



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 26th, January 2005
Dr. Crokes Club House - 7.30p.m.



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In order that the proceedings of the Convention may be carried out without undue delay, the following Standing Orders will be submitted for Adoption to the members at the opening of the Convention.

1. The Proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment they may speak for five minutes, but not more than five minutes.
2. A member other than the Proposer of a Resolution or Amendment may not exceed three minutes.
3. The Proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment they may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other Member may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the Proposer (after which a vote must be taken).
5. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda.
6. That the Business of the A.G.M. be conducted between 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

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1. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
2. MINUTES OF 2003 AGM
3. CONSIDERATION OF HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT
4. CONSIDERATION OF TREASURERS REPORT
5. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS
6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CONVENTION
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2005
 1. PATRON
 2. PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT
 3. CHAIRMAN
 4. VICE- CHAIRMAN
 5. HONORARY SECRETARY
 6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY
 7. JOINT TREASURERS
 8. REGISTRAR
 9. DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
8. DELEGATE TO COUNTY BOARD
9. DELEGATES TO EAST KERRY BOARD
10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS



Secretary's Report

Fáilte roimh gach duine a bheid i lathair ag an comhdhail bhiantuíl 2004.

Writing this report is hard this year. Both a great year and a sad year for Dr. Crokes. What can I say about Eddie Barry, R.I.P. that hasn't been said already? Dr. Crokes was his life. We're a better club, better players, and better people for knowing Eddie Barry. His shoes will always remain empty; no one will ever fill them. We miss you Eddie.

You'll read in this bumper AGM booklet report after report, football, hurling, underage to senior, social events, golf, web-site, new developments, success after success. Pride has most definitely been restored in all Croke players and in Croke football and hurling.

Senior Team:

The senior panel began training early 2004 under the new management team of Pat, Martin and Eddie. Turnout at training was huge with players from all grades participating, which in turn produced some great performances in the first half of the year. Along the way many questions were asked of this team, all of them answered. Second half of the year was just as successful with Aidan O'Shea on the platform numerous times collecting the O'Donoghue Cup, County Senior League, East Kerry League, Killarney 250 and finally Munster Senior League, which I believe completes Danny Coopers own personal collection of club medals.

Injury deprived the panel of some of its more experienced players during 2004, David Moloney, James Cahillane and Karl McMahon, but from the sidelines these players were still very critical to our success.

Junior Team:

With a large panel of players at the disposal of the junior selectors, 2004 was appearing very hopeful. Playing competitively in Division 5 of the County League paid dividend both for the Molyneux Cup, which we last won over 20 years ago with our clubman Malchay Walsh captaining that team, and the O'Sullivan Cup which we lifted just a few weekends ago.

C Team:

After vacating the chair after two years Mike O'Leary's commitment to the club was still evident. Finishing mid table in the Urban League, with no walkovers, which I believe is a first for many years, was a great achievement for the team. Great to see our "veteran" players dusting the cobwebs from their boots and taking to the field. I guess old habits die-hard.

Hurlers:

After 19 years at the helm Dan Kelleher and Niall Keogh decided to take a break from the sideline. Brendan stepped into Niall's shoes with the help of Gene Doherty. Huge commitment and dedication is evident in this team. You won't be short-changed with the likes of Johnny Dunphy in particular making the journey from Cork for both training and matches. A great run in Division 2 of the County League provided the stage to an exhilarating County League final played in our own field against Kilmoley. A true grit performance of courage, determination and never say die attitude guaranteed Crokes the silverware. Finalist also in the Intermediate Championship losing out to a strong Kenmare team.

U21 Team:

Great success capturing a very competitive East Kerry Championship title in 2004. However due to rules governing the County Championship competition which did not allow us to play all our available players on the night, i.e. no minor or county senior players are eligible for that competition, we found it hard to field a team on the night.

Ladies:

Ladies football is growing from strength to strength within the club. Dr. Crokes are now participating in every underage grade, U12, U14, U16 and minor. Our senior ladies captured the Intermediate County title once again in 2004.

During the year the club agreed a very lucrative sponsorship deal with UhlSport. Sincere thanks to Patrick O'Sullivan who put this package in place. All teams will wear UhlSport gear and logos.

Our weekly lotto, the main source of our club's income continues to be a success, the commitment of our sellers, checkers, promoters over the last number of years has been tremendous.

Our club's development continues with plans in place for 2005. As can be seen from our clubhouse, work on the stand has commenced, the levelling of the waste ground above our juvenile field has also begun to make way for a third field. As can be seen today our facilities continue to lead the way in GAA grounds throughout Kerry and indeed Ireland.

Dr. Crokes were once again represented hugely in the Green and Gold. None was more evident than in Croke Park on All Ireland Final day when we had no less than seven players wearing the colours, Colm, Eoin, Kieran, Luke, Andrew, Kieran

and Brian, Patrick O'Sullivan, Development officer for the County Board and Harry O'Neill, masseur for the Kerry squad. Congratulations also go to Ambrose O'Donovan – Kerry U21, Earol Tuohy – Kerry Senior Hurling, Seanie O'Shea, Gene Doherty and Cormac Bonner – Kerry Hurling Masters, Cormac Bonner – Selector Kerry Senior Hurling team, Tourlough Bonner – Kerry Hurling U16 and Minor panel, Michael Moloney, Ian Howard, Denis Galvin – Kerry Football U16's, Katie Gleeson, Mairead Finnegan, Amanda Brosnan – Kerry Senior Ladies, Carrie Spillane – Kerry U16's, Emma Galvin, Edel O'Carroll – Kerry U14's and Sophie Daly – Cailini Oga.

The list continues to grow.

Congratulations to Michael Moloney who represented Ireland in U16 Soccer travelling to Japan during the summer and also to Philip O'Connor who represented Ireland in U16 Basketball.

One of the high lights of the football season was Colm Cooper receiving Texaco Footballer of the year and his second All Star award. Eoin Brosnan taking to the field once again in Croke Park, representing Ireland against Australia during the Compromised Rules campaign. Congratulations to you both.

Congratulations also to our Scór groups. Great credit goes to all involved, most notably the Novelty Act who scooped the East Kerry title. Also special mention to our U-12's hurlers and mentors in their success capturing the County League title on their first attempt.

Sincere thanks to everyone who gave me continued support and advice over the year. To my fellow officers, who I leaned on many times over the year.

To John O'Sullivan and Andreas Larkin for their hard work keeping our facilities in top class shape over the year.

Special thanks to our County Board delegate Tim O'Sullivan and East Kerry Board delegates Tim and Donie O'Leary. An uphill battle!

Finally I want to wish all teams, football and hurling, all committees of the club continued success for 2005.

John Moynihan, I think your right "there will be better days ahead".

Is mise,
Teresa Ní Shé,
Runaí

Senior Team Report

The year started with a players meeting in early January at the clubhouse attended by 34 players also some club members and the 3 senior selectors. Eddie O'Sullivan addressed the meeting briefly as did I and then Pat O'Shea (Team Manager) spoke at length to all present outlining what he expected from players as regards their performances on and off the field and as to how they should behave on the playing field and socially and all agreed that it was important because we belonged to a high profile club and people would only be looking for reasons to knock all concerned at any given opportunity. A number of players spoke and talked about what they expected from the team and also what they expected of us the selectors. Eoin Brosnan and Colm Cooper spoke and their contribution was very well received. A training schedule was laid out and an agreed date for commencement was Saturday 17th January.

29 players attended, a light session was held. We entered the MSL this season again, a very worthwhile exercise. The league began with a home game against St. Finbarr's of Cork. We ended up losing the game by 2 points 0-12 - 1-7 but our season was started and everyone was eager. A long season was to come T.G. We continued our games in the MSL at home to Youghal a game we won and away to Clashmore of Waterford a game we also won, thus qualifying for the quarter final stages of this competition. Next up was the E.K.S.L. 29/02/04 away to arch rivals Legion. A physical battle ensued but Crokes came out on top 0-14 - 1-4. We continued with our E.K.S.L. games mixed with some challenge games, also very beneficial. This took us nicely in to the C.L. programme against C.L. Champs St. Mary at home 28/03/04. We had a comfortable win 6-11 - 0-10 with some very good performances on the day. Training was going very well at this stage, being very well attended. Next was the K250 tournament which was held over the weekend of 04/04/04. 2 games were played on Saturday and the final in The Park on Sunday against Beaufort a high scoring entertaining game which thankfully the Crokes won. A mix of S.L. games as well as C.L. matches led nicely in to Club C. match at home against the Gaeltacht 24/04/04. First real test. Had to line out without James Cahalane and Colm Cooper and ended up losing the game 1-8 - 0-8. Next was the C.C. in The Park against Stacks on the 09/05/04. Excellent team performance culminating in a big win 5-6 - 0-8. The season continued along with more challenge games and C.L. games and also in the midst of these games the O'Donoghue Cup campaign got under way on 29/05/04 at home to Listry. At full strength for this game a truly clinical performance by Crokes ended in an easy win and a meaningless exercise. The next game was C.C. game against W. Kerry at home on 20/06/04. Played well and got a result 1-22 - 1-12. Another mix of C.L. challenge games over the next number of weeks, then came the S.L.F. against Killcummin on 27/08/04 in the Park. A tough encounter ensued and we got through by the skin of our teeth 2-6 - 0-11. All going well 2 comp. won. Now came the problem part of the season and it is even more apparent now in hindsight that the fact we only played one competition game a C.L. against Killcummin which ended in a draw 0-12 - 0-12 between the S.L. final and the quarter final of C.C. against Laune Rangers in The Park on 10/10/04. This was a game that we played very poor football by our own expectations for 45 minutes and at one stage looked like we were going to lose heavily. But in typical Crokes fashion the team, subs and supporters rallied and almost did a Houdini in the end. Sadly we lost by 2 points and it was a big setback.

We got our whole squad together the following weekend and decided there was only one way to go from here and that was to give it our very best shot from now till seasons end. Scartaglen was next in O'Donoghue Cup. A tough match the week after losing C.C. the previous week. Played in Scart on 16/10/04 we came away with a 2-10 - 0-6 win. Then there were a few weeks where the training picked up again and that buzz we had before the Rangers game was back. The season culminated late in the year with a load of games 6 in all coming in as many weeks. M.S.L. Q.F. against Ballycollig at home 07/11/04 a win 4-9 - 0-9. Next S.F.D.C. in The Park 14/11/04 against Spa a super performance and win by 4-18 - 1-10. Down came Ilken Rovers to Ballyvourney on the 21/11/04 M.S.L. S/Final a real tough encounter but another win 1-12 - 1-5. Then began 3 of the best weeks in the whole year. First up were Rathmore in the O'Donoghue Cup Final 30/11/04 in The Park. Another tough uncompromising game played in good conditions and the 1st step to a treble achieved. The week after Stacks came to town, same venue, same conditions, a draw at full time, 6 points down with time running out fast in the second period of extra time and this time Mr. Houdini did arrive in The Park meaning Black & Amber, Crokes win by a single point "Memorable". Then the final week in this great three we struck for Glenflesk to take on the reigning M.S.L. champs Douglas. A very professional performance by the Crokes with a little bit of magic being displayed by one individual.

That completed the playing duties for the extended and exhausted panel of players. We trained 106 times with an average attendance of 22 per session played 40 games in total. All we can say is thanks to all those players for the huge effort made, congratulate them on their success, enjoy the off season but the same and more is expected next year. A special word of congratulations to, Kieran, Eoin and Gooch on their escapades with the County Team and their bringing 3 All-Ireland medals back to Dr. Crokes Club. Also a special word of thanks to officers of the club and also the social club for looking after our demands and to Harry O'Neill for helping out whenever he could, and Brian O'Callaghan our first aid man who is always there. To our injured players we wish a very speedy recovery and hope to see them back playing very soon again. We look forward to '05 season and more success for all concerned.

Yours in sport
Martin Byrnes, Pat O'Shea
& Eddie O'Sullivan

B Team Report

The year 2004 will go down in the club's history as the most successful it ever had for the Juniors. It was a very busy season for all the players competing in five competitions. We started in March with our first game and finished in December. There was tremendous effort by the players all year long. This was due to their commitment and enthusiasm to training with the Seniors and I must commend Pat O'Shea for this.

Our first competition was the East Kerry Junior League which we did very well, there were some great performances in this league, we qualified for the final which our opponents were Spa. This was played in Lewis Rd. Dr. Crokes emerged victorious with a great display over a gallant Spa team.

Our next outing was the East Kerry Intermediate Championship. This was the first time our club participated in this competition. Our first game was at home against Fossa. Despite missing some regulars for this game we won this game by 1 point thanks to a last minute goal. We played the semi-final against Scartaglin at Spa, The lads put in a great performance to beat them. So we met Listry in the final at Fossa. This was a superb performance by the players to win this competition.

The County League kept us busy all through the year with a total of 14 league games in this competition. There were some great performances in the league. Especially to get us back into contention for promotion. The players were committed to get promotion to Div. 4 but alas the final game away to a very good organised Na Gaeil side cost us dearly to get promotion.

Next up was the highlight of the year, was the Club B Championship (Molyneaux Cup). We first met Kilcummin away in the first round. We turned this game around in typical Crokes fashion, 10 points down with just over 10 minutes to go. It was a fantastic victory to win by 1 point. We met Rathmore away and came away with a 3 point win. Then we met Miltown/Castlemaine in the semi-final. This was another great win by the players who fought off a very strong side. In the final we met Laune Rangers at Beaufort. This was a brilliant performance by a very young side. The Standard of football played by Dr. Crokes was of the highest quality and it was great joy to watch them do this. Crokes 2-17 Laune Rangers 1-10

Finally the O'Sullivan Cup started with an away game to Currow, we came away with a good victory out there. Next up was the clash of Glenflesk in the semi-final and what a brilliant performance the players put in to beat a very strong Glenflesk team. So we met Scartaglin in the final this is due to be played on January 9th.

On a final note to a great end to the year. I must thank the huge panel of players for their commitment and dedication in wearing the black and amber which was crucial to our success. A special thank you to our loyal supporters who cheered us on in all our games. The club officers for their support and encouragement. The senior selection team for their help and support. Alas a special thank you to my fellow selectors Mark Cooper, Eddie Connor, Jim Connolly and Mick Dalton who made this a very successful year and an enjoyable one to remember.

Yours in sport

Tommy Brosnan, Mark Cooper, Eddie Connor, Jim Connolly and Mick Dalton.

Over 40 players took part with the C team this year. All fixtures were fulfilled with limited success. It is very hard to get people to travel long distances on a FRIDAY night during the summer months. I wish to thank all those players who made a huge effort on behalf of the club and also Tommy Brosnan who was a big help throughout the year

Micheal O'Leary.

It was a year of highs and lows for the U21's during 2004. The highlight of the year was retaining the East Kerry Championship. In the final the team showed great spirit and determination going two goals down after a couple of minutes but battled bravely to win in comfortable fashion in the end. The most pleasing part of this performance was the performance of our younger players, who went on to play at senior level later on in the year. The low of the year was our failure to put out a team in the County Championship with only thirteen players showing up.

All in all it was a good year for a difficult age group as most players were involved in other teams. My thanks to fellow selectors Tommy Brosnan, Martin Byrnes and James Cahillane and to the panel of players who wore the black and amber jersey with pride and respect.

Regards

Ger O'Shea

Minor Report

Following a well attended players meeting last December the County Minor Division 1 League was set as the main target for the year. Our first outing was an entertaining challenge game played in Dunmanway (Birth place of Sam Maguire last Christmas). The first game in the County League was Crokes versus Laune Rangers and a comprehensive 2-17 to 0-5 win was achieved. Successive wins followed and the final versus Kerins O'Rahillys was played in Austin Stack Park last May. This was a cracking game of football against the team who had previously dominated this age group. A great goal from Kieran O'Leary and brilliant performances all over the field especially Michael O'Grady and 16 year old Michael Moloney and County Minor Brian Moran were the main highlights. The victory after a lapse of 20 years was just reward for everyone and for the great effort in training put in by all the players and inspirational captain Luke Quinn. A great second half comeback against West Kerry in Castlegregory (Down eight points at half time) put us into the second round of the County Minor Championship where a big win was achieved against a Rathmore/Kenmare combination. We played South Kerry in the quarter-final and we experienced a shattering one point defeat. A controversial point and some bad wides at the end of the game separated us from victory. There was a 3 month gap to the East Kerry Semi-Final against a hungrier Gneeveguilla side where a below par performance and faulty shooting 13 wides in the second half was the difference between the teams. Other notable highlights for the year was 4 of the team, Luke Quinn, Andrew Kenneally, Kieran O'Leary and Brian Looney making the Kerry Minor Squad that reached the All-Ireland Minor Final.

County Minor League Division 1 Winning Team:

James Hurley, Blaine Lyne, Luke Quinn, John Payne, Jamie Wrenn, Pdraig Sheahan, Shane Doolan, Michael Moloney, Johnny O'Sullivan, Kieran O'Leary, Andrew Kenneally, Brian Looney, Patrick Buckley, Podge O'Donoghue and Michael O'Grady.

Selectors: John Galvin, Billy Hennigan, Jim Connelly Denis Corridan and Der Brosnan.

U-16 Report

The U16 team played in Division 1 of both East Kerry and County Leagues. It was a very successful year for the team winning East Kerry League and Championship and reaching the final of the County League. We also competed in the K250 celebration U-16 blitz in Beaufort where the team were winners again.

The year started on the 31st March with the East Kerry League of which there were 3 rounds. The following are the results:

- Rd. 1. Dr. Crokes 1-14, Spa 0-6**
- Rd. 2. Dr. Crokes 2-17, Kilcummin 0-3**
- Rd. 3. Dr. Crokes 2-12, Gneeveguilla 0-1**

In the East Kerry championship we were drawn against Gneeveguilla in the semi-final and ran out convincing winners on a score line of Dr. Crokes 1-18, Gneeveguilla 1-6. The final was against Spa and on the night we were very lucky to come away with a draw. Spa were very well fired up for the final and had their homework done and quietened the threat of our star players. The weather conditions on the night were appalling and kept the scoring down. Final score Dr. Crokes 0-7, Spa 1-4. The first half of the replay turned out to be just as tight as the drawn game. However the real team turned up for the second half and not for the first time young Jamie Doolin tormented the opposition. Final score Dr. Crokes 2-12, Spa 1-4.

County League

The team played 7 games in the league winning 5 games and losing just 2 games. The team played some outstanding football throughout the league and have some potential stars for the future. In the semi-final we were paired against Ardfert. They had beaten us by a point in the league the previous week. After a titanic struggle in Ballymac we emerged victorious on a score of Dr. Crokes 2-10, Ardfert 1-11 their goal coming with the last kick of the game. The County Final was played in Killorglin and Kerins O'Rahilly's were the opposition. The O'Rahilly's were raging hot favourites to take the title. Our lads put in a tremendous performance to lead by 3 points at half time. But for some wayward shooting we should have been at least 7 points clear. O'Rahilly's rallied in the second half and the loss of one player to a red card did not help our cause. The lads fought to the bitter end but the first half misses were to prove costly. Final score Dr. Crokes 0-9, O'Rahilly's 1-11. Mike Moloney, Ian Howard and Denis Galvin were members of the South Kerry Team that won the Munster Championship. Denis Galvin was team captain and Diarmaid O'Donovan deputised when Denis was unavailable due to an operation.

Team Selectors: Matthew Courtney, James Cahalane (Snr), Der Brosnan and Harry O'Neill.

U-15 Report

The U-15 team competed in the County Championship and the East Kerry League and Championship. In the County Championship we started out with an away game to Ballyduff in the quarter final. Despite missing several of our stronger players the team managed a hard earned 5 point win. Unfortunately the sportsmanship shown by some of the Ballyduff players left a lot to be desired. In the semi-final we were paired against Beaufort and again we were missing nine of our squad. Players were on holidays, in Holland with Killarney Celtic and away at summer colleges. Despite the loss of many key players the team put up a brave performance and were narrowly beaten by only 2 points. This competition gave some players a chance to play championship football, which would not have been the case if we had a full panel.

In East Kerry the competition was played in a league format. We competed in Division 1 against Spa, Rathmore and Legion. We had facile victories over the opposition the following were the results:

Dr. Crokes 3-15, Spa 2-8

Dr. Crokes 2-23, Rathmore 0-3

Dr. Crokes 6-16, Legion 2-8

We will be expecting this team to perform very well in the U-16 competitions in 2005.

Both Christopher Egan and Timothy Dudley took part in the Development squad training which took place in Glenflesk.

Team Selectors: Mike Buckley, Harry O'Neill and Vince Casey.

U-14 Report

The Under 14's had a very satisfactory year again this year, the highlight of which was a 5 point win over Legion in the East Kerry league. While it was impossible to match the achievements of the previous year's team they did however make huge progress throughout the year. The team exceeded expectations in the County League and managed to qualify for the final after a brilliant semi-final win over Feile champions Austin Stacks with a magnificent team performance.

In the final we could not match a much bigger and physically stronger Laune Rangers team in the final where we never recovered from a poor start. To the teams credit they never threw in the towel and kept playing to the final whistle. In Feile the team again put up a gallant effort in defence of their title, but once again found a bigger and more physical Kerins O'Rahillys team too strong on the night.

However, it was in East Kerry that the team showed it's true character and after easy wins in the group stages of the competition and semi-final win over Rathmore they qualified to play old rivals Legion in the final. Legion who had beaten this team in u-11, u-12 and u-13 had no answer on the night to a brilliant all round display played in atrocious conditions. What was most pleasing was the skill level our lads showed and team spirit.

As mentors we were delighted with the level of commitment and improvement shown by the team throughout the year and have no doubt that the team will continue to improve and will go on to contest county honours at u 16 and minor levels. Our thanks to their parents and supporters for their help throughout the year and to fellow selectors, Jimmy Coppinger, John O Leary and Gary Barry.

Regards

Vincent Casey and Mike Buckley

The U13's team played in the Austin Stacks 15 a-side blitz but did not win any of their games however they did show improvement throughout the competition. They also participated in the East Kerry League where they played four games. A rule of this competition was that players of the age had to play the full game unless he was injured. This meant that some players who only got a few minutes of football normally now got full games and they benefited from this greatly. We suffered narrow defeats to Spa, (eventual winners) Legion and Firies. We were comprehensively beaten by Rathmore. There is definite room for improvement with this team but most of their defeats were by 4 points or less.

Team Selectors: Donie O'Leary, Jimmy Coppinger, Gary Barry, Harry O'Neill and Matt O'Neill.

This age group attracted very big numbers throughout the year, which resulted in A and B teams competing in County and East Kerry U-12's and two U-11's teams in East Kerry.

Competition was particularly strong at the Premier level in both age groups, and the victories achieved were hard fought.

Silverware was absent this year, but the turn out for training throughout the year and the level of enthusiasm and "craic" displayed will produce the results and the Crokes players of the future.

Mentor's: Joe Maye, Harry O'Neill, James Lyne, Vincent Murphy, John Egan and Micháel Fitzgerald.

U-6, U-8 & U-10 Report

Saturday Mornings

We got back to training about a week or so before St. Patrick's Day, to register the kids and also to organise our parade. Our numbers held well through the year, with numbers averaging 30 per group 6, 8, 10, and girls. Conduct and skill level's remain very high. Fun and enjoyment for the kids is the key. We had several games with other clubs, Keirns O'Rahilly's, Spa, Stacks, Home and Away. Both the under 8's and 10's played very well, and the standard is very high. We took a break for about a month during the summer. But still kept Wednesday evenings going with mini leagues, we find it helps to keep the numbers up, then we started again in September. During the year we organised a summer camp which was a great success with numbers reaching 130, also we had various parties, including Halloween and Christmas parties. (Many thanks to the ladies)

The Season was a great success both enjoyable for the kids and mentor's. Many thanks also to the parents who helped out when ever they could. Indoor training for Boys and Girls is being held at the moment Monday and Thursday Nights ages 6-8 years, this takes place in the Sem.

Mentor's: Pat O'Shea, Sean O'Shea, Ger Shea, Seamus Doc, Aidan Kiely, James Lyne, Joe Maye, Tommy Brosnan and Paula McGillicuddy

Ladies Report

Ladies football in the club continues to grow with more girls taking part every year. Our intermediate team regained the County Title this year by beating Austin Stacks in a great game played in Castleisland. But again we where defeated in the Munster Semi-Final against Athea. This year a new trainer by the name of Pat O'Shea took over and he has high hopes for the year ahead. The under 16's and Minors didn't fair that well last year but hopefully we can regroup and with players moving up into these age groups we can only improve. The Under 14's reached the final of the Division 2 county league although they were beaten by Kenmare on the day. This was a big improvement for the girls as they played in division 3 last year. Our Under 12's played in the final of the Division 1B league, although it was felt on the day that we won the game, the referee awarded the game to Corca Dhuibhne and sadly her decision stood. Cliona Moran did a great job with this team so great credit is due to her. It would be great if we could get some help from parents in the coming year.

The Dr. Crokes have always supplied the county teams with great players, the ladies is no exception. We had 3 girls on the Senior panel Katie Gleeson, Mariead Finnegan and Amanda Brosnan. Amanda was also on the 16 and minor county teams. Carrie Spillane was on the County under 16 team and she captained her school the Carnegie to All-Ireland glory, they won the Senior B title. Emma Galvin and Edel O'Carroll were on the under 14 team. Sophie Daly won her first Munster medal with the Calini Oga team. Hopefully this will be the first of many for her.

Finally, I would like to thank Paula O'Sullivan, Cliona Moran and Pat O'Shea for all their help last year.

Catherine Keogh.

It's great when a plan comes together. Four years ago those of us involved in juvenile hurling decided to start over from scratch. There was little or no progression from the indoor game to outdoor and on into senior hurling. We had to devise a plan and follow through on it. A plan was drafted and forwarded to the Munster Council, who liked what they saw and provided in excess of 6,000 in equipment. Our next step was to work in the local schools. We concentrated on third class and we were lucky enough to have people like Timmy Hourigan and Jerry Murphy available to go into the schools week in, week out. From this we started an outdoor campaign and attracted large numbers. We now knew we had a new momentum and an opportunity that could not be lost.

At the beginning of 2004, the mentors felt that our young hurlers were too young yet for under 12 hurling, as most were only nine and ten years old. However, our bravehearts had other ideas and insisted on taking part. So, with some reticence we entered the first ever juvenile hurling team to wear the black and amber in the County Hurling League and history was made on Friday 16th April when they travelled to Tralee to take on Austin Stacks.

Our first few forays did not bear much fruit. But we were not disheartened as we could see that with each game brought more confidence and improved skills from our young warriors. Heavy defeats turned to close games before we eventually claimed our first points against Duagh. This improvement saw our under 12 team reach the Division 4 semi final against our first ever opposition, Austin Stacks. This time, roles were reversed and it was the Crokes boys who were victor's by a large margin, having played their best hurling to date – and even better was to come.

Below is a report of the subsequent final, which demonstrates the heart of this team and the potential in years to come. All but three players are eligible to play under 12 again next year.

This was it; the game Dr. Crokes under 12 hurlers were waiting for. In their first year in county league competition, this team had surpassed all expectations and reached the final of the County League Division 4. Now that they were here, they were determined to make their first year one to go down in Dr. Crokes records.

Kilgarvan was the opposition and in the earlier meeting of these two teams, Kilgarvan had taken the honours. So, the Crokes team had it all to do. However, the Crokes boys had trained hard and had practiced and improved their hurling skills throughout the year. They were ready to play the game of their lives and indeed, they did.

Believe it or not, this was a game of four halves; two of normal time and two of extra time and each half told its own story. Crokes got off to a dream start. Two goals were coined up early in play. The first was drilled home by Anthony Cronin, who received a well-placed pass from out the wing, delivered by Cillian Fitzgerald. The same two players combined again, but in reverse. This time, Cronin was the supplier from the opposite wing with Fitzgerald connecting to rattle the net. Taryan Lewis was working to great effect at centre forward. Next, it was time for the midfielders to make their move. Brian O'Shea passed off an intelligent ball to Evan O'Donoghue who fired a shot over the bar from way out the field. Then, it was Kilgarvan's turn to apply the pressure. However, the Crokes backs defended like their lives depended on it. Under severe pressure at times, they always cleared their lines. Senan Lavery, Laurence Byrnes, Cian Ó Lionárd, Anthony Keogh and Kieran O'Donnell were steadfast and strong and won every dual they were involved in. The only score for Kilgarvan in the first half was a point from a free. At half-time Crokes had a deserved lead of two goals and one point to one point.

Kilgarvan hurlers were skillful and they were always going to fight back. They slotted in a goal early on and followed up with a point. Crokes Captain, Ignatius Curtin, who played in goal, made some terrific and brave saves in this period of Kilgarvan dominance. However, there was nothing he could do to stop another goal breaching his defences. Kilgarvan were ahead for the first time in the game. Another free to Crokes saw Evan O'Donoghue bang over another long range puck to tie the match again. With a minute to go to the final whistle, Kilgarvan got a goal that seemed to finish off the Crokes dream. But this bunch of lads was not about to give up until that final whistle blew. They gave their all to pull back the goal deficit. Bravery was called for in great measure and this was found aplenty in all players and in particular Anthony Keogh who was a giant in defence, with Aodán Burns, Niall O'Riordan and Conor Fitzgerald up front. The Crokes boys piled on the pressure, which eventually paid off when Cillian Fitzgerald laid off a pass to Brian O'Shea, who blasted the goal of the night just inside the near post to score the vital goal to keep Crokes in the match. The final whistle sounded and extra time was called, with two periods of ten minutes.

Though tired after their valiant efforts, these young men were asked to up the pace for extra time. The large group of onlookers that included parents, mentors, friends, senior hurlers, other Crokes members and Club Officers, Chairman, Secretary, Vice-Chairman and Assistant Secretary, were in no doubt that these young warriors would not be found wanting. Extra time started well with Evan O'Donoghue pointing a 65 early on. But, then, Kilgarvan took the lead with two well-taken goals. This hurt the defenders badly who collectively decided they would not be breached again. Blocks, hooks and bodies were used to stop Kilgarvan getting close to the Crokes goal. Cian Ó Lionárd and Kieran O'Donnell were on top of their opponents and sent many relieving pucks, to set up attacks. Matthew Moynihan was making his presence felt and helped make up a tight defence. Half time again and Crokes were facing a five point deficit.

Exhausted, the call for another ten minutes supreme effort was made and no one balked. Captain, Ignatius Curtin, was seen and heard, encouraging his defence to raise their performance, after he bravely jumped on a ball that arrived dangerously in his goalmouth, oblivious to his own safety. This they did. Senan Lavery stopped many a Kilgarvan attack in its tracks and Laurence Byrnes showed tremendous skills as, time after time, he plucked the ball out of the air, amid a forest of ash and drove that leather sphere into his forwards. At centre, Brian O'Shea was creating numerous attacks, also, with a fine display of hurling. Up front, Alex Goggins was making his presence felt, as was Niall O'Riordan, who chased and blocked down shot after shot to keep the pressure on Kilgarvan. Both Niall and Aodán Burns were unlucky not to score and provided loads of ammunition for the full forward line-up to use. Pdraig McCarthy, as ever, showed great heart and skill and won many a tussle with his marker. Eventually, Crokes efforts began to pay off. A cracker of a goal from Evan O'Donoghue brought Crokes within two points of Kilgarvan. With two minutes to go a sideline cut was awarded to Crokes on the sixty-five meter line. Evan O'Donoghue cut a super ball into the twenty-one meter line where Anthony Cronin came running in like a train and met the ball in mid flight to hit a rasper goalwards. It took a fantastic save by the Kilgarvan defence to keep this ball out. Was that it? Was there to be no joy? Was the most skillful play of the evening to go unrewarded?

A minute to go and a free was won by Crokes on the twenty-one meter line. The instruction from the sideline was to go for goal. Evan O'Donoghue hit a low hard ball and again Kilgarvan stopped it. Crokes still did not give up. Cillian Fitzgerald, Pdraig McCarthy and Aodán Burns went hunting for the sliothar. The hunters captured their quarry and the ball was passed to Evan O'Donoghue, who had moved to centre. The whip of the hurley; the crack of ash on leather; the whistle of the sliothar as it shot goalwards; the ripple of the net announced a goal for Crokes.

The final minute was an eternity as the Crokes lads kept their heads and more importantly, kept to their task. They pinned the gallant Kilgarvan team in their own half for the remainder of the game. There was a huge roar of excitement, relief, pride, and sense of achievement when the final whistle eventually cut through the evening air.

A single point victory, Dr. Crokes five goals and three points, Kilgarvan five goals and two points, was just reward and an extraordinary achievement for a group, who only took up the game in the past few years and were on their first competitive campaign. Huge credit is due to a Kilgarvan team, who played stylish hurling and were unlucky to meet Crokes on a day when they played the best hurling of their lives. It was a game that no one deserved to lose. A team of Crokes boys walked out on the field last Friday to play a game of hurling; a team of young men walked off.

Foireann: Ignatius Curtin (Captain), Senan Lavery, Laurence Byrnes, Cian Ó Lionárd, Anthony Keogh, Kieran O'Donnell, Brian O'Shea, Evan O'Donoghue, Niall O'Riordan, Taryan Lewis, Aodán Burns, Cillian Fitzgerald, Anthony Cronin, Conor Fitzgerald, Alex Goggins, Matthew Moynihan, Pdraig McCarthy, Gavin O'Shea, John Ivory, Brian Murphy, Nathan Lewis, Brendan O'Grady, Gearóid Coughlan, Jonathan Cleary, Graham Fleming, Ronan Murphy, Paul Clifford, Dave O'Connor, Mark Egan, Dillon Mannix.

Selectors: Matt O'Neill, John Ivory, Frank Murphy, Niall Keogh and Gene Doherty.

Senior Hurling Report

The past year was nearly the perfect year on the field of play for the Crokes Senior Hurling Team. With the retirement of Niall Keogh and Dan Kelliher after 19 years of service things did not look great but with that wonderful clubman Gene Doherty convening a meeting of players a commitment was given by all with Johnny Dunphy and Kevin Landers making the trip from Cork. The ageless Seanie O'Shea came out of retirement and both he and Brendan Keogh took over the training duties, with Dave Cotter, Gene Doherty Tim Hourigan and Cormac Bonnar when available making up the management team. A great response was given by the players and with Brian Darcy and Gary Landers being available Crokes were able to field a formidable side.

Our League campaign started with a comprehensive victory over Kilgarvan and while the team had a shaky mid season we steadied the ship and finished in joint second place and qualified for the semi-final. It was then time to concentrate on the Intermediate Championship and we were drawn against Kilgarvan. Played in front of our own supporters at Lewis road Crokes ran out easier winners than the scoreline of 0-15 to 2-5 suggests. Unfortunately it was then that the bad element of the GAA showed its ugly head with Kilgarvan incorrectly objected to young Turlough Bonnar who played for 10 mins. The objection was based on the make up of St. Pats and participation of Crokes players with their novice team. This situation and the County Board's inability to deal with the matter led to the team not having a game for 7 weeks which had a very disheartening effect on the players and made it very difficult to keep going. Enter Dan Kelliher, John Keogh, Tracey O'Shea, Brendan Keogh, Gene Doherty and our Chairman Patrick O'Sullivan. The result was a carefully drafted letter sent to the County Board and this allied with our Chairman's hard work led to the County Board making a quick decision and we were clear to play Kilmoyley but unfortunately without the services of our most dedicated player Tom Murphy who was off on his honeymoon. The semi-final proved to be a drab affair as Crokes were far too strong and ran out easy winners in Caherslee by 1-13 to 0-5 and was not a suitable test for the team.

The final was played against Kenmare on the 6th Nov. in Kenmare and while the team was reasonably confident, only a few players performed on the day and eventhough Crokes led at half time by a point Kenmare ran out easy winners on the scoreline of 2-12 to 1-7. While Crokes were disappointed we still had the County League to look forward to. We played Causeway in the Semi Final and ran out comfortable winners on the scoreline of 2-13 to 1-9, eventhough we were short five regulars. The highlight of this game was the performance of Brian Darcy at midfield eventhough he carried an injury into the game, Shane Kavanagh's successful first start for a Crokes Senior team and Cormac Bonnars new role as a goalkeeper. The final against Kilmoyley was played on Sun the 28th Nov. at the excellently prepared pitch which was cut by Paudie Vaughan at short notice. This proved to be Crokes best ever victory capturing the Division 2 title against a Kilmoyley team with County medal winners on board. The real character of this team came to the fore as the team came from 7 points down to draw the game in normal time. Then with 5 mins to go in extra time Crokes sprung young Turlough Bonnar from the bench and with his first touch scored a point. His next touch 2 mins from time was a beautiful overhead flick to the back of the net as he ran diagonally across the goals. It was a score to grace Croke Park. The final whistle led to scenes of unbridled joy and a more than deserved result for a great bunch of players. While it was an outstanding team performance I have to mention the performances of Gary Landers who was a new man in 2004, Seanie O Shea with a Man of the Match performance, Brian Darcy and Keith Curtin at midfield and Earl Tuohy and Seanie Morris in the forwards along with that grand finale by Turlough Bonnar.

The Team and scorers was

John Cagney, Cian O'Toole, Gary Landers, Tom Murphy, Kevin Landers, Seanie O'Shea, Paul Griffin, Brian Darcy (0-1), Keith Curtin (0-2f), Earl Tuohy (0-5,3f), Barry O'Grady (0-1), Tim Hourigan, Seanie Morris (1-3), Cormac Bonnar, Tony Mackey (1-0)
Subs: Turlough Bonnar (1-1), Gene Doherty, Shane Kavanagh, Gerry Murphy, Brendan Keogh, John Keeffe, Dave Cotter.

The Crokes also retained the South Kerry Junior Championship by defeating Rathmore on a scoreline of 2-12 to 3-3

Team was : Denis McCarthy, John Lenihan, Gary Landers, Paul Griffin, Kevin Landers, Gerry Murphy, Barry O'Grady (0-3), Seanie Morris (0-1), Brendan O'Keeffe, Turlough Bonnar (0-5), Shane Kavanagh (0-1), Johnny Dunphy (1-2), Gene Doherty, Brendan Keogh (1-0), Billy Hennigan, John Keeffe, Martin Byrnes.

The panel and mentors would like to thank Tom and Mary O'Donoghue, Speak Easy for their continued generous sponsorship. We would also like to congratulate the juvenile hurlers, their mentors for their great success during the year and to congratulate our senior footballers for their successes in 2004 and thank them for their cooperation with facilitating matches and training during the year. Thanks also to Der Brosnan, Tracey O'Shea, and Patrick O'Sullivan for their support and assistance throughout the year. Thanks to our merry band of supporters who supported us in all our matches and Kieran Madden who was our travelling umpire when available

Congratulations to our senior player Tom Murphy and his wife Elaine who were married in November.

On a sad note we extend our sympathy to Dan Kelliher on the death of his wife Eva.

Finally the most profound and saddening event of the year was the untimely death of our outstanding and loyal clubman Eddie Barry. He was a great friend to the hurlers who came to know Eddie through his ever presence in the clubhouse. He was always there to help with advice, match tickets, expenses etc. I am sure he smiled when the trophies came to the club in recent times. Thanks for everything Eddie agus codladh samh duit in measc leaba na naomh

Brendan Keogh

Gene Doherty

On Behalf of the Hurlers

A Great Croke clubman

1952 - 2004

'Ask not what your club can do for you, But what you can do for your club'

President John F Kennedy's address to the USA epitomises Eddie Barry's mission in life, total dedication to Dr Crokes and all it symbolises in our lives. When the '19 Dangerous Dreamers' got together in College Street on November 2nd, 1886 to found Dr Crokes, they passed on the torch for future generations of Crokes. Eddie was imbued with this spirit when he joined the History Committee that produced Dr Crokes Gaelic Century in 1986 to mark the centenary of our revered club.



Since he returned home from Dublin in 1984 he threw his considerable weight, physically and certainly metaphorically, behind the club, giving it his heart and soul. He was corner forward with the 'C' team along with Risteárd Clancy and Donal O'Mahony. He was a traditionalist, preferring to stay inside, as Dr Eamonn O Sullivan always advised and not adopting the modern outfield roving style.

Eddie was an officer of the club from day one until The Great Referee called him home on October 23rd 2004. Player, selector, secretary, treasurer, umpire, bagman, lotto man and whatever else needed doing in the club,. He was the smiling face of Dr Crokes who opened up the clubhouse, the pitches and greeted all with courtesy and efficiency. Nothing for the Crokes was a bother for him and 'no' was redundant in his vocabulary. It was a labour of love by a man loved by all. He did his work quietly, no limelight sought, no fanfare's; that was his style.

Before he went to Dublin for the 2004 All Ireland final he made sure that every person working for Dr Crokes in its so many diverse activities was 'alright for a ticket to Croker'. Few knew about that but all who benefited did appreciate his generosity.

How fitting it was to see him laid out in the 1992 All Ireland club champions black jacket and the biro in his top pocket, trademark of his unstinting service to Dr Crokes and Killarney P.O..

They gave him a fitting send off at the removal and burial. An unbroken guard -of honour stretched all the ways from the funeral home to the Cathedral as his colleagues from Dr Crokes and Killarney P.O. felt privileged to shoulder his mortal remains in a coffin draped in the black and amber of the club he loved so well.

Eddie Barry, an only child had the biggest family of all from his club and workplace. They honoured the man who gave unselfishly of his humanity, an unstinting service above and beyond the call of duty.

Dr Crokes is a better place because of people like Eddie, the unsung heroes.

The founding fathers would have been very proud of Eddie Barry and people of his ilk. That's the great tradition of Dr Crokes for the past 118 years.

Go gcúitítear do shaothar leat Eddie.

Suaimhneas na síorraíochta i measc na gCrócaigh ar Neamh

Eamonn Fitzgerald

Again we had another very successful year in 2004, which included 7 outings & our annual trip to Cork.

Our Golfer of the year was Paudie Sheahan who led the field from start to finish (a good stayer our Paudie) and not only did he win the coveted trophy but he also took a few Euro from a couple of our distinguished committee members as well. We had another big turnout for the Captain's prize which was held in Beaufort in early July and the winner was no other than the great Paudie Sheahan, whose compassionate speech about being a member of the Crokes club made us all proud of what we have. Our trip to Cork took place on the first weekend in June, where Peter Fleming won the Maurice O'Donoghue Perpetual Trophy at the Cork Golf Club.

Other winners during the year were: Mike O'Neill, David Maloney, Steve McCarthy & Harry O' Neill.

On behalf of the society, I offer my sincere sympathy to all the family & friends of a great member, the late Eddie Barry. May he rest in peace.

I would like to thank the following for their Sponsorship, help & support throughout the year, Sponsors: Speakeasy; Maurice O'Donoghue jnr.; Niall Brosnan; The Failte; Mike Buckley; The Vintage; Tatler Jack & Vince Casey. Support: Gerard Looney/Brian O'Callaghan on the web, Breda Neeson/Vera O'Leary for their great cooking. A tremendous committee: L. Hartnett; B. Keogh; G. O'Shea; V. Casey; M. Howard & J. McEnery

I'd also like to thank all the members for their support & co-operation throughout the year. Lastly, I wish the incoming Captain for 2005, Denis Coffey, all the best for the year and I know he'll enjoy it.

Best wishes for the New Year to all in the club.

Greg O'Donoghue (Captain 2004).

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee was set up primarily to raise funds for the further development of our grounds in Lewis Road. The building of a new stand, and extension to the existing club-house and the provision of a third playing pitch were the objectives and we are now well on our way to achieving these goals. The primary fund raising event undertaken was the grand draw for a Ford Mondeo and numerous holidays, which turned out to be a marvellous success, netting us in excess of €70,000.00. The success of the draw was due to the huge time and effort put in by so many of the club's members who not only collected throughout the year, but also raised the profile of the Dr. Crokes club nationally by fund raising at County League and Championship matches, Munster Championship Hurling and Football encounters, and most weekends at the Killarney Outlet Centre.

In addition to the draw, we have sold advertising around the perimeter of the main pitch to various sponsors. Signs were sold for €2,000.00 each to cover a four year period, and with 18 currently subscribed, this has yielded us a further €36,000.00. We are now in position to start construction, and will hopefully receive some National Lottery Funding to equal our initial funds raised. We propose to continue the momentum in 2005, albeit not at the same pace and in this way assure that the developments taking place are not a burden on the day to day running of the club.

I would like to thank all the finance committee, the ladies committee, the clubs officers and especially the many, many people who helped in making our monster draw such an outstanding success, and congratulate the lucky winners. Finally, I would just like to remember Eddie Barry, who looked after all the money for the Finance Committee until his untimely death in October. The new stand will be a permanent testament to his tireless endeavour.

Mike Buckley,
On behalf of the Finance Committee.

Scór

This is the 3rd year in recent times that we have participated in Scór na nÓg. We met at the beginning of September, once the children had returned to school and preparations for the East Kerry District Board Final (E.K.D.B.) began. The club PRO Richard Clancy advertised this locally and new members of the club were invited to attend and part take of the activities.

The East Kerry District Board competition was held in the Arus Padraig in mid-November 2004. As a club we participated in 4 events: 1) Ballad Group, 2) Rince Set, 3) Nuachleas and 4) Question Time. All members represented the club proudly and all looked lovely wearing the club colours.

Great success was achieved by the Nuachleas group (Novelty Act). A script written by Jackie Quirke called "The Americans have Landed"

We achieved 1st place in East Kerry. (Following 2nd place on our debut in this event in 2003) The members of this group are young and enthusiastic and certainly enjoyed their victory. We travelled by coach and cars to Dromid, Waterville in early December '04 and qualified for the Co. Final on 19th December 2004 in the Gleneagle. The children put up a great performance and no doubt, with youth on their side, they will be back to fight (and act) another day.

I was given great help and assistance from Jackie Quirke, Margurite Brosnan, Breeda Cronin and Bridget Egan. (who all took on the role of training the groups) The use of the clubhouse for rehearsal practice was invaluable and we also use the facilities of the Arus Padraig to enhance our 'stage' presence and this was evident in the confidence the children had on stage in front of a full house.

The aim is now to build on what we have and to encourage more children and parents to come forward and enjoy these cultural activities. While only one act can perform in East Kerry for the club, there is ample room and opportunity for everyone to participate.

East Kerry have asked the club to provide stewards for the events and Marion Doherty and Catherine Keogh have come forward. Time is approaching for Scór Sinsear and with encouragement, I hope some senior members of the club will come forward and represent the club, especially at local level. This would be a positive example for the younger age group.

The Munster Final for Scór na nÓg will be held in the Gleneagle on January 30th 2005 and the Scór Sinsear All Ireland Final will be held in the INEC in April 2005. From past experiences, these are both days filled with the highest standards of our cultural activities and very enjoyable family entertainment.

The children who participated this year included:

BALLAD GROUP: Aileen Hurley, Arienn Kennedy and Emma Cronin.

QUESTION TIME: Shane O'Neill, Christopher Egan and Timothy Dudley.

NOVELTY: Shane and Cian O'Neill, Michael and Niamh Quirke, Jason Lyne, Bryan O'Doherty, Caoimhe Willis and Mary Egan.

SET: Megan Kiely, Leanita Doody, Zoe O'Sullivan, Niamh Sexton, Amy O'Shea, Sarah Egan, Leah O'Shea, Carina O'Leary and Katie Looney.

Regards
Geraldine Lyne

Events Committee Report

It was decided to change our name to the Dr. Crokes Events Committee. Our thanks to Catherine Keogh who stepped down as chairperson for all her hard work and our thanks to Ann Byrnes for taking over the position. Our annual social took place in February with High Street providing an excellent night of entertainment. Thanks to Niall O'Callaghan for the disco and to Liam O'Connor for his unique musical contribution. Our chairperson Patrick O'Sullivan supplied one of the highlights of the night with a "light footed performance with Liam's leggy dancers". Thanks also to Der Brosnan, our M.C. for the night and to the GlenEagle for a very enjoyable meal.

The launch of the draw for the Dr. Crokes Ford Mondeo took place on March 15th at Scotts Hotel. We sold tickets at various events and locations during the year, finishing with a great night in Scotts on November 1st. Thanks to everyone for selling tickets all year, a great success. For the St. Patrick's Day parade we had the Dr. Crokes car on display and our marchers won first prize in their category. We also had a very colourful float.

A very successful race night was held on April 7th in the Talter Jack. Our new kitchen facilities were put to good use during the year, we provided tea and sandwiches for numerous visiting teams and hot food for the Senior team prior to the County Championship.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all club members who helped in the preparations for the reception held at the clubhouse after the funeral of the late Eddie Barry R.I.P.

Our next event was a well attended Halloween party, thanks to Pat O'Shea, our D.J. for the night. Also thanks to Eamon and Valerie Courtney, Killarney Oaks for sponsoring goodies on the night. This was followed on November 30th by our club mass, kindly celebrated by Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue.

The annual Christmas Quiz was held in the Talter Jack on December 6th, thanks to Breeda for organising the food, to all those who donated spot prizes, to our unflappable quizmaster Der Brosnan and to Richard Kelly and Der Brosnan for their memorable video.

The Ardfert retreat took place on December 14th. Bridie O'Shea was again main organiser of the retreat with the help of Tadge Fleming and Mella O'Connell. Around 50 people attend this year. Thanks to Buckleys for providing the transport.

The Children's Christmas party took place on December 22nd at the clubhouse, thanks to Seamus O'Doherty for the special part he played on the night! Thanks also to Joe Maye, Pat O'Shea and Kathleen Fitzgerald. Great night and again thanks to Eamon and Valerie Courtney, Killarney Oaks for sponsoring this night also.

Thanks again to all committee and club members for your hard work during the year, it really is much appreciated.

Francis O'Sullivan
Secretary
Events Committee.

937 Visitors to Dr. Crokes website.....in 1 day

It is hard to believe, but the statistics tell their own story.

Yes, 937 visitors logged on to our website on Monday, September 27th, 2004 and that is a phenomenal number of people enquiring about Dr. Crokes on that day. It was special of course, the day after the All Ireland football finals. Kerry won back the Sam Maguire and Dr. Crokes contribution to Kerry's success reflected the glory days of Kerry's first All Ireland football success in 1903, when no less than 7 Croke men played on that historic win.

In 2004, we had 3 of our senior players winning their first All Ireland SFC medals, Eoin Brosnan, Colm 'Gooch' Cooper and Kieran Cremin.

Prominent Croke officials, Patrick O'Sullivan and Harry O'Neill played key roles in the Kerry team backroom official party. Neither, must we forget that 4 of our minors played with the Kerry Minor team that came so close to winning their All Ireland on the same day in Croke Park. They were Luke Quinn, Andrew Kenneally, Kieran O'Leary and Brian Looney. Their day will come.

53,319 hits for Dr Crokes

Since we went on line with ---www.drcrokes.com--- a total of 53,319 hits have been registered on site, as of today, 22/12/2004, when this report is being filed for Tracey O'Shea to be included in AGM report.

The most popular sites are Club News, Team Reports and Golf Society. Our thanks to the Jackie Looney for his comprehensive and interesting Round Up and for his great consistency throughout the year. Breda Neeson never fails to supply interesting material on a constant basis. Other regular contributors include John Keogh, Ristead Clancy and the golfing triumvirate, Brendan Keogh, John McEnery and Liam Hartnett.

We need more people to supply information. Our aim is to keep Dr. Crokes at the top as a club website, so that we will continue to attract visitors to our site from all parts of the world. Breakdown of nationalities, who visit the site shows Ireland on top, followed by USA, and UK. 326 logged in from China great potential in that country with its teeming population gearing up for Olympics 2008 in Beijing Just 19 so far from Bruni. Where's that? Ask John Keogh, or e-mail the site with your query to info@drcrokes.com. Iran is just waking up to Dr. Crokes with just 7 visitors. Bionn gach tosach lag, so we will see how the newcomers to Dr. Crokes website develop in 2005.

How You Can Help

Throughout 2004, Dr. Crokes has been on line so that people all over the world were able to make contact with us.

You can help how?

If you are involved with the club in any capacity, with fixtures, news, gossip, history etc. don't just keep it to yourself. Don't let cyberspace faze you. E-mail even a few lines or pictures to info@drcrokes.com. You can also phone a friend to send on the info. To the site. Imagine the thrill it will give some Croke aficionado throughout the world.

Send it in. We will do the rest and we are open for business 24 hours a day everyday.

During 2004, The website had many highlights, including ---- magical 937 visitors on September 27th, one of the 1901 Kerry SFC medals won by Dr. Crokes sent back home to Killarney via South Africa, Joe Maye Clubman of the year, Congrats to Dr. Croke lady golfers, Breeda Neeson and Siobhan Moynihan (Kavanagh) and to former player Sean Quigley, Song for Gooch and Tribute to the late great Eddie Barry RIP.

Add in the staple diet of fixtures, match reports, juveniles, lotto, notice board, history photos ... and much more.

Mile buiochas is richly deserved by Gerard Looney and Brian O'Callaghan, the main stays of this club activity. Without their unselfish, unheralded, consistent background work this site would not attract 53,319 visitors. They make it what it is, a top class website. Many thanks Gerard and Brian.

New years resolution for all Crokes....

Log on toinfo@drcrokes.com.....and keep it at the top.

Eamonn Fitzgerald, Brian O'Callaghan and Gerard Looney

Development Report

The Clubhouse was transformed this year. The ground floor, which included the dressing rooms, first aid room, toilet, were emeluxed and sure safe floor covering laid. The stairs and the landing were also emeluxed. The toilet, store room and kitchen floors were covered with sure safe while the stairs, landing , offices and meeting rooms were covered with carpet. All the first floor rooms were painted. A new kitchen was installed to meet the Health & Safety Regulations.

Outside the fields were spiked and sanded. The crossbars on goals on senior pitch were removed and repaired. Work has commenced at levelling the area at the top right hand side of our property at the back gate entrance. This section is to be brought to a level, which will enable us to develop a third playing field. Work has also begun on the new building and stand. The process for this project began almost 2 years ago. Over the next few months I hope to see the fruits of our endeavours.

In the past year there was again great demand for the use of our Clubhouse and fields. The County Board and East Kerry Board used our grounds for semi-finals and finals. Here is a breakdown of main users:

1. Kerry Minor, Under-21, Senior - 9 times
2. Kerry Ladies-Senior, Junior & Underage - 7 times
3. (A) Co. Board Hurling Camp
(B) Co. Board Hurling Feile
4. (A) Co. Board Football Camp
(B) Co. Board Football Feile
5. Schools - Sem.
Presentation Convent.
Mercy Convent.
Monastery.
Gael Scoil.
St. Olivers.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people who worked here during the year. Our Fas people Sean O'Sullivan and Andreas Larkin. Special thanks to the following who gave their time and expertise: Donie O'Leary, James Cahillane, David Moloney, James Jones, Batt Moriarty, John Yogi Keogh, Dan Kelliher, Murt O'Shea, John O'Leary, Francis Duggan, Sean O'Shea, Karl McMahon and Pdraig Griffin.

Regards

Der Brosnan

Development Officer

Club Officers 2004

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P.R.O.:	RICHARD CLANCY.
Registrar:	JOHN KEOGH
Development Officer:	DER BROSAN.
Senior Selectors:	PAT O'SHEA, MARTIN BYRNES, EDDIE O'SULLIVAN.
Hurling:	GENE DOHERTY, BRENDAN KEOGH, PAT KENNELLY, DAVID COTTER. TRAINERS: SEANIE O'SHEA & BRENDAN KEOGH
Senior 'B' Selector:	EDDIE O'CONNOR, TOMMY BROSAN, JIM CONNELLY, MARK COOPER, MIKE DALTON.
U-21 Selectors:	GER O'SHEA, JAMES CAHILLANE, TOMMY BROSAN, MARTIN BYRNES, ROLAND NEHER.
Minor Selectors:	JOHN GALVIN, BILLY HENNIGAN, JIM CONNELLY, DENIS CORRIDAN, DER BROSAN,
Co. Board Delegate:	TIM O'SULLIVAN.
East Kerry Board	
Delegate:	TIM O'SULLIVAN, DONIE O'LEARY.
Oifigeach na Gaeilge:	RISTARD CLANCY.



COMPETITIONS WON IN 2004

- U-12** - County Hurling Championship, Division 4
- U-14** - East Kerry Football Championship and League
- U-15** - East Kerry Football Championship and League
- U-16** - East Kerry Football Championship, League and Killarney 250
- Minor** - Kerry County League
- U-21** - East Kerry Championship
- Ladies** - Intermediate County Championship
- Hurling** - Kerry County League, Division 2
South Kerry Junior League
- Juniors** - O'Sullivan Cup
East Kerry Junior League
East Kerry Intermediate Championship
Moylneaux Cup
- Senior** - O'Donoghue Cup
County Senior League
East Kerry League
Killarney 250
Munster Senior League