

Cloone GAA News - 2016

Date Added

18-Jan-16

Club AGM 2016

The club AGM held on Saturday evening last in the Club house was a hugely successful event with a large attendance present. It was refreshing to see such a large attendance, with very positive contributions from those present.

Secretary Martin McCaffrey gave a very detailed report on the year's activities outlining in detail the activities of the junior and intermediate teams throughout the course of the year. He paid tribute to the outgoing team management and thanked them for their outstanding work with both teams the highlight being the success in the junior league final.

Chairman Michael Lohan also gave a very positive report on the years activities and thanked everybody who had helped with the running of the club throughout the year and paid a special tribute to our Scór participants and their mentors on a their performances in both Leitrim Co Final and in the Connacht final.

Treasurer John Reynolds provided the best news of all in his financial report when he reported a profit for the year and that despite all the recent structural developments at the club grounds the club is debt free.

The following officers were elected for 2016 President Pat McNamara, Chairperson, Michael Lohan, Vice Chairperson Seamus McGuire, Secretary Martin McCaffrey Assistant Secretary Liam Reynolds, Treasurer John Reynolds, Assistant Treasurer Gerry Keegan Pro Gerry McGovern, ASAP Officer Seamus McGuire Oifigeach Gaelge Damian o Braonáin Registrar Seamus McGuire, Insurance officer Adrian Nichols, Development officer Sean McGovern, Coaching officer Niall Brennan, Children's officer Marie McCrann, Assistant Children's officer Eamonn Cunningham, I.T. officer Enda Tiernan, Scór Co coordinator Gerry Keegan, Co Board delegates Sean McGovern, Michael Lohan Liam Reynolds Martin McCaffrey, and Coiste ns nÓg delegates Ciaran Casey and Eileen Donohue.

The Club also set up a finance committee with a number of people volunteering to participate. A very successful meeting as we look forward to the ahead.

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18-Jan-16

Congrats

The Club would like to extend its congratulations to Ciaran and Allison McGovern on the birth of their Baby boy on Monday Morning last. This is a welcome boost for Annaughmacooleen Gaels club as numbers into the future were getting to be a bit of a concern.

Date Added

25-Jan-16

Sympathy

The club would like to extend its sincere sympathy to the family of the late Tommy Prior Drumloughan whose funeral took place on Saturday last. Tommy was a native of Aughavas and played senior football with the Aughavas GAA Club and won many titles including the senior championship in 1955. The Aughavas GAA Club held a guard of Honour at his removal in Cloone on Friday evening last. Tommy was deeply involved in all aspects of the Cloone community, and he worked on the development of the GAA Grounds in the late seventies and later on the construction of the new Community Centre in Cloone.

We extend our sympathy to his wife Eleanor, Daughters Fiona and Susan, sons Aidan, Noel and Kenneth on their loss of a true gentleman.

Date Added

25-Jan-16

Lotto Jackpot Winner

For a long time we have been used to the line 'there was no winner of the lotto jackpot', but on Saturday night last all that changed. There was huge excitement when it became apparent that we had a winner. The club would like to extend heartiest congratulations to Tommy McKeon, Cloone who won the Lotto Jackpot of € 15,200. We wish Tommy the very best with his winnings.

The numbers drawn were 1, 6, 16, 27. The new jackpot is now € 1000.00, and the next draw will be held in McKeon's Bar on Sat Feb 6th.

Date Added

01-Feb-16

Medal Presentation Night

On Saturday night next the club are hosting a joint medal presentation in McKeon's Bar when the ladies, Leitrim Junior Championship winning team and the men's Leitrim junior league winning team will be presented with their medals.

Proceedings start with a meal at 8 P.M. followed by music and dancing. Please confirm your attendance for the meal with club secretary Martin. A huge crowd is expected, so don't miss what promises to be a great night.

County Scór Finals

On Saturday evening last the club had the honour of hosting Scór Sinsir Coiste Chontae Liatroma, and the Community was full for what was a huge night's entertainment. It's great to see Scór return to its former glory with at least half the clubs of the County taking part and great credit must go to Oifigeach Cultuir agus Teanga Coiste Chontae Liatroma Claire Crossan and her committee for the great work they have done to reinvigorate Scór again. Historic Occasion

It was a historic occasion for our club when Cloone were announced as club of the year winning the Cormac McGill shield for the first time. The credit for this must go to our very energetic Scór co coordinator Gerard Keegan who has done trojan work both at Scór na nÓg where the club participated in six disciplines and also for the great work done at Scór Sinsir. Amhránaíocht Aonair

Our first participant was in Amhránaíocht Aonair where we were represented by Peter McNally. Peter gave an absolutely marvellous rendition of Raglan Road but was just narrowly pipped by an excellent performance from the Carrigallen representative. Tráth na gCeist

Next on stage was our Tráth na gCeist team of Tara McCabe, James McCabe Eamonn Cunningham and Seamus Tiernan. This was a proverbial cliff hanger with a tie breaker needed to separate ourselves and Fenagh St Caillins. Following the tie breaker Fenagh St Caillins emerged by a single mark. Great credit to our team who performed so well. Our club would like to extend our best wishes to Fenagh St Caillins who now go forward to represent Leitrim in the All Ireland Final in Killarney on April 2nd LEIRIÚ

Heartiest congratulations to our Leirú competitors who captured the Leitrim title for the first time with their hilarious comedy sketch entitled 'The Raw Deal Nursing Home'. The cast was as follows, Maureen Cooke, Gus Cooke, Gerard Keegan, Michael Clancy and Adrian Kelly, and what a performance they put on. This hilarious act really had the crowd in the stitches of laughter from start to finish and great credit must go to the Cast and indeed Bernie McGovern and Aoife Keegan the entire backroom crew for this wonderful show. They now go forward to represent Leitrim in the Connacht final in Lecarrow Co Roscommon on Saturday March 12th. All supporters are asked to note the date and judging from the reaction on Saturday night a huge crowd from the parish will be travelling to support the group. Our new found interest in Scór has brought a very welcome dimension to the club and great credit must go to everybody who has been involved in this most enjoyable activity within the club.

The club would like to thank the many people who made themselves available to help out with the staging of Leitrim Co Final of Scór on Saturday night and everybody who contributed to making the night a great success.

Second win in Shield secured

The good start to the year continued on Sunday last when our team put in another excellent performance beating Aughnasheelin in the shield group D competition on a score line 4-06 2-07.

Team Cal Rawlson Liam Reynolds, Declan Brennan, Declan Tiernan, Francis Reilly, Seamus McGuire, Darren Keegan. N Quinn Brian Mulvey, Michael Bohan, Gavin Reynolds, Mark Creegan. Ronan Mulvey, Damian O'Donnell, Sasha Farrell. Subs used Adrian Kelly and Alvin Beirne. The next game is against Sean o Heslin's Ballinamore on Sunday next in Cloone at 12 noon. All players are asked to be available.

Date Added

29-Feb-16

Bus to Connacht Scor Finals

The club are organising a bus for supporters to the Connacht Scór finals in Lecarrow Co Roscommon on Saturday evening March 12 to cheer on our Competitors in the Leiriú competition. Anyone wishing to travel on the bus are asked to book with club secretary Martin McCaffrey on 086 0594310 Early booking is advisable as places are going fast.

Date Added

09-Mar-16

CPR Training

We are inviting people interested in CPR & AED training in the community to put their names forward for a training programme which will be run locally if there is sufficient interest. The CPR Training is to cardiac first responder level, is delivered and certified by Irish Heart Foundation instructors and certification last for 2 years. CPR/BLS training only takes a few short hours and could prove vital in helping to save a life.

If there is enough interest locally the course will be ran within the community in March/April. If you are interested please contact Phil Charles Edenbawn Cloone on 086 729 2922. Groups, clubs, individuals are all welcome, but please note that a minimum of 6 people required to run the course.

Date Added

09-Mar-16

Shield V Sean o Heslins

Our good run of victories came to an end on Sunday morning last when we went down to Ballinamore Sean o Heslin's in the Park on a score line of 2-10 to 0-10. This was a very entertaining game and our lads performed quite well. Team Cal Rawlson, F Reilly, D Brennan, D Tiernan, D Keegan S McGuire N Quinn, A McGovern, B Mulvey M Bohan G Reynolds M Creegan, R Mulvey, D O Donnell A Beirne. Subs used S Farrell and A Kelly.

Date Added

21-Mar-16

Scor Connacht Final

Our Leirú competitors turned in yet another marvellous performance on Saturday evening last in the Connacht Finals of Scór in Lecarrow C Roscommon , but unfortunately were beaten by the narrowest of margins by Roscommon contestants Elphin. Our group consisting of Gus and Maureen Cooke, Bernadette McGovern, Adrian Kelly, Michael Clancy, and Gerard Keegan, put a huge amount of effort into this production and the club is very grateful to them for their efforts.

The club would like to say a special thank you to the large group of supporters who travelled on Saturday evening, and it meant so much to the group to have such support on the evening. This year's participation in Scór has been an extremely enjoyable experience for the club with many great nights entertainment, and already plans are under way for next year. Many thanks to Scór co coordinator Gerard Keegan and all his assistants for the great effort they have put in in all aspects of Scór and for the great year the club has had in 2016. Our club would like to wish the Elphin group the best of luck in the All Ireland final in Killarney on April 2nd.

Date Added

21-Mar-16

Sympathy

It was with great regret that we learned on Saturday last of the sudden death of John Joe Donohue Esker Cloone. To his wife Mary, Daughters Celine, Karin, Anita son Aidan and the extended Donohue family Cloone GAA would like to extend its sincere sympathy on their sad loss of a true gentleman. John Joe donned the blue and gold of Cloone in his younger days and was a great supporter of the club all his life. John Joe was involved in the development of the club grounds in the late seventies and worked on the construction the pitch prior to its opening in 1980.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Date Added

11-Apr-16

Strictly Come Dancing Quiz

A great crowd attended the quiz in Creegans in aid of Martina Ward's campaign for Mohill GAA's Strictly Come Dancing fundraising event. It was a most entertaining quiz and the organising Committee would like to thank everybody for their support.

Date Added

11-Apr-16

Terry McCormack Memorial Cycle

On Saturday afternoon last we hosted a stage of the Terry McCormack Cycle with hundreds of cyclists visiting the village and the Community Centre for a refreshments break. The cycle was held in honour of Terry McCormack who got ill and lost his life while on a training cycle through the parish in 2015.

The club was delighted to be of assistance to the organising committee and would like to thank the stewards and the people who helped to serve the refreshments for their assistance on the day.

Date Added

11-Apr-16

Good Start to League Campaign

On Saturday evening we welcomed Glenfarne Kiltyclogher to the park for the first round of the Div 2 football league for a game originally fixed for Glenfarne. In a high scoring and entertaining game we emerged winners on a score line of Cloone 3-14 Glenfarne 0-13. Team Ciaran Casey, Darren Keegan, Declan Brennan, Declan Tiernan, Frank Reilly, Seamus McGuire, Aidan Mulvey, Niall Quinn, Brian Mulvey, Mark Creegan Gavin Reynolds, Andy McGovern, Michael Bohan, Damien O'Donnell, Ronan Mulvey. Sub used Liam Reynolds for Aidan Mulvey

Next weekend we play Bornacoola in Cloone with game fixed for Saturday evening 7 P.M. All

players are asked to be available.

Date Added

29-Apr-16

Defeat to Kiltubrid in League

On Saturday evening last we were beaten by Kiltubrid on a score line of 0 15 to 0 07. There will be no league games for a while as Leitrim senior team prepare for the Connacht clash against Roscommon or New York on May 22 in Pairc Sean MacDiarmada Carrick on Shannon and the junior team prepare for the junior championship clash against Galway in Tuam on Wednesday May 4th.

Date Added

12-Sep-16

Cloone Win Moyvalley All Ireland GAA Golf Classic

Congratulations to James Lohan and our golfing representatives who ensured that Cloone won the inaugural Johnstownbridge GAA All-Ireland Golf classic winners on Friday last with a fantastic score of 91 points.

L to R: Richie Dunne, David Butterfield, James Lohan, PJ Doran (Chairman Johnstownbridge GAA), Niall Doran.

The club have won a new set of O'Neill's Jerseys as a result of the lads performance. Well done to the lads - it's nice to see Cloone finally win an All-Ireland!!

Date Added

11-Oct-16

Mizen to Malin Cycle

We wish the best of luck to our club stalwart member Mick Harte, who along with Sean Clarke will cycle from Mizen Head to Malin Head this week end to raise fund for the Locklin óg Burns appeal fund. Your support for this very worthy cause would be much appreciated. If anyone would like to join Mick and Sean on the cycle as they arrive back in Mohill on Monday evening you would be more than welcome.

Date Added

11-Oct-16

Congrats to Paul and Harriette

The club would like to extend its congratulations to former club officer and player Paul Brennan and Harriette McCrann who got married on Saturday last. We wish them the very best for the future.

Date Added

11-Oct-16

Draw for Minors in Co. Final

St Manachán's led by captain our own Eoghan Keegan, secured a draw in what was a closely contested Co minor championship final on Sunday last. The game which was played in Pairc Sean MacDiarmada was a most entertainment affair and a credit to the two sets of players with the final score Melvin Gaels 1 13 St Manachán's 2 10. Our club had three able representatives on the panel, Tadgh Doherty, Niall Keegan Eoghan Keegan. We wish them the very best in the replay.

Championship Success for U-12 Team

There were great scenes of jubilation when our under 12 team were crowned Div 4 under 12 champions at The Leitrim GAA Centre of Excellence in Annaduff on Saturday last. To reach the final this team of stars had to defeat Bornacoola, Garadice Gaels, and Drumkeerin team to play Glen Gaels in the final. While all the performances were excellent in the early rounds they certainly kept their best performance for the final winning on a score line of Cloone 6-07 to Glen Gaels 1-09.

Cloone started best and were quick to take the lead and continued to lead at half time by 2 05 to 0 05. They maintained their momentum in the second half and ran out comfortable winners. This talented group of players included the following Grace Murphy, Annaughmacooleen, Cathal Donohue Esker, Michael Tiernan, Annaghmacooney, Anthony Luby Cloone, Tiernan Kellegher Annaughmacooleen, Conor Keegan Faughill, Rachel Reynolds, Corduff, Arron McCrann, Mountida, Colin McNamara, Camber, Margret McCrann Mount Ida, Thomas Casey Drumdarkin, Katie Charles Edenbawn, James Dimmock Mount Ida Nichole Lennon, Faughill, David Murphy, Annaughmacooleen, Maria Cunningham Sonagh Beg.

Behind every good team is a team of good mentors and the trainers of this team were Seamus Tiernan, Eileen and Aidan Donohue. The club would like to thank and congratulate this fine group of young players for bring much needed success to the club and a special word of thanks to their mentors who provide training and the parents who provide transport to the weekly Saturday morning training sessions.. A big thank you also to the large group of supporters who turned out to all games to support this fine group of young players.

Finally a special word of congratulations to club president Pat McNamara who watched a new generation of his family achieve success in the Cloone jersey.

Remembering the 1966 U16 Success

They say a week is a long time in politics and certainly fifty years is a long time in GAA land and on Saturday evening next Cloone GAA honour the Golden jubilee of the successful under 16 team that won the Leitrim Co Championship in 1966. With some of the team having won under sixteen honours with Aughavas in 1965 Cloone fielded it own team in 1966 and went on to win the competition outright.

The team was managed by Michael Solan who introduced many new ideas and plenty of new training methods, training methods that were to become part and parcel of the modern training techniques many years later. This group of players were to become the nucleus of some the very successful teams which won the Leitrim Junior Championship in 1969 and the Leitrim Intermediate Championship in 1972.

On Saturday evening next the proceedings will start with mass for the late Liam McKeon at 8 pm. Liam was a member of the successful team and played at left half back in the final having played a blinder at full back in the semi final against Mohill in a game played in Pairc Shean O'Heslin Ballinamore. Following Mass there will a meet and greet in McKeon's Bar where all members present will have the opportunity to meet and to share the many memories of that successful championship campaign. There will be momentums of the occasion presented to all team members with plenty of music and song to entertain all present.