



## **CRECORA MANISTER GAA**

## 2019 Issue 1

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### **U21 Championship Fixtures**

Our U21 hurlers are the first team in action as they begin their campaign on Sat 16th Feb at 2.30 against Ballybrown in Crecora.

The team have put in a huge effort in training including a series of challenge games in preparation for the championship. Please come and support the team. Second game in group will be on Sat Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Away to Southside Gaels. Time TBC

## Child Safeguard Awareness Mon 25th Feb in Manister

It is mandatory for all coaches to attend a child safeguarding awareness course. Together with the local Camogie club we are hosting this course in Manister Community Hall on Monday 25th Feb at 7.30. Contact <a href="mailto:secretary@crecora.gaa.ie">secretary@crecora.gaa.ie</a> for more information.

# **NEWS**LETTER



Club Chairman John
McCarthy and Club
Secretary Pat
Quirke pictured with
Barry Nash, Richie
McCarthy and
Diarmaid Byrnes on
the occasion of the
visit of the Liam
McCarthy cup in Oct

#### **Chairman's Note: John McCarthy**

Welcome to the first issue of our club newsletter for 2019. Last year was a memorable year in the world of Limerick GAA. It was a great source of enjoyment to Limerick people everywhere when Declan Hannon rose the steps of Croke Park to accept the Liam McCarthy cup.

We had the opportunity to see the cup come to our club in Oct 2018 and more details on that memorable occasion within this issue.

On the club front, we lined out as Kilpeacon at all underage levels to Minor in hurling and football and as Crecora Manister in U21 and Junior in both codes. We played premier level in U16 and Minor hurling where we were very competitive. Our roll of Honour for 2018 included titles in County Junior Football League, City U21 Hurling and East Minor Football.

There was ongoing development of our playing facilities and the welcome addition of a portacabin for club and community use. This is of great benefit to the club as was seen during the hosting of the McCarthy Cup and the traditional Christmas Day GOAL Mile.

The club exists thanks to the support and voluntary efforts of the community we live in. There are many ways in which you can be a part of that both on and off the field. Contact any member of the committee if you wish to get involved in any club activity. All support in any form would be welcome as we seek to progress our teams and the facilities we offer to the communities of Crecora and Manister.

I would like to wish all our players, mentors, members and supporters the very best wishes for the season ahead.

Is Mise le Meas, John McCarthy

### Crecora Manister Players make history with Crescent College Comprehensive.

Six players from Crecora Manister GAA club were among the Crescent College Senior hurling squad that won the Munster U19 Hurling Shane Hourigan Cup recently. Their campaign started in early November with a win over Colaiste An Chroí Naofa (Cork) on a score line of 2-20 to 1-6. They then progressed onto a quarterfinal versus Scoil Pól, Kilfinane. This was a close contest but Crescent won out in the end 2-13 to 0-14. In the semi- final they played Colaiste an Chraoibhín (Fermoy) in early December. Our players contributed to a big win with a score line of 3-14 to 1-5.

Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher provided the opposition in an all-Limerick Munster Final. Crescent won their first Hurling Munster final in the School's history 2-14 to 0-9. Congrats to our history makers. Pictured below with Tom Morrissey are Donnacha Connolly, John Bourke, Richard Murphy, Jack Dalton, Thomas Shanahan, Padraig Byrnes. Chris Shanahan missing from photo





#### **GOAL Mile Christmas Day 2018.**

The GAA and Camogie Club jointly hosted the annual GOAL mile held on Christmas Day at the club grounds. There was a great turn out with runners and walkers having a chat and working up an appetite before the Christmas dinner. Money collected on the day goes to the very worthy causes which Goal support in war torn areas of the world. Thanks for supporting this event









#### **Liam McCarthy Cup Visit**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October was a truly memorable day as the Liam McCarthy Cup was brought to the Crecora Manister GAA grounds. Senior stars Diarmaid Byrnes, Richie McCarthy and Barry Nash were in attendance and were very generous with their time to the large crowd which turned out to celebrate the long awaited All Ireland win.

The celebration started with an underage blitz and local musical and dancing entertainment. Matt O'Callaghan was the MC on the day and did a great job on the day making our guests feel at ease while getting an insight into the background to the All Ireland win. Club Chairman John McCarthy spoke of behalf of the club and extended his thanks to the players and management who gave us a year to remember. The event was organised by a committee of GAA and Camogie club members Pat Quirke, Noel Kennedy, Noel Murphy, Mags Moloney, Annette Byrnes, Pat Walsh. Thanks also to James Bateman who chauffeured the players and to Diane Condon for photographs and to all who contributed in any way.









#### **Player Honours**

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our club players who represented Limerick in 2018 in hurling and football.

Karl Moloney, Richard Murphy, Darragh O'Keefe, Patrick Dolphin, Rian O'Byrne, Sam Riordan, Cathal O'Neill. Rory Hannon, James Conheady.

It was also a great honour to see Cathal receive an Electric Ireland Minor All-Star award for his displays for Limerick. A great achievement and reward for Cathal's displays on Limerick's journey to the Munster Final and All Ireland ¼ Final



#### **Fundraising Initiatives 1**

## **Pitch Sponsorship Signage**

We have launched a Sponsorship Pack outlining a number of opportunities for Businesses to provide support to our club through Sponsorship.

Club Committee Members will be engaging with their local business contacts with a view to obtaining their support through the purchase of Sponsorship Signage Deals where businesses can display their company name and logo on signage at Crecora Manister GAA pitch.

We are implementing a sponsorship signage opportunity where companies can support our club by purchasing either a fixed price 1 year or 3 year deal.

Sponsors' Company name and brand will be displayed in the meeting room at our pitch, on our club website and included in our club newsletter. An update will be issued via our twitter account linking to the details of our sponsors on our club website.

Contact Noel Murphy or Paul Foster if you have any questions or wish to purchase one of the sponsorship deals.

## Club Limerick Draw €5,250 won in 2018

Congratulations to our Club Member Paddy O'Neill on winning €100 in the December Club Limerick Draw.

Paddy's win continues Crecora Manister's great run of luck in the Club Limerick Draws. Over the past 4 years over 30 members of Crecora Manister GAA have won a combined prize pot of €43,850!

Thanks to all our Club Supporters who bought Club Limerick Draw tickets again in 2018. The income the club receives from the sale of these tickets contributes in a significant way to the total amount of funding required to run our club each year. Representatives from our Club will be out and about again in the next month selling Club Limerick Draw tickets and requesting your support again for another year.

#### **Fundraising Initiatives 2**

#### **Tesco Community Fund**

We are asking if you can assist us by completing a nomination form for the Tesco Community Fund and dropping it in to the local Tesco store in Dooradoyle or Roxboro. Forms are available at all Tesco stores and some forms are in the cabin at the pitch. Sample form below



#### Club Officers 2019 **Position Elected officer** Gerry Moloney President Vice-President Gerry McDermott Vice-President Tim Ryan Chairperson John McCarthy Pat Quirke Secretary Treasurer John Browne Vice Chairperson Pat Byrnes Vice-Secretary Matt Flanagan Vice-Treasurer **Noel Murphy** Bord na nOg Ger Riordan Secretary P.R.O Cian Leahy Child Welfare Officer Liam McNamara Coaching Officer Ger Hickey School Liaison Coach Barry Fitzgibbon Scór Officer Paula Dillon

#### **Club Gear**

A selection of Club gear is available from the dedicated O'Neills club shop by clicking on link below

**Crecora Manister Club Shop** 

#### **Pitch Bookings**

We're moving to a new online booking and scheduling system called Skedda for the main field , training pitch , Ball Wall and meeting room. Our venue URL is <a href="https://crecoramanistergaa.sked">https://crecoramanistergaa.sked</a> da.com/booking

#### **Keep in Touch**

Keep up to date with Club news via usual social media.

www.crecoramanistergaa.com
Facebook Crecora/Manister GAA
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#### **Club Secretaries**

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#### **AGM**

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 11th December in Manister Community Centre. Our Chairman John McCarthy welcomed the large attendance and commended the work done during the year by the coaches in training and mentoring our teams throughout the year.

He also added that the work done by the Club Committee's, Club Officials and Club Executive throughout the year ensures we keep functioning as a Club each year and into the future.

Reports were delivered by Bórd na nÓg Secretary Ger O'Riordan, Club Secretary Pat Quirke, Club Treasurer John Browne and Club Chairman John McCarthy