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NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATS

Congratulations to Joe Queenan, who was re-elected unopposed as Treasurer at the Annual County Convention recently, and to Maurice Sweeney, who stepped down from his role as PRO, having not sought re-election for 2014.

Married versus Singles Match taking place on Saturday 28th De- cember at 2pm at Quigabar.

Proceeds in aid of the Alzheimers Association of Ireland and in memory of the late Seán Sweeney, a former chairman of our club. Please come along and give your support.

Game will be preceded at 1pm with Enniscrone NS playing Kilglass/Culleens NS's for the Jackie Gleeson Memorial NS Shield

Christmas wishes

We wish all of our members, supporters and sponsors, both at home and abroad, a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year in 2014.

Annual Dinner Dance Saturday 28th December

Club Annual Dinner Dance takes place on Saturday 28th December in the Diamond Coast Hotel. Tickets are now available from any committee member, or alternatively contact either

Declan Rouse 086 2601462,
Brendan Murray 087 7856809, Eugene Nelson 087 2339591 or Joe Cawley 087 9173991 for more details.

The Minor Team will be presented with their Championship medals on the night. Other presentations taking place will be the Club Player of the Year Award, Clubman of the Year Award and the Hall of Fame Award.



Many players represented Enniscrone/Kilglass with distinction this year. Here is a summary of how our teams performed in the year that was 2013.

Intermediate

2013 was an extremely difficult year for our intermediate team. Unfortunately, circumstances dictated that the pool of players available to the new management team of Eamon O'Malley and Declan Hughes was very depleted for the majority of the season.

The Division 2 league campaign brought with it significant difficulties, as the team failed to win any of their first 10 games. Consigned to relegation, the team did pick up their first win over Eastern Harps in the last round, but regardless of that result, the team were disappointingly relegated to Division 3 for 2014.

Nonetheless, the championship brought a renewed optimism as the draw pitted us against St Farnans and Cloonacool. Unfortunately, a poor performance on the day gifted St Farnans a 0-14 to 1-7 victory in early August. In round 2, our lads put in their best performance of the year to defeat Cloonacool comprehensively on a score-line of 3-11 to 2-5, meaning that Castleconnor were the opposition in the play-offs.

Once more, however, missed chances cost the team on the day and Castleconnor progressed courtesy of a 1-8 to 0-5 win at Easkey, in what was a scrappy affair.

In the relegation play offs, our side managed to retain their intermediate status at the final hurdle, defeating Owenmore Gaels by two points after a replay, to summon the Collooney based side to Junior, while we

Minor

Our minor team enjoyed a decent league campaign in 2013. Competing in the 'C' competition, the management team of Enda Mulrooney and Brian Mahon plotted the teams course to the semi-final stage, having only lost to St Michaels in the round robin section of the group. However, the team were defeated in the semi-final, losing to Geevagh after extra-time in Quigabar after a thrilling 80 minutes action.

Nonetheless, the team picked themselves up, and to their credit, won the Minor 'C' Championship. They went undefeated in the group stages, and after a keenly fought contest with West Sligo neighbours St Farnans in the decider, our boys claimed a three point win, 2-17 to 2-14 the final score. Keegan/Higgins Centra kindly sponsored a new set of jerseys for this team in 2013.

U16

Our u16 team had a good run in the 'C' league, reaching the final after winning all of their 4 group games. However, a below-par performance in the final meant that St Michaels captured the title.

Promoted to the 'B' championship, the team gained revenge on St Michaels, inflicting an 8-21 to 0-2 defeat on the league champions. Another fine performance vs Castleconnor granted our boys a 5-15 to 5-4, meaning that a play-off against the same opposition was required to see who claimed the final semi-final spot. On that occasion, unfortunately Castleconnor claimed a 5-6 to 3-6 victory, and thus ended our lads title hopes.

That said, however, it must be noted that Castleconnor did go on to win the title, and shows that our team were very close to potential honours this year. This team was trained by Declan Rouse, Enda Hannon and Johnny Mullaney. Thanks to Milo's/Gala who kitted out this team with a new set of jerseys during the year.

U14

The u14 team, under the stewardship of Brendan Murray, Ray Carden, David Tuffy, Eugene Nelson and Shane Hargadon, enjoyed a good league campaign and reached the 'C' league final. However, Bunninadden claimed a comprehensive win in the decider.

Once more, competing in the 'C' championship, the team performed well in the group stages and this resulted in another final appearance. Unfortunately, the team came unstuck against Geevagh in the final, losing on a score-line of 1-12 to 0-8. Nonetheless, reaching both the league and championship finals proved to be a relatively successful year for the team. This team also sported a new set of jerseys sponsored by Hallquar Construction.



U12

The u12 team enjoyed a good group 3 run, in which they won four, drew one and lost one of their six matches. Advancing to the Group 3 cup final following this successful campaign, the team unfortunately lost by a solitary point to Geevagh. Trainers with this team were Michael Duffy, Karl Finnerty, Padraic O'Hara and Declan Duffy.

U8/U10

The youngest members of our club enjoyed a busy year, in which they took part in a number of blitzes around the county. This age-group is vital in terms of preparing players for competitive games in later years when they progress through the clubs underage structure. The work being done at this age-group, with much focus on fun and skills development, will hopefully pay dividends in the future. Coaches for U10's were Paddy Martin, Enda Mulrooney and Marty Duffy. Coaches for the U8's were Ciaran Maguire, Paul Bourke and Michéal Sheridan.



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Indoor astro-turf arena given the go-ahead

This year, the club decided to explore the possibility of building an indoor astro-turf arena at our grounds in Quigabar. After drawing up plans, an application was submitted to Sligo County Council for planning permission to construct the indoor arena, with a gym/meeting room, dressing room, toilets and a kitchen area also incorporated into the building.

In late August, our planning application was approved, and it is hoped that construction will begin next year. This new complex will be one of a very small number of its type in the country, and will be a huge addition to our already impressive facilities. Hopefully, once the construction process is complete, this new arena will give the club a facility in which our footballers, particularly at a young age, are able to hone their skills throughout the year and in the future, deliver significant success for our club on the playing field.

Club Day Out at Croke Parke

On 26th October a group of 42 children and 12 adults headed to Dublin to view the International Rules game. The group set out on their trip at lunchtime from Enniscrone and returned at 2 a.m. The bus journey was a lively one, with lots of laughter and great entertainment for everyone onboard, with some great singing too. Nobody was left hungry as snacks were handed out to everyone supplied by Checkout, Gala, and Centra. When the bus stopped in Dublin, there was great excitement as everyone filed off the bus. The five-minute walk to Croke Park was enjoyable, as Australia and Irish fans and supporters sang on their way to the grounds. The Enniscrone cluster erupted with cheers as they watched Enniscrone's very own Marty Duffy and Michael Duffy as officials for the game. Following what was a weakly contested game, by a poor Australian side and totally dominating performance by a powerful Ireland team, the group headed for home, stopping off for food on the way. This was a very successful club day out, and hopefully many more to follow. Many thanks to all the adults who travelled with the group because without them the trip would not be possible.



Visit of New York u14 team a resounding success

In June of 2013, the New York u14 Féile team, who were in Ireland to take part in Feile 2013 in Derry, visited Enniscrone along with their mentors and supporters for a couple of days before departing for the competition. Under the stewardship of Thomas Queenan, formerly of Carrowhubcock North and now of New York, the New York boys displayed tremendous footballing ability while on their trip.

In preparation for prestigious Féile, they took on our own U14 team, as well as a west Sligo u14 selection. The time they spent in Enniscrone was a fantastic success, and great credit must go to our own club organisers who gave the travelling contingent a terrific welcome.

Excellent nights were enjoyed both in Quigabar, with a bonfire, marquee and food following the challenge game versus our own u14 team, and also in the Ocean Sands Hotel, where presentations were made to the New York team on behalf of Enniscrone/Kilglass GAA and in turn, the New York club also donated very generously to our club.



TG4 visit Quigabar

In January, a TG4 film crew visited Quigabar to film the Jesus and Mary Secondary School Senior Footballers take part in Seó Spóirt's 'Thar an Trasnán' competition. This is a competition in which the players attempt to score on a current inter-county footballer, who in this case was Sligo's Charlie Harrison, an All-Star in 2010.

Out of the eight representatives for the local school taking part, three were from Enniscrone/Kilglass – Cathal Mulaney, Tom Mahon and Martin McManus, while a number of other of our underage players featured in the background.

John Egan tournament success for West Sligo selection

A west Sligo u14 team travelled south to County Kerry in July to take part in the prestigious John Egan football tournament. Based in Sneem, the team did exceptionally well and won their three group games, and followed that up with superb performances to win both their quarter-final and semi-final matches. Despite being five points down at one point in the final versus Austin Stacks at Kerry's Fitzgerald Stadium, the team put in another commendable performance, eventually losing out after extra-time.

Nonetheless, the trip was a huge success for the travelling west Sligo side, who beat some high quality opposition and met with some GAA legends including Pat Spillane during their time in the Kingdom. Well done in particular to our own representatives on the team namely Aaron Duffy, Niall Carden, Paul McManus and Bradley Nealon.

Best Wishes

Congratulations to Shane Hargadon, Intermediate player, who was married during the year to Antoinette McDermott. We wish them both many years of happiness.

Congratulations also to JohnPaul Carden, Intermediate player, who became a proud Dad during the Year. We wish him and Caroline and baby Lauren all the best for the future.

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The Club Five Year Plan will be launched on Saturday Night 28th December at the Club Annual Dinner Dance being held in the Diamond Coast Hotel.

Hard copies will be available on the night and it will be available on line soon after at www.enniscronekilglassgaa.com