



# Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Club CLANNS UPDATE



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## Blitz provides platform for U-8 girls to shine

The club was well represented by our U-8 girls' football squad in an invitation only blitz at the Round Towers GAA Club in Clondalkin. The competition was tough with teams from Kilmacud Crokes, St Finians, Na Fianna as well as the hosts, Round Towers.

### The Green team

The girls' first match against Round Towers was a close-run affair with great points from Sophie, Lucy, Evie and Ali H, while Catherine was fearless in goals with excellent examples of long-range kick outs to find team mates. Mati and Nancy dominated at midfield with some great finishing on display from Sasha.



U-8s at Round Towers blitz

The matches against St Finians and Kilmacud Crokes again saw the girls display some fantastic skills. Rachel was imposing at midfield, supported by great defending from both Lily and Katie Bowen. Aimee in goals brought off some wonderful saves against strong opposition. The final match against Na Fianna was a cracker with blistering skills on display from both sides. This close-run affair was nip and tuck right up until the final whistle. With her strong left foot, Sasha hit points over the bar with great flair as did Sophie and Evie. Lily and Mati were tenacious in their tackling, while Rachel and Katie again provided good ball to the forwards. Catherine, Lucy and Ali H covered great distances and tracked back to contain the opposition.

All in all the girls put on a fantastic display of skill, passion and commitment. A good day was had by all. Well done girls.

## Club News

### Club Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party takes place in the clubhouse on Saturday 29th November. At just €35 each, tickets are limited to 160 and will be issued on a first-come first-served basis - with an attempt to accommodate those who usually attend, reaching all areas of the club and trying to allow for some new faces. To ensure you get to be there, register your interest now via a text to Lisa Murray at [087 280 1541](tel:0872801541).

**CLANNA GAEEL FONTENOY**  
**Annual Christmas Party**

**When:** Saturday 29th November 2014  
**Where:** Clanna Gael Fontenoy Clubhouse, Sean Moore Road, D4

**Time:** Drinks Reception 7.30 p.m. followed by Buffet Meal at 8.00 p.m Sharp

**Dress Code:** Neat Dress  
**Ticket Price:** €35

Contact Lisa: 0872801541



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## The Yellow Team

What a team! They played four matches, winning the first three 3-0, 1-0, 6-4 and drawing the final match at nil all. Katie Bruton was the first to score from a penalty kick. This was followed by cracking scores from Izzy, Chloe, Ali S and Grace. The super defending by goalies Katie D, Alison, Katie B and Ella May made the task even more difficult for the opposition with points only being scored against Clanns in just one of the four matches played. A lot of the hard ground work was done at midfield through plenty of action from Aoife, Lara and Nancy delivering good ball up to the forwards.

The players were well fuelled by the wonderful hospitality of Round Towers and plenty of Halloween Treats!



*U-8s at Round Towers blitz*

## U-12s progress to hurling play-offs

On the first coldish morning of the coming winter our U-12 hurlers (2) gave a fine performance to overcome Na Fianna (3) in St. Vincent's School last Saturday. Following the first team's success in recently winning Division 4, our second team did themselves proud in making the second-place play-off for the Division 9 title.

From the initial warm-up the coaches knew that the boys were up for this game. It was a bright and tight contest from the word go between two finely-matched sides. Na Fianna scored a fine goal mid-way through the first half to register a 1-01 to 0-01, but this merely proved to be the turning point for Clanns. Making a mockery of the long grass our lads started to pick and field the sliotar easily, putting wave after wave of attack together. Eamon Cullimore, Donal O'Malley, Paul Kobus and Sam Hayes presented a mean and tigerish back division and ensured that all opposition attacks were returned down field with gusto.

This fed our ever-improving forward line who put themselves about to great effect. Harry O'Sullivan, JJ Hession, Carl Fitzgerald and Sean Hegarty provided the movement, speed and size that unnerved their markers and allowed Clanns to pick off scores. Jack Ginneally also came out of goal to become a full forward of great effect in the second half.

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### Lotto Results

The following numbers drawn on the 4<sup>th</sup> November did not produce a winner:

Jackpot A for €10,000

3, 11, 12 and 30

Jackpot B for €3,600

1, 3, 4, and 17

Next week's jackpots are €10,000 (A) and €3,800 (B).

The lucky winners of €20 were:

Terese Doyle, Mark Byrne, Pol O'Broin, Austin O'Reilly and Amelia Ryan

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 €20.00 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.



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## Club News

### Coach support programme

A new *Le Cheile Coach Support Programme* will be run in the club over the next few months. Designed to provide team coaches with any additional information or extra knowledge they require, the programme will consist of workshops every 4-6 weeks which will cover a range of topics based on the challenges coaches face.

Participants will be challenged with setting goals to improve their coaching practice, taking on board the task of reflecting on their coaching manner and style and progressing this to ensure they are getting the most from their team and that their team are getting the most from them. Importantly, the programme is open to all coaches and mentors of all age groups and no specific courses or qualifications are needed to participate. For further information contact [orlaith.curran2@mail.dcu.ie](mailto:orlaith.curran2@mail.dcu.ie)



*Our U-10s make it to the play off stages of their league*

Art Stephenson, who is such a reliable defender, surprised everyone by putting on a brilliant display of hurling in our full forward line in the second half. A continual ball winner, he repeatedly set up space and scores for his team mates. Score of the day was a 40-metre bullet free from Eamon Cullimore into the Na Fianna net. Shades of “King Henry” about that one!

The team was augmented with a number of our first team players - Tadhg O’Ceallaigh, Cian Morgan, James Crowley and Conor Moriarty, to cover for holidays. They too played their part in the team’s victory. This was a great result and affirmation of the great potential in this group of players. And their reward is a second place play-off against..... Na Fianna!

**Na Fianna 1-4 Clanna Gael Fontenoy 5-7**

### Sweet success for U-10 hurlers

The boys played really well in blustery conditions against a skilful St Kevins team. Mark had an excellent game in goals pucking out cleverly against the wind in the first half and sending the ball long with the wind in the second. Jonathan, Hugh and Tomas were dogged in defence and stayed close to their opponents throughout. Up front Jack was on fire, scoring some great points and two fine goals. The first half was tight with St Kevins scoring good points and getting skills points for some great hooks. But a lovely goal from Oisín kept Clanns within one point at half time.



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With the aid of the wind in the second half the boys raced into a lead with quick fire points from Jack, Senan H and Adam. Adam and Senan H got on top in midfield. Luke and Matthew R showed really well for the ball up front and Matthew P was a dynamo in midfield, never giving the opposition a moment's peace. St Kevins did not give up and kept up the pressure but Francis caught and cleared his lines every time the sliotar came his direction. Clanns ran out worthy 16-13 winners in the end.

### U-13 footballers finish on high note

Our U-13 boys went out on a high note last Sunday in dreadful conditions in Deerpark against a game Kilmacud Crokes team. The victory means that Clanns finished in clear third place in Division 1, just one point behind second-placed Skerries Harps. A slow start to the season meant the boys only collected three points from a possible twelve, as they struggled to adapt to the 15-man game and overcome player shortages. But this latest win was their seventh in eight matches as they rounded off a superb second half to the season.



*The boys undergo Special Forces Training for Feile 2015: a great day paint-balling to celebrate the season, specially organised by Stephen McCann.*

Crokes had relegation concerns and were never going to make it easy for Clanns. Also at stake was the title of top Southside Club in Division 1, a title the boys were never going to surrender lightly. Our hosts started the better and pressed hard. Although the boys defended well, they were slow to adapt to the conditions, taking too much out of the ball and were generally less sharp than their opponents. Still, Crokes were restricted to a four-point lead until a Jeffrey Woods goal just before half time put Clanns 1-3 to 0-4 ahead. Despite an early Crokes goal after the restart our boys started to impose themselves on the game. Their strength and skill and heart came to the fore and goals by Conor Hennessy, Chris Cosgrave and Theo Scollard gave them a nine-point lead going into the closing stages. While Crokes pressed, the defence stood solid, well marshalled by Colm Kirby O' Briain, and the team ran out winners by eight points. This was a great team display with great performances in all positions.

The boys thoroughly deserved their placing in a highly competitive division. It was the first time, after a few seasons where they dominated, that they had to really fight for results and for survival. They did so with great heart and determination which puts them in good stead for next year. They will fear no one in the division - having beaten each team including the table toppers St. Sylvester's. Thanks to Steve McGurr and Declan Darcy for their help with training sessions during the year.

**Kilmacud Crokes 1-8 Clanna Gael Fontenoy 4-7**

## Club News

### Smell the coffee!

The club will shortly have its very own coffee shop – possibly by this coming weekend all going to plan. Club volunteers have undergone special barista training in order to bring only the best of coffee and service on Saturdays and on other special occasions.

### Football forecast winner

It's seldom enough over the many years the Club's All-Ireland Football Final Forecast has been running that the jackpot is scooped entirely by just one person. But such was the case this year when Anthony Gaffney of Finglas was alone in predicting a Kerry 2-9 versus Donegal 0-12 score line to capture the big prize of €6,000. The winner of the Teacher's draw for €500 was Eamonn O'Connell from Janesboro, Limerick.



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