



The Nell's

Parnell's GAA Club Newsletter
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Parnell's U 14 Footballers Clinch Dublin Feile na nÓg title.



Parnell's U 14 football team achieved one of their major goals this year – Win a feile title.

'It was a great weekend for the lads who have put in a huge effort not just this year but the last couple of years' said manager Anto Kinsella. 'We have some fine footballers and the conveyor belt looks promising for future Parnell's teams.'

Parnell's clinched their title on a sun drenched Parnell Park on Bank Holiday Monday in May defeating St. Peregrines 3-01 to 0-2.

Meanwhile the U 14 Hurlers competed in the Feile na nGael in Division 3 against Dublin Division 2 opposition. While they side compete in Division 4 of the Dublin league the young side competed brilliantly with the experience an encouraging and

learning one for all. Most of the panel are 2-3 year underage for the next couple of years. Karl Sammon was excellent through-out and his notable performances have earned him a call up to the Dublin U14 Hurling squad. Not a bad return for Karl who sacrificed a family trip to Liverpool to play with the team. Now that's commitment....

History was also made back in April when the club entered for the first time a 3rd feile team to compete in the Ladies U14 Feile competition. They were some great team and individual displays shown by the girls where the future is certainly brighter.

Having three Feile teams involved in competitions this year is a great indication of the work carried out by the team mentors and the increase of Juvenile membership which is very evident through-out the club.

Chairman's Message

Dear Member,

I hope that you are well following all the developments in the club over the recent months!! Since I last had the opportunity to up-date you we have had some notable milestones.



The club AGM took place in April after an original 7 day adjournment the AGM went well. On the night deserving members Sean Ó'Curraoin, Mick Phelan, Malachy Keena and Jim McGovern were given honorary membership for their exceptional service to Parnells and the GAA.

A new executive was elected on the night to run the club on your behalf and I would like to welcome back Dave and Emily, and also congratulate those who were re-elected. We have a busy year ahead and we will be working very hard to achieve all the goals set out for 2011 and beyond.

We are approximately a third of the way with the new development in Chanel and I can confirm that we are right on schedule. I m sure you will agree that the structure visible from the current clubhouse of is very impressive!! Can I encourage you to invest your spare time volunteering in the club?

We have more teams representing the club than ever before so can I appeal again that if you have any time to spare that you would consider becoming involved with this great club. We provide all necessary training and you should contact Declan Power on 086-2705873.

With lots happening on the playing fields, I want to remind people of our 8 week juvenile summer camp programme. This is a huge operation that takes considerable organising and planning that not only provides a service to all families locally but provides badly needed employment to club people for the summer months.

Why not book a place by registering on line using our new facility on the club website www.cumannparnell.com

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy summer and I look forward to seeing you on the sidelines or supporting the club social programme.

Yours in sport,
Frank Gleeson
(Chairman)



EASTER CAMPS 2011

Easter Camps was another big success for the club attracting over 200 children and employing 24 coaches through-out the 4 x day activity programme.

The camp was conducted on a zero budget with prizes and equipment used from old stock. The Ryanair Easter camp provided no frills and any gear or equipment was purchased in the club shop. The one new addition was the provision of Heathy Lunches to the camp. This optional initiative improves the image and profile of the club as we re seen to drive the healthy eating policy.

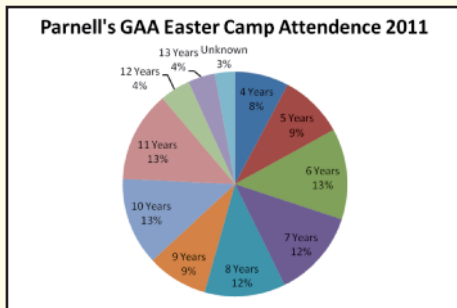
Teaming up with a food distribution company - Glanmore Foods, the company provided an excellent service to over 50 children at an extra cost of €2.50 per day!

On the last day a DVD of the weeks activities was shown with music for not alone the children in attendance but also for the parents. This takes a lot of time



It's all go on the Easter GAA Camps 2011...

and effort to put in place but well worth it and very well received by all who view it.



TOTAL ATTENDANCE	
Years	Numbers
4 Years	16
5 Years	19
6 Years	27
7 Years	26
8 Years	24
9 Years	18
10 Years	26
11 Years	27
12 Years	9
13 Years	8
Unknown	6

ASH – After School Hurling...



Getting to grips... Action from the ASH (After School Hurling programme) in Scoil Fhursa

Following up from last year's after school programme PAL – Play And Learn came a new initiative titled ASH – After School Hurling.

This new initiative aimed to promote hurling after school hours with the added bonus of it being a “on the door step” programme conducted on the school grounds so there was no travelling involved.

Piloted in Scoil Fhursa where over 20 boys attended for 4 weeks it is hoped to run a second programme in St. Brendan's on May 26th where it is hoped to have over 30 boys in attendance.

The ASH programme consists of skills teaching and a chance to progress through games.

Did you know?

Parnell's GAA ran a very successful Hurling scheme at no expense to the club... Children in all schools got a chance to purchase a special Hurling pack of a Hurley, Sliotar and Grip and all for the great value of €15!

COLÁISTE DHÚLAIGH FIRST YEARS WIN THE TOM QUINLAN SHIELD



All smiles... Coláiste Dhúlaigh win the Tom Quinlan Shield



Action... Coláiste Dhúlaigh march on to victory in the First year Tom Quinlan Shield

Coláiste Dhúlaigh First Year football team won the Tom Quinlan shield recently beating Luttrellstown Community College after extra-time. “We are absolutely delighted with the victory” said Joe Vaughan from Coláiste Dhúlaigh. “This team are really special with some great footballers that will field our U 14 – 18 teams in the coming years”. The team had a big Parnell's Presence having been coached by our own Club and County player Niamh Mc Evoy and Schools coach Darragh Joyce.

'Camán Let's Play' - Hurling initiative for Local Schools

Dublin National Hurling League winner Liam Ryan recently visited Parnell's GAA to launch "Camán Let's Play", a hurling initiative organised by the club to promote hurling and encourage participation in the sport among Dublin schools.

Over 300 children, ranging from 7yrs – 12yrs took part in the competition which was based on a round robin series of games, supported by eFlow and at no expense to the participating schools.

According to Declan Power, Juvenile Development Manager, Parnell's GAA, a great day of fun and sport was enjoyed by all who attended from local schools in Coolock, Artane, Kilmore, Clonshaugh and surrounding areas. He said: "It was great to see the huge numbers that came out to play.



We were encouraged by the talent on display and we hope everyone picked up some new skills. I would like to thank Simon and all the team at eflow for their support which helps us to run these events for local children and also to the Astro Park for allowing us to use their facilities in this community based initiative".

"Camán Let's Play" marked the beginning of a range of summer camps for all ages being organised by the club and due to take part over eight weeks in the summer during the months of July and August.

For further details and information visit: www.cumannparnell.com.



Coláiste Dhúlaigh & Parnell's Coach Gavin Darcy offers advice at club Nursery for 4-6 years old

Did you know?

Parnell's GAA recently launched the club Code of Conduct and Volunteer Charter.

It is important that all club coaches, players and parents become familiar with the content as we envisage on improving our behaviour and club image on and off the field.

Copies of this publication are available in the club or can be viewed on the newly revamped club website www.cumannparnell.com

On a Mission...



Parnell's School coaches take time out to include some GAA Heritage and Culture in Croke Park. Left to Right – Liam Browne, Gary Collins, Fiona Dowling, Declan Power, Darragh Joyce.

New beginnings...



Foundations going in to the new development



Up she goes... No stopping now as the building frame is erected for the new clubhouse

'FIRST STEPS' PROGRAMME



Coláiste Dhúlaigh CFE Sports Science students – Ian Kirwan, Stephen Kirwan, Paul Kirwan, Gavin Darcy, Rachel Moss, Leanne May, Ulricka Moriarty get ready to coach the Club Nursery programme 'First Steps'

The Dancing Queens



Juvenile Disco

CHAMPIONS....



U 21 Hurlers win championship 'B' final

White Collar Fight Boxing night...

On May 20th the club jointly hosted a White Collar Fight night with the Dublin Docklands Boxing Club in the Crowne Plaza, Santry.

The night was a huge success with the large crowd enjoying some frantic action in and out of the ring!!

Plenty of money was raised for a good cause and we would like to thank all those who made the night so memorable from the sponsors, volunteers and celebrity guests and to the referee Paddy Keogh.

The highest praise goes to the boxers who trained hard and showed no shortage of bravery on the night...

We salute you!

We hope to run a similar event next year in our new clubhouse so watch this space....



1-2; 1-2...Lads put in the work for Docklands Boxing matches



Nobody puts baby in the corner...Aaron Jameson get 'boxed' in the corner as preparation gets under way for the Docklands boxing match. For the prize of the cuddly toy, who's behind the yellow gloves? Answers on a post card please...

On the Prowl...



Jimmy Wilson on the attack for the Hurlers

Did you know?

The club lotto is the best value in town at only €2 a ticket and a growing jackpot every week. Buy yours today!!

Adult Round Up

As the summer fast approaches it is time to update you all as to how the adult section of the club is doing. We will start with Senior mens football...

✔ In early January Brian Talty returned to the hot seat to follow on the good work of Declan North. Results in AFL 1 to date have not matched the effort and performance in most matches. However in mid-May the lads got their first league victory down the road against arch rivals St. Vincents. This is sure to be a catalyst for a summer surge up the AFL 1 ladder.



✔ In the senior championship the lads beat Whitehall Colmcilles in round 1 before a second round defeat to St. Sylvesters. They will concentrate on league action for the next few weeks before the back door system in the championship resumes.

✔ In Junior football our AFL 6 team continue to compete on all fronts

they are top of their league table which is a remarkable achievement after last season s promotion. They are also in the Stacey Cup semi final due to be played shortly against Na Fianna who they will also face in the first round of the Junior championship on June 14th.

✔ The AFL 8 team have adapted to life in the higher division. It was clear that under John Campbells stewardship the hard work on the training fields would pay off and their form in the last 8 weeks has been excellent. They have put a slow start behind them and are looking more like promotion prospects every week.

✔ The AFL 10N team has made huge strides since last season. Still a team in its infancy the maturity of some team members coupled with the youthful skill of others has ensured this team have taken some notable scalps so far this season.

✔ The ladies season has recently kicked off and the signs are positive a successful year. The ladies division has doubled in size this season with a Junior team formed and being managed by Jennifer Beirnes. This is a huge addition to the club and seeing over 40 women training in St Davids every week is hugely encouraging. Special mention to

Sandra McEvoy, Emma Merrigan and Sinead Cumiskey who have been called into the Dublin Senior panel and Leanne May who has been selected to represent the Dublin Junior team.

- ✔ Our minor footballers are mid-table and have shown significant signs of improvement recently.
- ✔ In hurling the AHL 3 team have been like their football counterparts where their performance hasn't been rewarded with deserved league points. In championship they are unbeaten and are real contenders for the Junior championship. We are confident that another season of success is on the cards.
- ✔ In AHL 7 the lads have started well and have racked up some big scores in league to date. They are

going well in the championship to so far and if their form continues they should qualify from the group stages.

- ✔ This season saw another first with the historic formation of a third adult hurling team. This team only competes in the championship where they look like they might just cause a few shocks!!! This could be in some way due to cameo appearances on the team. Special mention goes to Dwayne Coyle who has stepped up to the plate and has agreed to work alongside Jimmy O'Grady to run this team.
- ✔ Our minor hurlers are mixed with near neighbours Craobh Chiarain and they play under the name St Davids and this season they have gelled brilliantly and they are currently top of division 2!!

Parnell's Code of Conduct & Volunteer Charter Launched



Suzanne Hannan (Vice-Chairperson), Breda Dockrill (Coláiste Dhúlaigh CFE) and Declan Power Juvenile Development Manager

PARNELL'S GAA CLUB - SOCIAL CALENDAR

Thurs:	Ballads & Craic	9.30pm	If you play an instrument bring it join in...
Friday:	Poker	9.30pm	All money taken in, goes into pot for prizes (€3 drinks Promo)
Sat:	Sport	2pm	Watch all live sport on 3 screens
Sat:	Karaoke	10pm	Have a go and have some fun (Special promotions on the night)
Sun:	GAA	12.30pm	Watch all the live action from the days GAA fixtures.
Sun:	Live band & D.J	9pm	Finish the weekend off with a great night of live music
Mon.	Club Lotto	9.30pm	If you're not in.....
Mon.	Pool Com.	9.30pm	Competition for pool cue every Monday (Non pool players welcome)

Future Events

70's night Friday June 24th Fancy dress Special prizes Music from the Bee Gee's tribute band and MoJo



JAMES BOND CASINO NIGHT Sept 23rd

Fathers Day June 19th Ballad Band 4 to 7pm All Fathers & sons welcome. Special draw on night.



See posters and club notices for more information



HIRE OF FUNCTION ROOM...

Newly refurbished Function room with disco lights, available to all members & family for those special occasions. We cater for all events from 21st to all birthdays, 7 nights.

SPECIAL PROMTION: Book your date for any function between now & Christmas & you'll get the room free of charge with a voucher for €50 off your catering and €20 of your D.J. (*Offer ends 31st July. Booking fee of €100 holds the room. Only on bookings made after June 1st 2011*)

For dates, times and further information on all our events & future attractions,

Check the social page on the Parnell website

www.cumannparnell.com or find us on Facebook.

Player Profile

Name: Leanne May

Age: 20

How did you get involved with Parnells:

Through a friend in secondary school on the under 16's. It was amazing.

County: Dublin

Playing Position: Forward

Honours:

Championship runners up

Best Trainer on the team:

Suzanne Hannon I aspire to be her in the future!

Worst Trainer on the team:

No comment too many lazy people

Favourite Car:

Golf GTI new version.

Favourite item of clothing:

Converse runners.

Favourite Food:

Any food thats not healthy. Ha em tiger bread.

Favourite Drink:

Lucozade orange, oh and vodka...!

Favourite Music:

R&B – Jessie Jay

Favourite Book you've read:

ehhhhhh read????

Magazines...!

Favourite holiday destination:

Going to bettystown with Sue and having parties ha...!



*One for the future...
Ladies player
Leanne May*

Best player you have played with?

Linzi Peat she's just a tank and great

What 3 items would you most like to have on a deserted island?

Food to live on, Alcohol to not remember I was on a deserted island and a comedian just for the crack....!

Club ambitions:

To win championship this year and become top three in division 1 league.

County Ambitions:

Be on the senior panel.

If you won the lotto what would you do?

Buy a house not to live in but to let the value of it rise for a few years then sell it and get more than what I paid for it... oh and buy my own personal physio for all my injuries).

Advice to young players:

Keep training with your teams and you will pick up on your skills and become a great player like me ha ha!

Parnell's GAA Summer Camps... Making a Good First and Last Impression Counts!

Parnell's GAA Club prides itself on improving the image and profile of the club and that of the local community. There is no greater way of improving club appeal than making a good first and last impression as players get ready to embark on an eight week Summer camp adventure with the club.

Yes...Schools out (...well almost) and it is with great pleasure that we at Parnell's GAA Club will host not one or two but EIGHT weeks of a GAA activity camps!! So if you're not jetting off on your holidays why not send your child to one of our camps.

The 5 day camp will provide a jam packed programme for children of 4-14 years of age and will cater for all ability groups that are open to both boys and girls.

Skill Development and Fun

As always our GAA camps will place the main emphasis on skill development and fun. Those who also attend get an opportunity to meet new friends, build self confidence, learn new skills, and be happy, healthy and very active!

Affordable

All of our camps are priced from €25 per child per week or €5 per day!! Not only is that a great deal but we also have further family discounts for two or more in the family.

With everyone feeling the pinch of the recession we are delighted to stand over the fact that we are the **BEST** and **CHEAPEST** Summer camps in town offering great value for money!



Parnell's GAA believe in providing a professional community service that is affordable to all. We believe in developing the health, fitness and welfare of your child through GAA activities. It is important to note that we don't make a profit and provide employment to over 20 coaches for 8 weeks.

This year why not avoid the queues and register on line and pay on the morning of each camp

www.cumannparnell.com

Let's get busy!

Declan Power

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