



# Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Club CLANNS UPDATE



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## Club News

### Alice's community award

They gathered in the Club hall as if it were Oscar night. The Sean Moore Awards for Community Activists in the Dublin 2 and 4 areas were about to be announced. Friends, families, community colleagues all assembled in the hope that one of their own could be a recipient of such a prestigious award.



Alice Larkin, the doyenne of the 'cage' at the Club's Academy every Saturday morning, was there as she is for most community events – sitting quietly at the back of the hall with her family. As the awards were announced, Alice clapped excitedly in acknowledgement of the winners. Then the Lord Mayor, Oisín Quinn, began relating the profile of the next recipient. "Every Saturday morning", he told the packed hall, "this lady and her whistle can be seen organising hundreds of kids at Clanna Gael Fontenoy". The penny began to drop.....(contd overleaf)

### Minor footballers get off to flying start

Our minor footballers had a good win in their first league outing, winning at home against Castleknock. They started strongly and lead by 2 – 7 to 0 – 6 at half time. Our mid-field pairing of Austin Dodd (2 – 1) and Niall Lavery were dominant during this period and in the forwards Ross Maher (1 – 6) and Des O'g Markey (0 – 3) were flying, ably assisted by Dean Tilley and Monty. The third quarter saw a resurgence by the visitors and they notched up 1 – 5 in this period. There followed some nervous moments until Ross Maher's 50<sup>th</sup> minute goal; and thereafter our defence held firm – well marshalled by Eric Reynolds and David Meenan and ably assisted by Sean Rimmer, Connor Hannon and Jay Murphy.

**Clanna Gael Fontenoy 3 – 11 Naomh Fionnbarra 1 – 11**

### U-14 hurlers register first win

Having come within two points of Clontarf in their opening fixture at the more challenging Division 3 level, our U-14 hurlers hit winning ways second time out with an impressive win over a visiting Naomh Fionnbarra. Despite the blustery conditions, Clanns registered impressive scores from early on, particularly through Seamus McKenna and Conor Hennessy up front and driven by the mid-field duo of Patrick McNamara and Cian O'Regan. And when those lines on occasion gave way, Colm O'Keeffe was at hand in the half back line to deliver his best performance to date in the Clanns colours. Evan Caulfield was rock solid in goal behind a towering Colm O'Briain in the full back position. This was a well deserved win, with all players showing the benefits of Ciaran Murphy's coaching.

**Clanna Gael Fontenoy 4-7 Naomh Fionnbarra 3-1**

### Intermediates win in style



Our intermediate footballers registered a good league win over St Sylvesters, eventually running out 2-14 to 1-8 winners. The championship draw will see them play away to Good Counsel.

## U-10s just come up short

Our U-10 hurlers were unlucky to lose this low-scoring game in blustery conditions at home against Tyrrelstown. Playing against the wind in the first half, and despite some strong defending from Adam and Aiden, Clanns conceded an early two-goal lead. Senan T and Rian worked really hard all the way through but things took an unfortunate turn when a clearance rebounded off a Tyrrelstown hurl and went over our bar. So 5-0 it stood to Tyrrelstown at the break.



However, the second half was all about Clanns. Ethan was dynamic in midfield and was unlucky not to score with a long range shot, while both Alec and Matthew put good shots narrowly wide. Driven on by good puck outs from Aiden in goal, the boys continued to dominate. Hugh earned a skill point for a perfectly executed hook. Jonathan played well and was unlucky not to be rewarded with a score. Mark pressed and harried the opposition really well and Finn played some nice strokes off the ground. A great long range point from Senan H brought Clanns to within a point; but, despite their best efforts, they could not find the score needed to win the game.

## Points win it for our U-13 girls

Perfect spring sunshine provided ideal conditions for this home tie against the St Brigids A team. A tight first half saw Clanns reach the break marginally ahead. Facing into a strong breeze in the second half, the girls played a good short-passing game which proved the winning of the game for them. Every player gave a superb display.

First half scores from Clodagh McDonnell, Aisling Guinane, Clodagh Ferry and Ava Benson were backed up by strong displays from Shona McCann, Ella Thierroueiz, Emer Vaughan, Amy O Hora and Amy Carroll. Orla Flanagan stood out with her speed and link play. Kate Benson notched up some nice scores when she came on. Laura Gonzales was superb at corner back, but was pulled up injured after 20 minutes - Annemarie Crowe did a good job as her replacement. Shanna o Leary and Laoise O Connor were exceptionally strong when the pressure came on in the second half, while Claire Byrne's kick-outs were sheer class throughout. This was a fine win and just reward for a great effort.

**Clanna Gael Fontenoy 5-13 St Brigids 5-6**

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### Alice's community award contd

When the Lord Mayor announced Alice's name, the audience rose to their feet but she was left rooted to her chair. Trembling, she was helped to her feet to make the long trek to the top of the hall to receive her well deserved Award.

And we all in Clanna Gael Fontenoy agree with the Lord Mayor and his lavish praise of Alice and with all those who gave her the standing ovation as she made the return trek to the embraces of her family and friends. Well done Alice. Take a bow!

### Beach Run – diary date

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Make sure to put this date in your diary.

### Coaching course

A committed group of over 20 turned out to take the recent Foundation Award Child – Dual Course which was arranged free of charge for interested Club members. The strong consensus was that the course was very informative and valuable.



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## U-13s holding their own in Division 1



*Despite some fine fielding and other good skills, our U-13s lost this particular match to Whitehall Colmcilles, as they did earlier to St Sylvesters. Still with an impressive 11-14 to 8-9 win over St Vincents and victory against Ballyboden St Endas making it two wins out of four, the team are holding their own in Division 1.*

## Other notable results

Our Minor ladies footballers had an excellent win over Clondalkin's Round Towers running out 8-10 to 3-10 victors. And our Junior footballers recorded an equally good win in the league against Rosmini Gaels with a final score of 2-17 to 1-7.



*A fine win against Rosmini Gaels will make for good preparation of our Junior footballers as they prepare for their championship fixture away to St Olafs.*

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### Well done Clanns ladies

Congratulations to Clanns players, Stacey Flood and Rebecca McDonnell, who both played for the Dublin minor ladies football team in their recent Leinster championship win over Kildare.

### Lotto Results

The following numbers drawn on the 10<sup>th</sup> March did not produce a winner of the €7,000 jackpot: 7, 16, 23 and 26.

The lucky winners of €20 were: Suzanne Murray, Des Mooney, Liam Boon, William Mooney, Rachel + Maxie.

The following week's jackpot will be €7,200.

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