



# Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Club CLANNS UPDATE

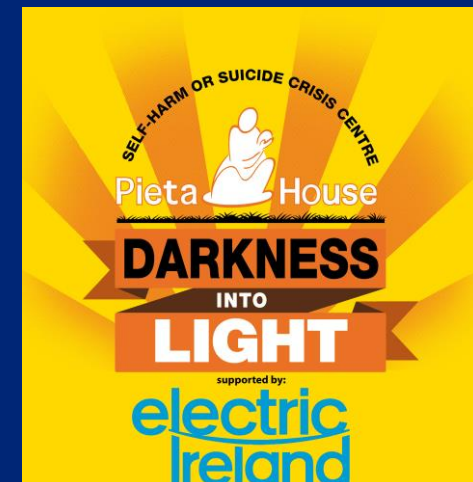


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## Club News

### Pieta House Charity Walk

We're all set at the club for the Pieta House "Darkness into Light" walk on this Saturday morning (6th May).



Thanks to all the hard work put in by members of the Ringsend Organising Committee, more than 1,500 participants are expected to safely start the walk from the club house at 4.15 in the morning and finish there some time later. In the process they're going to raise awareness of self harm and suicide, not to mention all-important financial support for the life-saving work that Pieta House provides to people in need.

## Hurlers draw championship game

A draw was the result of the first-round match in the Junior A hurling championship – at least according to the referee. Everyone on the Clanns sideline was convinced our team had won by a single point and even the Naomh Fionnbarra mentors seemed pleasantly surprised by the referee's decision in Pope John Paul II Park in Cabra.

The first half saw the home side get the better of things: they were quicker to the ball and they used the strong wind to good effect. Still their half-time lead of 1-8 to 0-5 did not rule Clanns out by any means. And so it proved to be the case with the lads working their way back into the game. In particular, John Devereux marshalled the defence well from the centre back position, while Paddy Horgan registered a series of points from frees as well as one rocket of a free to the roof of the net.



David Byrne gets to grips with his man

Then the critical scores came in the form of two great points on the trot from Austin Dodd and a winning beauty from Stephen "Ronnie" Coleman after a great run from out on the right wing. This proved to be the final score of the game but, to the amazement of all, was deemed by the referee to be an equalizing and not a winning point. So while frustration was evident in players and coach Brendan Timmons – who showed commendable restraint – they can take considerable heart from their display.

**Naomh Fionnbarra 1-12 Clanna Gael Fontenoy 1-12**

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## Hurlers contest Féile semi final

Our U14s did themselves and club proud by coming through their three group matches - against teams like St Peregrines and Westmanstown Gaels - to finish in second spot and claim a place in the semi final in the Erin go Bragh grounds in Clonee.



Just a point separated Clanns and their semi-final opponents, Round Towers of Clondalkin, at half time; but several wides in the second half for our boys meant the ticket to progress to the final the following day went to their opponents.



Thankfully, the boys recovered from their loss to enjoy some Borza's chips together in Sandymount Green. Great credit is due to Ken O'Byrne, Donough McDonough, Nicky English and Austin Dodd for their management and coaching both for Féile as well as week in and week out throughout the year.

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### Martin Neville R.I.P.

We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Martin Neville on his recent death. Through Martin himself, his wife Noeleen, and his sons Thomas, Martin and David, the family have a long association with the club both on and off the playing field. May he rest in peace.

### Adult fixtures

Junior A Hurling Championship

- Clanna Gael Fontenoy v Ballinteer St Johns  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 18.00hrs  
Sean Moore Park

Minor Football League

- St Peregrines v Isles of the Sea  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00hrs  
Blakestown

Come on out to support your team.



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## Minor footballers top league table

A thrilling top-of-the-table clash against St Marys, Saggart, in Ringsend Park on Sunday morning saw the minor footballers (Isles of the Sea) claim victory by three points to lead the Division 3 league. A strong wind gave Isles an advantage in the first half but the fact that they reached the half-time break on level terms was testament to the quality of the opposition.



*Rohan van den Akker manages to keep the ball in play – under the watchful eye of team management!*

However, the introduction of fresh legs for the second half in the form of Ted Walsh, Evan Caulfield and Ruairí Corrigan made a real difference to their play and helped to lay the foundation for the win. Team coach, Ciaran Murphy, and mentors Roger McGrath and Colm Kennedy, will have been very satisfied not just by the grit and determination shown by the players during the second half in particular, but also the range and quality of scoring. Emmet Bolton netted two goals, Conor Ennis (man of the match) accounted for 1-1, Robbie Kennedy totalled 0-6 from frees and play, while Conor Rimmer, Daragh Corcoran, Rohan van den Akker and Evan Caulfield each scored a point. Next up it's away to St Peregrines on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May. As always, all support is welcome.

**Isles of the Sea 3-11 St Marys Saggart 1-14**

## Blast from the past



*Our Moran Cup team from 2001 – how many do you recognise?*

  
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### New style for U9



The U9 coaching team model the new tops which come to the squad courtesy of O'Keeffe Estates, Sandymount. L to R: Charlie, Ivan, Vernon, Alan, Stefano and Eoghan.

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