

Cumann Chluain Daimh



Crinniú Bliantúil 2024
(Annual General Meeting 2024)

TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ
(Secretary's Report)

13^u Mí na Samhain 2024)
(13th November 2024)



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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 13th NOVEMBER 2024 at 7 pm in Clonduff Club

All members are invited to discuss the following:

CLÁR OBIBRE/AGENDA

Re-affirm Commitment of Clonduff GAA Club to GAA Constitution
Re-affirm our confidence in our Trustees
Adopt the Standing Orders
Minutes of 2023 AGM
Secretary's Report 2024
Camogie Report (summarised) 2024
Treasurer's Report 2024
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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Anita Brannigan
Rúnaí (Secretary)
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GNÁTHRIALACHA/STANDING ORDERS

In order that the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting be carried out without delay, the following standing orders will be observed:

1. The Proposer of a Motion, Amendment or Resolution 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. Where the AGM considers it appropriate, a vote may be by secret ballot.
7. Any motion seeking additions or amendments to the Constitution or Rules must have a majority equal to two-thirds of those present, entitled to vote and voting.
8. 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.
9. The Chairman may change the order of items on the agenda with the support of a simple majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2024

The new season was just beginning when the most unimaginable news came through that one of our Senior Dual Players, Lorcan Branagan had tragically lost his life in the far side of the world! And before Lorcan's funeral took place, one of our bright young adult players, Charlie Brown, suffered a severe head injury and was hospitalized for quite some time. These horrendous events cast an incredible pall over our entire community and the big question over our club was 'Would we or could we survive'? But the people of Clonduff Parish and particularly the Players of Clonduff GAA Club are the most resilient people on earth. Not only did we survive, but we grew as a community with Lorcan the focal point of that growth.

While we still await the breakthrough at adult level, in all codes with Camogie the exception, progress on-field is evident (see individual reports). However, Clonduff is about much more than playing games. Since our last AGM, Clonduff has achieved the following non-playing/non-competitive goals:

GAA For All

'Green Club' status

'Healthy Club' Bronze Award – working towards Silver

'Club Maith' Platinum Award for Good Governance

Ulster GAA Recognition as an Inclusive Club

Completion of state-of-the-art Dressing Rooms, Gym, Club Shop and visitor toilets

Active Irish Language Initiative

Superb Community Programme

Resurrect the Young Volunteer Award

Niall Geoghegan, Principal of St Paul's PS and a keen athlete, has started an after-school running club for children from both primary schools but so far the potential athletes are confined to St Paul's.

The launch of our new 5-Year Strategy was delayed due to circumstances beyond our control but is now rescheduled for early in the New Year before the new season gets underway. Hopefully, the long-awaited ball-wall will be a reality early in 2025.

BALLRAÍOCHT (MEMBERSHIP)

The Club membership in 2024 was again one of the largest in the County, with our numbers exceeding 1,000 for the first time in history. Following stats provided by Club Registrar Damian Fearon:

Total Membership – 1,055

- 649 Male Members
- 406 Female Members

Youth Members – 552

322 Male Members

230 Female

Adult Members – 503

- 277 Non-playing members
- 29 G4MO
- 135 Adult Male Players
- 62 Adult Female 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, Clare McGilligan, 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.

Damian and Clare have carried out their roles for our members to a very high standard and we thank them sincerely. Thanks to Damian for the updated figures.

COSAINT (SAFEGUARDING/CHILD PROTECTION)

The safety and welfare of our young members is always to the forefront of our minds. Clonduff Club will continue to provide a safe and enjoyable environment where all children feel appreciated when playing our Games. The Club continues to follow the updated GAA Codes of Behaviour as a guidance for all our Policies and Procedures. Our Children's Officer continues to strive for 100% compliance in AccessNI, Safeguarding 1 and Foundation Coaching Award – just short of this target but is being prioritised before the start of the 2025 season and the work has already begun. It is of paramount importance that everyone is safeguarded and this includes the coaches just as much as the players. There were some issues during the year but these were able to be resolved in-house. Thanks to Safeguarding Officer Geraldine for her continuing efforts and for the **attached report**. [APPENDIX 1](#)

CLUB SLÁINTIÚIL (HEALTHY CLUB)

Having achieved the Bronze Award at the end of 2023, the club has embarked on achieving the next stage and the healthy Club Officer works in close contact with the Community Officer to achieve this – Awards are only available every 2 years.

At the end of last season our Club was approached by The Confederation of Community Groups about facilitating 'Good Morning' Service providing a phone call to older isolated people in our locality. This is now up and running with the volunteers meeting in Clonduff Club on a weekly basis. Thanks to Geraldine for the ongoing programme and cooperation with Shauna. See Geraldine's **Healthy Club Report**. [APPENDIX 2](#)

IMEACHTAÍ POBAIL (COMMUNITY EVENTS)

Shauna and her team ran a very active programme throughout the year in conjunction with the Healthy Club Officer. There were events and activities for all ages and members of the entire community, not just Club members.

The Community Events team also took charge of the four Underage Tournaments organised within the Club during 2024. Many thanks to Shauna and her team and to Shauna for the **Report**. [APPENDIX 3](#)

SIOPA an CHLUB (THE CLUB SHOP)

After moving into the new facility, installing new coffee machines and recruiting a big number of volunteers to work on a rota-basis, the shop is now open almost every evening during the season as well as for events run or organised by the club. Many thanks to Andrea for leading this expanded initiative and for the **Report**. [APPENDIX 4](#)

RÉITEORÍÍ REFEREES

We are now one of the better equipped clubs with refereeing personnel – Many thanks to Dane Devlin, Ciarán Branagan, Kevin McGrath, and Paddy Branagan (Sen). We welcome Bernard Branagan into the Clonduff Refereeing Family. We must strive now to get females onto the official list of referees though most of our juvenile football and camogie coaches, and indeed our Youth Players have taken up the whistle at tournaments and Go games. Keep up the good work! It's not an easy task but if we don't have referees, we won't have games!

TEANGA AGUS CULTÚR (LANGUAGE AND CULTURE)

The aims of the GAA include actively promoting, fostering and supporting all aspects of our Cultural Heritage, our Language and our Games. Clonduff very much fulfills those aims, with a new dedicated Language Officer and an acting Cultural Officer in place.

Teanga (Language)

Since becoming Language Officer at the AGM last year, Brian has been very busy in the promotion of our native language – Irish Classes, Primary School Art Competition during Seachtaine na Gaeilge, Bi-lingual Hurling/Camogie training session, Pop-up Gealtacht, engagement with Joe McDonagh Foundation and pending Irish Language signs around the club. Many thanks for your hard work Brian, and for the **Report**. [APPENDIX 5](#)

Cultúr (Culture)

Clonduff had 52 youngsters participating in the recent Scór Na nÓg 2024 competitions, which are now at the County Final Stage with Clonduff represented in four stage acts plus the Table Quiz. Many thanks to all the children and mentors who prepared them for this level of competition.

Earlier in the year, in Scór Sinsir our Set Dancers retained their County Title and reached the Ulster Final. We also had competitors in Céilí Dancing, Solo Singing, Recitation, Instrumental Music and Quiz.

We had numerous Scór singers performing Amhrán na bhFiann at various Club and County events. See Anita's Report. [APPENDIX 6](#)

PÁIRCEANNA AGUS ÁISEANNA (PLAYING FIELDS AND FACILITIES)

Brendan outlined the works that had been carried out over the year and he wished to thank a lot of people for all of their help throughout the year and keeping the fields in such pristine condition. He specifically singled out Lining out and marking the pitches as an ongoing task along with the grass-cutting.

In his report he apologised if he omitted any of his invaluable helpers.

Many thanks to the great band of volunteers who are ever-willing to lend a hand. And thanks to Brendan for the Report. [APPENDIX 7](#)

TRAENÁLAÍ AGUS CLUICHÍ (COACHING AND GAMES)

The strategy implemented last year, whereby young players did not 'play up' an age group unless there were insufficient numbers at the higher age level, by and large worked well.

TACAIOCHT CLUICHI PEIL (ADULT FOOTBALL GAMES)

The Club fielded adult Men's teams in Senior, Seconds and Thirds. There was also an Over 35s team that participated in and won the An Ríocht Tournament.

In the words of our Club Chair/Adult Games Officer@

'The year was overshadowed by the tragic passing of our senior footballer and hurler Lorcan.

While our players struggled to come to terms with the loss of their teammate and dear friend they performed with great courage throughout the year.

The League and Championship campaigns were not what we had hoped for but, for once, football didn't seem that important'. (Ross Carr)

NA FÓIRNE PEIL ÓIGE (YOUTH TEAMS)

In his report Football Youth Officer, Damian Fearon reported that around 170 boys were involved in Youth Football up to U12 level, with 2 teams fielding at U14 and U16 and a Minor team.

Damian spoke of the obvious strides in Development at U14 and U16 with the U14 Gaels annexing the Div 1 League title for the first time in many years; the U14 Ógs reached their Championship final; U16 Gaels had a strong showing in their league with the Ógs team reaching their league final.

Damian thanked all the managers across the age ranges. Many thanks to Damian for the Report. [APPENDIX 8](#)

PEIL NA MBÁN (LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL)

Ladies Gaelic Football in Clonduff continues to grow at a fantastic rate with the club fielding groups at U6 and U8 for the first time ever – up on 60 little girls turned up – previously when combined with the boys there may have been a total of 9/10. This augurs very well for the future.

All the youngsters up to and including U10 participate in blitzes, with U10s, taking part every two weeks. U12s play in a league with no winners – they are 'placed' in preparation for grading two years hence.

All teams competed reasonably well throughout their leagues with the Seniors and U14, rather unexpectedly, reaching their respective semi-finals.

Gaelic for Mothers and Others (G4MO) continues to gain ground in Clonduff and drawing in new-comers to the parish who may or may not have been previously involved in Ladies Gaelic Football.

Our LGFA launched a new U14 tournament, many thanks to the Mooney Family for donating the Mark Mooney Memorial Cup and Shield; we played host to San Francisco Féile team as we have done on a number of occasions.

A very successful Parish Tournament, involving players from U6 to U14 took place at the end of the summer with U16 and Minor players taking responsibility for running the event on the day including refereeing. Very many thanks to all those who coached our LGFA teams in 2024. Special word of thanks to the Senior and Minor players who were involved in coaching the youngsters. Thanks to Michaela for coordinating the **Report**. [APPENDIX 9](#)

IOMÁNAÍOCHT (HURLING)

Juvenile Hurling in Clonduff continues to go from strength to strength in Clonduff with numbers continually on the rise. The U14 Hurlers became the first Clonduff team to reach a Div 1 final.

Clonduff once again hosted the Regional Féile providing another great occasion at the club.

Despite a tough season, the senior team won the Championship Relegation Playoff to maintain their Intermediate status.

There were some very encouraging signs at Minor level with team captain Tommy Smith earning his place in the Senior Hurling team for Championship – Tommy started playing at U8 and has successfully come through the ranks, hopefully the first of many. Other Minor players Ailill Morris (vice-captain) and Ethan O'Kane were strong performers for Down Minor Hurlers in the Ulster and Celtic Challenge Championships.

The Annual Péarce Branagan Memorial Poc Fada was again a resounding success but we still haven't managed to entice many of our very talented Camogs to take up the challenge.

The undoubted highlight of the year was the Annual Sean Cairns Coaching Day and this year the Guest coach was Tipperary Great Eoin Kelly, who endeared himself to everyone who attended this outstanding event in Clonduff. The season came to an end, as usual with the running of the Parish League over a couple of weekends.

Many thanks to all those who give their time and expertise to coaching our children in the world's oldest game.

Many thanks to John Murphy for coordinating the **Report**. [APPENDIX 10](#)

CAMÓGAÍOCHT (CAMOGIE)

Once again, the Senior Camogie team made history by becoming the first Clonduff Camogie team to play Ulster Senior Camogie when they hosted Loughgiel recently in the Ulster Club Semi Final. The visitors were outright favourites going into the game and they lived up to that moniker but not before Clonduff gave them a mighty scare in the first half and drew level at the start of the second half. Well done girls on bringing such a buzz to our Club and Parish Community – Tíocfaidh bhur lá!

The Camogs will be holding their AGM on Friday 15th November and the full report will be available.

LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE (HANDBALL)

There was nothing happening on the Handball front as the issues with the Alley have not been resolved. This needs to be a priority for the incoming committee. Handball would be a wonderful indoor winter activity and could easily be developed across the entire club.

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

The Club grounds are always made available to the local primary schools as their needs require. 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)

Discipline is not just about the behaviour of our players during games. 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; and to leave the changing rooms ready for the next group to use – leave as you would like to find! This is an important life-skill for our players to acquire and is a culture which must be instilled from a very early age.

CLUB SÓISIALTA (SOCIAL CLUB)

There were various events, both social and educational held in the clubrooms throughout the year. One of highlights was the very successful St Patrick's Day Festival and Pop-up Gaeltacht; the clubrooms also facilitated a number of regular and new events, based in the Social Events and Healthy Club Programmes.

There was also a number of private functions, ie christening parties and after-funeral meals.

We would like to thank everyone who helped out with the cleaning, setting up, catering and everything else that kept things running smoothly.

FORBAIRT (DEVELOPMENT)

The launch of the Club's 5-Year Strategy was delayed due to forces beyond our control – this will now take place in early January. Many thanks to Grainne Killen and her team for coordinating and compiling this extensive document.

The structure sitting proudly at the bottom of the car park houses our new state-of-the-art gym, club shop and recovery room

The refurbishment of the dressing rooms and visitor toilets have been completed to a very high standard

Floodlights on top and back pitch have been restored and/or upgraded

The physical development of our club is an ongoing process and the next part of the programme will be the Ball Wall.

DEONTAIS (GRANTS)

Thankfully we have a small group of knowledgeable members looking after club grant applications on a voluntary and regular basis. Many thanks to Aven McShane and Ciarán Crosbie, who along with Ross, are constantly on the lookout for grants to help fulfil the needs of our club. Following a meeting with an Ulster GAA representative, their services were also offered to the club.

CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ AGUS CUMARSÁID (PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS)

Sheenagh and Shereen have the mammoth task of keeping Clonduff's Social Media channels updated, current and safe. Clonduff has FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram platforms. Many thanks to S&S for this very public picture of our club. The Club website continues to provide an up-to-date picture of Fixtures and Results and a very detailed historical record of happenings in the club.

A very sincere 'Thank You' to Shereen who is stepping down from this particular role within the club to pursue a role in another area of Club activity.

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, ie The Executive Committee and the Sub Committees! 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 form of Jimmie Cousins (not just the other JC) for sharing the onerous task of Secretary to this very busy and vibrant club, Tommy Kelly for looking after the Challenge Games applications and Niamh Murray for the continual production of Club Minutes which is not only a statutory requirement but also provides a written record of our club's existence and growth. Clare McGilligan is the non-executive Insurance Officer for Footballers and Hurlers and she make a great fist of staying on top of all that paperwork.

TUAIRISC AN CHISTEORA (TREASURER'S REPORT)

Fiona McCusker, Club Treasurer will provide the Financial Reports for the year. Personally, I wish to thank Fiona and Assistant Treasurer Damian for their efficiency throughout the year.

COMHBHRÓN (SYMPATHIES)

Condolences to all Club members, past and present and to members of our community and their families who lost loved ones during the past year. May they rest in peace. Ár dheis Dé go raibh a h-amamacha!

Our Mass of Remembrance will take place in the Clubrooms, next week, Thursday 21st November

COMHGHAIRDEAS (CONGRATULATIONS) TO:

- Massive congratulations to:
 - Our 5 All Ireland County Football winners – Dan Rafferty, Senan Carr (U20), Danny McLogan, Eoin McCaffrey and Conor Ward (Minor)
 - Eamonn and Charlie Brown on Winning Sigerson Cup Medals with University of Ulster
 - Our Senior Camogs on winning County Title and becoming first Clonduff Camogie team to play Ulster Senior Club Camogie
 - The four Camogs that have played on all 10 Clonduff County winning teams
 - U14 Boys Footballers on winning League Div 1
 - U16 Camogs on retaining their League title
 - Our Adult Set Dancers on retaining their County Title
 - Our Junior Set Dancers on winning the County title
 - Niamh McConville and Therese Cowan on winning Colleges All Stars
 - To all our members who played our games at club, school/college/university/county level or took part in Scór – you are what makes our Club the very best!
 - To the very many volunteers involved in Clonduff GAA Club – without you there would be no club
 - To our Club and Community Officers for their engagement with wider public and helping The Club to be recognised as ‘A Healthy Club’, ‘A Green Club’, ‘An Inclusive Club’

BUÍOCHAS (THANKS) TO:

- Our Sponsors for your help and support – it is greatly appreciated
- All our players who give their time to train and play for our Club
- The Managers, Mentors, Coaches and other Volunteers who give so much time to our Club and for their cooperation
- 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 Pubs for selling and hosting the draws and to those who bought the weekly ‘Friends of Clonduff Lotto’
- To the Gate Collectors, Umpires, Linesmen and Medical Attendants
- The Executive, Subcommittees and Trustees for their invaluable contributions and unfailing 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 such as The Carnival, Night at the Races and other events
- 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 or assist our County Boards

- The County Boards in all codes for their continued support and direction
- Sinead McKeown for continuing to check our two Defibrillators on a weekly basis including the one outside the Spar. Thanks to Damian Fearon for having them registered for use by life-saving organisations, if and when required

COMHBHRÓN DEIREADH (CONCLUSION)

To conclude this report, I would like to thank everybody who assisted me during the year as secretary of this great Club – it's a very busy and demanding post but it is rewarding.

Many thanks to the out-going Executive – and best wishes to those who are not seeking re-election. It was a tough year in many respects.

I want to wish the incoming committee all the best going forward. Let us all work together for the greater good of Clonduff. We don't always have to agree but let us disagree with respect – what happens in meetings stays in meetings – don't carry or hold grudges.

I wish the entire club every success in 2025 and who knows what lies ahead.

#UpTheYellas

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Children and Health and Well Being Officer Annual report

APPENDIX 1 - Children and Welfare

Since commencing my post as Children's Officer together with Health and Well Being Officer my priority was to ensure that all coaches and mentors had completed their Access NI together with their Child Protection level 1 and all those who required refresher courses completed these prior to the training season commencement. I have co-ordinated with the Ulster Council to ensure several face-to-face trainings were provided for Club volunteers and online links were provided.

There has been a significant increase in compliance with both mandatory trainings for all coaches, mentors and volunteers for children within Clonduff Club however we still have not achieved 100% compliance.

Future Action- Moving forward next year it is of imperative importance that EVERY Coach, Mentor and volunteer provide evidence of compliance prior to taking up volunteering position. This is to ensure each, and every adult and child is safeguarded in the year ahead. Without our volunteers and their expertise, we as a club could not operate however it is of paramount importance that everyone is safeguarded.

In total I have received 5 concerns within Hurling, LGFA and GAC which all have been resolved with no further issues.

APPENDIX 2 - Healthy Club

The year commenced in co-ordination with Irish Life and 'Light up Ireland'. We hosted a walk and talk in January and facilitated tea, coffee and hot chocolate for all walkers supporting a local community business.

Future Action– Current walking track unsafe for older people, prams, and kids on balance bikes – options to host this next year?

With the support from the Ulster council, we hosted an information night for coaches, mentors, volunteers and parents focusing on Autism awareness.

Future Action – Plan ahead and ensure minimal training occurring at the time, possible save the dates? Additional SEN Inclusive awareness evenings for coaches, mentors and volunteers creating an awareness and achieve INCLUSIVE CLUB status. Establish links with neighbouring clubs, initiatives and work collectively.

Future Action- Prior to the season commencing host a night for Parents, Coaches, mentors and volunteers promoting and sharing best practice. Sharing code of conduct and establishing a baseline for best practice as a club.

Future Action – Provide a Bullying workshop for coaches, mentors, volunteers and players. Establish Anti Bullying policy.

Health and wellbeing Foundation Award presented to Clonduff this year. I have attended training and worked collaboratively with the secretary of Clonduff in submitting our application and ensuring all criteria was met.

This would not have been possible without the commitment of our Community Officer who provided information evenings on Eating well, Vaping, Drugs awareness and death by suicide cycling awareness initiatives.

Future Action- Establish future and continued links with neighbouring clubs in relation to making Health and well being part of our club.

The big achievement in this department was the establishment of 'GAA For All' which started out in March with 8 children and at the end of the season had 15 children in the programme and they attended 'The Fiddlers Green' Festival for a Fun Day with their counterparts from Rostrevor. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this programme possible.

'Good Morning' Service to elderly up and running, facilitated by Clonduff Club.

Geraldine McPolin

APPENDIX 3 – Community Events & Annual Underage Tournaments 2024

Community Events

January 27th - Annual Awards Night

February 29th – Farm Family First Aid course in conjunction with (CAFRE)

March 17th – S.t Patrick's Day 'Ceol Agus Craic' event

April 02nd – Easter Tuesday Family Fun Day (Cancelled due to bereavement)

May 05th – Dean Davis Memorial Fun Day & Official opening of the new Gym, physio room & shop complex.

July 11th – Family Fortunes Clonduff style (as part of the Clonduff Carnival)

July 16th -NDTA Hip-Hop Dance Class

July 16th – 25th July – Lunch & Learn programme

July 21st – Volunteers Appreciation Evening (cancelled due to lack of interest)

July 25th – Fuelling for performance with Conor Milligan (U14, U16 & Minor boys)

Sep 19th – Fuelling for performance with Paula O'Hagan (U14, U16 & Minor girls)

Events organised for the remainder of 2024

Oct 31st – Halloween Fireworks display & kids disco

Nov 01st – Primary school kids Lego Club

Nov 29th – Christmas wreath making masterclass

Dec 01st – Santa Sunday

Annual Underage football Tournaments

18th May – Gary Murray U12.5 tournament

08th June – Mark Mooney LGFA U14 tournament

15th June – Brian McGreevy U8.5 tournament

06th July – Dalsey Mooney U14 tournament

A special word of thanks to the Events subcommittee, Alison McConville, Aideen McGinn, Caroline Grant, Gail Kane & Kathy McConville.

Tournaments committee, Damian Fearon, Mark Devlin, Gail Kane, Anthony Grimes, Christine Grimes, Glynn McPolin & Niall Donnan.

I would like to Thank the numerous volunteers who helped out in any way, without their support these events wouldn't be possible.

Shauna Carvill

APPENDIX 4 – The Club Shop

Our impressive new club shop facility opened on 26th April 2024. In the 6 months since opening, the shop has proven to be a great success and an important hub for our members. We continue to sell club gear, and a variety of drinks and confectionery, taking both cash and card payments. Our new coffee machines have been a welcome addition to the shop with the variety of coffee and hot chocolate proving very popular with both our members and visitors alike. The general feedback regarding the shop has been extremely positive all season, it is something to be proud of.

We have a terrific group of volunteers which enabled us to open the shop during underage training, and for almost every event, match, and blitz throughout the season.

Going forward we strive to open the shop as much as possible, providing a valuable service for our community, whilst raising some much-needed funds for our club.

Andrea Gribben

APPENDIX 5 – Tuairisc Óifigeach Gaeilge

Bhí áthas an domhain orm nuair a d'iarr Ross orm bheith mar oifigeach Gaeilge don chlub.

Chonaic mé go gasta go bhfuil obair mhór á dhéanamh ag achan ball den choiste.

Mar gheall ar Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha, bhí ranganna Gaeilge ag trí leibhéal, bunrang, meánrang agus ardrang uachtarach, ar bun againn go luath.

Bhí muid ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a chur amach i mbéal an phobail go luath agus cuireadh tús le mír ar leith “Seanfhocal na Seachtaine” ar Facebook agus X.

Bhí comórtas ealaíne do pháistí bunscoile againn “Mo Chlub, Mo theanga” i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. D'éirigh go hiontach leis seo.

Mar chuid den “Gathering Festival”, chuir muid seisiún traenála iomána/ camógaíochta dátheangach ar siúl do pháistí faoi 12.

Bhí bailiúchán againn ar Lá Fhéile Phádraig ag na haifrinn le scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta a chur ar fáil do dhéagóirí.

Bhí Pop Up Gaeltacht againn ag an Lá Spraoi sa chlub ar Lá Fhéile Phádraig.

Rinne mé féin freastal ar roinnt mhaith cruinnithe agus webinars ar son an chlub.

D'éirigh linn deontas a fháil ó Chomhairle an Iúir do ranganna na bliana seo.

Fuair muid deontas fosta ó Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha le Cleamairí Feirste a thabhairt chuig an chlub.

Ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a dhéanamh leis an dá bhunscoil as a bheith páirteach sa scéim Scoil Spreagtha, d'éirigh le scoil amháin bonn óir a fháil.

Tá iarratas istigh againn ón chlub do dhuaiseanna FSMD agus tá súil againn bonn cré-umha a bhaint amach.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a chur in iúl don fhochoiste, Anita agus Póilín. Is coiste beag muid ach tá muid ag fás.

Buíochas fosta do Ross agus an baill an fheidhmeannais as an chuidiú uilig le bliain anuas.

I was delighted whenever Ross asked me to become the Irish Language officer for the club. Little did I realise the amount of work done by every member of the executive.

Thankfully, due to the Joe Mc Donagh Foundation, Irish classes were up and running at three levels, beginner, intermediate and higher intermediate.

We started a weekly seanfhocal (tús maith, leath na hoibre) on Facebook and X to help publicise the language.

We held a primary school art competition, Mo chlub, Mo Theanga, as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge which was very successful.

As part of the Gathering Festival, we organised a bilingual hurling/camogie session for our U12 with Joe Greaney from Mayo.

We had a church gate collection on St Patrick's Day to help fund scholarships for teenagers to attend Gaeltacht courses.

There was a pop up Gaeltacht on St Patricks Day in the club as part of the other activities organised by the club.

I also attended many meetings and webinars on behalf of the club.

We are in the process of getting our new Irish language signs for the club.

Funding is secured for this year's classes from NMDDC.

We received funding from the Joe McDonagh Foundation to host the Belfast Rhymers/Wren Boys here in the club recently.

I would like to pay tribute to the 2 primary schools for their participation in the Scoil Spreagtha scheme, one of which was awarded a gold award.

Thanks to the sub committee, Anita and Póilín. We are few, but we are strong and we are growing.

Thanks also to Ross and all the executive for their help throughout the year.

Brian Ó Ceannúbháin

APPENDIX 6 - Cultural Activities in Clonduff 2024

The Scór Sinsir and Scór na nÓg programmes have now reverted back to their original slots in the calendar – Scór Sinsir in the Spring-time and Scór na nÓg in the Autumn.

Since our last AGM, The Senior Set Dancers participated in the 2023 All Ireland Finals as Ulster Champions and what a wonderful journey they took us on! They were back again a few months later within the revised calendar for the 2024 competitions. Again, they claimed the County title and reached the Ulster Final, but alas, despite an excellent performance, they were unable to defend their title. Clonduff also had representatives in Ceílí Dancing, Solo Singing, Recitation, Instrumental Music and Quiz.

In Scór na nÓg 2024 Clonduff had 52 youngsters participating in Scór Na nÓg across seven of the eight disciplines in Down. One of the highlights for me was the very, very young Instrumental Music Group (ages 6-10) that took part in the semifinal in Dromara, and actually got a standing ovation from the very large crowd! Many thanks to all the volunteers who continue to give up their time to prepare the youngster for this level of competition. We had a Céilí Dance team, a Set Dance team, 2 x Ballad Groups, an Instrumental Music group, a Solo Singer and 2 reciters, all of whom represented Clonduff with pride and great decorum. At the time of writing, four of our acts have reached their respective County Finals with three quiz teams yet to take part.

Our Scór singers who completed Amhrán na bhFiann workshops within the last three years were often called upon to perform at various Club and County events including County Championships in all codes.

The Clonduff Youth Club ran a major concert in the INF Hall in October to celebrate their Golden Jubilee – onstage was a 26-piece Trad Orchestra, numerous singers and others entertainers, most of whom had represented Clonduff in Scór at some time in their lives. The orchestra was co-ordinated and conducted by our own Siobhan Doyle and the Fear an Tí and Musical Director was none other than Matt McGinn, that well-known folk singer, who himself had competed in Ulster Scór Finals in a Ballad Group.

Wonderful news on the cultural front in the Parish of Clonduff is the birth of ‘Comhaltas Chluain Daimh’ offering lessons in Banjo, Guitar, Bodhrán, Tin Whistle, Accordion, Fiddle, Grúpa Ceol’ – more exciting news for the future of Scór in Clonduff!

Anita Brannigan

APPENDIX 7 – Field & Facilities sub-committee Report 2024

We have once again come to the end of a very busy season.

Many thanks to all the people who helped throughout the year to ensure our fields and facilities were kept in prime condition.

Thank you to Tommy Kelly who has been a tremendous assistance in ensuring the grass on the 3 pitches is always cut.

Thanks to Jayme Carvill and his team who did sterling work in ensuring the areas around the pitches and club ground were well maintained throughout the year.

Thanks also to Anthony Morgan, Jayme Carvill and Alistair McGilligan for their work in lining the pitches.

The main pitch was re-sodded in advance of the Ulster Camogie Semi-Final - thank you to Jayme & Gavin Carvill and Glynn McPolin for their work on this.

In the coming weeks it is hoped that Prunty Pitches will verti-drain the three pitches and sand the main and top pitch. Thanks also to James Kane who fertilised the pitches.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on club clean-up days throughout the year - this work makes a real difference in maintaining our club grounds and facilities.

It has been a fantastic year seeing the completion of our refurbished dressing rooms and gym/ shop facility.

Congratulations to all involved in the successful completion.

It is vital that everyone works together to ensure that our club facilities are left in pristine condition, it is vital we continue to build this culture in our club - the rota has been very beneficial in assisting with this drive.

I would like to acknowledge the following volunteers who regularly assisted with various duties throughout the year - Jayme Carvill, Glynn McPolin, Paul McConville, Barney McConville, Colm Grant and PJ McGinn. Apologies if I have omitted anyone it is not intentional.

There have been many, many volunteers whose work has been invaluable throughout the year - thank you to you all.

Many thanks to the Field & Facilities Sub Committee - Martin Farnon, Dermot Fitzpatrick, Jayme Carvill & Tommy Kelly - who have worked tirelessly completing many tasks throughout the year.

Many thanks to Damien Farnon for servicing generator and for always being on standby if the lights go off.

The main pitch is now closed until further notice and further work will be carried out on the other pitches soon - details will be communicated.

Brendan Murray

APPENDIX 8 – Juvenile Boys Football

2024 was another successful year for underage football. We continue our drive and focus on developing as many players as possible. Our Primary age groups continue to grow with around 170 boys playing up to U12 level.

Our post primary groups are also growing and during 2025 we fielded 2 x U14 teams, 2 X U16 teams and 1 x minor team.

On the field of play the U14 Gaels won the All County Division 1 title for the first time in many years, and were beaten by a 1 point in the semifinal of the Championship. The Ogs teams competed well in the B division and made it to the final of the Plate level Championship.

Our U16 Gaels competed strongly in the All County Division 1 league, finishing 3rd. They then followed this up with a strong Championship run, losing narrowly at the semifinal stage to the eventual winners.

The U16 Ogs performed very strongly in a lower division alongside other Ogs teams, and reached the league final, unfortunately losing out on the day.

Our minors had a tough year, competing in Division 2 and exiting at an early stage of the Championship. However, with our drive to retain players at the younger age groups and develop their skills and game sense, we are optimistic that we will see improvements at minor level in the years ahead.

Many thanks to all the managers/mentors who gave up their time and expertise to bring out the best in our boys' footballing skills.

Damian Fearon

APPENDIX 9 - Clonduff LGFA 2024

The Clonduff U6s LGFA continued to grow in numbers this year. The group had between 30-40 members. It was evident the progress our young girls made from the indoor sessions which began in March, when they had the opportunity to play a number of our neighbouring clubs.

Our u6s also had the opportunity to play had our Senior ladies home championship which was a great occasion and opportunity for the parents and family to not only see their own girls develop their GAA skills but to have the opportunity to see our talented senior ladies play and for our girls to recognise that they will also one day in the near future have the opportunity to play in championships games and proudly wear the 'yella jersey'. Our final outing was the parish league which was a great success and over 30 of our girls had the opportunity to continue to develop their skills.

Our u8 and u10 girls had an enjoyable year playing in mini blitzes 3 weeks out of 4 each month. The blitzes were well organised ensuring maximum playing time for all girls. The girls all progressed massively by the end of the year.

Great season for the U12 girls, they all progressed so much throughout the year. The county league started in April time and ended in July. Another mini league was organised so all girls got good game time until the end of September.

27 girls on the panel with at least 20 moving up to U14s - great potential in this group!

We played in one competitive tournament (advertised as U12.5) – we fielded our U12 team and beat Rostrevor in the final 🏆👏

The Clonduff U14 LGFA played in the all-county league (Section B), playing 7 teams home and away, opponents included Saval, Bredagh B, Shamrocks, Castlewellan, Saul, Ballyholland and St John's. The girls made steady progress throughout the league and by the second half of the league, they were really gelling as a team and competing extremely well in all games.

In the championship the team left everything on the field, showcasing their unwavering dedication and passion. The girls reached the semi-final but lost out by just 1 point in an extremely exciting game, played in the wide-open spaces of Pairc Esler.

Clonduff hosted their first-ever Mark Mooney Memorial U14 Tournament, attended by eight teams – and Clonduff were the inaugural Cup winners. Many thanks to Mrs Eileen Mooney and Family for sponsoring the Cup and Shield.

The relentless effort and determination of this wee group was evident in every game. We started the season with 17 players and finished the season with 17 players.

Clonduff U16 LGFA were placed in Division A this year which was an extremely tough ask. They gave it their all and had some good victories throughout the year. The U15 girls, combined with older U14s had a great run in the Féile and reached their Final only to be narrowly beaten.

Another first for our Juvenile LGFA was the running of our first-ever Parish League for U6-U14 girls with the U16 and Minor girls taking on the management, refereeing and co-ordination of all the games.

Many thanks to the many volunteers who willingly gave up their time to coach and nurture these young girls – the aim is to keep as many girls playing the game for as long as possible. Teenage years can be difficult so it is essential that our club, our mentors and parents encourage the girls to foster commitment, enjoyment and team spirit.

U15 LGFA SAN FRANCISCO FÉILE Blitz

We were delighted to welcome San Francisco GAA U15 LGFA Féile Team to Clonduff Park for a mini blitz ahead of their National Féile Campaign. The National Féile took place on Saturday 29th June, and San Fran had arrived in Ireland a little earlier to get some practice in before the event.

We have a long-standing link to San Francisco GAA with many family links down through the years and they certainly haven't forgotten their roots. One of the San Francisco GAA co-ordinators is our own former dual player Eamonn McCusker who had travelled back to his 'homeland' ahead of the Féile event.

It was a fantastic evening of Ladies Gaelic and special thanks to neighbouring clubs Rostrevor and Warrenpoint for joining us for the occasion. The event got underway with a beautiful rendition of Amhrán na bhFiann from Scór Singer Vivienne Mulcahy, and then the action began across 2 pitches with teams rotating. Light refreshments were served in the clubrooms after the games.

The San Francisco club made a lovely presentation of a framed 'San Fran' jersey to our club chair Ross Carr, who thanked everyone for attending and wished San Francisco the best of luck with their Féile Campaign.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the evening such a great success.

LGFA Minors and Seniors

Minors and Seniors trained together and this gave a solid base for competitive in-house games. The Actual Minor squad was small and required the use of U16 players. They played in Division A this year, playing 10 games in total against 5 other teams, winning 5 out of the 10.

Unfortunately, their Championship journey ended in the first group stage where they were beaten by Carryduff. They continued their season with the seniors making a real impact to the senior team.

The Senior panel, augmented by the Minors, had its largest panel for many years, welcoming new and not so new players in. The Minor impact had a positive and more competitive edge at training. By the end of the season there were still 31 players fighting for a place on the starting 15 for the senior matches.

Our Seniors played in the Junior league, getting off to an uneasy start, but they steadied themselves and got a few wins under their belts finishing mid-league. They were placed in the Intermediate Championship where, against all the odds, they had great performances against Carryduff and Dundrum to finish top of their group. Unfortunately, they got off to a bad start in the semi-final against Saul, but really gave the Championship favourites a real scare in the second half. Saul won the Championship and reached the semi-final of the Ulster competition.

Many thanks to the Minor and Senior Management Team: Robert and Maria Wilson and Kieran Kelly. Special thanks to Sinead McKeown and Shereen Lyness for their support and looking after pitch-side first aid at all the games; and to Anita Branagan for her support on the sideline throughout the year and also Conor Milligan for his training in the gym.

LGFA in Clonduff is going from strength to strength each season, and our numbers are growing each season!

G4MO

G4MO in Clonduff continues to grow within the community, providing an opportunity for women over 24, mothers, aunts and sisters to avail of an hour or two down at the club.

The ladies not only enjoyed weekly sessions from February that began in the youth club and continued at the field for the season, but played host to local clubs and also participated in a number of blitzes.

They were lucky enough to have the opportunity to go to the National Blitz in Sept, which was held in Portmarnock and Malahide.

As the season has come to an end, the ladies continue to participate in a weekly gym session which is kindly mentored by Conor Milligan, this has been a successful initiative which all our ladies enjoy.

Many Thanks to Louise Savage and Charlie Carr for their time and efforts throughout the year.

Michaella O'Hagan

APPENDIX 10 – Hurling Report 2024

U-6 and U-8 Hurling:

The wee **hurlers** continue to make improvements from last **year**. We had up to 15 x Nursery and P1 kids training with us and 35 x P2s, P3s and P4s (age at year beginning) playing throughout the **year**. The nursery and P1s were led by Tom Murphy, Noel Murray and Niall Quinn provided a fun platform to introduce our youngest lads to **hurling**. This year the U6s took part in three blitzes during the year including matches in Pairc Esler under floodlights, a first for this age group. The P2s, P3s and P4s competed in the regional and county blitzes throughout the season and progress from the beginning to end of **year** was evident. Training during the **year** concentrated on fundamental movements and basic skills as well as maintaining core skills like agility, teamwork and coordination. All of these lads are now competent or attempting to raise the ball during matches.

The visit of Eoin Kelly was another highlight of the year and he was particularly impressed with the U8 group adding that they would be well able to compete with his own U8 group.

The coaching team of Tom Murphy, Noel Murray, Niall Quinn, Fionnbharr Murphy, Francis Quinn, Niall Donnan, Jimmy Barber, Paul Keenan, Ciaran Kearney, Ken O'Brien and parents who helped out during the **year** were key to keeping progress within this group. Thanks to all for the help throughout the year.

U10 Hurling

The U10 hurlers had an enjoyable year developing their skills along the way. There were some new players joined for their first time and we utilised any surplus of coaches to give extra attention to help these boys catch up with the others. It's never too late to start. Training was twice per week. They attended the various Go Game blitzes organised by Down County Board and Regional Hurling Development officers. There were 10 blitzes attended in total on the days designated by the County Board as dates set aside specifically for hurling.

We select our teams for blitzes evenly with no division of strong or weaker players as the focus at this level is individual development without the distraction or pressure of winning competitions.

This gave a training to game ratio of approximately 3:1.

The objectives of training for this age are skill development under appropriate pressure. The boys also experience the concept of warm up, structured and unstructured drills, competition for possession and agility training.

There is a big emphasis on practicing left and right sided striking.

Given the large number of dual players within the group, communication between football and hurling coaches is essential to ensure schedules run smoothly and players are able to fulfil their passion for both codes.

Thanks to the parents for getting players to training and games.

U10 coaches - Kathy Mc Conville, Lorraine Carville, Ryan Quinn, Paddy Brannigan, Francis Quinn.

U12 Hurling

It was a busy year for our U12 hurlers. The season started in April for the lads and they travelled throughout the County to take on teams from Belfast, The Ards, and our local neighbours. A total of 13 games were played and our young hurlers played a fantastic brand of 1st time hurling. A big thank you to all the parents for getting the lads to training and the matches.

U-14 Hurlers

The U14 hurlers had another strong year, with a good league performance followed by making it to the first all-county hurling final, at any age group, in the history of the club. Despite losing the final to Liatroim, they have improved well throughout the year and, in a very competitive and challenging end-

of-season tournament in Castlewella, made the final only to again narrowly lose to the Waterford champions, Lismore, which is the home club of Dan Shanahan. A large number of the U14s also made up the U15 Féile winning team which put in strong performances at the Regional Feile Finals played in Clonduff. The management and hurling committee would like to thank the club and the parents for the fantastic support provided throughout the year. Coaches - John Murphy, Sean Downey, Paul McCusker

U16 Hurling

The U16 hurlers had an enjoyable year and continued to develop their skills as the season progressed. The league was one division all county and after some fine displays the team finished in 3rd place having won 4, drew 2 and lost 2 matches. The team played in the league semifinal away to Ballycran and lost. Clonduff was entered into the Division 2 County Feile and won all three matches against Portaferry, Liatroim and Ballygalget getting through to the Regional Feile which was hosted in Clonduff and was an excellent experience for the team and club with plenty of spectators visiting our club to watch a great day of Hurling. The team then went into championship season progressed to the shield semi-final narrowly losing to Portaferry.

Thanks to the parents for getting players to training and games.

U16 coaches- Micheal Murtagh and Eddie Clancy.

Minor Hurling

The Minor Hurling season was one of continuous development for this team with the significant majority of the players eligible for the 2025 Minor campaign. Unfortunately, there was only one Minor league and this young side spent parts of the year facing Division 1 sides but the players certainly performed to the best of their ability in Shield League and Championship playoffs against similar graded clubs. There were three very encouraging signs for the Minors with team captain Tommy Smith earning his place in the Senior Hurling team for Championship and U17 players Ailill Morris and Ethan O'Kane being strong performers for Down Minor Hurlers in the Ulster and Celtic Challenge Championships.

Thanks to Jamie Fegan and the Football management for their cooperation throughout the year. Coaches - Damian Farnon and Ciaran Kearney

Senior Hurling

Despite a challenging season, the senior hurlers maintained their Intermediate status for the sixth consecutive year. Previous promotions to intermediate have always resulted in relegation back to junior within a year or two, so they are now playing at a higher level for longer than any previous time in the club's history. Their efforts are now focussed on rebuilding and bringing through underage players to the senior ranks for the first time in several years to replace a number of strong players who have departed over the last few years.

The annual Péarse Branagan Memorial Poc Fada attracted a large crowd this year, with several footballers joining the action this year in a great show of solidarity and support for the Branagan family. In a fitting end, the event was won by first-time winner Lorcan McAteer, the partner of Péarse and Lorcán's sister.

The season ended with the now annual parish league, which has continued to grow in numbers over the years. Despite severe weather conditions causing some havoc to the fixtures, the event continued to be well supported and teams at all underage levels competed.

John Murphy