



Crinniú Bliantúil 2023 (Annual General Meeting 2023)

Tuarascáil An Rúnaí
(Secretary's Report)

10 Samhain 2023
(10 November 2023)



As communicated previously, the Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday the 10th of November at 8pm in the clubrooms at St. Tiarnach's Park.

All members are invited to discuss the following agenda:

An Clár – 2023 AGM

1. Adoption of Standing Orders
2. Re-affirm commitment to the GAA Constitution
3. Report of last year's AGM
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Financial Statement's
6. Chairman's Address
7. Election of Officers
8. Appointment of County Board Delegate
9. Motions – **no motions proposed for consideration**
10. Any Other Business / open forum

Adoption of Standing Orders

- The proposer of a motion, or an amendment thereto, may speak for five minutes but no longer.
- A person speaking to a motion / issue must not exceed three minutes.
- The proposer of a motion or amendment may speak a second time for five minutes before a vote is taken, but no other member may speak a second time to the same motion, issue or amendment.
- The Chairman shall, at any time he considers that a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on a proposer to reply, after which a vote must be taken.
- A member may, with the consent of the Chairman, move that the question now be put", after which when the proposer has spoken, a vote be taken if applicable.

Any motion seeking additions or amendments to the Constitution or Rules must have a majority equal to two-thirds of those present, and able to vote - i.e., current paid members for 2023.

As above, no motions for consideration provided prior to the AGM in line with the GAA Club Constitution.



CLG Cluain Eois AGM Minutes – 2022

It was noted that the minimum quorum of 15 was met and that the meeting could proceed as intended.

Adoption of standing orders

Adoption of standing orders and were read and accepted. Proposed by Marissa Quigley and seconded by Joanne Reihill.

It was

2021 AGM Minutes

There were no queries relating to the minutes from the 2021 AGM which were circulated prior to the 2022 AGM. Proposed James Kierans, seconded Cameron Dowd.

Secretary' Report

With reports circulated prior to AGM night, including an in-depth Secretary's and team reports document, Dean O'Connor read the Secretary's report on behalf of the men's "side" of the club, with Marie O'Neill providing an overview from the ladies' side on how the club performed both on and off the pitch in 2022. These reports are also still available on the club website if anyone would like to review same. Marie O'Neill provided an overview as ladies' secretary of their year which highlighted how they are continuing to go from strength to strength. The adoption of these report's was proposed by Cameron Dowd and seconded by James Kierans.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Financial Statements

Ciaran Kelly presented a robust update on the club's financial performance for the 12-month period to the 30th of September 2022. The club enjoyed a healthy year from a financial point of view, aided by the returns from the shops on match days, the breakfast morning ahead of the Junior Championship final, and the success of the annual golf classic. The adoption of the report was proposed by Frankie Dolan and seconded by Joe Kirke.

Chairman's Address

Colin McCaughey gave a warm welcome to all in attendance, and provided a recap of the year, in particular noting the success of our teams over the 2022 season. Also, special thanks was given to all club sponsors for their much appreciated support and contribution over the year. Reference was also given to the works underway following the successful Sports Capital Grant application, and these works will hopefully be in a position for completion towards the end of 2023.

Election of Officer's

PRO – Maitiu Monaghan was nominated to come on board to assist with the public relations of the club to work in tandem with Marissa Quigley as our PRO. Proposed James Kierans and seconded by Marissa Quigley



Appointment of County Board Delegate

Liam Doherty was the sole nomination for the role of county board delegate having been proposed by Terry Lennon and seconded by Michael Fox prior to the AGM. The club wished Liam well as he continues to be our representative at the county board meetings.

Motions

Approval to progress with the possibility for the erection of a mobile telephone mast was agreed by the attendees of the meeting. Literature and drawings were shared at the meeting and the club will explore the potential for this income generation over the next 12 months.

Adoption of the revised GAA Club Constitution

The requirement for the adoption of the revised version of the GAA club constitution was discussed and the club executive reiterated its committed to adhering to this document in all activities of the club.

Any Other Business

- Tom Kelly congratulated all coaches on the success of their year, also highlighting the brilliant work being done on the ladies' side and that success is not too far away. Also congratulated Adrian and the management team and players for the success they had in the year.
- Joe Kirke noted that all reports prepared were exceptional and many thanks to all who took the time to complete same.
- Joanne Reihill thanked all teams for accommodating changes of training/fixtures at the Peace Link as this was much appreciated across the board.
- Adrian Alford thanked everyone for their support over the year and that the club are building something really positive for the future. He and Cameron Dowd stressed the need to get a club gym developed to continue this success.
- Orla Reilly thanked the executive, and in particular Marie O'Neill and Alexia Bonner for all their assistance during her time as PRO for the ladies. Everyone wished Orla well as she sets off on her travels to Australia.

Players of the Year

- **Seniors** – To be announced at Dinner Dance – subsequently awarded to Fabian Beggan
- **Reserves** – Ryan Nolan
- **U17** – Jamie McCaughey
- **U15** – Darragh McElvaney
- **U13** – Donncha Quigley
- **U12 Girls** – Olivia Graham
- **U14 Girls** – Sarah McCaughey
- **U16 Girls** – Ella Kierans

**** End of Meeting ****



Secretary's Report to the 2023 AGM

Welcome

A Chara,

It is a great privilege to be presenting this Secretary's report on behalf of the club for 2023, and I would like to thank you for your continued membership to our club.

Overview of the year

Our respective team management / mentors have kindly provided a comprehensive overview of how their teams performed over the year which is documented [below](#).

Overall, there was improvements made throughout the year, no more so than our U-18 ladies' team bringing home their first piece of silverware since the reformation of the ladies' side of the club as part of their amalgamation with Killeevan through winning the Division 3 league title. Putting the previous disappointment on narrowly losing out in the championship final, a huge congratulations to all involved in this achievement. It again illustrates how the club are going from strength-to-strength and long may this continue!

More silverware was also secured through our successful U-13 team winning the Frank Lynch memorial tournament hosted by Killeevan. Having narrowly missed out on league and championship success this year due to the scheduling of fixtures clashing with annual leave, this was a much-deserved return for all the hard work put in by the team and management throughout the year.

Our U-15 team, as part of their amalgamation with Currin, also won the Division 2 Shield final, comprehensively defeating Aghabog in the final. This successful partnership with Currin continued as we also brought home the U17 Division 2 title, and U18 Division 1 Shield title so well done all involved.

Our senior team also had success through maintaining their status in the Intermediate ranks of Monaghan football for 2024. In a year where there was a significant step up in opposition, the team and management had a rollercoaster of the year which started off brightly with initial success in reaching the knockout stages of league football, where they fell to Castleblayney away in the quarter final stage, before a disappointing championship campaign, undoubtedly due to several injuries and key personnel missing at various stages. However, the lads dug in for the relegation league stage of the Championship, securing top-spot in a group consisting of Doohamlet, Toome, and Sean McDermotts to ensure Intermediate football for 2024. The bleeding of new players into Intermediate football will be beneficial for the team as they head into 2024 campaign. In addition, the return of several players and the introduction of new faces from the U-17 team should also ensure a freshness to the team which will hopefully lead to success on the field. A special mention must go to the management team of Adrian Alford, Sarto Quigley and Colm Connolly for all their work over the year, and the backroom team of Leigha McDermott, Marissa Quigley, and Hannah Mealiff for ensuring the team are in tip-top shape.



Fundraising

2023 once again proved to be a successful year from a fundraising perspective, in no small part due to the generosity of our main club sponsors, as well as the many local businesses and individuals who provided much appreciated support. The club held several events which were incredibly successful throughout the year, with the primary drivers being main sponsor donations and our third annual golf classic. All donations, either time or financial, are very much appreciated and the club is eternally grateful for all the support received and we hope to develop and harness these relationships in the years to come.

The third edition of our annual golf classic continued the great work of the previous two years and once again we increased both our participation and contributions. A massive thank you to our classic co-ordinator Frankie Dolan for leading out on this, and to Ciaran Mulhall and all the other volunteers who assisted in both the run-up to the event, and on the day itself. A full listing of the sponsors and team entries is included [below](#).

Sincere thanks must go to our main sponsors for this event – KR Hire, Alpha Tanks, The Creighton Hotel and Lipton's, our raffle sponsors Adamson's Bar, and our par-3 sponsors Shane and Alexia Bonner for their very generous support towards this event, and to Clones Golf Club for use of their facilities on the day. Thank you.

Club Development

As our membership numbers continue to grow, the need for additional training and playing facilities is in the forefront of the Club Executives mind. Following a comprehensive planning phase, the club have recently submitted planning permission for the construction of a new club gym in the Hill section of St. Tiarnach's Park. This is an important step to ensuring the future success of our club and we hope to be able to provide a further update once planning has been approved, all going well.

In addition, the need to secure a new playing pitch, while maintaining the existing pitches at the Peace Link and St. Tiarnach's Park, is also a priority for the club. While accepting this will be a challenge, and a medium-term project, it is a crucial part to ensuring sufficient and appropriate facilities are available for all our members. A club plan will be developed over the coming year to best position the club in the years ahead, which will hopefully translate to success both on and off the field.

As many of you may have seen, following the success of a grant application to the Department of Rural and Community Development under the CLÁR scheme, we have been able to erect solar-powered lights in the car park of St. Tiarnach's Park. This will also provide an opportunity to enhance this area, for both club members and local residents alike.

Also, a special congratulations to our long-standing committee member, and driving force behind the club, Tom Kelly on being the club's recipient of the Monaghan Volunteer Recognition Scheme. An incredible servant to the club and very much deserved.



St Tiarnach's Park

Off the field the club continues to be equally busy. Work has commenced on advancing works approved under the Sports Capital Grant application stream, and we hope to have these concluded in the early months of 2024. A separate application was also submitted in September of this year for the new stream of funding available under this grant system so hopefully this will be approved and further allow us to develop the stadium to meet the expectations of patrons, relevant authorities, and organisations. Our chairman Colin will be expanding on this work during his address.

Closing thoughts and thanks

It is extremely important to continue to stress our sincere thanks to all those within the club who give up their time to carry out their roles, including coaches, members of the Executive Committee, groundskeepers, Lotto sellers, those who help on match days – the list could go on and on, and it really does take an army! All of these roles are voluntary in nature and command a significant amount of work, all of which is for the benefit of our club.

To all our sponsors – again, a massive thank you for your continued support. Without this support the club would not be able to function as effectively as it does so our sincere gratitude for your ongoing and continued support.

To conclude, I would just like to note my thanks to all those who I have worked closely with over the past five years in my role as secretary, both within and outside our club. The guidance and support given by many people has very much appreciated.

I wish Michelle Sweeney the very best of luck as she takes up the role in 2024, and I look forward to continuing the work to progress the club.

On a final note, we take a moment to think of all those in our local community who have sadly passed on in the last 12 months. There were a number of individuals with close ties to the club who will be sadly missed, and they and their family are very much in our thoughts. To all, Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

Is mise le meas,

Dean O'Conchúir, Rúnaí CLG Cluain Eois



Ladies Committee Secretary Report

A Chairde,

It is with great pleasure that I present this report on behalf of the Ladies Committee for this AGM. The Committee's main aim for 2023 was to consolidate on what has been achieved so far and to ensure that football for girls continued to thrive. Currently twice as many girls drop out of sport than boys by the age of 14 and Irish girls statistically have the lowest self-esteem and confidence levels globally. Research has shown that the foundation laid by sport can be critical to women's success in their careers.

In 2023 we fielded teams at every juvenile age from U8 to U18. Having only launched an U16 team in 2022, it seemed ambitious to be considering an U18 team in 2023. However, along with our neighbours in Killeevan, an independent team under the umbrella of St Tiarnach's Sarsfields was formed and has proven to be very successful with the team winning the League Final. A full report on the U18 team and all our teams follows this report.

From a fixture's perspective, it was a difficult year. With games starting in April and some competitions not completing until November, it felt like at one stage that Santa Claus himself might have been officiating some games. We are grateful to everyone who facilitates our games and have pitches available in such good condition.

We were very proud to have representatives us at County level. Katie McDonald (player) – U18s; Sophia O'Hart (player) – U16s; and Ava O'Hart (player) and Finian O'Hart (selector) – U14s. The County U14s team had a very successful year making it to the All-Ireland Final.

We played host to a successful Community Initiative Day in St Tiarnach's Park in March. This was an open day to all the different communities residing in Clones to encourage them to become part of the club. This initiative was supported by Monaghan Volunteer Centre. Special thanks to Maureen, Alexia, Joanne, and Linda who spearheaded this.

I would like to acknowledge the work of my fellow committee members, our team managers and coaches, our Female Liaison Officers (FLOs) and the Club Executive. It is not possible to quantify the value of volunteers, but I will say that Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals.

I would like to thank all our Club Sponsors and in particular our new U18 Team Sponsor – Channel Geoghegan, Hickeys Pharmacy; new U12 Team Sponsor - John O'Reilly, Gorcon Construction Limited; and U16 kit sponsor - Seamus McManus, The Tower Bar. Your support is so important to us.

And with that the 2023 season comes to an end. We look forward to more silverware in 2024 but as importantly to coaching and inspiring a new generation of female athletes to achieving their full potential.

Is mise le meas,

Marie Uí Néill

Secretary, Ladies Committee

Level the playing field



Team Reports prepared by Team Management

Clones Seniors 2023

2023 saw our return to the Intermediate ranks for the first time since 2015. Intermediate consisted of Clones, Killanny, Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Cremartin, Emyvale, Monaghan Harps, Doohamlet, Toome and Sean McDermotts so it both promised and proved to be a highly competitive division.

We began training in February and from the start of the year we had great numbers at each session. We had 4 challenge matches between that first session and the beginning of the League which really helped get minutes in the legs and get lads up to pace for the step up in competition to come.

League

We began the League in great fashion playing some great football winning our first 4 games and really building some good momentum and confidence with wins over Emyvale, Doohamlet, Monaghan Harps and Sean McDermotts. The first point we dropped came at home in a draw to Cremartin in a game where the lads showed some great fight and togetherness to come back from 7 points down to secure a very valuable draw and another point on the board. Next up saw our first defeat away to Castleblayney in a game we really should have won. This was followed up by another defeat at home to Carrickmacross. A game in which we started very well, we then missed a lot of scoring opportunities and kept Carrick in the contest going in level at half time. They struck for an early goal in the second half and controlled the game from there to get the win. Game 8 saw us strike back with a great team performance and a great away win v Killanny in a tough place to go. Our last game in the League before the knockouts saw maybe our most disappointing performance of the year at home to Toome, with quite a few players missing we had an opportunity to secure a home semi-final, but we just never got going and Toome won by 2 points in the end. This game also saw James Mealiff getting a bad injury which saw him tear his ACL in the last minute of the game and a season ending moment for him. A massive blow to James and to the team as he was playing some great football. Although it was disappointing not to secure the home semi-final we still progressed to the knockout stages and an away quarter final v Castleblayney. We went into this game not only without James but Fabian as well as he took a knock in training the week before the game which ruled him out which was a massive blow. In a game that was very tightly contested up until the last 5mins, Castleblayney managed to pull away heading into injury time to secure their semi-final spot and the end of our 2023 League campaign.

Championship

The Championship consisted of 2 groups of 5 teams. With the top 3 teams in each group progressing to the knockout stages and the bottom 2 teams in each group playing in the relegation play off group. Our group was made up of Clones, Castleblayney, Cremartin, Monaghan Harps and Doohamlet. Unfortunately, our Championship campaign started in the exact opposite fashion to our League campaign in that we lost our 4 group games. We lost firstly to Cremartin in a game that we definitely could have got something out of but too many missed opportunities cost us. It was the next game which cost us dearly as we gave up a 6-point lead away to Castleblayney in a game that we totally dominated for 45 minutes and in this period played some of our best football of the year. Some poor decision making and missed chances saw Blayney rally in the last quarter to nick a 1-point



win in a game we never should have lost. This now meant we had to win our last 2 games v Monaghan Harps and Doohamlet to progress to the knockout stages. Unfortunately, a poor performance at home v Monaghan Harps ended this chance. Again, a lot of missed chances and unforced errors saw the Harps take the victory in a game we never looked like winning. Our last game in the Championship group saw us lose narrowly away to Doohamlet and this now meant that we had to play in the relegation play off group.

Relegation Play Off Group

The relegation group was made up of Clones, Doohamlet, Toome and Sean McDermotts. The top 2 teams would play Intermediate football in 2024 and the bottom 2 teams would be relegated to the Junior ranks for 2024. After the Doohamlet game we really doubled down and promised ourselves that there was only one place Clones would be competing in 2024 and that it had to be Intermediate. The players have to take massive credit here as in a pressurised situation where the stakes were very high, they came up with the goods. A win away to Sean McDermotts in terrible conditions was followed up by a fantastic team performance at home to Doohamlet in a game we dominated throughout. We played some great football in the 2nd half and showed a ruthless edge that was missing throughout the Championship group stages. This now meant we had to play Toome in Blackhill to consolidate our Intermediate status. Being top of the group table and with a superior score difference it meant we went into this game with the unusual advantage of having a 4-point head start. In what was an understandably nervy game we ran out 1-point winners and achieved the main goal for 2023 which was to consolidate our Intermediate status for 2024.

Season Summary

Overall, I would sum the 2024 season up as a big learning curve for both players and management. Going into the season the number one goal was for Clones to at the very least be playing Intermediate football in 2024 and this was achieved. We played some very good football throughout the year especially at the beginning of the League, and also in the Relegation Group stages when everything was on the line. Although we went through a tough period in the middle of the season a lot of confidence can be taken from being extremely competitive at this level. In the first part of the Championship, we just lacked the ruthless edge to win games when in a good position to do so and this proved costly in terms of progressing to the knockout stages. 4 new players stepped up from the juvenile ranks and played a massive role in the team / squad throughout the year so this was a major positive. In the last two years there have been 10 young lads who have made their Senior debut and it's great to see those numbers coming through. The players will have learnt a lot and it was also a lot of lads first time playing Intermediate football. All the experience gained this year of playing at a higher level added to some more young players coming into the panel next season and lads returning from long term injury can see Clones look towards 2024 with great positivity and excitement of what is to come.

Well Done

Well done to all our county team representatives in all the age groups. You are a credit to the Club and it's great to see your talent / hard work deservedly recognised.



Thank You's

I would like to thank the Colin McCaughey our Chairman, Dean O'Connor our Secretary, Ciaran Kelly our Treasurer and all the people in the Club Executive for giving all the help and support that we needed throughout the year as players and management. It's very much appreciated.

To our main sponsors Super Valu and to the many other people and businesses who have helped out generously throughout the year. The Creighton Hotel, The Coffee Box, Avenue Pharmacy, The Roost Bar and Ross Adamson. Thank you everyone.

To Ciaran Mulhall for all his help videoing games so we could analyse ourselves and the opposition in preparation for training and games.

To my mother Eileen for washing the jerseys and bibs again this year.

To Liam who takes care of our pitches and dressing rooms and always has them in top condition.

To Marissa who again did first aid all year and to Leigha our fantastic physio. Thanks also to Hannah Mealiff who came on board this year to assist Leigha with the physio work. All your help / expertise and support is massively appreciated.

To the lads who have done ball boys and water boys for us this year Jamie McCaughey and Michael McCaughey. It has been a massive help at both training and games. Thank you, lads.

Thanks to David Masterson and the Peace link who took care of the S&C this year. It was a massive help to players and management to have this facility and expertise on board.

Thank you to our management team of Sarto Quigley and Colm Connolly. An amazing pair of lads to work with. Thank you for all the help, dedication, and expertise throughout this year again. Incredibly enjoyable to coach alongside the pair of you.

Most importantly thank you to all the players who gave of their time to represent Clones Seniors this year. Thank you for the respect you have shown and for the effort and dedication you gave to ensure Clones are still playing in a good place in 2024. The learnings you have gained this year will stand you in good stead as you push on over the next few seasons. An incredible group to work with and coach, led by Cameron as captain you all have a lot to look forward to in your football careers. Thanks lads.



Senior Reserves

Our Junior B team had a good year having been Promoted. We used a maximum number of players at every game and gave everyone an opportunity for game time. With some great performances we got to the League Final and the Championship Semi-Final. We lost out to a well drilled Carrick in the League Final and unfortunately for us we were missing a couple of key players for the game. But all & all it was a good year & a lot to look forward to for next Season.

I would like to thank Tom, David & Cameron for their help this year & also to Adi for having everything ready to go along with doing the warmups. We would like to thank the Executive & Liam for always having the field in great shape for every game.

Player of the year, We had a hard time on this one as a lot of the boys had a very good year, but we decided on the one man that not only had a great year himself, but also got the best out of the boys around him. A True Leader and the Old Dog..... Paul Connolly aka Skiter.

Under 18 Boys Team Report 2023

This year the county board decided to play an Under 18 competition which was something we had been calling for, as we have quite a few lads that would have had no football otherwise.

We were put into division 1. We took 4 lads in from Currin for this competition and the lads were very much needed. The boys played 3 games in the league winning one and losing 2 which left us getting into the shield Final. Here we met Castleblaney and in an entertaining game in Drumhowan the boys ran out winners on a score line 2-14 to 2-09.

It was great to have been competing in this age group and getting wins over Scotstown and Castleblaney during the year was very sweet indeed.

All credit to the boys who trained away for the couple of months and deserved in the end to get some silverware. Our player of the year for this group was Kieran O'Harte who really was outstanding the whole way through.



Under 17 Boys Team Report 2023

This year we amalgamated with Currin, as yet again we had small numbers and Currin would have been unable to field a team this year.

We were put into Division 2 along with Donaghmoyne, Clontibret, Inniskeen, Corduff and Aughnamullen. The lads won 3, drew 1 and lost the last league match to Inniskeen but had already qualified for the Semi Final at that stage.

We met Clontibret in Clones and after a tight affair the boys emerged winners on a scoreline of 1-13 to 1-10. The final was fixed for Doohamlet against Donaghmoyne and this time the boys were well prepared for the challenge of the boys from South Monaghan.

The lads dominated the game throughout and ran out eventual winners on a scoreline of 4-09 to 1-05 to claim the Division 2 League title for the First time.

Because we won the Division 2 title, we were automatically promoted to Division 1 for the Championship. This was always going to be a very difficult task but hats off to the boys who battled bravely against Scotstown and Truagh but alas came second on both occasions.

That ended the year for this group but to their credit they worked hard, and the improvement was there to be seen by all. Many thanks to them all. They were a great bunch of lads to be around all year.

There could have been 7 players of the year but in the end, we went for Michael McCaughey who was top scorer for the year and a credit to him after coming back from a year out with injury. We would like to thank Darren and Luke Rooney for bringing the Currin lads into training and games all year.

Also, to our own Fintan Kelly and Darragh McDermott for coaching the Under 18's and 17's and who without them we wouldn't have been able to compete as well as we did.

Finally, to all the parents for supporting us all year and the club who made sure we had everything that we needed for the year.

County Minors 2023

It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention the Monaghan Under 17 team which this year again, we had three representatives on the squad for the third year in a row. They were Caolain Clerkin, Jamie McCaughey and Thomas Mulhall.

Well done to them on getting to an Ulster and All-Ireland Final for the first time in 84 years. Unfortunately, coming second on both occasions to a cracking Derry team but what a fantastic achievement and what a journey they brought us on throughout the year.



U18 Ladies Team Report

I am delighted to report on successful year for the U18 Ladies team in 2023. We amalgamated with Killeevan Ladies GFC and participated in LGFA Monaghan Division 3 U18 League and Championship. The girls successfully negotiated their way to both the League and Championship Final. We lost narrowly to Monaghan Harps in the Championship and a few days later the girls showed great character, recovering from the disappointment of losing the Championship Final by producing a stirring 2nd half comeback to deservedly beat Magheracloone and take home the league title.

I have a lot of people I need to thank including the following, Colin McCaughey, Joanne Rehill, Finian O'Hart and Liam Doherty from Clones GAA Club. From the Killeevan GAA Club a great thanks and appreciation to Casement Lynch, Fergal Lamber, Benny Freeman, Hugo McGinn and a special mention for Philomena McGinn as there is a lot of hard work goes on behind scenes for these teams.

To add to this amalgamation, it was like a roller coaster all year up and down. However, I was fortunate to have Orla Deery and Macayla Greenen from Killeevan Ladies and to have these on the management team this success would have never happened. Also, to add to this I had Ronan McDonald join us to make up the dream team.

From early on trouble seemed to follow us for example girls getting injured, girls on holidays, matches on/matches off, Lights on/off. And this meant us having to call on younger girls to stand up and help the team, they weren't not fond wanting.

Despite the setback of losing Championship Final the girls didn't give up and went on to win the Div. 3 League Title. It took a spirited and resilient performance to win the match v Magheracloone.

And finally, as for my player of the year selection I have to pick two. It's only fitting that these two players with a great attitude, at training had no problems first to take balls out of the bags to help start training. And well as this their excellent commitment to training and games throughout the year. These girls give absolutely everything that they had on field of play giving everything they got for team and the success we all achieved. These 2 standout players are Ella Kieran's & Karyn McGinn.

Is mise le meas,

Damien (Packie) Reilly

Team Manager

St Tiarnach's Sarsfields – U18



U16 Ladies Team Report

We started our 1st game of the season against Donaghmoyne in the Peace Link. The girls played well and got the result we deserved, win by 9 points. Our 2nd game away was against Monaghan Harps. We were missing 3 of our older girls who were on a school trip to Italy and the girls fought hard played their hearts out and we got a draw. Unfortunate not to get the win. Our 3rd league game was against Aghabog in St Tiarnach's Park. We were disappointing and lost by 10 points. Our 4th game was away against Brigid O'Neill's. We managed a draw to learn later the ref blew the game 3 mins before time was up. Our next game away was against Eire Óg and a big game by all. We won by 11 points.

5 league games played; Won 2; Lost 1; Drew 2. Missed out the semi-finals by one point.

1st round of championship was against O'Neill Shamrocks in St Tiarnach's Park. A hard-fought game. We were down by 3pts at half time and with a better 2nd half, we finished the winners by 6 points. A great game to watch and the girls played some great football. Onto the semi-final of the Championship against Brigid O'Neills in Ballybay. Brigid's were in flying form and our girls seemed a bit nervous and we missed 3 goal chances. Scored finished Brigid's 5-6 Clones 0-11

A disappointing finish to the season but all in all the girls worked hard all year and the future is bright for St Tiarnach's LGFA. Player of the year is going to Sadhbh Bonner. A very deserving recipient and a girl to watch for the future.

I would like to thank Sam in Clones Tech for buying all girls breakfast one Sunday morning in the Creighton.

I would also like to thank Seamus McManus from the TOWER BAR for sponsoring the new half zips tops for the girls. They are delighted with them and they look class.

I would also like to thank Marie O'Neill for sorting out team sheets. Alexia Bonner, Geraldine Graham for doing FLO on short notice and especially to Nuala Cunningham for doing FLO and first aid at matches and helping out with team line outs. A big shout out to Declan Flanagan PRO, Packie Reilly, Enda Connolly and Colm McCaughey for their help with games doing line and umpire.

Finian O'Hart

U16 Team Manager



U14 Ladies Team Report

The Clones U14 girls were the only girls' team to play in Division 2. We proved we were well able to compete in this competition winning about 65% of our games. In our league campaign we narrowly missed out on a semi-final spot. In the Championship we were drawn against a very strong Monaghan Harps team. They got the better of us on the day and we entered the Shield Competition. In the first round of the Shield we beat Corduff in a very tight game where the girls played outstandingly. We were paired against Emyvale in the semi-final. However, Emyvale who had won the league proved to be too strong on the day. Our highlight of the year was making the final of the Gloria Corrigan blitz hosted by Emyvale GFC. Unfortunately, we were beat by two scores in the final against Truagh. The girls had some impressive wins on the day against some tough competition.

Picking Player of the Year is very tough for this group of girls as many of them were playing great stuff at different times in the year. We have chosen Erin Bonner who we thought was a consistent, dedicated player throughout the year and had a great attitude towards both her teammates and the coaches.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian, Nuala, Marie, Bernie and Linda for all their help at training and matches. Thanks to Denise for washing the jerseys. I would also like to thank Joanne Reihill who puts in serious work behind the scenes at juvenile level.

Also, a big congratulations to Ava O'Hart who represented her county, winning an Ulster Final and getting to an All-Ireland final.

Fintan Cunningham

U14 Team Manager



U12 Ladies Team Report

The under 12s development squad met for the first time on 11th March 2023 for a strong induction session. On the day there were 15 girls at the Peace Link for assessment, with only 7 having played any football. We finished the year with 18 players. We were placed in division 3 and our first game out was against Emyvale in May, where the girls played quite impressively. Whilst scores are not counted at this level, possession and ball control was quite evident. The next few matches proved difficult for the team, with strong shows from Truagh, Scotstown, Tyholland and Donaghmoyne. The Donaghmoyne game showed improved signs of cohesion in the last two quarters, with Clones 1-4 being scored without reply, then matching point for point in the final quarter. They played a hard-fought game against our neighbours Éire Óg for the last game of the season, with Éire Óg just shaving past the post. A few challenge games were arranged with a great battle in Killanny against a very strong side, recording a great win. The year ended off with a serious display of football at the O'Hart Cup in October.

The development of the talent across the players has been incredible. The team are playing cohesively, with development to a high standard across the board. The management would like to call out a special get well to Nadine Sheridan, a player who had trained hard and shown great improvement over the term.

The management unanimously agreed that the player showing undeniable improvement over the year, showing strength of character, strength and conditioning development over the 6 months, passion and commitment to training, supportive attitude in games and training, playing up a level when called upon, is Emma McDonald. This is a girl that has a strong footballing future ahead of her.

We would like to introduce our new U12s sponsor for the 2024 season "Gorcon Construction Limited". We have taken delivery of a new set of Gorcon sponsored Jerseys. Gorcon have also invested, and we have just taken delivery of an automatic ball launcher to be used in the training and improvement of high ball control. Before the end of the year, Gorcon have also undertaken to sponsor windcheaters, shorts and accessories for Under 12 level to Under 16 level for winter training.

My particular thanks to Eileen Brennan, Maureen McIntyre and Gerry Brennan for their hard work, dedication and support since May. Always available, a great supportive attitude to players and professional in their approach to every training session and match.

Finbarr Dunwoody

U12 Team Manager



U8 & U10 Teams Reports

The U8 and U10 teams had a very successful year with 25 girls participating, making it a fun & busy year.

At the start of the season our club's community integration morning assisted by Monaghan Volunteer Centre welcomed a number of new players to Ladies football as well as funded resources which got put to great use during the season. Thanks again to Monaghan Volunteer Centre. This event kicked off Saturday morning training from March to October which was continuously well attended.

We travelled & took part in a number of blitzs in Aghabog, Truagh & Monaghan as well as hosting 2 blitzs in Clones, finally taking part in a county blitz in Cloghan in September. We also took part in a number of friendly matches with neighbouring Aghabog & Killeevan. The progress in the girls' football skills & confidence was so evident as the year progressed.

A special word of thanks to our coaches Kerry Nolan, Denise Cunningham, Geraldine Graham, Siobhan McKenna & Sadhbh Bonner. Their enthusiasm, kindness & volunteering their time has made Ladies football a fun experience each week for the girls. Our continued thanks to all of the parents in supporting our club this year! Looking forward to 2024.

Alexia Bonner

U8//U10 Co-ordinator



Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others

What a year for our Clones Ladies G4M&O!!! Fantastic!!!! Again we started the year on a high with another great number of players and attendance at training was great again. Thank you to our wonderful coach Teresa McLoughlin.

Our ladies took part in the morning encouraging participation for all in GAA football on Saturday 25th March at St Tiarnach's Park. Training sessions encouraging interested or new players to join in. Fantastic success overall as new members joined over all age groups in our club. Boot & Jersey exchanges took place in our clubrooms – an initiative from Monaghan Volunteer Bureau.

We held our coffee morning Fundraiser in our clubrooms which was an amazing success.

We participated in challenge games against Redhills, Killeevan and Scotstown in which all our players got to play which resulted in great games full of brilliant scores and lots of laughter.

The highlight of our year was the first ever National Blitz in Dublin in September. All teams dressed fancy dress. Our theme was 80's style. We had a fantastic memorable day. For all of us participating with teams from different parts of the country a day full of fun and laughter and meeting new friends.

Finally we also participated in a blitz in Killeevan with a number of teams within the county and again another great day. So thank you to all our players you have been fantastic all year and to Linda for all her hard work organising the games. Also to those who helped out in anyway. We are so lucky in Clones to have the best bunch of ladies who enjoy coming to training every week and make it so enjoyable as that's what the ethos of our football is all about.

Thank you to our club and executive members for their continued support in the G4M&O programme.

Roll on 2024 for G4M&O.



Under 15 Boys Report

The 2022 U15 Team had 9 Clones players available for selection for the year between. The decision was made to amalgamate with Curran GAA to ensure that we were had sufficient numbers to compete.

The League started slowly however whilst we didn't win the first couple of games we competed well, and the performances improved significantly, and we finished 4th in the League and as such got through to the Shield Final against Aghabog.

The team performed without fault on the day and won well.

Injuries plagued us in the latter half of the season, and we were unable to compete in a couple of games which left us bottom of the Championship.

Overall, the season was mixed however the amalgamation was successful as the players and coaches gelled well and the parents on either side had no issues with training. There were some great improvements in many of the players and a larger squad would have benefited us later in the year.

Under 13 Boys Report

The u13 team began training early this year in preparation for the Spring League. We played challenge matches v Drung and Currin and got a look at all the players. The highlight of the Spring League was a very competitive game v Donaghmoyne in The Peace Link.

The league competition saw us placed in Division 2 and our first game was against Scotstown in Clones. We won comfortably and then travelled to play the title favourites Truagh in our next game. This was a match where the boys really showed their character, and we were very unlucky to lose to a late goal. Undeterred, the boys went on an unbeaten run and finished 2nd in the group behind Truagh. We had a home semi-final v Tyholland which we came through and qualified for the final against Truagh. Unfortunately, this final was fixed for early July when several of our key players and members of our management team were abroad on holiday. The boys battled hard but were on the wrong side of the result on the day.

When the dust settled, we set ourselves the target of winning the championship. 3 great wins over Clontibret, Tyholland and Emyvale put us into the semi-final v Corduff in St Tiarnach's Park. Unfortunately, again, injuries and absences were a factor and we lost the game narrowly. To rub salt in the wound, Tyholland (a team we had beaten twice) won the championship final.

We were all disappointed but when we look back, it was a great season for the team. We were very competitive throughout both competitions and produced some fantastic football. There is no doubt that many of these boys will go on to represent Clones with distinction in the future. Our last action of the year was The Frank Lynch Tournament in Killeevan where we emerged victors over the day.

In conclusion, we would like to thank everyone involved with the team, especially the boys themselves and their supportive parents. All players got as much game time as we could manage over the year in matches where the boys were at their level. We got great support from the club over the year and, as always, Joanne kept everything running smoothly.



Thankfully, we had many contenders for Player of the Year but in the end, we chose Conal Cosgrove who put in some huge performances when needed.

Team management: Donal Quigley, Larry Butler, Fabian Beggan and Gerry Reihill

Under 11 Report

Our Under 11's had a very busy year in 2023 competing across the Spring League and the Liam Stirrat Summer League. These league games were supplemented with lots of friendly games against our neighbouring Monaghan and Cavan clubs.

We started the year with our first training session on 22nd February and finished off with the end of season Connolly Cup on the 15th of October.

At various stages we had a panel of over 25 lads who had a very enjoyable year of football learning and developing their skills. It was a year of progression for this group with emphasis put on the core skills of football at the weekly training sessions, which were demonstrated during the games.

The progression of some of these lads who have started playing football for the first time this year mixed with the further development of the more 'experienced' lads was great to see. The lads showed great spirit in many of the games and the style of play and enthusiasm of this group of players bodes very well for the future of the club.

The coaches would like to thank this group of guys for the years' work as well as the parents of the kids for arranging to have them at the training sessions and the many games across the county. We would also like to thank Joanne for her assistance with this group. Also, many thanks to Mark and McCaughey fuels for the sponsorship of the team jerseys.

Team Management: Lorcán Horgan, Mark McCaughey, David Freeman, Brendan Gilleece.

Under 9 Report

When we first took over this group back in February, a lot of the lads started from a very low base, and in our first challenge match against Killeevan we were comfortably beaten.

However, the boys have been nothing short of sensational. At every training, we worked on the basic skills and slowly but surely the lads began to improve.

When we played our first blitz, as a coaching group we realised how much talent we had at our disposal. We always tried to put out 2 teams of similar ability and focused entirely on improvement rather than results.

Major plaudits must go to the parents, who always brought the lads wherever they needed to go.

As well as being a pleasure to coach, this group has a very bright future ahead of them.

Team Management: Lorcán Horgan, Mark McCaughey, Brendan Gilleece, James McManus

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