



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



- Cluain Daimh - The Meadow of the Ox – It is recorded that St Comghall of Bangor sent his followers to this area of Co Down to spread Christianity. They began building a church but every morning, the previous day's work would be demolished. Upon investigation, it was discovered that an ox, belonging to the local Druid came down from the mountain (The Mourne) each night and razed the building. One of the monks cut a thorn stick and stuck it into the ground between the ox's meadow and the new church. The stick grew into a thorn bush and the monk defied the ox to pass it - it never did and the building of the church was completed. It is upon this legend that the late Margaret Mussen based the Club Crest for the publication of "Sceal Chluain Daimh" Part 1, the McNamee award-winning history of the Clonduff Club (1987).
- 'The Banbridge Chronicle' Saturday 5th November 1887 carried a short report of a Gaelic Football match between Hilltown Amateurs and Ballyroneys the previous Tuesday evening, 1st November 1887 – this is the first official record of any Gaelic Game played in Down.
- 1920s identified as the defining year of the modern Clonduff Shamrocks.
 - Success on the playing field was commonplace
 - Beginning of Clonduff's long tradition of providing quality County players
- 1930 Clonduff won their first Senior Football Championship
- 1940s most successful decade winning 4 Senior Championships.
 - Down won the 1946 All Ireland Junior Football title with 6 Clonduff players on the panel.
- 1955 club split into two distinct entities – Cabra (Clonduff Harps) and Hilltown (Clonduff Shamrocks) – representing the two ends of the parish. Two years later they met in the County Final. Amalgamated 1959
- 1960/61 two Clonduff players won All-Ireland Senior football medals – Kevin Mussen and Patsy O'Hagan with Kevin becoming the first Northerner to bring Sam Maguire across the border.
- 1967 Clonduff Camogie Club founded - an early 1950s effort failed to take root but now had backing of the Football Club – had to wait until 2007 to win their first Senior Championship.
- 1970s Scór competitions introduced Clonduff one of the leading participants. They also participated in the Ceol, Ceant agus Damhsa (CCD – Camogie organised). They won All Ireland titles in both competitions, picking up Céili and Set Dancing Scór na nÓg titles in 1993 with just nine different dancers - a feat that has never been surpassed. They won three All Ireland CCD titles in 1997 (Set Dancing, Quiz and Solo Singing) - the last year of that competition.
- 1983 – the men of Clonduff first took up the Camán in preparation for the GAA Centenary Celebrations – juveniles had started playing in 1973; currently teams at U-6 to Adult level.
When Down won the National Football League for the fourth time Johnny McCumiskey was the goalkeeper Clonduff won All Ireland U15 Óg Sport with Patrick McCumiskey winning the All Ireland Penalty Kick Competition
- 1980s Handball developed mainly thanks to a number of young men who had been students at St Colman's College, Newry.
 - The local council provided a juvenile alley in the village in 1989
 - Thriving since end of 1990s and can boast numerous County, Ulster and All Ireland winners/contenders
 - 2013 local juvenile female players embraced the sport
- 1987 – Clonduff provided 6 players on All Ireland Minor Championship winning team – Cathal Murray, Paddy Hannaway, Mark Matthews, Mark Mooney, Marty McAvoys and Dominic Brannigan
- In Down's All Ireland SF wins of 1991 and 1994, Clonduff's Ross Carr and Cathal Murray played pivotal roles – Ross won All Star in 1991
- 1992 – Clonduff U14's won National Feile in Navan Co Meath (there was only one division)
- 1996 – Senior Hurlers won first JHC County title

- 1999 John Fegan at full forward when Down Minors lifted their third All Ireland; Martin Farnon with management
- 2000 Senior Footballers collect their ninth County title; their first in 20 years - the same goal-keeper, Johnny McAleavey was in situ for both Championship wins! Johnny had won a National Football League medal with Down in 1983.
- 2005 Shane O'Hagan on Down team that lifted the Minor trophy for the 4th time
- 2001 Ladies Football introduced
 - Moved quickly through the divisions
 - 2003 Junior Championship and League
 - 2005 Intermediate Championship and League
 - 2006, 2007, 2008 Senior Championship (League also in 2007, 2008)
 - 2006 16-year-old Paula Gribben became a dual All Ireland winner – she played every minute of every game in the successful U16 Camogie and Ladies Football Championship winning teams - in between the two All Irelands she was 'Player of the Game' in the Down Senior Ladies Final and two weeks later she helped her club to the Minor Camogie Championship and League double!
 - 2007 Eight girls on the winning team became 'Double Double' Champions when the Senior Camogie team picked up its first Senior Championship and League the same year
- 1968 Clonduff opened its own permanent home – there were 5 male and one female team.
 - 1998 new clubrooms and revamped playing field opened – 13 male and 5 female (Camogie) teams.
 - 2007 there were 26 teams fielding on one owned and one rented adjacent field.
 - 2019 36 teams, 2 full-size pitches and a smaller juvenile pitch
- 1999 Clonduff was one of the first clubs in the country to go online - the website (www.clonduffgac.net)
 - Clonduff has fully embraced other Social Media – Youtube ([clonduffgac](https://www.youtube.com/clonduffgac)), FaceBook ([clonduffgac](https://www.facebook.com/clonduffgac)) and became the first team in Down to 'Tweet' score-by-score, ([@clonduffgac](https://twitter.com/clonduffgac)) a Senior League game in May 2012.

- ✓ Clonduff is the largest rural club in Down boasting over 1,000 members (aged 6-96)
- ✓ Club Colours – Yellow jersey and socks, White shorts (nickname 'The Yellas') Females wear Navy shorts
- ✓ Facilities: 3 pitches (2 floodlit), Clubhouse with Social Club and 4 updated Dressing Rooms, State of the art gym, Club Shop and Physio Room; Undeveloped field with part let to Men's Shed
- ✓ Imminent plans for Ball Wall and Run off area

- ✓ 2017 – Ballad Group All Ireland Scór Sinsir Champions
- ✓ 2018 – Clonduff host Laune Rangers Boys and New York Girls for Feile Peil 2018; hosts four finals on Sunday 1st July
- ✓ 2018 – Hurlers recovered from the sudden death of one of their players, Péarce Branagan, a few weeks before first round and reached the Ulster Semi Final
- ✓ 2019 – Aoife Trainor All Ireland Solo Singing Champion
- ✓ 2019 & 2022– Senior Camogie team – All Ireland Intermediate Club Champions
- ✓ 2023 – 5th Club Maith Platinum Award – final award by Ulster Council
- ✓ 2023 – Acquired 'Green Club' Status, Healthy Club Bronze Award
- ✓ 2024 – Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha Foundation Award
- ✓ 2024 – Clonduff Dual player Lorcan Branagan (brother Péarce died in 2018) tragically lost his life in Australia
- ✓ 2025 – 'Sporting Nature' recognition by Ulster GAA

Major Clonduff Club Achievements

Down SFC – 1930/1944/1945/1947/1949/1952/1957/1980/2000, Kilmacud All Ireland 7s 2009

Down JHC 1996/2002/2010/2016/2018

Down Sen Camogie Champs 2007/2009/2010/2014/2017/2018/2019/2020/2022/2024; Kilmacud 7s 2009; Ulster

Camogie Club Champions 2014/2018/2019/2022; All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Club Champions 2019/2022;

Down Ladies SFC 2006/2007/2008; All Ireland Scór Champions 1977/1991/1993 (x2)/2017/2019;

Numerous County & Provincial Handball titles; All Ireland Diamond Masters Handball 2004;

AIB Club of the Year 2000/2001; Irish News Club of the Year 2008/2014; Club Maith Platinum Award

2007/2010/2014/2019/2023; Healthy Club Recognition 2023; Green Club Recognition 2023