

SOUTH KERRY JUVENILE HURLING

NEWSLETTER



2010 - A Year to Remember

Welcome to the first edition of the South Kerry Juvenile Hurling Newsletter. We hope that you find this all-action edition beneficial as we continue to improve our communication levels with our Clubs throughout the South Kerry Region. The aims of this initiative are two fold:

1. To highlight the huge success of our teams in 2010 and give them and their mentors due recognition for their efforts.
2. To communicate our message and vision for the future of juvenile hurling in the area.

Firstly, congratulations to Kenmare on winning the County Minor Championship – a huge achievement bridging a gap of 22 years – this surely augurs well for the future – well done to all the players and mentors... Sean O'Regan, DJ Brennan, Andy O'Sullivan & Seamus MacGearailt.

Congratulations to Dingle on becoming the first club to win both the hurling and football league Division 1 U-14 titles. This is a massive achievement by Dingle and we salute them and their mentors... Enda O'Dowd & Eugene O'Connor.

It just goes to prove to all of us that both codes can co-exist successfully with a common sense approach. Let's hope we can all learn from this.

Again, congratulations to Dr. Crokes on winning the U-14 Division 2 & U-12 Division 2 County League Titles and becoming the inaugural winners of the South Kerry U-12 Championship. This is a magnificent achievement and well done to all players and mentors Matt O'Neill, John Lenihan, Mike O'Keefe and Tommy Murphy.

Well done to Kenmare/Kilgarvan also on winning the inaugural South Kerry U-14 Championship, mentors here were Michael Foley, Liam Quinlan & Tadhg Crowley Kenmare also won 2 U-10 Competitions in 2010 – becoming the inaugural winners of the Dr. Bill Mangan Perpetual Trophy in Muckcross in June and also the Denis Nagle Ground Hurling Tournament in Rathmore in August – well done to all concerned – Bosco MacGearailt & Donal McCarthy.

However, it is not all about winning trophies at juvenile level and we must always be conscious of how well the kids are developing their skills and enjoying their experience of playing and learning the game.

We must look at the bigger picture and plan ahead for the future. To this end, we must pay huge tribute to Rathmore, Firies, Na Gaeil and Churchill who are making huge strides in the promotion of juvenile hurling in their areas. It is not easy and we all are well aware of the challenges. It is really heartening to see the huge numbers participating and learning the skills – in my opin-

ion, this has been the greatest achievement in 2010 as the seeds must be sown and nurtured thereafter. We need more clubs giving their juvenile players the opportunity to play the greatest and most skilful game in the world.

We must not apologise to anyone for promoting our National game of hurling. After all, it is part of our heritage and the "fastest field game in the world". Be proud of it and who knows if we give our kids the opportunity, what the next 125 years will bring to Kerry.

The U-8 Go Games initiative in the Region was a great success with teams from Rathmore, Firies, Kenmare, Kilgarvan & Dr. Crokes participating in 5 blitzes over the year – rotating venues was a great idea and thanks to all clubs and mentors for their support with this.

On behalf of the Coiste na nÓg Iománaíocht Chiarraí Theas, I wish to thank John Griffin (South Kerry Hurling Administrator) for his unbelievable work ethic and general positive attitude and never ending work for the development of juvenile hurling in the region. Since his appointment two years ago, it is clear to everyone the impact he is having in his role. Thanks to the hard-work-

ing Committee of Coiste na nÓg, Matt O'Neill (Secretary), John Ivory (PRO) & Geraldine Foley (Member of County Steering Committee) for their commitment and genuine support to the cause. Special thanks to John Ivory for co-ordinating and spearheading the very successful fundraising initiatives.

This will assist in purchasing a set of jerseys for U15/16 and Minors early next year.

We also wish to acknowledge the contribution from the South Kerry Senior Hurling Board towards the purchase of our first set of jerseys for the U-13/14 South Kerry Hurling Development Squad. On this we thank Mike O'Keefe (Dr. Crokes) for his input into designing a new crest which gives us our identity going forward.

Finally, we want to thank all the players, mentors and parents for their continued support. Please keep up the good work! Enjoy the game of hurling!

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Is mise le meas

Sean O'Leanacháin

**Cathaoirleach – Coiste na nÓg,
Iománaíocht Chiarraí Theas**

Kenmare - County Minor Hurling Champions 2010



(L-R) Jerome Conway (Kerry County Board Chairman), Alan O'Leary (Man of the Match), Peter Keane (SuperValu), Jimmy Healy, (Captain) and Joe Walsh (Hurling Officer).

TRIBUTE TO PAUDIE BUTLER

Paudie Butler is a great mentor and friend to Kerry Hurling in general and in particular to South Kerry's Hurling community. His achievements on the field as a player and coach are clearly from the top drawer. However, these considerable achievements will take second place to his role as mentor and leader to the many hurling coaches throughout the country who Paudie has met in his day to day work throughout the years. His role as National Director of Hurling has taken him to the four corners of Ireland in order to spread the gospel of the game of hurling.

You never attend one of Paudie's many coaching sessions without taking away some nugget of information. And you never just "attended" one of Paudie's sessions - you were always required to "actively participate". While uncomfortable, at first, Paudie never left you vulnerable and you were sure to benefit from being more actively involved. We have all learned many a drill, fun-game, coaching technique and lots more at these sessions. But, the real nuggets we value most are on the more human side. Paudie's teaching career, his knowledge and experience in child psychology and his basic human decency emphasised that the most essential and important ingredient in coaching kids was the child as an individual. How many times have we heard him articulate "every child deserves to hear his name called out in a positive way" and "every child deserves to be the hero, the winner, the best at some stage". Not just Johnnie, who is going to make the intercounty senior team - but every child.

We all can come away from one of Paudie's coaching courses with

different learning points. But, to a man and woman, everyone is invigorated, even intoxicated by Paudie's huge passion and enthusiasm. Enthusiasm for the game of hurling, the people who play it, the people who coach it and the manner in which it is coached. His enthusiasm for all aspects of the game is infectious and you always come away from Paudie filled with self-belief and an enthusiasm to go back to your club and work even harder at developing the game of hurling

Paudie doesn't do things by half and at Congress next April, he retires for a second time. South Kerry Coiste na nÓg would like to sincerely thank Paudie for his support, energy and assistance down the years and we hope you have a long and happy retirement in The Rag. Paudie Butler retiring??? Doesn't sound right!!

Matt O'Neill

Rúnái, Coiste na nÓg Iománaíocht Chiarraí Theas



U8 Go-Games Blitzes – Play and Stay with the GAA

The AIB sponsored U8 Play and Stay with the GAA Go-Games Blitzes took place again in 2010. This successful initiative has run the last number of years and has been an overwhelming success. With large numbers in attendance and every game like a 'Munster Final' the excitement and eagerness of all involved was great to see. But fun and participation was the order of the day with every young kid playing, getting plenty touches, working hard and developing their skills. Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Firies, Rathmore, Churchill, Na Gaeil and Dr. Crokes all took part in these well-run games. Here's hoping it will be the same success in 2011 and beyond.



Kilgarvan U-8 Hurlers



Dr. Croke's U-8



Rathmore U-8 Hurlers

The vision of the South Kerry Juvenile Hurling Board is to build structures and foundations to develop and promote hurling throughout the Region.

To achieve this we need passion, leadership and co-operation from all interested parties and clubs. We need people with a "can do" attitude and people willing to take responsibility and give 100% commitment to the cause. "Action speaks louder than words".

- We need to work closely and communicate better with our club football mentors to ensure a common sense approach to training and fixtures.
- We need hurling walls built in South Kerry to ensure that the kids develop and enhance their skills in a fun environment – all they need is a wall and a ball!

- We need coaches going into our schools on a weekly basis.
- We need to increase the number of competitive games at juvenile level to ensure more activity over the Summer months.
- We need to train and educate more referees thereby improving the overall standard of refereeing in the County.
- We need to "sell" our game better i.e. better promotion and coverage of juvenile hurling.

We will strive to achieve these goals in the near future but in the meantime, we urge everyone involved and interested in hurling to continue the good work. We are making progress but need to step up again to a new level.

"ní neart go cur le Chéile"

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Primary School kids are a captive audience and information can be communicated much more clearly in the school environment. Improved structures must be put in place and more organised coaching and games must take place in the Primary Schools of the South Kerry Hurling Region. National Director of Hurling Paudie Butler has visited many of the hurling schools in the region along with myself. Coaching is taking place and various blitzes will take place in 2011.



Dingle Boys NS 5-6th class

South Kerry Schools have taken part in the County Cumann na mBunscoil Finals with Kilgarvan, Dingle and others being successful in the last number of years. A Fundamentals training course also took place for teachers during the year. A good example of a school working hard at promoting hurling activity is Scoil Mhic Easmainn in Tralee who under the guidance of muinteor Liam O Connor have made great strides and many of their players are going 'over the road' to play hurling with local club, Na Gaeil.

We must try to develop that Club-School Link as early as possible. It is important that teachers take it on and kids always listen to their teachers!! Such things as the Fundamental Kits which are available to purchase can be a fun way to introduce hurling into the Primary School curriculum. Class Leagues, lunchtime skill tests and encouraging kids to purchase their own hurley (hurley/helmet scheme will run again in 2011) and bring them to school are all various ways of helping kids develop at the game.

Teachers must realise the importance they can play in the development of their young hurlers. Just because there wasn't hurling in the school before, that doesn't matter. To all the teachers promoting hurling within their schools in the region I say thank you for promoting this great game. If you have a passion for something young people will follow and if you persist the rewards will come.

Dr. Bill Mangan Juvenile Tournament



The inaugural Dr. Bill Mangan Juvenile Hurling Tournament was held in spendid sunshine at Muckcross Traditional Farms on Sunday, 13th June 2010.

It was very well attended with close to 100 juvenile hurlers participating and lots of supporters. This event was hosted and sponsored by the Trustees of Muckcross House and organised in conjunction with South Kerry Hurling Coiste na nÓg.

Six teams in all participated - Dr. Crokes (2 Teams), Fies, Rathmore, Na Gaeil and Kenmare/Kilgarvan in this under 10 Hurling Tournament to perpetuate the memory of the late Dr. Bill Mangan, R.I. P. Dr. Bill, as he was affectionately known.

Kenmare/Kilgarvan came out winners beating Dr. Crokes (Black) in the final on a score of 4-2 to 2-0.

Well done to Kenmare/Kilgarvan on winning this beautiful Trophy for the first time but well done to all Teams for a truly enjoyable occasion which hopefully will be an important date in our calendar every year. Great credit must go to the Trustees of Muckcross House and special mention to Toddy Doyle, a Kilkenny man himself for all his work with this event.

Garvey's sponsored Club U-14 Hurling Tournament back West



On Saturday 24th July in the beautiful surroundings of Dingle the Garveys sponsored Intercounty Club U14 Hurling Tournament took place. South Kerrys U14 hurlers were up against some well-known clubs, Kilkenny's James Stephens, Cork's Newtownshandrum and Latin Cullen from Tipperary provided top quality opposition in what proved a successful competition and one that will hopefully become a permanent fixture in the calendar. The South Kerry lads hurled well but came up against a top-class side in James Stephens in the final and were comprehensively beaten. High quality games against top quality opposition and lessons learned gave this competition real substance. Garveys kindly sponsored the tournament and Richie Quaid of Garveys Dingle presented the cup to the winning James Stephens captain. Thanks to the South Kerry Hurling Bord na nÓg for their work in organising the competition.



Did you know?

There was three players from the South Kerry region on the Kerry U21 Hurling Squad that won the All-Ireland 'B' title in 2010, namely Patrick O'Keeffe from Glenflesk and Dara O' Sullivan and Paul Geaney from Dingle.

COACH PROFILE



JOHN LENIHAN

Club: Dr. Crokes

Age group You Coach: U 10's, U 12,s and U 14's

Best Advice You Ever Received: If it is to be...it is up to me !

Fav. Hurler: Ben O Connor

Best Player you have Ever Seen: Nicky English

Earliest Sporting Memories: Travelling to Croke Park with my Dad when I was just 6 yrs to the All-Irelands Remember being at the 1970 Hurling Final seeing Cork win their 21st Title beating Wexford.

Best Moment in Hurling: I have 2 great moments so far..

Being Captain of St. Colmans to win Harty and All-Ireland Colleges in 1977 and seeing Newtownshandrum winning the All-Ireland Club Championship in 2004.

Hopes for the future of Dr. Crokes: Hope springs eternal...unlimited hopes for the future...I will go for the jackpot...A Senior Title within 10 years.

In the meantime, we will enjoy the journey.

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Dr Crokes U14s

Victory at last - Dr. Crokes take U14 title

After many years of hard-work at juvenile level within Dr. Crokes they got some reward for their efforts in 2010. The U14 hurlers won the Div 2 title defeating Lixnaw in what was a memorable night for the South Kerry Hurling region. They played a great brand of hurling and ran at their opponents at every opportunity. Michael Burnes was the scorer in chief at centre forward, the midfield pairing of Jack Lenihan and Aaron Murphy were on top and Lorcan Howe at centre back dominated. Captain Aaron Murphy accepted the cup from Coiste na nOg Chairperson Johnny Brosnan and Co-ordinator Johnny Conway. Well done to the mentors of John Lenihan, John Ivory, Mike O'Keeffe, Tommy Murphy and Matt O' Neill.



Kerry County Minor Sean Lovett C

On October 10th 2010 Kenmare Minor Hurlers won the title for the first time since 1988. They did it the hard way, defeating Lixnaw in the first round, then St. Brendan's in the final. The winning captain Jimmy Healy amid scenes of celebration. Credit is due to the club. Well done to all the players: James Brennan, Seamus MagGearailt and the great John Healy. Together and bring further silverware to the region.



Dr Crokes U12s

That Winning Feeling – Dr. Crokes at it again

Dr. Crokes on the back of winning the U14 title the week previous came along and captured the County League U12 Div 2 title beating Kilmoyley in the final on a Summer's evening in Lixnaw. It topped off a great week for their juvenile hurlers. Marc O'Shea (son of Seanie) accepted the cup on behalf of his teammates. Well done again to all involved and again to the management team of Matt O'Neill, John Lenihan, Mike O'Keeffe and Tommy Murphy.

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COUNTY PLAYER

DAVID CROWLEY
Club: Kenmare
Age: 14
Position: Defender
School: Pobalscoil Inbheir Sceine, Kenmare
Description: A tough, honest and hard-working back who had a great year in 2010, he was corner back on the Kerry U14 Hurling Squad that won the All-Ireland Shield and was Player of the Tournament in First Year Hurling Blitz

TEAMS IN 2010



Kenmare Minor Hurlers

Hurling Champions – Up goes South

... brought the Sean Lovett Cup down South for ... way, beating hot favourites Lixnaw/Crotta, Bal- ... Hurling Officer Joe Walsh presented the Cup to ... of great celebration in Austin Stack Park. Great ... players and Management Team Sean Regan, DJ ... Johnny Tuohy. Hopefully this bunch will stay to- ... n.



Dingle U14s

History Makers – Dingle U14's take Hurling and Football titles

Dingle U14s captured the County U14 Div 1 Hurling League title beating Causeway in the final on a memorable night in Austin Stack Park. They previously had won the County U14 Div 1 Football title and in winning the hurling became the first side to win both in the same year. Their aggression, ability to win the breaks along with their direct play and strong running helped them win comfortably in the end. Great goalkeeping from the Causeway netminder kept them in the game. Coiste na nOg Chairperson Johnny Brosnan and Co-ordinator Johnny Conway presented the trophy to winning captain Matthew Flaherty. Well done again to this great bunch of players who have had many successes in recent years and to the management of Enda Dowd and Eugene O'Connor.

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PLAYER'S PROFILES



JOHN IVORY

Club: Dr. Crokes

Age: 15

Position: Defender

School: St. Brendans College, Killarney

Description: John has been part of the Kerry County Squads in the past 2 years, he travelled to Laois last year with the U14 squad and is part of this year's County U15 squad. He was also captain of the South Kerry U14 squad in 2009 and is very dedicated and always gives it 100%.



Kenmare U14s

Kenmare/Kilgarvan just shade it – U14s win local Championship

In October Kenmare/Kilgarvan captured the South Kerry U14 Hurling Championship with a win over local rivals Dr. Crokes in the Legion GAA Grounds. In what was a tight affair with the quality of hurling very high Kenmare/Kilgarvan just shaded it at the end with two goals from Player of the Match, Kenmare's classy forward Killian Spillane (son of Tom). Well done to the team management of Mickey Foley, Tadhg Crowley and Liam Quinlan.

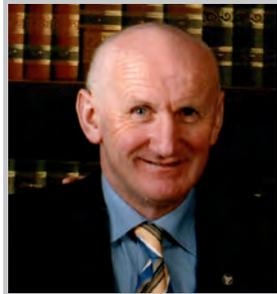
Launch of new South Kerry Juvenile Hurling Jersey and Crest



On the 2nd June in the Dr. Crokes GAA Grounds the new South Kerry Juvenile Hurling Jersey and Crest was launched. Attended by all clubs in the region, members of the South Kerry Hurling Bord na nOg, Hurling Development Officer John Griffin, Munster Games Manager Pat O' Shea along with players from each club.

The new set of jerseys bearing the newly designed crest will be worn by all future South Kerry Divisional Squads which will improve the identity of the squads and hurling in the region. Special thanks must go to Mike O'Keeffe for his unique design. Thanks to the South Kerry Hurling Bord na nOg for their efforts in promoting this. Thanks also to the clubs who contributed to the purchasing of these beautiful jerseys. These squads are a vital component for all clubs in the division as it allows some of the better players to go forward and play a higher standard of hurling and a higher standard of games. It also gives players the opportunity to play with players from the other hurling clubs in the region and get the opportunity to work with other coaches. It is an important step and now the South Kerry Hurling Division has an identity and a strong one at that.

Denis Nagle R.I.P.



"Throughout his life Denis Nagle was a key figure in the promotion of hurling in our club. All his hard work and dedication paid off when he and a few other people from the club started underage hurling and when his U14 team won the South Kerry hurling Championship in 2003 amongst other titles. But for his untimely passing last year he would have loved to be involved in the latest revival of hurling in Rathmore and his bubbly character and overwhelming enthusiasm for hurling is sadly missed by us all. We are delighted to start an annual hurling tournament in his honour."
Rathmore Hurling Club

Secondary Schools

We can't have an end of year newsletter without recognising work that has gone on in the Post-Primary Schools in the region. Various blitzes have taken place. Kenmare won the First Year Hurling Blitz in February; Tralee CBS (Green) won the U15 Kerry Colleges Blitz in September beating a strong Dingle side in the final in what was a tight affair. Gaelcoláiste Trá Lí won the Second Year Hurling Blitz in October defeating an excellent Kenmare side in the final. The Gaelcolaiste side was trained by well known Kerry Coach Eddie Murphy. The Kerry Colleges sides have also been in action in Munster Competition.

The U16s were defeated by Críost Rí of Cork last February and the U15 Kerry Colleges side were defeated by Mallow in September. Both these sides were better for their experience. Some of Kenmare's Senior players were also involved with the Harty Cup squad in 2009 and 2010 and this was a great experience and opportunity for them. Great work has been done in the schools. Tadgh O' Sullivan in Mercy Mounthawk, Mark Ryall and Robert Flaherty in the Green, Eddie Murphy in Gaelcoláiste Trá Lí, Geraldine and Mickey Foley in Pobalsoil Inbhéir Scéine Kenmare and Mike Leahy, Declan O' Donoghue and Turlough Bonnar from St. Brendan's College Killarney along with Mairtín Ó Fráthailé in Pobaliscoil Corca Dhuibhne. Well done to all.

Dingle U12 Hurlers Trip to Croke Park – What A Day!



Dingle U12s visit to Croke Park

In July 2010, the Dingle U12 Hurlers became the first Dingle side in any code to ever grace the fields of Croke Park. They were led out onto the field by captain Mikey Boyle. The Dingle side played 3 games and it was something that they will always remember including mentors Eugene O'Connor and Enda Dowd. Bord na nOg Chairperson Jimmy Bambury was also present on the day. This worthwhile initiative is run by the Munster Council each year and gives U12 clubs in Munster the opportunity to play on the hallowed turf of Croke Park. Other clubs like Kenmare and Dr. Crokes have been lucky enough to get this opportunity in the past and are all very grateful to the Munster Council for this special day.

Tipperary Hurling Legend Nicky English visits Dr. Crokes



Tralee CBS



Pobaliscoil Corca Dhuibhne



Brian Cody meets South Kerry's Hurlers



South Kerrys U14 Hurling Squad with legendary Kilkenny Hurling Manager Brian Cody and all the mentors who travelled to Kilkenny for the weekend



Manager Brian Cody and South Kerry Juvenile Hurling mentors



South Kerry Hurling Administrator John Griffin with Brian Cody

more beneficial and the young players were really put through their paces. Brian Cody arrived and kept a watchful eye on proceedings and his advice and presence made for a wonderful experience and day. On Sunday all players were treated to another top coaching session from the legendary Kilkenny Hurler and All-Star Joe Hennessy, current Kilkenny Hurler and former Hurler of the Year Eoin Larkin along with other James Stephens mentors. The South Kerry squad were very grateful to their host club for their support and hospitality and hopefully the link between these clubs will be utilised in the future to the benefit of all involved. Thanks to all the coaches who went with the squad and it is hoped that this will become an annual trip.

South Kerry's U14 Hurling Development Squad made the long trip to Kilkenny on the weekend of the 27th/28th November for a full weekend of hurling activity. James Stephens GAA Club in Kilkenny City, the club with the most Hurling All-Stars of all time was to be the venue for the weekend. The heavy snow in Kilkenny meant that the games planned for Saturday were unable to go ahead. However a two hour coaching session from some of the top James Stephens coaches was much



Pobalscoil Inbheir Sceine



Mounthawk



St. Brendan's College, Killarney



Gaelcoláiste Trá Lí

County Scene



Kerry U14 Hurlers 2010

It was in general a good year for the County Hurling Squads. With a few cups on the table and progress made we can look back at 2010 and be reasonably happy with 2010.

The Seniors won Div. 3 of the National League and achieved their goal in getting promoted to Div. 2 for 2011. This promotion is vital to the development of this squad in the next number of years. A one point defeat to Westmeath in the Christy Ring Cup Final in Croke Park was one of the great games of the year. But it was no consolation to the Kerry squad and the large Kerry following. It was a disappointing end to the season. Tough to take but a step in the right direction. Seanie O' Shea from Dr. Crokes was part of the management team.



Kerry Minor Hurlers 2010

The U21's won the All-Ireland 'B', beating Roscommon in the final in Semple Stadium. Dingle's duo of Dara O'Sullivan and Paul Geaney along with Patrick O' Keeffe from Glenflesk were part of the Kerry squad. The Minors captured the Todd Nolan in April beating a fancied Cork side in the final. They were also unlucky not to have beaten Limerick in the Munster Minor Hurling Championship. Kenmare's Andy O'Sullivan was a selector on this team. The U16's were beaten in the All-Ireland semi-final by Westmeath in a tight affair losing out in extra time. The U14's won the All-Ireland Shield at the end of August in Laois. Dingle's Enda Dowd was a selector on this squad. A number of players from the South Kerry region were on these squads. The hope is that these numbers will increase year on year. In 2011 as we plan ahead for the squads, Management Teams will be put in place, Conditioning and Development Programmes are already planned and I hope all players will give it their all for the green and gold of Kerry in 2011 and beyond.



Did you know? Kerry won their first and only All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship in 1891



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During Mid-Term Break over 30 kids took part in the Juvenile Hurling Academies with coaches John Griffin and Liam Bergin. The U13 and U14 SK Squads were also brought together for some expert coaching from top coach Eddie Murphy. All players picked up expert advice and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The aim of these was to develop the stronger players in each club in the South Kerry Hurling region.

Kerry GAA Coaching Conference



Pictured at the Kerry GAA Coaching Conference 2009 (l-r) - George O'Connor Wexford, Brendan Dunne Ballyheigue, Maurice Leahy NK HDA, Paudie Butler National Director of Hurling, John Griffin SKHA, Philip Lucid Ballyheigue

Kerry Coaching and Games will again host a GAA Conference in 2011 with it provisionally fixed for Saturday, February 26th. It will focus on the coaching of hurling and football of the Youth to Senior Age Groups and promises to be well worth attending. The last Coaching Conference was held in February 2009 and was a great success. Put it in your diary with more details to follow.

Community Games Poc Fada



James Flavin won the 2010 Kerry Community Games Under 12 Poc Fada competition, striking the sliothar a whopping 86 yards. Competing against a large field from North and South Kerry, James won through to the national finals in Athlone. Here he met with the best from every county in the country and came out a creditable fifth overall. Considering that James is eligible for this age-group again next year, this was an amazing performance and hopefully next year he will be on the podium. James plays his hurling with Dr. Crokes U12 team and helped his

side to win the County League title as well as the inaugural South Kerry U12 Championship in 2010.

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- www.cul4kidz.com -The Official GAA site for Boys & Girls
- GAA.ie - The Official website of the GAA
- Sliotar - Free Online Hurling Magazine
- Hit The Net& Check Out our Top Statistics!
- www.cul4kidz.com/stadiumstats
- South Kerry Juvenile Hurling is now on Facebook

Launch of Munster Club Nursery Programme

The Launch of the Munster Club Nursery Programme took place in the Mallow GAA Complex on Tuesday November 23rd.

The idea for the Munster Club Nursery came about by the phenomenal growth of the club nursery system (6 to 10 year olds) over the last number of years in the province. With the surge of new nurseries there has been an increasing demand for guidelines and advice on how to set up, promote and operate club nurseries. This Programme is a direct response to that.

Developing a strong club nursery is an important component of the overall juvenile structure and it is essential that appropriate resources and training procedures are developed to support the best possible nursery programme in club.

The Munster Nursery Programme compliments the "Fun Do" resource which was launched a number of years ago and this training and development programme will be an essential tool in supporting our volunteers in the field.

The Munster Club Nursery Programme will be delivered by the Games Development Administrators (GDA's) in the Province and will be delivered on a Divisional basis with two clubs from each of the Divisions initially. It is hoped to have visited and completed the programme in all clubs in the province within four years.

Munster GAA spent €3,000,000 on Coaching and Games development across the Province in 2008 and 2009.



There were 7 players from the South Kerry region on the Kerry Squad that defeated Waterford in the Munster Senior Hurling Championship in Walsh Park in 1993.



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"Hurling Walls provide a safe, accessible environment for players to develop their skills and improve their technique. The benefits of having a Hurling Wall facility within a club or school are huge, and combined with appropriate drill sets can result in a dramatic improvement in players' skill levels over a relatively short time period."

Paudie Butler, National Hurling Co-ordinator

The New Hurling Wall opened in Causeway Comprehensive School last February and has proved an extremely useful training aid to clubs and schools in the area. It's available for all clubs, particularly at various stages of the year when the pitches may not be suitable for outdoor work. There has been a huge surge in the Development of Hurling Walls in recent years all over the country with clubs investing in their facilities and they see the importance of this training facility.

In 2011 it is an aim to begin the development of a Hurling Wall in the South Kerry area. It would benefit clubs, schools and would help with Divisional Squad work.

COACH PROFILE



Name: Eugene O' Connor

Club: Dingle

Age Group You Coach: U12's

Best Advice You Ever Received: Keep the ball moving

Fav. Hurler: Joe Canning

Best Player you have ever seen: DJ Carey

Earliest Sporting Memories: Tony Doran Goal v Kilkenny 1984

Hopes for the Future of Hurling in Dingle: Continue to be competitive at every level we play

COMPETITION

**Spirit,
Respect,
Honesty**

Not one, not two but all three, locked so tightly together that they're bomb-proof, bullet-proof, fire-proof, storm-proof, flood-proof!

They have underpinned all my years as Manager and will continue to do so for as long as I'm involved. They represent the essence of what we are

and how we conduct our business. You won't find me preaching to others how they should handle their affairs because that's their concern, but I do believe most sincerely that irrespective of whether it's club or county, college or street, senior, junior, intermediate, Under 21, minor or any other grade, the essentials remain the same. Spirit, Respect and Honesty!

Indeed, they are qualities which will never let you down in any walk of life."

Who said this?

Please send your answer to my email on john.griffin.munster@gaa.ie or text me on 087-6230605 with your answer, name and address.

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County Player Profile



Name: Tadgh Moore

Club: Dr. Crokes

Age Group: Minor

Description: Tadgh, who lives in Rathmore is one of the top minor players in the region and in the County. To date he has played with Kerry up to Minor level and was part of the Kenmare side that won the County Minor Hurling Championship in 2010, a very hard working midfielder and a great engine makes him a stand out performer. He was half back on the Kerry Minor Squad in 2010. Tadgh is also an accomplished soccer player and runner.

Some Great Christmas Gift Ideas

- 'The Club' by 'Christy O'Connor'
- 'Club, Sweat and Tears' by 'Diarmuid O' Flynn'
- 'Beyond the Tunnel' by 'Nicky English'
- 'Christy Ring: Hurling's Greatest' by 'Tim Horgan'
- 'Last Man Standing' by 'Christy O' Connor'
- Why not give a child a small hurley and sliothar this Christmas?
- Check out www.handcrafthurleys.com for some great Christmas gift ideas – real hurleys, ornamental hurleys, and other hurling equipment for clubs, schools and individuals

TIPS TO HELP ME IMPROVE AT HURLING - FOR EVERY CLUB PLAYER

- Do Practice every day – at least 20 minutes every day – hurley /ball /wall is all you need
- Practice at speed and train hard
- Use a shorter and lighter hurley
- Use both sides – practice striking off both sides
- Practice all skills
- Keep your eye on the ball at all times
- Listen to your coaches
- Show respect
- Avoid Fouling
- Do your best – that's all you can do
- Enjoy the great game of hurling



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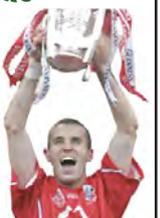
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TRALEE INITIATIVE

Na Gaeil's Juvenile Hurlers



Churchill's Juvenile Hurlers



Presentation at
Rose Hurling Blitz



Since the Tralee Initiative began in May 2009 it has continued with Na Gaeil and Churchill taking it on and working hard to promote hurling activity. There wasn't many Friday nights missed. Churchill young hurlers won the hearts of many with their great attitude and the improvements in all the players was clear to see. Well done to Peter O'Brien, Noel Dolan, Kevin McCarthy, Peter Lenihen and more for their work in 2010. Na Gaeil played the North Kerry clubs in a Development Competition throughout the Summer and these games benefited all players. Maurice Lawlor, Dermot Reen, Tim Horgan, Colin Feeley, Mike

O'Sullivan and again many more deserve great credit for the work they carried out. Also special mention to muinteor Liam O'Connor for his work in promoting the game of hurling in Scoil Mhic Easmainn in Tralee. Na Gaeil also played at half-time in the County Hurling Final and hosted the Rose Hurling Cup in which Tipperary Club Moycarkey Borris emerged victorious. So yes progress made in Tralee but much more to do when hurling is relaunched again in the Spring 2011.

-Please see various pics of Tralee Hurling Activity in 2010.

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FINAL THOUGHTS...

The promotion of the game of hurling in the region has made great strides in recent years. I am in the position as Hurling Development Officer since December 2008 and I am really enjoying the challenge and all it has to offer. Let me tell you there has been plenty challenges but we are getting there.

Well done to all clubs and individuals for their successes in 2010. It has been a very successful year for some clubs. To others don't be discouraged and stick at it, perseverance, hardwork and enthusiasm will go a long, long way. We all fail from time to time but we should all learn lessons from these failures.

There is something special about taking young kids and teaching them to hurl for the first time and then watching them develop. If we put everything in to what you are doing I believe the rewards will come. Thanks to all clubs, individuals and others who have helped me in my position and to all who are keeping hurling alive and well in the region.

Thrive instead of survive - we don't aim to just survive anymore; the aim must be to really strive in some clubs from now on. So we look back on 2010 with great memories and look forward to 2011 with great enthusiasm and a renewed energy. We will all recharge the batteries over the Christmas period and work hard again in 2011 to develop the game of hurling in the South Kerry Hurling region.

Happy Christmas and New Year to all.

Thanking You

John Griffin – South Kerry Hurling Administrator

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A HURLERS PRAYER

*Give me o'Lord a hurlers skill
With strength of arm and speed of limb
Unerring eye for the flying ball
And courage to match them whatever befall
May my aim be steady - my stroke be true
My actions manly - my misses few
And no matter what way the game may go
May I part in friendship with every foe
When the final whistle for me is blown
And I stand at last at Gods Judgement Throne
May the great Referee when he calls my name
Say...
You hurled like a man
You played the game
Amen*

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