



Yearbook 2022





Donard Glen Camogie

Donard Glen Camogie caters for players of all ages from Donard, The Glen, Dunlavin, Stratford on Slaney, Hollywood, Ballymore Eustace and Blessington.

Our Adult team participated in the Kildare League and a number of our players played on our County Adult and Minor teams, winning all Ireland Minor and Adult Leinster titles. Our Adult team captain Carmel Whelan was awarded the Wicklow Camogie Player of the Year 2021 title. The running of a club involves many different facets however without the continuing support of our members, our sponsors, those who support our fundraising it would not be possible and the club are as always very thankful to all of these people. We would also like to mention the parents of our younger players whose commitment to bringing their daughters to training and matches is much appreciated. We would also like to thank all those who volunteer to coach and assist with our teams.

U8, U10 and U12

This year has seen an increase in the numbers of our underage players. These young players have worked hard and shown great enthusiasm for both training and the matches they have played during the season. Our U12 were delighted to round off the year by participating in the Wicklow Caman Festival Day held in Arklow.

U14

Despite a slow start to the season this group of players showed great dedication throughout the year. They developed their skills and experience during the league and were rewarded for all their hard work and positive attitudes when they won the Championship Shield Final.

U16

This team put in many great performances during the league. They competed in Division 2 of the Championship culminating in them finishing top of the table, thanks to their hard work and determination. Following a hard fought and exciting semi final against Avondale they were unfortunate not to win out on the day of the final. However, their performances during the year brought great pride to the club.

Senior Team

We were delighted to welcome some new and some returning players to our Senior team. It was also wonderful to see how well the girls moving up from the underage ranks fitted in so well with the more experienced players. Following a good campaign in the Kildare leagues the team worked hard throughout the Wicklow league but unfortunately didn't get to the final. We had mixed fortunes in the Championship resulting in a playoff against Bray for a place in the Senior B final. A very close match in the final against Carnew ended in our favour and our team were delighted to be the winners of the new Senior B Final.

Minors

The new Minor Championship got underway, weather conditions and lack of pitches delayed the start of this competition however our team produced a great performance in the preliminary stages and met a strong Kiltegan side in the semi-final. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day but the skill and determination shown by these girls all of whom will be eligible to play minor again next year augers well for the future.



Éire Óg Greystones Camogie



U16's

U16

This team of girls have battled through the toughest group in both league and championship. Guided by Tony Daddy's inspirational coaching they have had to travel to all corners of the county, often on nights when low on numbers, to take on some tough teams – but the girls never gave up and never ever stopped fighting. Tony arranged camogie camps during the summer with guest

speakers such as Pat Gilroy turning up to talk to the girls. An undoubted highlight of the year was the girl's trip to An Riocht in Co. Down where they won the Sarah Morgan Trophy. This year's championship run ended with the team's performances gaining strength as the campaign went on, the girls gave a fantastic performance in the final only going down by a single point to a very fancied Bray team who had home advantage.

Adult

The team played several friendlies throughout the year, with the club being invited to the Kilmacud Crokes 7's tournament, which is a first in the club's history. The team then competed in both the Leinster League and Wicklow League. The championship started with a solid win over Knockananna, which paved the way for a journey through to the Junior B Final. This final was against none other than Ballinacor - our nemesis from last

year and we definitely had a score to settle. The ladies outplayed Ballinacor in every position...and won by a decisive 17 points to become Junior B Champions. Not only was this victory so well deserved, but it was also the fruition of all the hard work and commitment put in over the years by the Éire Óg Adult Camogie players. Being crowned champions at adult level for the 1st time is a pivotal milestone for our club and this team are superb role models for all our underage girls!



Junior B Champions 2022 - first ever adult Camogie Championship



Glenealy Camogie



U8's

Our u8 girls had a great year of learning new skills, attending blitz around the county and having great fun while doing so. The team trainer for these girls was Vicky Coen.

Our u10 girls trained by Tommy Doyle. These girls played a lot of matches this year and each game improved on skills and teamwork. This team is defiantly the future superstars of Glenealy Camogie.

Our u16 girls trained by Amanda Doyle and Pauline Farrell. There was a lot of skill shown throughout the year which got the girls to reach the league

final. The girls battled hard at every game they went out to with some playing at adult level also.

Our senior team this year trained by Ciaran Goff and Amanda Doyle. The girls had a tough year being a very young team but despite this battled hard and never gave up.

These girls will now regrade to intermediate level for 2023 and hope for a very competitive competition.



U10's



U16's



Seniors's



Naomh Teagain

Kiltegan Camogie



Senior's

2022 was a historic year for our club as we fielded teams in Senior, Junior and Minor competitions. Our Senior and Junior teams both got to the County Finals and as we write this, our Minor team are getting ready to play in their County Final. To have teams entered in all groups is a great achievement for our club and something we are all very proud of. We are lucky and grateful to have such a fantastic panel of girls on all our teams who, together with their coaches, give so much time, effort and commitment all year round to represent our club.

Our juvenile teams are going strong with large numbers in every age group. Our U6's had nearly 20 girls training each week. Our U8's had 28 players and our U10's had 23. Both U8's and U10's took part in Go Games Blitzes and thoroughly enjoyed them. Our U12's have 30 girls in their group and had a great season. One of the highlights of their year was taking part in Caman to Croker which was a fantastic experience for them. The future of our club looks bright with that amount of young girls coming up through the ranks.



Junior's



U14's

Our 14's had 20 girls on the panel this year and represented our club so well, progressing to the Div 2 Championship Shield Final, where they were unlucky against Knockanna.

Minor's U16's

Our U16's had a very successful League campaign and progressed to the A Championship Shield Final which they won, to the delight of players, coaches and club.



U16 Shield Winners

We would like to thank our wonderful Juvenile players and their coaches, and also to our players' parents for supporting their children and our club.



Knockananna

2022 was a hugely successful year for Knockananna Camogie Club. Our celebrations from the clubs 50th anniversary in 2021 carried over into 2022 with our senior girls becoming 2021 All Ireland Junior B Club Champions. What a year - what an achievement! Tom Byrne and Serge Goetelen became Wicklow's first All Ireland winning camogie manager and mentor. This is a history making team and will hopefully encourage all players at all grades not just in the club but in Wicklow to strive for camogie heights. We fielded again at all juvenile ages except U8s and fielded Junior and Senior teams again. We had 119 registered members - 64 juveniles, 32 adult players and coaches, mentors and committee making up the rest. Several of our players both adult and juvenile represented the club at county level.

Congratulations to our senior goalkeeper Kellie Byrne and partner Joe Kelly on the birth of their baby Eoin our newest mascot. Also to Caroline Murray who married Stephen Hunt. We remember anyone who may have lost loved ones over the last year particularly our president Trish on the death of her mother, Mary Woodroffe on the death of her father and remembering our past player Sheila Kelly nee Foley who died in August - May they rest in peace. We would like to use this opportunity to

express thanks to our chair Serge, all the hardworking committee, coaches, players and parents for all the help over the year in running the club, getting teams out to play, commitment to teams and games and helping in any way possible. To ensure the continued success of the club we will continue to try attract new faces to help ease the load of work and assist in the development of the club.

Knockananna GAA & Camogie Development

The Pitch developments have progressed very well and the new building is a great addition with the walkway completed, This year we have upgraded the floodlights which will make huge improvements to games/trainings and we still have to install lights for the walkway. Solar panels have been installed to the building to try reduce energy costs. We hope over 2023 to complete a multigame wall and complete the carpark with kerbing and tarmac. The joint committee are still working hard to progress this but new faces are needed to get involved to continue to push these improvements to their completion. Continued support for fundraising is also essential.



Seniors



Juniors

Juniors/ Seniors

Managed by Tom Byrne and Serge Goetelen

The Senior team achieved the ultimate prize of the All-Ireland Junior B title for 2021 which was played in March 2022. They went on to claim both League and Championship County titles and subsequently competed in the Leinster Junior A competition. Captained by Rachel Byrne they won the AIB Leinster Junior Championship final in Clane against a strong Maynooth team on Sunday 27th November. Jessie Byrne was the first ever winner of the Aisling Murphy Player of the Match award which was presented on the day by Aislings parents Kathleen and Ray Murphy. This occasion was bittersweet for Jessies teammates as Jessie flew to Australia on the following Tuesday and could not be around to see out the championship. Nonetheless, the team followed up their Leinster final victory with a convincing All-Ireland semi-final victory on 10th Dec against the Connaught Intermediate Champions St Dominics. Early in the

new year, the girls will attempt to break new ground again playing against either Adare from Limerick or Bridin Oga from Antrim.

For the second year Knockananna fielded two adult teams- Senior and Junior. Fielding two teams has proven hugely successful for the club as it's a platform for the underage players to cut their teeth at adult camogie and also allows ex-players to revisit their camogie pasts. The Juniors fielded all games and developed together over the year while having lots of fun. They were delighted to have the opportunity to contest a Shield Final against Annacurra who were also fielding a second adult team. The Knockananna juniors played a blinder on the night, getting two early goals and coming home with the honours. We had continued sponsorship from Yurts, new half zips from Mag Roche at The Acorn Café and also regular cover from O Keeffe's and we express thanks to all for this support.



U16s

U16s

Managed by Tommy & Lisa Mc Donald, Des Kirwan

The U16s had a panel of only 16 players this year with only 8 U16 players and the rest were u14 girls. They played in the U16A league which was a very tough ask but moved to U16 B championship which gave them a better chance. They had some great wins and unfortunately lost the semi-final to Arklow. They took home the Shield with a comprehensive win over Avondale in Bray. Several of these girls will be moving up to the Junior team for 2023.

U14s

Managed by Loretta Mutton & Des Kirwan.

They started the year with a very small panel but several of the U12 players stepped up a grade and didn't look out of place and played huge parts in the team ending up with a squad of 22. This team had some great games over the league and championship and unfortunately a number of their strong players picked up injuries in the very first championship game. This did make the campaign tougher for the team however the girls fought for each game, and it gave the younger girls a chance to develop and several shone in their new grade. They finished off the year winning the Shield against Avondale in Ballinakill with a strong display of camogie. These girls bolstered with U12s have a bright future ahead. The U14s trained with the U16 Team and this model seems to work well.



U14s



U12s

U12s

Managed by Declan O Keeffe, and Lar Byrne

It has been an encouraging year for the U12's with 19 girls developing and improving their skills. The girls gave great commitment to training and had a match most weeks. Thanks to all the parents for bringing the girls to matches and training throughout the year. They also took part in the U12 Caman Festival in Arklow.



U10s

U10s

Managed by Dan Myers and Eugene Byrne,

Dan and Eugene had a great year in 2022 training this young panel in both age groups- 17 girls in total with an average number of 10/ 12 at every session. There was great competitiveness and always fun and excitement at such a young age and they all have improved so much over the year. As in all age groups, in this modern world, kids are playing a few different codes of games and it's something the coaches were mindful of. Hopefully we can keep this great group of promising young stars together and they will aspire to their peers at the top grade in the club and aim for that in time. We had a cracking day out at the camogie All- Ireland's - great craic had by all and some got photos taken with some famous people too. We were honoured to kit our team for the County Final and do guard of honour and march with our team. Even one better that we were in the final and the girls got to play a mini game at half time which we eventually put away a goal to win 1-0 against Kiltegan (who proved all year to be tough opposition for us). The mini game victory set the benchmark for the senior team to go ahead and win that day. Looking back over 2022, we found Kiltegan our toughest opposition and every time we played them we learned more and more how to defend when under fire .

The juvenile year was finished off with a great presentation night in the hall with the biggest turnout ever for medals. We had music, food and fun and imaginative spot prizes which the girls enjoyed the fun and games.

Minor team

Managed by Tommy & Lisa Mc Donald.

For the first time in recent memory in Wicklow a minor competition is being run. The minor team are very grateful for this opportunity. They started the campaign with a victory over Avondale on one of the wettest Saturday mornings. This competition struggled to get off the ground due to the wet weather during November and some teams not able to field teams. However, at the time of writing, Knockananna are looking forward to a minor final against Kiltegan- a repeat of the 2020 U16 final and are hoping to repeat that victory.



St. Patricks Wicklow Town

2022 was another busy year for St. Pats Camogie Club, with four teams representing the club across four age groups, Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14. Membership numbers remained relatively static year on year, with around 60 girls actively training each week across the 4 categories. However, the numbers at U10 and U12 remain challenging and the committee is currently working on a number of initiatives to help recruit more players for next season.

2022 also saw the return of some silverware to the club for Camogie with the Under 14's winning the Division 3 League with victories over Eire Og, Kilcoole and Avoca. They also got to the Under 14 Shield final after being promoted to Division 1 in the championship but unfortunately lost out to a strong Bray Emmets team in difficult conditions in Ballinakill.

9 girls from the U14's also joined the U14 county development team, where they got great experience training with girls from other clubs as well as playing inter county matches.

Under 12's

The Under 12's had another good year, albeit with numbers not being where we'd like them to be. That being said, the standard of Camogie has improved greatly with the U12's reaping the benefit of training with the U14's. While we made Monday night training optional for the U12's we were delighted to see the majority of the girls attended regularly. We had some very competitive games against Kilcoole, Avoca, Carnew and Annacurra as part of the Go Games series and got a couple of good wins in. The U12's finished the year by playing at the Tesco.



