



Chairman's Address

It's a great honour and privilege to work with so many outstanding, generous and talented people, who give freely of their time to provide and maintain our facilities and to provide our games. Firstly let's acknowledge some of our many achievements.

- Our fantastic facilities
- Extraordinary dedication of our many volunteers
- Brilliant co-operation of 3 clubs – minor, camogie and senior
- Wonderful dedication of our many players/mentors (male and female) at all levels
- Excellent work and support of the schools
- Continual financial backing of the wider community and all our sponsors especially our main sponsor Shannon Precision

Next let's focus on some of the challenges ahead

- To harness the energy of the club to play an active positive role in the wider community in these challenging times
- To furnish the club which costs almost €1,500 a week to run by harnessing the essential efforts of all members especially our players
- Support the minor and camogie clubs to cater for our growing youth population
- Continue our development – funds permitting
- Achieve success on the field of play and above all to win the senior championship

Beir bua agus beannacht,

P.S Mac Giolla Phadraig

Chathaoirleach

C.L.G Droichead Abhann Uí gCearnaigh

Senior Club Executive

The 2011 season rolled into action with the AGM which was held in the clubhouse meeting room on Sunday the 9th of January. In what was a well attended meeting tributes were paid to the successful Junior B side of 2010 who, captured a first title at this grade since the millennium year. In addition the senior team were also applauded for annexing the Clare Champion Cup, a first since 2004. On the executive side of things tributes were paid to outgoing officers Christy O'Connor, Tom Sheehan and John O'Meara Jnr for their service over the years. A proposal was also made on the night to create an officer position for "Alcohol and Substance Abuse Protection Officer" which will be announced at a later date.

The following were the officers elected at the AGM.

- President:** Mick Barron
- Patron:** Fr. Harry Bohan P.P
- Chairman:** P.S MacGiolla Phadraig
- Vice Chairmen:** Pat Chaplin and Christy O'Connor
- Secretaries:** Rory Liddane and Louise Corbett
- Treasurer:** Joan Keogh
- Assistant Treasurer:** Christy O'Connor
- PRO:** Caimin Barrett
- Registrar:** Gerard Liddane
- County Board Delegate:** Seamus O'Halloran
- Proxy:** Pat Keane
- Development Chairman:** Paddy Meehan
- Lotto Chairman:** Sean Griffin
- Scor:** Sean Corbett
- Hall Chairperson:** Franics Downes
- Bingo:** Mary Corbett
- Safety Officer:** John O'Meara Snr

2011 Management Team's

The following are the selection committees for the coming year:

Senior: Christy Chaplin, Sean Chaplin, Seamus Cusack and Mike Deasy

Intermediate: Pat Corbett, Sean Corbett, Martin Conlon, Pat Chaplin and Keith Walker

Junior A: Declan Sheedy, Tom Keogh, Gerry O'Halloran, James Liddane and Terence Chaplin

U21 A and C: Paddy Meehan, Niall Gilligan, John O'Meara Jnr and Leo Quinlan



Minor Club Executive

A sizeable attendance gathered for the Minor Club AGM on the 8th of December 2010 where tributes were paid to the U16 team who completed an historic 4 in a row. Last year also saw Clare host the national Féile na nGael and six Bridge players featured on the Clare minor team that won the Munster title namely Kevin Lynch, Noel Purcell, Seadna Morey, Jamie Shanahan, Alan Mulready and Pa Sheehan. The following officers were elected:

President: Mickey Quinn

Chairman: John Lynch

Vice Chairman: Noel Halpin

Secretary: Adrian Hogan

Assistant Secretary: Mike Deasy

Treasurer: Clare Corry

Assistant Treasurer: Grainne O'Sullivan

PRO: Pa Sheehan

Assistant PRO: Alan Mulready

Bord na nÓg Representative : Mike Deasy

Also on the night the following managers were elected for 2011:

Minor: Brian Culbert; **U16:** Mike Deasy; **U15:** Jude Kearney

U14: Mike O'Halloran; **U12:** James Hassett

Camogie Club Executive

At a well attended AGM of Sixmilebridge camogie club on the 19th of January members looked back on a year that saw the Minor championship return to the parish. The year 2010 also saw six girls feature on the Munster winning Clare minor team: Chloe Morey (Capt), Niamh Corry, Sinead Touhy, Rachel O'Halloran, Naomi Carroll and Moira McGrath. On the night it was decided to enter a second adult team in the junior grade for this year due to large playing numbers. The following officers were elected:

President: Phyllis O'Flynn

Chairperson: Joe Robbins

Vice Chairperson: Mary Murray

Secretary: Keavah White

Vice Secretary: Alma Keane

Treasurer: Angela McNamara

Assistant Treasurer: Linda O'Sullivan

PRO's: Sinead Hyland and Rachel Whelan

Registrar: Francis O'Shea

County Board Delegates: Angela McNamara, Mary Murray, Eleanor Roche

On the night the following managers were elected for the year:

Senior team: Alan White, **Junior team:** Flora Crowe

Club News

- Congrats to Stephen O'Dea (solo singing) and the ballad group of Louise Corbett, Zoe Crowe, Carol Glynn, Orla Liddane and Hazel Touhy on their recent success at the county scór final.
- We extend a warm welcome to Tony Carmody who has transferred to our club from Inagh-Kilnamona. Also best wishes to Ciaran Dunne who has transferred to Clann na nGael in Meath and to Michael Liddane who has gone to Dublin side Parnells.
- Congratulations to the U21 hurling team (pictured below) that won the A championship recently thanks to a 4-14 to 1-10 over Cratloe in the final. Meanwhile, the second U21 team exited at the semi final stage to Feakle/Killanena.



- Well done to Tiernan Agnew on recently being crowned Clare and Munster U12 handball champion.
- Club membership is now due and needs to be paid ASAP to any club officer. The rates are €50 for adult, €20 for student/juvenile and €100 for family membership. Tickets for the Clare county board draw are now available at a cost of €60 (half of this goes to SMB GAA) with excellent prizes on offer. The first draw will take place in June and all support will be appreciated.
- An online field booking system is now available on the club website. At the moment it only displays current bookings and is maintained by the field administrator Louise Corbett. In the near future it will be possible to make requests through the system.
- Our senior hurlers defeated Clarecastle in round 1 of the championship by one point with the intermediates losing out to Parteen.



County Representation

The following players have either represented the club lately or are currently on county panels or attending trials for them.

- **Senior hurling:** Caimin and Danny Morey. Sixmilebridge native and current Broadford resident Danny Chaplin is a selector with the side which also includes his son Cathal. For good measure Dr. Padraic Quinn is the team doctor.
- **Minor hurling:** Brian Carey, Seadna Morey, Alan Mulready and Jamie Shanahan. Meanwhile, Eamonn Fennessy is a selector with the team.
- **Minor football:** Conor Deasy.
- **U16 East Clare:** Conor Deasy, Kevin Fennessy, Barry Fitzpatrick and Alex Morey.
- **Senior camogie:** Naomi Carroll, Aine McNamara, Chloe Morey and Aiveen O'Shea.
- **U18 camogie:** Chloe Morey (capt), Moira McGrath, Rachel O'Halloran, Ali Quinlan, Sinead Tuohy and Ciara Whelan.
- **U16 camogie:** Slaine Carey, Siobhan Lynch, Fiona Murphy, Eimear Murray, Niamh Murray, Ellen Roche, Ali Quinlan and Niamh Whyte.

Schools and Colleges

- Three players were on the NUIG panel for the recent Fitzgibbon Cup namely Caimin Morey, Trevor Purcell and Rory Shanahan. Meanwhile, Davy Fitzgerald was manager of the LIT side that reached the final
- Aidan Quilligan represented Trinity College in the Ryan Cup. Earlier this year the Dublin college won the Kehoe Shield by disposing of Louth in the final.
- Well done to Jamie Shanahan and Ard Scoil Rís on winning the Harty Cup last month. On their way to the Harty final they beat St. Flannan's who had Seadhna Morey and Noel Purcell in their side. The Limerick school qualified for the All-Ireland final but on the day they had to give second best to St. Kieran's from Kilkenny.
- In the Ashbourne Cup Chloe Morey was on the NUIG side that won the Ashbourne shield. Aine McNamara and Aiveen O'Shea represented Mary I in the Purcell Cup. Chloe's performances saw her awarded with a place on the Ashbourne All-Star team for 2011.
- In the recent U16.5 Munster Schools Football championship John Mulready, Mark Hehir, Conor Deasy, Kevin Fennessy, Alex Morey and Mark Quinn represented St. Caimin's.

Medal Presentation Night

Former Clare great Seanie McMahon was on hand on Saturday the 12th of February to do the honours in presenting the victorious teams of 2010 with their medals. The teams that were honoured on the night were the senior side who won the *Clare Champion Cup*, the junior B champions, the four in a row U16 hurlers and the minor camogie side who captured the minor A crown. Of course team management also play an important role in these victories and all involved in a selection capacity were honoured on the night with presentations of their own. It was certainly a night for presentations as on the night the *Clare Champion Cup* winning team of 2004 along with the all conquering Intermediate league team of 2007 got their medals from those campaigns. A special word of thanks to the organising committee from the senior, minor and camogie club's for their trojan work on the night and in the run up to the event.

Poker Classic

On the 18th of February a successful poker classic was held in the Mill Bar, Sixmilebridge with over 60 players competing. The eventual winner of the classic on the night was Mary Gilligan from Rossroe. A big thank you to all who supported the event, to the organising committee and to Kevin Phelan of the Mill Bar.

Club Lotto and Bingo

As we speak our club lotto jackpot of €20,000 has just been won with Seamus Leamy from Cappa Lodge the lucky winner. As most people know lotto tickets are available to purchase in Reddan's post office, local pubs, at bingo and from club members with €2 the cost per ticket. The four winning numbers are drawn at Bingo every Monday night, with Bingo itself commencing at 8.45 pm at the GAA hall. A number of cash prizes are on offer at Bingo and all are welcome to come along and try their luck. Finally we would like to thank everyone who supports our club lotto and bingo each week



Sixmilebridge Road Hurling Championship

The Sixmilebridge Road Hurling championship took place on Saturday, March 19, in Kilmurry, Sixmilebridge. A number of competitors took to the roads from 10 am-6 pm, battling it out against each other for the coveted Sixmilebridge Road Hurling championship crown. On the day the victorious team consisted of PJ Hassett, Brendan O'Callaghan and Declan Sheedy who went around in an impressive 99 shots. The women's event was won by Dianne Murray, Aine McNamara and Rachel Whelan. Thanks to all who supported the event and well done to the organising committee on organising the event. Finally, a special word of thanks to Brian Culbert who came up with the idea.

Sixmilebridge GAA Gym

As many people will know a gym has been set up under the supervision of fitness instructor Gerry O'Halloran at the state of the art dressing room complex at the Cappa Lodge pitch. It had been planned to open this facility recently but due to unforeseen circumstances with fire certification and insurance the Sixmilebridge GAA gym is not currently open. The relevant steps are been taken to rectify matters and it is envisaged that the gym will reopen in approximately two months.

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Ticket €80
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All Draws live on Clare FM
purchase tickets online at www.claregaa.ie
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County Board Draw

The County Board Draw is perhaps the main fundraiser of the year, all players both past and present, members and supporters are urged to support the draw with half the ticket cost going to your local GAA club. The tickets (pictured left) are priced at €60 and are available from any club officer, anyone that is not contacted in the next fortnight in relation to the draw please contact any club officer to purchase your ticket. Some of the prizes on offer include a holiday to Australia, a new Peugeot 107 car and plenty of cash prizes for the four monthly draws. A full list of the prizes can be viewed on www.claregaa.ie and all support would be greatly appreciated.

Club Development

At the start of the club development plan it was outlined that in order to show appreciation to all those who contributed €1,000 over a four year period to the development fund that their names be inscribed on a scroll in the clubhouse. If anyone has subscribed to the project but has yet to complete the donation please do so, if possible, to ensure your name appears on the plaque.

Appreciation

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Noel Murphy. A loyal and true clubman who served the club well in a number of roles, Noel will be sorely missed. We also extend sympathy to the McAuley, McNulty and McNamara families on their recent losses and indeed any parishioner that has suffered the loss of a loved one. Ar dheis Dé go raibh siad.

Message from the PRO

We hope that you have enjoyed this first newsletter of the year and that you found this production useful. The newsletter will be available to download from the club website when produced and from time to time it will be printed and distributed throughout the parish. Anyone interested in sponsoring the club newsletter is invited to contact myself or any club officer to discuss further. This month the club newsletter is generously sponsored by a club member who wishes to remain anonymous and we thank that person for making this production possible.

If you or anyone else you know would like to sign up for an online copy of the newsletter please forward your name and email address to pro.sixmilebridge.clare@gaa.ie or administrator@sixmilebridgegaa.com. We hope this venture can be another link to the club and its supporters along with the social network pages and of course the website which is run by Declan Murphy and Adrian Hogan.

For up to date news visit the club website www.sixmilebridgegaa.com and sign up to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Mise le meas,

Caimin Barrett (PRO)

Club Shop

The Club shop was set up in 2010 and is continuing to go from strength to strength. Amongst the items available include polo shirts, jackets, hoodies, jersey's, kitbags, tracksuits, socks, shorts and the 2011 minor club calendar.

The Club Shop is open every Friday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm at the upstairs meeting room in the GAA complex. For more information regarding the club merchandise and opening times please visit www.sixmilebridgegaa.com/shop.asp

