

## **Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Notes 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

### **Camogie & Underage Awards Night is a huge success!**

On Friday night last, the awards night for the camogie and underage clubs took place in the Parkway Hotel. 2016 has been a most historic year for the club. Notable victories include Junior A hurling, U21 hurling, Junior D football, an U16 hurling double, U12 hurling and football double, U12 camogie county and Carbery double and an U14 county and Carbery double.

Cork senior camogie star Aoife Murray was guest of honour for this very special event. Aoife has strong Kilmeen connections. Her father is originally a Kilmeen man, from Clouneargeen. Aoife presented medals to her cousins on the night Lucy Collins, Ava Murray and Jason Murray.

Aoife has won everything that it is possible to win, in the Cork jersey.

- 7 All Ireland Senior Camogie Medals
- 6 All Stars
- All Intermediate, Junior & Minor medals

Aoife is very proud of her West Cork roots and was delighted to support Kilbree on their night of celebration.

Marie Dorgan was MC on the night. She thanked camogie club secretary (Deirdre O'Leary) and underage club secretary (Connie Murphy) for their immense work. Following the dinner the medals were presented to the underage groups of boys and girls. The U6 and U8 group were thrilled with their moment in the spotlight. They were presented for medals by Noel Young and Ger Collins. Brian Harrington introduced the U10 panel who had a great season at many matches and blitzes. The highlight of the year was a hurling blitz in St Vincent's club in Cork, at the end of the season.

The U12 panel was presented by Gavin Twohig. This was a very special year for this group as they won the West Region hurling league defeating St Patrick's in the final. They defeated Kilmacabea in the football league final. A number of girls on this team were part of the victorious camogie panels.

The camogie club presentations were done next. The younger members of the camogie club were introduced next by Geraldine Twohig and Brendan McCarthy. There is incredible work being done at U6, U8 and U10 level within our club. They played in many matches and blitzes during the year. Thanks to Geraldine Twohig, Brendan McCarthy, Mary Roche, Margaret McCarthy, Geraldine O'Donovan, Denis O'Donovan, Deirdre Nyhan, Grace McCarthy and all other parents who helped with these girls. The future looks very bright with these girls on board.

The U12 camogie girls are “double champions” and were the next group to be presented with medals by Aoife Murray.

Kilbree U12's won the county title on July 30. They played the second highest grade in the county and beat Tracton in the final. They defeated Clonakilty, Newcestown, Ballinora, Valley Rovers, Kilbrittain/Timoleague and Blackrock on route to this final. This is some achievement for a small parish in West Cork.

The U12's completed the “Double” by winning the U12(A) West Cork title in October. They defeated Ballinascarthy, Kilbrittain/Timoleague and then Clonakilty in the final. This team played in many blitzes and were unbeaten throughout 2016.

The Kilbree U14 camogie team also completed the “Double”.

They won the county championship having defeated Cobh in the final in November. They beat Watergrasshill, Buttevant, Tracton and Brian Dillons to reach the final. They also defeated Clonakilty, Nemo Rangers, St Colums and Buttevant in the league. They were also involved in the “Feile” competition.

They beat Barryroe and Clonakilty to win the Carbery championship final.

The U12 and U14 girls have won 4 finals this year, holding the other team scoreless in the second half of 3 of them.

Thanks to Deirdre O'Leary, Anna O'Neill, Aidan O'Shea, Tony O'Neill and Marie Dorgan for their great work with the U12 and U14 group.

Four girls (Mary Murphy, Rachel Deasy, Caoimhe Murphy and Kate O'Donovan) have won 6 cups, with the club this year Four camogie cups and 2 hurling/football titles with the boys. This is historic and it is difficult to envisage anyone matching that achievement in the future.

A special award was presented to U14 camogie captain Mairead Crowley to mark her great achievements with the Cork U14 squad, in 2016. Mairead is a great leader on the field and a superb role model for the younger girls.

The "team of the year" award was presented to the U14 camogie team. Leanne Sheehy and Sarah O'Donovan accepted this accolade on behalf of the team.

All of the children enjoyed a disco after the medals presentation, on this most successful and memorable night.

### **Camogie AGM**

Kilbree camogie club's AGM will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9pm in the club rooms. All parents and players are invited to attend.

### **Club registration**

Renewal of club membership and annual lotto tickets takes place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 7.30-9.00 pm at the club rooms. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **Scor na bPaisti**

Congratulations to the both the ballad and instrumental groups who qualified for the Carbery final of Scor na bPaisti, in Rossmore on Sunday evening. Congratulations to Amy Girdwood, Sinead Bennett, Ciara Bennett, Katie

O'Donovan and Peter O'Sullivan. We wish them the very best of luck in the final!

### **Lotto Results**

There was no winner of this week's lotto jackpot. The numbers drawn were 5, 30 and 33. The lucky dip winners were Colman Daly, Kieran Coakley and Sean Murray. Next week's jackpot will be €1,900.