

Cloone GAA News - 2007

Date Added

08-Jan-07

Cloone Ladies AGM

On Saturday night last we held our AGM for 2007. Outgoing Chairperson Tara Mc Cabe read her report for the year in which she gave a run-down on events during the year both on and off the field. The highlight of the football year was undoubtedly winning the first ever Leitrim Ladies Intermediate Championship final on Saturday August 20th by beating Kiltubrid on a scoreline of 4-10 to 3-5. After that game we went on to represent Leitrim in Connaught. We played Annaghdown of Galway on the 16th of September but unfortunately lost by one point on the day. We also contested two more finals playing old rivals Aughawillan in both the Senior Championship final and the Senior League Final. Unfortunately we were the losing team on both occasions. Despite losing two finals it was still a very successful year for the club and we would like to thank trainer Alan Canning for all the hard work and dedication he put in with us during the year. Without his commitment we would not be Intermediate Champions at present. 2006 was also a very successful year for Leitrim Ladies. They beat Sligo in the Connaught final by one point. They also had great success in the League just narrowly losing out to Clare in the All-Ireland final by one point in Athlone on May 7th. The highlight of the year for them had to be lining out in Croke Park in the All-Ireland Junior final against old haunts Sligo. Sligo's greater experience of playing in Croke Park showed on the day ensuring them a 4point winning margin. Cloone Ladies were well represented on the Leitrim team during the year with Sinead & Lorraine Brennan, Teresa Mylott, Aoife Kelly and Carla Creegan all playing. During Tara's speech she also congratulated player Una Creegan on winning a British Colleges Championship with Liverpool Hope University. She sympathised with those who had deaths in the family during the year and also thanked the numerous and generous sponsors who helped us out during the year. And also to the men's club for the use of the pitch and new lights, the lotto and for their general help and support throughout the year. Club Secretary Aisling Mitchell also gave her report on the year in which she told of all the goings-on from the underage. The minor team were the most successful and with their amalgamation with St. Josephs won the minor competition. Aisling thanked Patricia and all the girls for looking after the underage teams during the year. Outgoing Treasurer Carla Creegan also gave her review of our finances for the year. The last item on the agenda was the election officers. And the following is the new committee for 2007. President: Pat McNamara, Chairperson: TBA, Vice Chairperson: Lorraine Brennan, Secretary: Aisling Mitchell, Asst. Sec: Eileen Donohoe, Treasurer: Una McKeon, Vice Treasurer: Grainne Tiernan, PRO: Louise Heslin, Registrar: Annette Donnelly. We wish them all the best for 2007.

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08-Jan-07

Club Meeting

There will be a very important meeting of Cloone Ladies GAA on Saturday night February 10th in the community centre. It is vital that all players attend. Players will be notified closer to the time to remind them.

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08-Jan-07

Congratulations

Congratulations to Annette Donnelly who was announced as Senior Club Player of the year. As everyone who plays with Annette knows she is a very deserving winner. Well done Annette.

Date Added

05-Feb-07

Leitrim V Offaly

FROM the dizzy heights of floodlit Croke Park and a crowd of around 82,000 it was back to St Mary's Park, Cloone yesterday where the crowd was about 80,000 smaller for the meeting of Leitrim and Offaly in Division 2. This is a lovely, almost quaint ground set in a hollow surrounded by trees but the picturesque aspect of Cloone will not be fondly remembered by Offaly. After relegation last spring this was to be the starting point for a quick return to the top flight but it was the worst possible result for them when they lost out by 0-11 points to 0-12 to a mad-for-action home team.

Leitrim manager Dessie Dolan is currently out of action through illness so selector Pat Prior stood in for him yesterday and what a job he did. The difference between the sides was simple enough - Leitrim wanted to win this game far more than their opponents. Granted the Cloone venue, where the fans can almost hear the players breathing, bestows a solid advantage on the home team but still Offaly were caught out badly.

They simply were not ready for the drive and passion of the Leitrim players in the first half and should have been further than three points behind at the break. The Duignan brothers, Ciarán at full-forward and Michael at midfield, orchestrated the Leitrim performance but it was the tight marking of the Leitrim backs that set the tone for the game. Offaly have lots of talented forwards but you need more than talent to beat a sticky Leitrim backline. Throw in razor-sharp tackling from players like Barry McWeeney and Barry Prior and suddenly the expression 'talented forwards' has a hollow ring about it. But Leitrim did not shock Offaly through negative play - far from it. There were points scored by Ciarán Duignan and Michael Foley yesterday that were as good as anything we saw in Croke Park the night before. But because this was Cloone and they play for Leitrim the rave notices that Connolly, Cavanagh and Mulgrew got in Croker will pass the Leitrim lads by. Yet they and Cloone are as much part of the GAA as the stars and the glamorous stadium. Article written by Eugene McGee and published in the Irish Independent.

Date Added

06-Mar-07

Championship Draws 2007

The draws for the 2007 Intermediate football championship took place last night in The Bush Hotel. Cloone were the first team out of the drum placing them in group A. They are joined in this group by 2006 Senior side and near neighbours Gortletteragh and last years junior champions Eslin. Cloone haven't faced Gortletteragh in well over 10 years in the championship while Eslin created a shock the last time they met Cloone in the 1995 Intermediate Semi-final. This years championship is provisionally fixed to begin on the weekend of 21/22 July.

Date Added

16-May-07

Defeat in Senior League Final

Cloone ladies were defeated by old rival Aughawillan in the Senior League Final recently. A stronger Aughawillan side ran out 3-13 to 1-06 winners in an entertaining game in Fenagh.

Date Added

16-May-07

Lotto Funding Provisionally Approved.

Cloone have again been successful in our application for Sports Capital Funding from the National Lottery. Cloone have been awarded €80,000 toward the construction of a general purpose room and extended press facilities. It is also envisaged that we will receive an extra €16,000 under CLÁR funding based on the same application.

Date Added

16-May-07

Division 2 League Update.

We opened our league campaign on Fri, 20-April-07 with a disappointing home defeat to Aughavas. Missed chances proved our downfall as Aughavas ran out 1-09 to 0-10 winners. In our second game we were comprehensively defeated by Gortletteragh on a scoreline of Gortletteragh 4-13 Cloone 1-06. Amends were made however on Mon, 7-May-07 when we beat St. Marys by Cloone 1-17 to 0-05.

Date Added

21-May-07

Shield Competition

Cloone got their first points of the Shield Competition on Sunday 20th with a hard fought win over Dromahaire. Both sides were in front at various stages of the game with Cloone running out 1-10 to 0-11 winners at the final whistle.

Date Added

05-Jun-07

Upcoming Fixtures

We are in action in the shield competition on Saturday evening next at 6:30 against Gortletteragh in Gortletteragh. The following weekend we play Glenfarne/Kilty in Cloone in the division 4 league on the Sunday at 2:00.

Date Added

05-Jun-07

League Action.

We played Aughnasheelin in the Division 2 league on Saturday evening last in Aughnasheelin and once again the two teams served up an exciting game which finished all square at the finish. This is several times these two teams have drawn in the last number of years. Two goals either side of half time proved vital to us at the finish and after a tight second half a draw was a fair result. We were scheduled to play Annaduff in the junior league on Monday but unfortunately due to injuries and exam commitments we were unable to

Date Added

27-Jun-07

Féile Peil na nÓg 2007

Féile Peil na nÓg is a national festival of football for boys and girls under 14 years of age and is based on the GAA club unit. The event is being hosted in Leitrim this year and the Cloone Girls team is amalgamated with Gortletteragh for the competition. Our first game is at 3pm on Fri 30th at 3PM in Cloone when we take on St. Pauls from Antrim. On Saturday in Annaduff at 10:15 we meet Shelmaliers from Wexford while our final game is against neighbours Annaduff / Bornacoola in Annaduff at 11:45 on Saturday.

Date Added

27-Jun-07

CLÁR Top Up Funding Granted

Éamon Ó Cuív T.D. Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs announced that he has allocated top-up funding of to projects in CLÁR areas which were successful under the Sports Capital Programme 2007. Cloone GAA have been awarded €16,000 under the scheme.

IFC Round 1.

GORTLETTERAGH 0-9 Cloone 1-3 The scoreline here would suggest a close and hard fought GWP Intermediate Championship encounter but the reality was that Gortletteragh should have been out of sight if they had converted half their chances against Cloone in Pairc Sean MacDiarmada last Sunday. Gortletteragh went into the game as favourites and, for the first ten minutes, they lived up to that billing as they cut through at will and racked up four points. But after that, the rot set in as they wasted too many chances and ran into cul-de-sacs as a floundering Cloone fought to get back into the game. A penalty, against the run of play but rightly awarded, suddenly put Cloone within a point and set up the remainder of the contest. But despite two points in the next four minutes, Gortletteragh never put the game beyond doubt, leading to a few nervy moments in the closing minutes. Gortletteragh were the better team but couldn't make it tell on the scoreline, something that will worry them for the rest of the campaign while they may also have to plan without former All Star Seamus Quinn who was brought to hospital after suffering a serious neck injury in the first half. Gortletteragh were well served by Kevin McGrath, Patrick Kane, Padraig McGarry and Darren Duignan. Cloone won't be particularly pleased with their display – too often promising positions were wasted by poor passing and bad choices. They had a few stand out displays from Seamus Maguire, Brian Mulvey and Gavin Reynolds but they will feel that they never really performed at all last Sunday. Gortletteragh got off to a flying start – Darren Duignan scored a great point in the first minute. By the time he had his second nine minutes later, Cathal Quinn (free) and Cathal McCrann (fifty) had also got on the score sheet while Cloone keeper made a good save to deny Patrick Kane a goal. But then the wides started and Gortletteragh were rocked when, 18 minutes in, a high Donal Brennan pass found his brother Niall. He charged on through but was impeded and a penalty awarded, expertly dispatched low to the net by Seamus Maguire. That score undid all Gortletteragh's good work but they responded in the right fashion when Padraig McGarry finished a length of the field move with a point and Seamus Quinn fired over a bomb from the wing, after a Cloone attack broke down. The game was held up for some time after the injury to Seamus Quinn and on the restart, Cloone did better but had wides before Ronan Mulvey fired over a good point from 45 yards, to leave the halftime score at 0-6 to 1-1 in favour of Gortletteragh. Gortletteragh again started the second half best with two Patrick Kane points in the first ten minutes along with four wides. Dermot Kennedy traded points with Donal Brennan midway through the half. There were yellow cards for Kevin McGrath and Seamus McCaffrey before Donal Brennan hit a well taken point with five minutes to go but it was to be the last point of the game. The wides continued, as did the yellow cards with Mark Beirne, Gavin Mitchell, Cathal Quinn and Terry Kellegher being booked. There was also a red for Damien O'Donnell when he struck off the ball to bring Cloone's day to a sad end. Gortletteragh Conan Clarke, Kevin McGrath, Derek Kellegher, Charlie McDonnell, Eamon Reynolds, Terry Kellegher, Mark Mitchell, Padraig McGarry (0-1), Cathal Quinn (0-1), James Campbell, Cathal McCrann (0-1), Dermot Kennedy (0-1), Patrick Kane (0-2), Darren Duignan (0-2), Seamus Quinn (0-1). Subs: Niall Duffy for S. Quinn (31 mins), Gavin Mitchell for Campbell (51 mins), Michael Dorrigan for Kane (57 mins). Cloone Ciaran Casey, Brian Mulvey, Aidan Mulvey, Liam Reynolds, Seamus McCaffrey, Gavin Reynolds, Seamus Maguire (1-0), Alan Canning, Mark Beirne, Mark Creegan, Donal Brennan (0-2), Derek O'Donnell, Damien O'Donnell, Niall Brennan, Ronan Mulvey (0-1). Subs: Adrian Nicholl for Canning (47 mins). Referee: Tom Quigley.

Childrens Disco night.

A Christmas disco is being ran for our underage players and youngsters in the parish on Sunday evening next from 7 to 9pm in the Community Centre. Refreshments will be provided and Leitrim Ladies All-Ireland winning captain Sinead Brennan will be there on the night with the Mary Quinn cup.

Date Added

17-Dec-07

Lotto Draw Winner

Our lotto draw took place on Sunday night last in McKeon's bar with a landmark jackpot of €18000. The numbers drawn were 3, 10, 17 and 24. And seven years after it was first won we had our second ever jackpot winner. The lucky winner was our own corner forward Mark Creegan. The house draw was won by Aidan Donohoe. Our thanks to McKeon's for hosting the draw and sponsoring a prize on the night. Congratulations to Mark and thank you to all who have supported the draw.

Date Added

17-Dec-07

New Lotto Format

Saturday night December 29th. This will be our bumper Christmas draw where we will have loads of extra spot prizes to be won. By coincidence just as our jackpot was won we are changing the format of our draw slightly. The prize fund for draws where the jackpot is not won is being raised as follows,

- first prize will be €50 with four prizes of €30 each.
- The house draw will remain at €20.
- Tickets are remaining at €2 each with the new option to purchase 3 for €5.
- The jackpot now reverts back to €1000 for our next draw in Creegans bar on Dec 29th

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Annual General Meeting

Our AGM has been fixed for Sunday January 13th at 3pm. All players and members are asked to keep this date free and to attend our annual general meeting.