



CRECORA/MANISTER GAA

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Games

Minors,

Our minor hurlers and footballers played in the 13/side all-county competition this year due to shortage of numbers at the age. The completion turned out to be very spread out starting in April and concluding in October, this gave very little chance to build any momentum and seemed to be of lower priority at County Board level with some referee problems and venue changes.

In football we started slowly with losses to Croom, Athea and Ballylanders in the early stages, we recovered well with a good win away to Galtee Gaels and against Mountcollins and Killeely/Dromkeen to give us a semi-final spot v Ballylanders in the knockouts.

We competed well on the day and but for some early misses we could have been in contention at the end but unfortunately it was Ballylanders that pushed on and we lost out on a scoreline of 2-14 to 3-05.

The hurling season was very spread out, we played Croom in first round on 19th April and semi-final wasn't played until 16th Oct, after losing to Croom we recovered well and built some momentum winning all our remaining league games against Kileedy, Tournafulla, Bruree and Athlacca to finished top of the table. We were drawn against Glenroe in the semi-final and after couple of postponements we ended up playing in late October under lights in Knocklong. In a very tight game we were unfortunate to lose 2 key players on the night making it very difficult with a small panel. We lost out by 2points to a late goal on a scoreline of 1-13 to 2-12.

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We continued the amalgamation this year with Croom as Tory Gaels in hurling and football, playing hurling in the South division and Premier football.

The hurling season started early beating Blackrock in first round on 7th March and with 2 other draws we qualified for the South A final vs Bruff on 10th April. With a tremendous first half of hurling we managed to hold on in the second half for a great win by 2points to get the County semi-final spot. We played the West champions Croagh which proved to be a physical battle and we only pulled through at the end by 3points on a scoreline of 1-15 to 1-12. We played Murroe-Boher in the County A final on 25th Apr giving a great performance to finish level on the day, unfortunately the replay was fixed for the following week in the

middle of college exams and close to leaving cert starting. A request to postpone the replay to later in the year was not accepted and the match was awarded to Murroe by the County Board. This was a very disappointing end to the year with the players having given a great commitment in the middle of college exams and trying to play hurling in poor conditions so early in the year.

The Premier football was scheduled very late in year with first rounds only beginning in November. The group section was played on an all-county basis, we beat Patrickswell and lost to Fr Caseys and have qualified for the county quarter final. At time of writing competition is still ongoing.

JuniorB Football

In our second year fielding a Junior team we had a fantastic run in the City championship winning all our games and qualifying for City final v Ballybrown on 4th Oct. The match was played on a tight pitch in Kildimo and we found it hard to get free of a tight marking Ballybrown team eventually getting over the line by one point on a scoreline of 0-08 to 0-07. The win put us in a County quarter-final spot vs Ballybricken where we managed to get through in a close affair on a scoreline of 3-12 to 3-11. We were drawn against South neighbours Camogue Rovers in the semi-final, having started slowly and found ourselves well behind at half time, but a tremendous fight back in the second half got us over the line by a single point.

In the Clubs first adult County final we were up against our close neighbours Fedamore, both teams were well matched throughout providing great football given the conditions in the middle of November. We found scores difficult to come by throughout the game and with a number of wide's in both halves a goal for Fedamore proved crucial and we lost out on final score of 1-07 to 0-07.

Junior Hurlers

Our Junior hurling season started off well in springtime having a couple of good victories in the ACL to win out the division. Unfortunately the momentum did not continue into the City Championship where we lost out in all the league round games. We started with a heavy defeat by St Patricks in the first round and while we recovered from that to be competitive in the next rounds we found it hard to get on top in any of the games, also losing a number of experienced players during the year did not help.

I would to express my thanks to all the coaches and mentors for their dedication and patience during the year with the fixtures calendar often changing at short notice.

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Well done to our figure dancers and Sarah Gilmartin in solo singing for qualifying for the county finals in December.

Cul Camp

We had a very successful camp again this year with over 80 kids attending, it continues to be a great event for kids from all the surrounding area. Thanks to all the coaches and juvenile helpers we had for the week – it simply would not be possible to run our own camp without coaches that are prepared to give their own time off work. Thanks to Limericks John Fitzgibbon for presenting the gear to the kids.

Social & Finance

We ran a joint social with Crecora Camogie in January at the Woodlands to celebrate team victories in both Clubs. The event was a great success and there was a large community turnout. Thanks to the organising committee for their efforts in making it happen, it was acknowledged by the committee the effort required to run this event to just break even on costs.

We had an unprecedented number of winners in the County Development draw this year, with numerous 250e & 500e winners, a 3000e winner and a top prize 10,000e winner. This is the main fundraiser for the club and it's great to see local winners.

A number of other fundraisers we run during the year with old clothes collections and match score draws. The club submitted an application for sports capital grant funding this year with a view to financing a number of upgrades of pitch including walking track, fencing off the hurling wall, dug-outs, pitch draining and sanding. Our initial application was turned down and we are preparing a second application for next round.

Field

Good progress was made this year with purchase of a new mower and clearance works at back entrance to pitch. Thanks to John McCarthy for managing the field schedule all year, and for co-ordinating repairs and maintenance work, we need more people involved in the field committee. Thanks to Crecora Camogie club for their contribution towards the cost of the mower.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow officers John McCarthy and John Browne, also special thanks to Kevin Hayes for attending City board and Sean Burke for his continued support as Secretary of City Board. Thanks also to the subcommittees for organising club activities during the year.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and I look forward to a successful 2016 season.

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Padraig O Cuiirc, Runai.