers for the pristine condition of our pitches which was commented upon numerous times throughout the year and to thank Brendan for the report.

TACAIOCHT CLUICHI (ADULT GAMES)

The Club fielded adult teams in Senior, Seconds, Thirds, U20, U19 in Football, Senior Hurling, Senior Camogie and Ladies Football.

Personally, I wish to reiterate that a penalty shoot out should have not place in Gaelic Games – if teams are still drawing after extra time, the least they deserve is a replay!

It is my honest opinion that if we are to keep lads playing Football, we must have a proper structured season for U19/20 – our U19s effectively got a 5-week season beginning the end of February and finishing the end of March.

The season for our U20s was even shorter – three games tagged on in October/November. This scenario is certainly not conducive to player retention.

FOIRANN SINSIR PEIL (SENIOR FOOTBALL)

Clonduff Senior footballers had quite a mixed year in 2022. With quite a number of players deciding to travel or leave the panel due to work commitments this year, the management team never really got a chance to build on the previous years' work; results throughout the league campaign were quite mixed. They did however, finish in the top 4 of the League with quite a few younger players given the chance to stake their claim in the senior panel. The championship got underway with a very below par performance against Kilcoo before the team picked themselves up to beat Bryansford and Ballyholland respectively. The draw for the quarter final paired us with Kilcoo again. This game was quite different from the opening championship game where the team gave a performance that pushed Kilcoo all the way to a penalty shootout where we narrowly lost in sudden death. It was quite a harsh way to lose, however the boys put a performance in that they can be proud of and answered quite a few critics they had from the first game.

After the game the management team led by Ciaran McBride, Ryan McShane and Anthony Grimes stepped down. We thank them sincerely for their all their hard work and wish them all the best in the future.

FOIREANN DHÁ (SECONDS FOOTBALL)

Similar to the senior team the seconds had a very mixed year in 2022. The league started very brightly with some excellent performances from a very young team before a dip in form towards the latter stages of the league left the boys finishing 3rd in the league table.

A very young team were narrowly defeated by a strong Ballyholland team in the opening round of the championship. This left the team qualifying for the Felix Darby competition, where after victories over Drumgath and Annaclone, our boys saw off a strong Burren team in the final. It was a great victory and a fitting reward for the boys for their efforts throughout the year.

Many thanks to Anthony and Ryan for looking after the Seconds and to Anthony for the report.

FOIREANN TRIUR Thirds FOOTBALL

Clonduff Reserves (Thirds) had a squad of around 25 players. They played 9 league games, winning 7, finishing runners in the league. They were beaten in the semi-final of the championship by Burren. We were the only team to field in all of our games. A big issue for the players was the games being fixed for 6pm on Sunday which is very unsuitable for all players particularly players with young families.

Thanks to PJ McGreevy and Conor Maginn for managing the Thirds team and to PJ for the Report.

PEIL FAOI 19 (U19 FOOTBALL)

The U19 league-style programme ran from end of February to end of March 2022 with with 5 scheduled games – Clonduff won 3, lost 1 and DNF in 1 – unfortunately did not qualify for the final. 21 players, including 9 x U17 were used over the course of the competition – in the game that was lost there were just 13 players available and in the dnf only 11 players – manager says they could not have completed the programme without the U17 players and cooperation of U17 management.

Manager Andrew Carr, thanked everyone who assisted in any way with the team but mostly the players, he said the club has a strong future as long as we nurture the talent coming through. For him the highlight of the year was beating Burren in the final game, a team that had previously been unbeaten throughout their underage years. The resilience and 'never say die' attitude that the boys showed in that game was tremendous to be part of.

Andrew said he would advise and encourage the U19s and U17s to train together and would ensure meaningful numbers at training as some of the older boys were training with other teams. He is of the opinion most of the boys at U19 are not physically ready for senior football and was disappointed that his suggestion of a specific S&C program for this group was not acted on and that the basic gym facilities at the club were removed.

Many thanks to the management team of Andrew Carr, Mark Devlin, Maurice Sommers and Ross Carr and to Andrew for the report.

PEIL FAOI 20 U20 FOOTBALL

The U20 competition was once again played at the tail end of the year, and wasn't well supported by the county as a whole. Clonduff ended up playing three competitive games, including a win and a loss in the group before falling to Mayobridge in an entertaining quarter final. It is hoped that more of the lads can progress to and make themselves available to the senior football teams in the years to come.

Thanks to managers Mark Devlin, Paul McConville, Daniel McPolin and Gary Farrell and thanks to Mark for the report.

IOMÁNAÍOCHT SINSIR (SENIOR HURLING)

Clonduff welcomed Tipperary native Ken O'Brien for 2022 and was ably assisted by former players Anthony Tinnelly and Frank Quinn. The early season focus was to ensure Division One status was secured for another year and to build from there. Important victories against Ballycran, Kilclief and Warrenpoint and Carryduff (twice) ensured that Clonduff finished 5th in the Division One table.

The focus then turned to Championship with Clonduff winning the first group game against Ballela at Clonduff Park but unfortunately were defeated by Carryduff and Liatroim in the remaining two games resulting in Clonduff not progressing to the County Final.

Other highlights of the year were the annual **Sean Cairns Day** with Waterford legend Dan Shanahan coaching a range of club teams and imparting some wisdom to the squad; the **Pearse Branagan Memorial Poc Fada** which was won by Rían Branagan.

The hurlers also enjoyed a return to the Kilmacud Sevens competition in July. Thanks to Ken, Anthony and Frank who will remain with the Senior Hurlers in 2023. Thanks to Ciarán Kearney for the report.

PEIL NA MBÁN SINSIR (SENIOR LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL)

The Senior Ladies started the year with a new trainer Marc McAvoy who put the ladies through rigorous training sessions to build on their strength, fitness and skills. They had a lot of injuries to contend with, but with the support of the Minor players they fielded every game in the league. They met Rostrevor in the Intermediate Championship and displayed wonderful fitness and skill to overcome one of the pre championship favourites. However, they lost out in the semifinal to Dundrum and again lost in the 'backdoor' C Championship game to Ballymartin. The weather conditions for this game were extreme with wind and rain hampering the skills of both teams. However, Ballymartin won out by a 1-point margin.

It was a year of progression and the team is happy that management is returning next year. Many thanks to Mentors Brian Keenan, Marc McAvoy and Shereen Lyness and thanks to Shereen for the report.

One of the highlights of the Year was the 20-Year Celebration Day where current players and G4MO helped organise a great programme for the up-and-coming players with visiting County players followed by the Adult Celebrations in Clonduff Club which was the first official function in the Club since pre-Covid.

G4MO (GAELIC FOR MOTHERS AND OTHERS)

Gaelic for Mothers and Others (G4MO) was introduced in January 2022 with the first get-together/training session in the INF Hall. There were 10-12 ladies who initially showed interest but were naturally anxious due to the fact that some of them had never kicked a ball before. However, with the reassurance of a number of our former Senior Ladies' players and plenty of encouragement they started to enjoy their weekly Thursday nights out of the house. Training consisted of basic fitness, introduction to football skills and plenty of craic. As word spread that you did not need previous experience nor to be a 'Mother' – only criteria is that to be eligible you must be over age 25 – numbers started growing and by the end of the season 34 people were registered.

As the longer evenings drew in and the pitch became available, the craic remained the priority – there were some questionable drills along the way. The first match was against the also newly formed Mayobridge Ladies as part of the LGFA in Clonduff 20-year Celebration. This event resulted in a big increase in participation.

The G4MO attended a number of blitzes including the Ulster Blitz in Silverbridge and one in Atticall and played several games against other local teams with the main aim being fun and craic.

The G4MO would like to thank Carol Curran (Classique) for sponsoring quarter-zip tops and Laura Kearney (Walk-in Wardrobe) for sponsoring a new set of jerseys – ‘Dressed for Success’.

Following the end of the playing season the Ladies are planning group walks and a fitness program with ball work. Great friendships have been forged that may never have happened but for G4MO; it provided opportunities for locals and new members of our community to feel a part of our club. This welcome will be extended into the new season. This programme is vitally important to support our mothers, aunts, sisters, nannas in Clonduff. Many thanks to G4MO lead Louise Savage for the report.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT (CAMOGIE)

As Guinevra says in her very comprehensive report (attached at the end) it was a truly monumental season for Clonduff Camogie – success on the field at every level, the foundations of a committed player development programme from U6 to U12 and the first Clonduff member to hold the position of County Chair. There was great involvement of the senior players at every level and great input from parents, mentors and supporters.

I would like, on behalf of everyone in Clonduff, to offer the Camogs our sincerest congratulations and wish them all the best in their All-Ireland series starting with Semi Final on 10th December.

NA FÓIRNE ÓIGE (YOUTH TEAMS)

2022 saw a welcome return to normal in terms of our youth football; a year which saw the return of our valued tournaments. This included the Brian McGreevy (U7.5) tournament, Daniel Andre (U9.5) tournament, Gary Murray (U11.5) tournament and the Dalsey Mooney 7s (U13) tournament. These tournaments were very well attended, with over 1000 people being in Clonduff Park in September for the Daniel Andre tournament. Teams travelled from Down, Armagh, Tyrone and Louth to compete, with many great performances on show from everyone, but most notably our own lads. Many thanks are extended to all of those who helped out in any way at these events. Again, many thanks are extended to all of those who gave up their time to help coach the younger generation in Clonduff. The underage management teams have been ratified for next year, and we are sure that we have the correct people in place to help develop our youth.

All of our underage football/hurling squads from U9-U17 have started to implement a specifically devised programme aimed at developing athletic ability and making our youth less prone to injury.

The first phase has been ongoing now for a number of weeks, and massive improvements have been seen in many of our young players.

This programme will continue throughout the winter months, and will increase in difficulty as we get closer to next season. Many thanks to Mark Devlin, Youth Officer for the compiled reports.

PEIL FAOI 17 (U17 Football)

Clonduff U17 footballers took part in a very tough Division 1 this year. They gave a good account of themselves in most matches and worked hard throughout the league campaign. In the championship they sadly exited at the group stage having found themselves in a group with Bredagh, Bosco, Ballyholland and eventual winners Burren. The lads worked hard throughout the season and were a pleasure to coach.

Many thanks to Jamie Fegan, Tony Wilson and Charlie Carr for their hard work throughout this season.

PEIL FAOI 15 (U15 Football)

The U15s this year were an age-group who were competitive during their league campaign, picking up some good victories, but also losing some games that they probably should have won. The Championship campaign began with an entertaining draw with Mayobridge; however, injuries and holidays took their toll and the squad suffered defeats in their next three games and exited the Championship at the quarter final stage.

They reached the final of Div 2 Feile Peil in Downpatrick on Easter Monday. They played some great football throughout the day to meet St John Bosco in the final. They were two very evenly matched teams and couldn't be separated at the final whistle. Five mins extra time was played in which the Newry side emerged as winners.

Some good progress was seen in many of the players throughout the year, with many of the lads improving as the year went on. The older group have now moved on to winter training with the U17s, whilst the new U15 age group has also commenced their winter training.

Many thanks to Kevin McGrath and his coaching team for their hard work throughout this season.

PEIL FAOI 13 (U13 Football)

The U13 age group had a big squad and fielded two teams – Div 1 and Div 3 had a reasonably successful year, however were still disappointed that they did not win more. They won the Division 1 and Division 3 League titles. The Division 1 team exited the Championship at the semi-final stage, being on the wrong end of an upset. The lads only lost two games throughout the whole year, including any friendlies that they played. The Division 3 team fared slightly better reaching their Championship final. It has to be remembered that Development or B teams are there to supplement the first team as well as giving the lads meaningful game time.

They were a great bunch of lads with a great commitment and attitude to training. They have a bright future ahead of them if they continue to progress the way they have done recently. The older U13s have moved on to winter training with the U15s, whilst the new U13 squad have also commenced their winter training.

Many thanks to Pdraig Matthews, Paul Maginn and their coaching teams for their hard work throughout this season.

PEIL FAOI 11.5 (U11.5 Football)

At this very young age, winning was not our main priority. Our main goal for this season was to develop a squad of players who are more competent in their skills (left and right sides) and understand the important principles of teamwork.

Nonetheless, the U11 group were very competitive throughout this season and contested 11 semifinals, 7 finals and 5 extra-time playoffs at tournaments.

We also entered 3 teams in the U11 league, one team in each of the 3 divisions (only one other club in Down managed this). Each team remained competitive throughout the entire season. We are confident if they continue to develop their skills, and maintain that level of commitment and team ethic, the winning will come when the time is right.

The older U11s have already moved onwards to U13 Winter training, and the new U11 age group winter training has already commenced.

Many thanks to Damian Fearon and his coaching team for all of their hard work throughout this season.

PEIL FAOI 9.5 (U9.5 Football)

The under 9 group started their 2022 programme in early February, playing mini games between themselves every Saturday for 5-6 weeks before the group officially started in the middle of March. The group held sessions on Wednesday evening and Saturday mornings throughout the year and each session was attended by over 40 wee boys from P4 + P5 classes. The improvement throughout the year from this group was remarkable and the coaches were delighted with the improvements made by all. Throughout the year the wee ones competed in blitzes / tournaments throughout Down, Armagh and Tyrone and it was a great experience for this group of players who had been denied this experience in previous years due to the Covid outbreak. The year finished with a great club trip to Croke Park. A special thanks to the coaches who give up their time to try and improve each child in their development, to Kathy and Lorraine for taking on the unofficial role of group administrators and most importantly to the parents who give up their Saturday mornings to bring the children to their football matches and supported the teams and coaches throughout the year, without your support none of what we aim to achieve would be possible.

Many thanks to Anthony Grimes and all his coaching team for their hard work throughout this season

PEIL FAOI 7.5 (U7.5 Football)

Our U7s started their training indoors on Saturday 5th February in the Youth Club. The children enjoyed 6 weeks of indoor sessions based primarily on the basic skills before taking to the field in the middle of March. We had games with Killeavy, Burren, An Ricoht, Saval, Warrenpoint, Castlewellan, Ballyholland and Shamrocks throughout the season. Our U7 girls finished the season with a match against Clann na Banna on the 22nd October.

All of the coaches were happy that we were able to compete across the board with our opponents. It has been acknowledged that there will be a lot of work needed with the current P3 Boys' and Girls' group to get them where we want them to be. We have a core of the mentors remaining with the U7s so we will be able to hit the ground running. Our P2s will be joining us early February as we go again. The U7 mentors would like to thank the club for all the support through the season.

Many thanks to Niall Donnan and his coaching team for all of their hard work throughout this season.

Again, many thanks are extended to all of those who gave up their time to help coach the younger generation in Clonduff. The underage management teams have been ratified for next year, and we are sure that we have the correct people in place to help develop our youth.

IOMÁNAÍOCHT NA nÓG (UNDERAGE HURLING)

IOMÁNAÍOCHT FAOI 15 (U15 Hurling)

Our U15 Hurlers participated in the Down Division 2 League in 2022. The lads got off to a good start to the season with impressive early wins. They lads went into the last game requiring a 7-point win away to Ballycran to claim the League title. With early goals for Clonduff it looked like the lads were on to claim the title. However, Ballycran were able to stay in touch and reduced Clonduff's winning margin to 3 points. It is not often that you come away from the Ards with a win and are disappointed. It was a fantastic display of hurling from the lads. A big thank you to Raymond Moan and QFT Timber for sponsorship of jerseys and to the Management Team of Eddie Clancy and Jim Murnin

IOMÁNAÍOCHT FAOI 13 (U13 Hurling)

The U13s had a very successful year, with strong performances in both league and championship. An early unbeaten run in the league was ended by a 5-point defeat by Carryduff, but they gained revenge in the league final with a convincing win against the same opposition in front of a large crowd of parents and supporters at home in Clonduff Park. In championship, their strong form continued, ultimately leading to a championship final against Portaferry where they ultimately lost by just a single point.

It is noteworthy that all these players are dual players and completed a league double in Football and Hurling within one week.

A big Thank You to Warrenpoint Harbour for sponsoring the new set of jerseys for the U13s and to the management Team of Micheál Murtagh and John Murphy, and thanks to John for the report

IOMÁNAÍOCHT FAOI 11 (U11 Hurling)

Our U11 Hurling Team went from strength to strength over the 2022 season with 23 lads playing the Ancient Game at this Grade. The Season started, as ever, with the indoor programme hosted in the DKIT Dundalk through January and February. As the evenings lengthened and the weather improved, we progressed to outdoor training and the start of the GO Games programme. The structured games bases were enjoyable and fun allowing the lads to take on and challenge teams from both the Ards, Carryduff and Bredagh. The Go Games principle of Development was to the fore in all games and allowed the lads to progress their Skill set and to continue to enjoy the Clash of the Ash. A big thank you to the Coaching Team of Michelle McCoy, Brian Ó Ceannubhain, Tony Fox and Shane Quinn and thanks to Shane for the report.

IOMÁNAÍOCHT FAOI 9 (U9 Hurling)

The U9 Hurling squad had another continued year of growth in participation and development. The season started off with indoor activity in the Youth Club and indoor blitzes in Dundalk before the outdoor activity started with blitzes at Red High, Downpatrick. Unfortunately, a formal Go Games programme was not provided for the squad with games and blitzes coordinated between local clubs and two additional blitzes at Red High. The continued growth of numbers ensured that Clonduff had the largest U9 squad in the whole of Down with 4 teams participating in blitzes in Pairc Esler and Red High on occasions. This ensured that all players were provided with the same opportunities to play games. Plans are already in place with other clubs and Down County Board to ensure an adequate Go Games programme will be put in place for 2023. Many thanks to mentors Kathy McConville, Lorraine Carvill, Stephen McNally, Danny Nugent, Garry Coffey, Niall Fitzpatrick and Ciarán Kearney. Thanks to Ciarán for the report.

IOMÁNAÍOCHT FAOI 7 (U7 Hurling)

The 'wee hurlers' had a fantastic 2022 season with numbers continuing to grow and over 40 kids participating in the 'Clash of the Ash'. Fundamentals are the key driver at this age group to set a foundation for a future playing career. The introduction of the basic skills such as gripping a hurl, 'Ready Lock Swing' and striking of the Sliothair

facilitates the Step progression for the youngsters. Blitzes were organised for the kids through the summer period allowing the boys to participate in our games in a fun and enjoyable environment. A big thank you to our Dedicated coaches how have started the lads on their hurling Journey for next year.

Thanks to all the coaches, Francis Quinn, Lorraine Maginn, Niall Donnan, Brian Fealy, PJ Parr, Ciaran Kearney, Fionnbharr Murphy, Barry Duggan, Gavin O'Hagan, Chris O'Hare and Ken O'Brien.

PEIL NA MBÁN ÓGÁNACH (UNDERAGE LGFA)

The Club fielded teams from U8 to Minor (U18) and at the end of the year a standalone game was organised by Niall Donnan for the P3/4 who attend the mixed training at this age – 13 young girls took part. Thanks Niall. As stated in last year's report the age grades in Ladies Football reverted to even age grades and almost without exception, Down Clubs are delighted with this move.

Many thanks to Shereen Lyness for all the Juvenile reports gathered from the team mentors.

PEIL NA MBÁN FAOI 18 (U18 LGFA)

The U18 Ladies commenced the year in the A division, a division above where they should have been placed having won the C Division last year. The start of the season was undoubtedly very difficult and disheartening. However, following a lot of discussion and negotiation, a change half way through the year by the CCC saw them regraded into the B division where they found a more 'level footing'. They then had some great games within the B division which helped them to prepare for the Championship. They met Warrenpoint in the semifinal and they was a tough game in extreme weather and underfoot conditions. The game went into extra time – the fitness and strength of the Clonduff girls was the telling factor and ended the game 5 points ahead. In the final they met Castlewellan whom they had beaten in last year's in the C final. However, Castlewellan reversed the outcome and Clonduff had to settle for runners up spot. The Clonduff full-back Laura Close was selected 'Player of the Match' and it was fully deserved. Despite the defeat in the final, it was a successful end to a wonderful and determined group of footballers most of whom now move on to Senior Level. Many thanks to the management team of Damien Henning and Shereen Lyness and to Kevin Kearney earlier in the year.

PEIL NA MBÁN FAOI 16 (U16 LGFA)

The U16 Ladies commenced the year with great hopes in the Division A but recognised that the going would be tough. They finished 3rd in the Summer League and got to Division A Championship semifinal where they narrowly lost out to Burren.

The girls worked hard at training all year and with injuries impacting on a lot of the season's games, especially the league and preparation for championship, it was always going to be an uphill battle. They were a pleasure to work with and management want to wish them all the best for next season. Many thanks to Mentors Kieran Kelly, Marie Grant, Charlene Sloan and Marty Woods.

PEIL NA MBÁN FEILE (U15 FEILE)

The Clonduff Feile team was comprised of a mixture of U16 and U14 players and despite a slow start in the Down Feile, the girls eventually blended very well and secured the Div 2 title creating their own little bit of Clonduff history by becoming the first Ladies Feile team to pick up a title. The Div 2 teams met in the Regional Finals in Darver Co Louth – Clonduff competed against teams from Fermanagh, Monaghan and Tyrone and topped their group to go into Semi Final against Cornafean (Cavan) which they came out of strongly in the second half. Tyholland (Monaghan) had been runners up in Clonduff's group but went on to beat the winners of the other group. Clonduff played against the wind in the first half and in truth the game was over by half time and again all the girls got game time in this momentous game. Many congratulations and thanks to the combined management team of Marie Grant, Sinead McKeown, Charlene Sloan and Kieran Kelly.

PEIL NA MBÁN FAOI 14 (U14 LGFA)

Clonduff started the year with 34 players and finished with 34 players – a wonderful achievement in itself. A decision was made at the beginning of the year to field two team so they would all have meaning football and this proved to be the key point for retention, both teams training as one towards the end of the season. The first team, having won the U13 League last year played in the very competitive A division against the best teams in the county. The girls proved they were a match for anyone, finishing the league campaign strongly to end up as

runners up. This set the team up well for the start of the championship, the girls were drawn at home to a strong Liatroim team in the quarter final running out comfortable winners to set up a semifinal with near neighbours Burren. Played at home in terrible conditions, the girls produced one of their best team performances of the year to reach the county final. The final was played in Dromara against the League winners Carryduff. It was a 'ding dong' battle from start to finish but the Clonduff girls rose to another level to run out a deserved 2 point winners and to claim the all-county A division championship. Therese Cowan was deemed the 'Player of the Match' and whilst she was one of many stars on the day it was a deserved accolade. Many thanks to Mentors Kevin O'Rourke, Malachy McMurray, Sinead McKeown and Geraldine McPolin.

The Development Team was set up to 'Develop the Players' and to a large extent this was achieved with a number of the girls occasionally playing in the A team. The aim of a 'Development' squad is to be able to play up and perhaps grab a permanent position. The group was regraded during the year and they more than held their own winning a number of games and the ones they lost were on a narrow margin. In the Championship they reached the Semi Final where they were defeated by a very strong Drumgath side. Following that a number of the girls joined the Div A squad for the final training sessions and the County Final – all the girls who moved up received Championship Winning medals. Most of the Development team have another year at this age. Many thanks to mentor Anthony Binks and the parents of both groups who helped out on a rota basis.

PEIL NA MBÁN FAOI 12 (U12 LGFA)

Clonduff U12 LGFA had a successful year in 2022. With a panel of 20 girls, they participated in and held their own in a very strong league eventually finishing 3rd.

When the league ended the girls took part in 3 tournaments where they finished runner up in the Ballyholland Shield Final and they won the Plate in the Dromintee tournament. They finished the year on a high winning the Cup in Clonduff's own U12 tournament, defeating Saval by a single point – Saval had beaten them in the group games by the same margin. Many thanks to Mentors Damian Rooney, Gary Farrell and Geraldine McPolin.

PEIL NA MBÁN FAOI 10 (U10 LGFA)

2022 was a great year for U10 Ladies, there were 45 girls who received game time most weekends competing in the South Down pilot league. Where other clubs had numbers at U8, the Clonduff kids had their own standalone games – seven games in total. All the girls showed great progression throughout the year and we look forward to building on that next year.

The time is now right to look at providing separate management for U8 as the numbers are growing year by year. Quite a number of U10s are moving on to U12 for 2023 and we wish them well. Many thanks to mentors Joeleen McShane, Christine Grimes, Jayme Farrell, Eugene Branagan, Lily Rafferty, Blaithe Shields and Paula Shields.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT ÓGÁNACH (UNDERAGE CAMOGIE)

Guinevra's attached report outlines the Player Development Pathway from U-6 to U12, laying the foundations for the 'clean sweep' in Down. Perhaps it is something that could be adopted within the club across the board. Well done to all involved.

LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE (HANDBALL)

Handball made a tentative return during the year with the stalwarts at Senior Level competing in the Leagues and Championships – Very well done to Eddie Clancy who won the Div 2 League and the Intermediate Championship. Sean Óg Cowan won the Ulster Schools U13 title and represented Down and Ulster in the All-Ireland 'Festival of Handball' in Kingscourt. Thanks also to Sean Cowan (Boys' Coach) and Colin Shields (Girls' Coach) who put the underage players through their paces – Sean took a very young boys' team to the Handball Feile in Kildare.

There were some issues with access to the Handball Alley but thankfully this now appears to have been resolved. Clonduff GAA continues to pay rental for the Handball Alley to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

Handball would be a wonderful indoor winter activity and could easily be developed across the entire club but additional coaches would be required.

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

Scór also got back up and running during 2022 with the completion of the 2020 Scór Sinsir competitions; the timings for Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir were reversed at National Level and was due to take place during 2021 but Covid put paid to that; Scór Na nÓg in Down was very successful in the Springtime slot – Clonduff's Instrumental Music group won both South Down and County Final and went on to represent Down in the Ulster Semi Finals; Sinead and Beibhinn McPolin were South Down Winners and Runner-up respectively in Recitation; Clonduff entered three teams in Tráth na gCeist and for the first time in ten years one of the teams won the South Down and County titles and went on to represent Down in the Ulster Final. In Scór Sinsir we competed in Solo Singing and Tráth na gCeist. We were well represented in the Amhrán na bhFian workshop and now have at least six singers who have completed the required training and a couple more still working on it – our singers got plenty of outings in the 2022 Championships in all codes. Our Cultural Officer Caroline McGreevy, who unfortunately had to step away early in 2022, had organised a great online Christmas programme – Personally I would like to thank Caroline sincerely for her hard work and inventiveness during 2020 and 2021 – ensuring our Culture was kept in the limelight and indeed gave many youngsters the opportunity to showcase their unique talents. Thank you, Caroline, we missed you in the latter part of the year.

SCOILEANNA, COLÁISTÍ AGUS OLLSCOILEANNA (SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES)

The Club grounds are always made available to the local primary schools as their needs required. Our grounds are also used to host Colleges games when possible. Thanks to our local primary and secondary schools for continuing to promote our national games and culture.

DISCIPLÍN (DISCIPLINE)

We all need to be disciplined in our attitude towards the Club and Officials who visit the club. Discipline towards the Club means using the Club facilities for your own enjoyment and leaving the facilities ready for the next group to use. All team mentors should ensure all bottles, clothes and equipment is gathered from the pitches and club premises after each training session or game – this is an important life skill for our players to acquire. Discipline on the playing fields was acceptable but we can not afford to be complacent or drop our standards.

CLUB SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL CLUB)

The Social Club under the remit of Bernard Branagan and Anthony Morgan also returned during the year and provided us with some great memories to cherish – personally the highlight for me was the Halloween Night programme. The following report was submitted by the lads:

There were various events held in the clubrooms throughout the year since it's reopening, including two Awards Nights 202, post-match celebration meals, quizzes, big breakfasts, team meetings and a fabulous Halloween night in the local 'Thrilltown Festival'. There was also a number of private functions, ie christenings and funerals. We would like to thank everyone who helped out with the cleaning, setting up, catering and everything else that kept things running smoothly. Much appreciated, Anthony and Bernard.

Many thanks lads and to your band of helpers and particularly 'The Halloween Queen of Dance' Geraldine who added immensely to the atmosphere.

SIOPA gCLUB (CLUB SHOP)

The Club shop is approaching its 10th year in existence and continues to provide merchandise to members.

Over the years, the products available have expanded and now include a wide range of items - clothing, hurls, helmets, mugs, hats gloves etc.

This year we also introduced card payments to the shop and this has been very successful.

During the year we had a small team come together to design new O'Neills sportswear in time for Christmas and we would like to thank them for their time – Noleen Cairns, Ciaran Kearney, Leanne McAleavey, Louise Dickson, Orla Gribben and Stephen McConville

We had over 170 orders placed for Christmas back in September.

Thank you to Goretta, Noleen and Shane Cairns for all the hours they have spent in Club shop selling our club gear and serving refreshments at all our home games throughout the year. Many thanks also to Lorraine Bloomfield for co-ordinating the club gear and placing the orders. Thanks to Lorraine for the Report.

FORBAIRT (DEVELOPMENT)

Plans for our own development were passed in 2020. To progress matters we need to engage professionals to prepare detailed designs for tender and construction. We need an Architect, Civil, Structural and Electrical Engineers to prepare information. Significant costs will be associated with these engagements. However, we need to take this step as the information is needed to render grant applications complete and ensure we are eligible for funding.



Fundraising activities will need to be implemented in 2023 with a focus on development. We need to ring fence same for matched funding purposes.

We have identified a phased approach to development so that grants can be accessed to fund each phase of the project and ultimately access more government support for the overall project. Potential phases could be:

Gym

Ball Wall

3G Pitch

New Changing Facilities

Indoor Hall

Thanks to Paudie Matthews for the report.

DEONTAIS (GRANTS)

Thankfully we have a small group of knowledgeable members looking after club grant applications on a voluntary and regular basis. We are constantly on the lookout for grants to suit each phase of our club development so that we are in a state of readiness when calls for suitable grants become available. Generally, smaller grants have been available to cover running costs that are beneficial to the health and wellbeing of all our members.

We have visited other clubs who have received significant funding for their own developments, which are similar in scale to our own. Based on our findings, we have agreed to set up a charity "VISION 4 CLONDUFF" in order to maximise the potential for government grant-funded support for our development. We would prefer to apply for grant aid in the Club's own name; however, eligibility limitations can sometimes be placed on Gaelic Clubs when applying for peace monies.

Many thanks to Aveen McShane and Ciarán Crosby for agreeing to join our grants team at the start of 2022 and for all their hard work throughout the year.
Thanks to Paudie Matthews for the report.

TICÉID CRANNCUIR CHUMANN AN DÚIN (CLUB DOWN DRAW TICKETS)

The Club Down Draw tickets are a still big source of income for our club – every ticket we sell in excess of 24 - £96 comes back to the club. This year we sold 381 tickets - the second highest number sold in Down this year. This generated an income of £34,656 and £750 O'Neills voucher. The draw now runs from April to the following March. Thanks to everyone who bought and/or helped sell tickets.
Thanks to Lorraine Bloomfield, the co-ordinator, for the report.

CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ AGUS CUMARSÁID (PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS)

Shereen Lyness-Feenan does a great job keeping the Club in the public eye with the weekly Club Notes. Sheenagh Walsh has the mammoth task of keeping Clonduff's Social Media channels updated, current and safe. Clonduff has FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. Many thanks Shereen and Sheenagh for this very public picture of our club. The Club website continues to provide a up-to-date picture of Fixtures and Results and a very detailed historical record of happenings in the club.

RIARACHÁN (ADMINISTRATION)

Our games are the public face of our club and we are highly appreciative of the mentors and managers who take on these roles – there would be no point in having a club if this wasn't happening! However, the people behind the scenes are equally important and a club could not operate without the administrators. This to a large extent is the unseen aspect of running a Club – it would be wrong to single out one person because each member of the Executive has an important role to play as well as many other people whom we can call upon when required for record-keeping (financial and narrative), correspondence, Minutes of meetings, social media, grant applications, match and other reports, registrations, insurance, team entries, safeguarding, orders, organising field and facilities maintenance, recruiting/appointing management teams, etc, etc. Apart from the designated personnel for these tasks I would personally like to thank my saviour in the for of Jimmie Cousins (not just the other JC) for sharing the onerous task of Secretary to this very busy and vibrant club. I also want to thank Ciarán Kearney for the Hurling admin further reducing the workload.

TUAIRISC AN CHISTEORA (TREASURER'S REPORT)

Damian Fearon will provide the Financial Reports for the year.

COMHBHRÓN (SYMPATHIES)

Condolences to all Club members who lost loved ones during the year. May they rest in peace. Ár dheis Dé go raibh a h-amamacha

COMHGHAIRDEAS (CONGRATULATIONS) TO:

All who played our games at club, school/college/university/county level or took part in Handball and Scór

The very many participants involved in Clonduff GAA Club – without you there would be no club

Seconds Footballers on winning the Felix Darby Cup

Eddie Clancy on winning the Div 2 Handball League and Intermediate Championship

Sean Óg Cowan on winning the Ulster Schools Handball title

U13 Footballers who won Div 1 and Div 3 Leagues

U13 Hurlers on winning Div 2 League

U15 Dual Player Ethan O'Kane who won U18 World Title in Tae Kwondo

U14, U15 (Feile), U16, Minor and Senior Camogs on winning their Leagues and Championships

U14 LGFA on winning A Championship; U15 LGFA on winning Regional Feile

South Down and County title winners Scór na nÓg Instrumental Music and Scór na nÓg Quiz team

South Down Scór na nÓg title for Sinead McPolin and runner up for her sister Beibhinn

BUÍOCHAS (THANKS) TO:

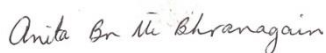
Our Sponsors for your help and support – it is greatly appreciated. It is good to see so many new team sponsors coming on board as well as all our long-standing ones
All our players who give their time to train and play for our Club
Our Referees
The Mentors and other Volunteers who give so much time to our Club and for their cooperation, these people are too numerous to mention and I won't try in case I leave somebody out
Our club membership in general
All our active referees in all codes – without you there couldn't be any games
Friends of Clonduff Lotto Sellers, Checkers, Poster Printers and Local Publicans for selling and hosting the draws
To the Gate Collectors, Umpires, Linesmen and Medical Attendants
The Executive and subcommittees members for their contributions and cooperation
The local newspapers for publishing Club Notes, photographs, 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 and Celebrations
Friends of Clonduff for their continued support and assistance with fundraising
All those who helped sell or who bought the Down Clubs' Draw tickets and helped with other fundraising
Lotto sellers and checkers and those who bought the weekly 'Friends of Clonduff Lotto'
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 – It's possible the Divisional Boards are set for a very minor role in the near future
The County and Divisional Boards in all codes for their continued support and direction
Sinead McKeown for checking Defibrillators on a weekly basis including the newly located one outside the Spar

COMHBHRÓN DEIREADH (CONCLUSION)

To conclude this report, I would like to thank everybody who helped me during this my second term as secretary of this great Club, particularly Jimmy Cousins. I would also like to thank all those who helped out around the pitches with maintenance work, again too numerous to mention but you know who you are.
Before I finish, I want to wish the incoming committee all the best going forward. I wish the entire club every success in 2023 and who knows what lies ahead.

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Anita Bn Úi Bhranagáin
Runai, Cumann Chluain Daimh

Clonduff Camogie Report 2022

A truly monumental season for Clonduff Camogie – success on the field at every level, the foundations of a committed player development scheme from U6 to U12 and the first Clonduff member to hold the position of County Chairperson. Every member of the club has contributed to the success this year – supporters, parents, administrators, players and mentors but the work and effort need to continue to allow young girls to play and love the game that has provided many of us with such enjoyment.

Primary 1:

As part of the new development scheme Primary 1 were coached on their own allowing dedicated support for the youngest age group. They played An Ríocht, Ballyholland, Dromara, Mayobridge, Warrenpoint and Attical. They also took part in the Parish League and it was great to see these young girls develop not only their skills but socially. Thanks to all the parents for their support and taking the girls to all the matches.
Mentors: Kitty Fegan

Primary 2 & 3:

The season started in April with 22 girls attending. The first outing was the County Blitz in Dromara, followed by trips to Attical, Ballyholland and Ballycran with the girls enjoying the trips and the games. Towards the end of the season, visits to Warrenpoint and Mayobridge with large numbers provided great display of camogie. Some highlights of the year were the opportunity to play at half time at the Clonduff v Liatroim League game, followed by the brilliantly run camogie camp in August; the season was topped off with 30th Anniversary Parish League. The girls received beautiful keepsakes and had a great day. We finished the year with 20 girls with massive improvement made from each and every girl.
Mentors: Niamh Canning, Edel Lennon & Shauna Carvill.

Primary 4 & 5:

The first outing of the year was hosted by An Ríocht on Sunday 8th May. A sunny start to our camogie season, each child was treated to sweets and a drink, a nice touch by An Ríocht club, plus a 'come and try' barrel of old and spare camogie sticks for those willing to have a first try.
14th of May was a very special day for our P4's who made their First Holy Communion, and like true Camogs the camogie sticks weren't too far from hand.
On Saturday, 11th June we travelled to Dromara for the first camogie blitz of the year. This was a well-run event, with a fantastic turn out of clubs. The girls had a great morning of games and fun and the club was well represented.
Saturday, 18th of June Ballyholland invited our girls for some friendly games. There was a good turn out on the day again. Weather wasn't favourable but did little to deter our young charges.

Our next outing was a blitz on Saturday 23rd of July in Ballycran complete with standard ferry crossing. The weather was poor but didn't dampen our camogs spirit, showing good skill and a competitive spirit. There were a number of P2's joined the teams to bulk up our numbers and they will be a great addition for the future.

On Sunday, 31st of July Attical invited our girls for a friendly game, and on Friday 5th of August they were invited to play a friendly against Warrenpoint at St Marks High School. Again good numbers in attendance and did the club proud.

On the 10th to 12th of August Clonduff Camogie Camp was held. Plenty of water and sun cream was needed as we were blessed with fantastic weather – a great complaint. Guest coaches from the Ulster Council, Down & An Riocht star Lauren Clarke were in attendance. The girls also had the opportunity to avail of breakaway sessions with Clonduff's very own Sara Louise, Fionnuala & Lorraine McGinn, no better role model for the young Camogs. A great week of fun and games was had by all.

The next outing was to Mayobridge for a friendly game on Saturday, 13 August.

On Wednesday, 24th of August the girls got the chance to play during the half time interval of the Seniors game against Liatroim. This was a great opportunity to play in front of a big home crowd and they performed well and were very well received. Seeds planted for the future.

Our last away game was on Sunday 11th of September in An Riocht, with the last training session on Monday 12th of September.

2022's Parish League was held on Sunday 18th of September. It was very well attended, and 4 teams of P4/P5's fielded on the day, with the blue team victorious.

A fitting end to the camogie club's 30th anniversary of Parish League.

Clonduff GAC trip to Croke Park Saturday 08/10/22.

Our girls attended Croke Park as part of Clonduff GAC's trip to headquarters. They enjoyed the museum, exhibits, the stadium tour and a well-deserved dinner at the Carrickdale hotel. A fun and memorable day for all those able to attend.

Mentors: Eileen Hamill, Ceallagh Byrne, Carrie Webster, Leann Quinn, Valerie Magowan and Sinead O'Hare.

U12:

General Overview.

19no girls in total on the Clonduff U12 panel for 2022. Strong attendance numbers were seen as the camogie year progressed. We will see 12no of the girls move up to U14 grade for 2023. The very best of luck to all of them, and it was a pleasure training with them this year. For those still U12 for 2023, we will continue and will do our very best to remember this is all about three things – Fitness, Friends & Fun.

Training – Attendance/Session Focus.

U12 training for the 2022 season was held each Monday in line with all underage camogie teams. Attendance numbers fluctuated between 6 – 12no each week over the summer months, seeing the biggest drop in numbers at peak holiday time. Low numbers saw a need for combining training with the U10 group and this worked well, splitting numbers across 1-2no coaches and 1-2no assistants.

Over the summer months we arranged to run Saturday morning training @ 9.15am. This had low to mid-level attendance and again saw a need for combining training with the U10 group where possible. On the back of this we could visibly see improvement in general skills, play and competitiveness of the girls, and would feel despite the early am start was a worthwhile venture.

Training sessions were focused initially on the basic skills of rising, handpassing, striking, and catching. Further drills were added to encourage competitiveness, one vs one situations etc, and to build confidence in tackling, blocking, and hooking.

By popular request a game or backs and forwards would be played for the final 15mins+ of each session.

At present over the late Autumn/Winter months we are beginning to run Saturday morning training @ Clonduff Youth Club. So far 2no sessions have been held with numbers recorded 12 and 8no attending so far.

These sessions are focused on handpassing, first touch, striking left and right, and catching utilising the wall surface, increasing the amount of touches each player gets of the ball. We are ensuring this year's parish blitz gifts of wall balls are getting full use.

For all sessions fun is key, and we try our best to ensure all players feel they have had some achievement during the session. The Graffin Coaching example for warmups is also used as a fun approach to beginning the sessions.

Games & Blitzes.

Over the summer and early Autumn our U12s participated in games vs Portaferry, An Riocht, Ballycran, Mayobridge and a great display vs Aghaderg, their final game in the league.

The last U12 Blitz of the season was on Saturday 17/09/22 @ Liatroim GAC. We had great attendance and fielded 2no teams. The U12s were very competitive and represented themselves well. It was noticeable how they had progressed over the summer, and general feedback from parents was that they noticed also.

2022's parish league was well attended, and 4 teams of U12 & P7/6 combined fielded on the day.

A fitting end to the camogie club's 30th anniversary of Parish League.

U12 Team Outings.

U12 National Come Hurl With Me @DCU Glasnevin Dublin, Sat 24/09/2022.

U12 players & parents attended DCU Glasnevin to participate in National CHWM. The day was a success with both parents and children sharing the first and second halves, playing against teams for all over Ireland. Both parents and children competed well and did the club proud on the day.

Clonduff GAC trip to Croke Park Saturday 08/10/22.

A group of 13no U12s attended Croke Park as part of Clonduff GAC's trip to headquarters. They enjoyed the museum, exhibits, the stadium tour and a well-deserved dinner at the Carrickdale hotel. A fun and memorable day for all those able to attend.

Lastly, one thing that stands out over the year were some of the visits paid by the senior camogie team members individually and as a panel to the U12 training sessions. We know what an effect it had on the girls to have the senior players talk with them and offer them encouragement and advice, even for a few moments. Long may these visits continue, they are fuel to fire the girls' future ambitions.

Thanks to the U12 players, parents, and Clonduff Camogie Club for their support this year.

Mentors: Patrice Maginn, Fionnuala Carr, Brian Webster

U14:

Building on the success from last year the Under 14 team really came together this year to put in excellent team performances in each league game. They played An Riocht, Bredagh, Ballycran, Ballygalget and Liatroim in the league games. Having won all these games, the girls were successful in winning the league.

The girls had wins in the championship away to Ballygalget, against Bredagh at home and then were defeated by Liatroim in Liatroim- the only team to beat them up to this point of the season. It was a tight game which had left the girls raring to play them again whenever it would be. Ballycran were unable to field in the next game of the Championship and the girls found themselves preparing for a final V Liatroim. The girls worked so hard over the weeks in the build-up to the final which was played in Castlewellan. The girls played exceptional with every player contributing to the win. All girls were given game time on the day of the final. Final score was 6.11 to 2.4. A just reward for their hard work all year- this game showed the high level that our girls are playing at.

16 of the girls on the Under 14 panel also played on the Under 15 Féile team who were successful in Down and went on to play in the John West National Féile in Dunboyne. A great experience for all these girls who will also be able to play next year.

Thanks very much to all the parents who were a great support throughout the year.

Mentors: Orla Gribben, Erin Rafferty, Caitlin Harper

Féile Team:

Féile continued at U15 level this year and the girls had an excellent win against Ballygalget in the final, after Ballygalget beat them in the group stages. During the group games we lost Therese Cowan with a hand injury and were already down joint captain Cara Savage for the competition due to injury so it was a delighted group of girls who returned to Clonduff with the Féile Cup for a second consecutive year. The group then travelled to Dunboyne to take part in National Féile and completed well against very high opposition, they topped their group but were defeated at semi-final stage in the Cup Competition.

Team: Niamh McConville, Cara Savage, Lily Rafferty, Sinead McPolin, Brianna McClean, Hannah Shields, Elle Woods, Laura Woods, Iona Grant, Grace Kelly, Zara Kelly, Therese Cowan, Anna Rose Carville, Elle Morgan, Caoimhe McConville, Amy McEvoy, Alanna Fitzpatrick, Ruby Binks, Maia Harknell, Abi Hannaway, Katie McAlinden, Aishlinn Byrne

Ciara McPolin, Niamh McEvoy, Blaithlin Kelly.

Mentors: Guinevra McGilligan, Orla Gribben, Erin Rafferty and Caitlin Harper.

U16 Team:

The U16 panel this season was basically the Féile winning panel of last year and remained unbeaten for the entire year. Winning the league outright and beating St Marys (Liatroim & Dromara) in the Championship Final. A few of these girls are members of the senior panel and the club would hope next year many of these players move up and play at senior level within the club.

Team: Amy Morgan, Michaela Harper, Cara Savage, Clodagh Kelly, Niamh McConville, Laura Close, Niamh McGivern, Sinead McPolin, Hannah Shields, Lily Rafferty, Brianna McClean, Rosemund McPolin, Grace Kelly, Zara Kelly, Iona Grant, Elle Woods, Laura Woods, Therese Cowan, Elle Morgan, Caoimhe McConville, Aishlinn Byrne, Anna Rose Carville, Abi Hannaway, Amy McEvoy.

Mentors: Sara Louise Graffin, Guinevra McGilligan, Katie McGilligan

Minor Team:

This season it was decided to enter a minor team in league and championship as we had large numbers of girls who got very little camogie last season and it is this age group we need to keep interested in the game so they continue to play for years to come.

This decision paid off big time when the girls won both League and Championship – this was the first time since 2006 that Clonduff did the double and current manager Sara Louise Graffin was on the team along with current senior players Paula O'Hagan and Orla Gribben.

Team: Katie Morgan (Capt), Ellen Shields, Erin McAlinden, Blaithin Shields, Ceallagh Byrne, Michaela Harper, Cara Savage, Clodagh Kelly, Amy Morgan, Niamh McConville,

Laura Close, Niamh McGivern, Sinead McPolin, Hannah Shields, Lily Rafferty, Brianna McClean, Rosemund McPolin, Iona Grant, Elle Woods, Laura Woods, Grace Clancy.

Mentors: Sara Louise Graffin, Guinevra McGilligan, Katie McGilligan

Senior Team:

2022 welcomed a new management team and once again the club entered the Fr Davies Shield without their county players. Clonduff had 9 players on the County Panel but there was an agreement between the County Management and club management that any girls not getting games for the county could play with their club. Regardless, there were plenty of girls getting camogie at senior level and after two opening wins against Mayobridge and Ballyholland, the team travelled to Portaferry where they were brought down to earth with a thud and suffered quite a heavy defeat against the current county champions. However, they regrouped and suffered the smallest of defeats against Liatroim in their next game but won their remaining games against Ballygalget, Ballycran, Aghaderg and An Ríocht. The second half of the league was then divided into two groups and Clonduff suffered only one defeat at Ballycran, by a single point, which resulted in the Ards team lifting the league title.

The Championship Draw saw us in the group with Liatroim, Castlewellan, Ballycran and Ballyholland and with wins in all games, a semi-final clash with Ballygalget followed by an outstanding performance in the County Final against Liatroim saw Clonduff lifting their 9th County Title since 2007.

The girls lined out at Pairc Esler in the Ulster Final against rivals Eglishe on Sat 19th November. This was a close encounter with teams all square at 1.05 each at the break and although it took almost 10 mins for the first score of the second half, Clonduff battled hard and pulled away with some fine scoring and excellent defending. The senior team now progress to an All-Ireland semi-final on the 10th Dec against Clanmaurice of County Kerry – venue to be decided.

Mentors: Kieran McGourty, Alastair McGilligan, Oisín MacManus and Guinevra McGilligan

County teams

U14 County Team:

Zara & Grace Kelly, Ellie Morgan, Amy McEvoy, Caoimhe McConville, Therese Cowan, Aislinn Byrne and Anna Rose Carville

U16 County team:

Niamh McConville, Cara Savage, Clodagh Kelly, Hannah Shields, Laura Close, Sinead McPolin, Laura Woods, Lily Rafferty.

Minor County:

Ellen Shields

County Juniors & Seniors:

The County Seniors and Juniors had a large contingent of Clonduff Players on the panel Paula O'Hagan, Clare McGilligan, Cassie Fitzpatrick, Katie McGilligan, Erin Rafferty, Beth Fitzpatrick, Clara Cowan, Orlaith McCusker and Isabella O'Hare all involved with Sara Louise Graffin on the management team. The senior team competed in the Div1 All Ireland League for the first time and had some great competitive games against very talented opposition including All Ireland Champions of 2021 and 2022 - Galway and Kilkenny – both these games were at home, hosted by Liatroim, and provided a great opportunity for players and supporters to witness camogie played at the highest level. Down won their deciding fixture against Offaly to secure Div 1 status for the 2023 season.

Social Camogie:

The social camogie got off to a good enough start in late Spring early Summer. When numbers were good, they had great social games. And when they weren't so good, they had good drills and just good craic as the nights were bright till 10 o'clock.

Summer holidays had a knock-on effect on numbers so a halt was called on training. An opportunity to play an 'exhibition game' at the parish league 30th anniversary was a great success and was evident that you just never lose it! The girls then applied for a place to take part in the first ever social camogie National Blitz which was held at the national indoor arena in Dublin. The girls took the road by bus and were successful in all of their games coming up against Craughwell of Galway in the final game. Clonduff Camogs, being Clonduff Camogs, weren't just there to take part they were there to win and that they did in style much to Craughwell's dismay.

After a feed provided by the camogie association the girls headed back north with a pit stop in Newry for 'light refreshments' and then finished off the evening visiting the local establishments. And the rest as they say is history!

This was a great social event for the 'Caman n Chats' group which aims to encourage ex-players and ladies that have never played to get involved. Here's to more outings, Camogie and Craic in 2023!

Mentor: Orla Morgan

Sponsorship/Fundraising:

There has been little fundraising this year to date but the club will be launching their Christmas Raffle to help fundraising for the All-Ireland Campaign. We continue to apply for any available grants and a big thank you to Ciara Murphy for her efforts.

Other news:

- The Summer coaching scheme was held on August – a massive thank you to Orla Morgan for organising and all the coaches and parents involved.
- We had 3 new arrivals since our last report, and we welcome baby boys Charlie and Finn and baby girl Cara to the Camogie Family.
- The 30th Anniversary of the Parish League was held in Sept and what a day it was – again thank you to Orla Morgan for organising.
- A big thank you to Oliver Morgan, Kieran Kelly, Martin Savage and Damian Byrne who officiated at championship games throughout the season.
- A big thank you to Paddy Brannigan who is our nominated adult referee and also refereed many underage games throughout the season, thank you also to Alastair McGilligan who refereed at underage level also.
- MNA Programme & Hurl with Me – Orla Morgan – getting people involved.
- Coaching the Coaches – Arron Graffin led a coaching workshop early in the year for all underage coaches, focusing on coaching the basics and making training fun for all. The club hope to develop this in the 2023 season.

Administration:

Off the field of play our hard-working committee continue to support our teams in all they do and are the backbone of everything that is good about Clonduff Camogie:

Chairperson	Guinevra Mc Gilligan
Secretary	Ciara Murphy
Treasurer	Cassie Fitzpatrick
Assistant Treasurer	Cathy Fitzpatrick
Insurance Officer	Marie Cowan
Development Officer	Orla Morgan
Child Welfare Officer	Orla Morgan

Additional committee members: Teresa Carr, Eileen Hamill, Maura Quinn.

Outside of the club Teresa Carr is County Chairperson, Eileen Hamill is a member of the County THDC and Ursula Kearney is Vice Chair of Ulster Camogie.

Thanks:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our players, supporters, parents, coaches and managers – a lot of effort has gone into our coaching development this year and for this I would particularly like to mention Orla Morgan who has been instrumental in this role, organising young coaches, the summer camp and parish league.

Guinevra McGilligan