



Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Club CLANNS UPDATE



Our Clubber of the Month: Holly Graham, picked as the player of her division in Dublin camogie by the other clubs in that division.

Season off to slow start

In addition to causing serious flooding for many unfortunate households around the country, the bad weather has played havoc with the new year start to the playing season. Sodden pitches in clubs all over the city led to the mass cancellation of fixtures last weekend; and the prospects of games going ahead this coming weekend are not great. The bad weather has also put a stop to most training sessions, although some hardy young souls from the club academy did not allow the wind and rain get in the way of their Saturday session in the 'cage'.

The one team that has managed to get going are our U-9 hurlers. They have been taking part in the Gormanston indoor competition for the second year with matches every Sunday for seven weeks. Just one Clanns team participated in the competition last year and recorded reasonable success in coming fourth.

The two teams entered this year are doing very well - with one team recording two wins, one draw and one loss and the other team notching up three wins from four. There are three weeks' matches to go with a trophy presentation at the end. According to the team mentors, the positive effect this competition has had on the players since last year is bearing fruit and it has been a great way to introduce players to hurling in a nice but competitive environment.



The U-9 hurlers aim to build on the success of last year's team – then the U-8s.

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Club News

Date for diary – Beach Run

Sunday 11th May – that's when this year's Beach Run takes place. A fun event for all ages to raise funds for the Club, the run will get underway at 13.00 for kids followed by adults at 13.30. Sponsors are being sought – any assistance should be referred to roger.t.mcgrath@gmail.com

Club Fixtures

Football [Sat 8th February]

U-8 Boys:

Clanns v Crumlin, 10.00hrs

U-9 Boys:

Ballyboden St Endas 1 v Clanns,
Sancta Maria, 10.00hrs

U-10 Boys:

Naomh Olaf v Clanns,
Pairc Ui Bhriain, 12.15hrs

U-11 Boys:

Clanns v Fingallians, 11.00hrs

U-12 Boys:

Clanns 1 v Fingallians, 12.15hrs
Scoil Ui Chonaill v Clanns 2,
Clontarf Road, 12.15hrs

U-13 Boys:

Clanns v Ballyboden 1, 15.00hrs

U-14 Boys:

St Margarets v Clanns,
Kilreesk, Nth Co Dublin, 15.00hrs

U-15 Boys [Sun 9th Feb]:

Clanns v Erins Isle, 11.30hrs



Adult footballers

Our Intermediate footballers start their league programme at home to Whitehall on Sunday 16th February, followed by another league game on the following Sunday 23rd February away to Naomh Fionbarra. Both games are scheduled to start at 10.30am and support is welcome as ever. A squad of 30 has been in full training since the 7th January, toting out every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 7pm.



Intermediate action from last year – the aim is to build on that platform

Raising coaching standards

The Club hosted a coaching seminar for its Juvenile Coaches last weekend, organised by Brian Delany, Chairman of the Juvenile Committee. The 25 or so attendees received very interesting and thought provoking presentations from Declan Darcy, Dermot Flanagan and Maurice Hennessy, while Nicky English participated in a hurling Q&A session. The positive feedback on the seminar confirms the level of interest that exists in further raising the coaching standards within the club. This particular seminar is seen as simply marking the beginning of that important process.

Flying the White flag

Congratulations and best wishes to Two-mile-House, Co Kildare, in their All-Ireland Junior Football final next Sunday against Fuerty, Co Roscommon in Croke Park. Two-Mile-House is managed/coached by Sheamus White, former Clanns member and player and son of current club President, Frank White.

They reached the final by beating the Ulster champions in a closely-fought game. Now Sheamus's team will face the county champions of Roscommon – his father's county of birth. Frank hasn't indicated yet who he will be supporting on Sunday!!!!

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Lotto Results

Congratulations to Annette O'Donnell who won the lotto Jackpot A draw on 27th January worth €10,000 with the lucky numbers 6, 10, 18 and 27. A regular attendee at the Monday night set dancing in the club, Annette and her set dancing colleagues had an extra zip in their steps on hearing the good news!

The lucky winners of €20 were: R. Sakry, Margaret Mahedy, Catherine O'Connor co Ts, Mick + Josie and Therese Nicholson.

The following numbers drawn on Feb. 3rd did not produce a winner: 12, 13, 21, 28

Teresa Doyle, Belly + Josie, Sadie Flood, Miriam Ryan and Stephen + Colleen each won €20. The next week's jackpot is €6,200.

Playing the Club Lotto is one sure way of helping the club's finances. Pick any five numbers and these are then eligible for all jackpot draws. Plus there are 5 x €25.00 winners drawn weekly. It costs just €2.00 per ticket weekly. Or you can play by standing order through your bank if you so wish. Contact Jay Byrne at 086-8870376 for details.

Best wishes

Good luck to our U-8 footballers who play their very first game this weekend – at home against Crumlin.

Congratulations to Stacey Flood on being selected on the 2014 Dublin minor ladies football team.



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