



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 24th, January 2006

Dr. Crokes Club House - 7.00p.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 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

E.G.M. - Re. 'New G.A.A. Constitution - MEMBERSHIP

Clár Gnótha

1. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
2. MINUTES OF 2004 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 2006
 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
 10. P.R.O.
8. DELEGATES 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 2005.

I thought writing last years report was hard but this years one , well what I can I say. The Dr. Crokes Club has been taken on a roller-coaster ride in the past few years. Some great high but enormous lows. Reaching the County Senior and Minor Championship Finals was a powerful achievement for us all and as a club our utmost goal but I think one person who put, what it's all about into perspective Kieran Cahillane. So much has been said about Cheese. A son, brother, friend, athlete an inspiration that will stay with the Dr. Crokes forever. To his family and friends I wish to express my deepest sympathy.

Senior Team:

No change in management in 2005, our season began as it finished in 2004, Winning. Back to back County League Champions, County Championship Finalists, O'Donoghue Cup Semi Finalist. At one stage we were still involved in so many competitions I thought we'd eat Christmas dinner and head for a match afterwards. It turned out to be a long season. Watching many of neutral championship matches during the year, it is clear to see that Dr. Crokes are the strongest club team in the County. Again this year injury and retirements deprived the panel of some of it's more experienced players. But, when called upon their presence on the sidelines were crucial to our success.

Junior Team:

As are result of injuries and retirements in 2005, the knock on effect was felt by our junior team Numbers were tight but they still turned in some great performances throughout the season. Victorious in the East Kerry Junior League, the junior team were forceful in all other competitions and undoubtedly seen as the team to beat in the County.

C Team:

Even though numbers were limited the start of the season appeared promising. Some fixtures clashed with other matches resulting in 3 senior teams playing over a weekend. Unfortunately ,the C team losing out on numbers.

Hurlers:

A huge commitment is evident in this team. 2004 was very successful year for hurlers, so 2005 was going to be hard to top it. Injuries during the season hampered the hurlers. Due to the Intermediate Championship fixed early in 2005 players from other senior hurling clubs were eligible to tog out against us

resulting in competing against strong opponents in certain competitions.

U21 Team:

The season for the Under 21 started early in 2005, in fact the day after our Croke social. A good way to clear the head out in Gneevigulla I guess. Close encounters in many games but no silverware this year to show from many great performances. Great commitment was shown by this team. However it is very frustrating to compete in certain competitions without all players available.

Minor Team:

One of the success stories of the year. John Galvin, Billy, Jim, Denis and James claimed their own personnel rewards this year as a result of the huge amount of work put into this team in 2005 and past years. Five minor players representing Kerry in 2005 tells its own story. Realistically Dr. Crokes are the only club team capable of competing forcefully against divisional sides in the County Championship competition. Like other teams it was a long season for our minor players lifting the last piece of silverware won by them Christmas week.

Ladies Football:

Ladies football continues to grow from strength to strength within the club. At present Dr. Crokes are now participating in every grade from underage right up to senior within the County. One of our senior stars Grainne O'Malley was nominated for an All-Star in 2005 which shows the bright future ahead for our budding footballer's.

The Clubs sponsorship deal with UhlSport is now signed and sealed for the next 3 years. Sincere thanks to Patrick O'Sullivan who put this package together and continues to liaise with UhlSport. It's great to see so many members wearing the Croke colours.

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

Our clubs development continues with plans in place for 2006. As can be seen from the Martin Beckett Clubhouse, the third field has now been levelled. The new building and stand is three quarters the way to completion. 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 in 2005.

None more evident than in Croke Park at various stages of the All Ireland competition, Kerry Seniors: Eoin, Colm, Kieran Cremin, Kerry Minors: Kieran O'Leary, Jamie, Mike, Brian and John Payne, Development Officer: Patrick O'Sullivan, Masseur: Harry O'Neill, Kerry U21's: Luke Quinn, Kerry U21 Hurling: Barry O'Grady, Kerry Senior Ladies: Katie Gleeson, Grainne O'Malley, Mairead Finnegan, Niamh Sheehan, Amanda Brosnan, Kerry Junior Ladies: Marie Cahillane, Joanne Spillane, Helena Falvey, Cassandra Buckley, Kerry U16 Ladies: Amanda Brosnan, Edel O'Carroll, Emma Galvin, Fiona Sheehan, Niamh Sheehan, Kerry Under 12: Megan Kiely, Karna O'Leary, Rheanne O'Shea, Cailini Oga: Blathin Cronin and Rheanne O'Shea.

The list continues to grow.

One of the highlights of the football season was Colm Cooper receiving his All Star award. I seem to be repeating myself each year with this one, not the I'm complaining. Congratulations to Eoin Brosnan and Colm Cooper who travelled Down Under to represent Ireland during the Compromised Rules campaign.

A huge thanks to all our committees for their hard work over the year. As you'll read report after report it brings to light the amount of work that's done by each committee. Without their involvement it would be hard to function as efficiently. Dr. Crokes club has grown over the years. To our Scor committee a huge thank you for keeping Dr. Crokes involvement to the fore.

Congratulations are extended to both Eddie "Talter" O'Sullivan and Vince Cooper who are chosen selectors with the Kerry Under 21's and Kerry Minors respectively for the coming year.

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. And it was a very long 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 and East Kerry Board delegates, Not an easy job I know.

Congratulations to all our winning teams in 2005 and continue success to all our teams and mentors in 2006.

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Treasa Ní Shé,
Runaí

Senior Team Report

Again as last year our training began in mid February in preparation for all competitions. The East Kerry Super League was 1st up and we did ok in this competition experimenting with some new and young players in these games. This worked well for us and gave us a platform on which to prepare for the bigger competitions. Next was the County League which began in the end of March. We had a great start to this competition winning our 1st five games which put us in a very strong position for the later stages of the league and we continued on with some very good performances losing only one game to Austin Stacks all year and eventually winning the competition by defeating Milltown/Castlemaine after playing very well in front of our supporters in the final.

During the year we were also playing in the Senior Munster League Competition and this gave us the opportunity to play against teams from other counties and to see where we were in comparison with other club teams and may I add that we are at this moment in pretty good shape in this regard. As of now we are in the semi-final of the competition and it will have been played before you read this report. The game is against Rathmore so hopefully we will be reporting to the AGM that we will be playing Nemo Rangers in the final next week.

Getting back to the rest of the summation the team was progressing nicely and doing a little better than we were expecting considering we had lost so many players from the previous season through retirement and injury and transfers. Training was going very well and the attendances were very good with huge effort being made by a number of players to travel to training that were not Killarney based. We played Laune Rangers in the 1st round of the club championship and this game which was played in late April in Killorglin was going to be a real test of our young team and to this date not tested in championship football. They passed the test with a fine win. They continued to perform well and this was more times than not without the services of all our inter county players. Credit to all those other players that stepped in week after week and performed admirably when ever they had to. This is what the teams were all about, panel strengths. Next up was the real deal, Co. Championship and Milltown/Castlemaine. Got through with an excellent performance on the night. We continued to do well both in games and in training and kept winning our matches and ended up paired with Laune Rangers in the Co. Championship semi-final. We progressed to the final after two great matches with the Rangers. With only a week between semi and final we didn't have much time to prepare. We were faced against a South Kerry team that had got to the final and had been improving all the way with every game. On the day we didn't play very well unfortunately and ended up losing by a few points. Major disappointment for every one but especially the players. But the biggest disappointment was the fact that they were going to be denied the chance to represent their County in the Club Championship that had started back all those months ago and for some reason ended up with two teams in the final of the Kerry section that had not played any semi-final. Farcical I think and I hope that the whole competition will be reviewed sooner rather than later. Then after suffering a defeat in the County Final it was on to the O'Donoghue Cup and the next week it was Gneeveguilla. A good win and a good performance by a team that had been in action since February and it was now November. Semi-final day was against Killcummin and we never really got going on the day. A number of factors are applicable to this performance. Another disappointment losing at the penultimate stage of our local championship.

All in all it was a frustrating year on the playing fields. I hope 2006 will be as good. Congratulations to all players that represented their County this year at any level, and especial congrats to Eoin and Colm who represented their Country down under in Aus in the Compromised Rules. Looking forward to another great season.

Yours in sport

Martin Byrnes, Eddie O'Sullivan & Pat O'Shea



Junior Report

The year 2005 has been a very frustration one for the Junior team. It was very busy season, competing in five competitions. We started in march with our first game and finished in November prematurely. Although the juniors wasn't as strong as in 2004 in all competitions we did perform adequately.

Our first competition was the East Kerry Junior League which we did very well again with great performances in this league. We qualified for the final which our opponents were Rathmore. Dr. Crokes emerged victorious with a brilliant display from one of youngest Junior teams ever had in this competition.

The County Leagues kept us busy, playing a total of 14 games. Although only winning 3 games and drawing 1. It was disappointing due to injuries and retirements we struggled in this competition.

Our next outing was the Moylneaux Cup which we played Laune Rangers away. Although we were weak on the night we performed very well against a very strong Laune Rangers side, who eventually won it out.

It was time for the O'Sullivan Cup where we played Cordal away. We lost this tie by 5 points. We were not allowed play our full panel of players especially our 5 Kerry Minors. The East Kerry Board decided to call off all other O'Sullivan Cup games except our one, it was very frustrating.

The last competition of the year was East Kerry Intermediate Championship. We played Firies in a cracking game which ended in a draw after extra-time. We won the replay convincingly. We played Listry in the semi-final at Fossa which ended in a draw also. No extra-time played but the East Kerry Board decided to exit us from this competition.

This year was overshadowed by the tragic death of our young star Kieran Cahillane, while still only 19. He achieved so much in his short life span and was becoming a shining star for the Dr. Crokes Club. He was a tremendous character and will be missed by us all. i send my deepest sympathy to his family and all the friends of Kieran.

On a final note, I must thanks all the panel of players for their commitment for the year. To our supporters , club officers, senior selection team , thanks for all the help and encouragement. A special word of thanks to my fellow selectors for there great commitment and cooperation over a long season and the last few years. It was a joy to be involved with them. Thanks.

Yours in Sport,

Tommy Brosnan, Mark Cooper, Eddie O'Connor, Jim Connelly, John Daly.

C Team Report

The past year has been a difficult one for this team. With a number of retirements, transfers and injuries to members of other teams we were unable to fulfil all fixtures. Nevertheless the players who participated represented the club with great commitment and were unlucky on a few occasions. I don't think there are enough players at present to continue with this team for the coming year.

Micheal O'Leary.

The team started to prepare for the East Kerry Championship in early February. We got together on Friday nights as a lot of players were away in college. Some players were also involved with the Senior Team and had a little extra preparation because of this. We played Scartaglen in the first round and won the match after a very tight game in our own top pitch. On to the semi final and a meeting with Gneevguilla. Ist game ended in a draw after a fantastic come back by the Crokes team. The replay was in the Park and after another fantastic game that could have gone either way a game that our team I felt should have won, we lost out at the death and Gneevguillia went on to become East Kerry champions Dr. Crokes then had to play in the Co. championship against a very strong Shannon rangers side in Ballduff in the summer time. Without the services of all our Kerry minors and despite our best efforts on the night we were well beaten. Thanks to all the players for their effort. Lots of them are under age again this year and hopefully we will have a little more success. The rest of those players I hope will continue to play with our senior teams and help the club to achieve lots more in the future.

Regards

Martin Byrnes, Karl McMahon, Pa O'Donoghue & Liam Sheehan.

Minor Report

This was a very successful year for the Dr. Crokes Minor Team winning the East Kerry Minor Championship and League Double and winning the Division 1 County League title for the second year in succession and were beaten finalists in the Minor County Championship Final.

Minor County League Division 1 Final Dr. Crokes 0-12 Kerins O'Rahillys 1-6

This was a terrific contest played in Fitzgerald Stadium on a wet and blustery Friday evening in May. A brace of late scores from Jamie Doolan and Brian Looney secured the victory added to a superb defensive performance from John Payne, Tommy Ryan, John Bartlett, Gavin Tucker and Michael Moloney. Kieran O'Leary and Ian Howard did trojan work around the middle of the field and younger players Johnny Buckley, Philip O'Connor and Ruairi Mangan also played well. Denis Galvin scored two crucial points on the night. A terrific team battling performance secured the victory.

Minor County Championship Final South Kerry 2-7 Dr. Crokes 0-7

A physically stronger South Kerry team eventually prevailed in a game played in terrible wet and windy conditions in Killorglin last October. An early injury to the excellent Philip O'Connor possibly cost the Crokes on the day and proved the difference between the sides in the end. A succession of wides in the first half when Crokes were playing with a strong wind proved very costly at the finish. Two well taken goals by Paddy Curran proved the difference in the end despite excellent defending by John Payne. A crucial turning point in the game was an advantage not given to Jamie Doolan as he beared down on a goal near the end. However, South Kerry deserved the victory on the day but the experience gained should prove very beneficial especially for the younger Crokes players for the future.

East Kerry Minor Championship Final Dr. Crokes 1-12 Currow 1-8

Dr. Crokes prevailed in a tough encounter against a physical and resilient Currow side. A superb second half goal by Brian Looney proved the difference at the end added to some fine scores by Jamie Doolan and some excellent frees earned by Kieran O'Leary. Again John Payne, John Bartlett and Gavin Tucker were excellent at the back. Jamie Wrenn scored an excellent point and substitute Johnathan Clarke had an excellent second half.

East Kerry Minor League Final Dr. Crokes 1-9 Currow 0-6

This was probably Dr. Crokes Minor team finest performance of the year as following an incident in the first game Dr. Crokes faced a very hostile and intimidating atmosphere in Currow for the League Final. However, this was the day when boys became men and facing the strong wind, rain and hill in the second half the team scored a brace of excellent points to secure a great victory. This was a fine team performance but Captain Kieran O'Leary stood tallest and gave an inspired performance throughout.

Other highlights of the year were 5 of the Crokes Minor Team representing Kerry in the All Ireland Minor Semi-Final. They were Kieran O'Leary, Brian Looney, Michael Moloney, Jamie Wrenn and John Payne.

MINOR COUNTY FINAL TEAM

Alan Kelly
Tommy Ryan John Payne John Bartlett
Jamie Wrenn Michael Moloney Gavin Tucker
Ian Howard Kieran O'Leary
Philip O'Connor Johnny Buckley Brian Looney
Denis Galvin Ruairi Mangan Jamie Doolan

Subs: David O'Leary for Philip O'Connor (injured), Johnathan Clarke for Tommy Ryan, Tommy Ryan for Denis Galvin

TRAINER: John Galvin

SELECTORS: Billy Hennigan, James Cahalane, Jim Connolly and Denis Corridan.



U-16 Report

It was a great year for the Under 16's with the team winning both the East Kerry and County Leagues. The East Kerry competition was played earlier in the year with the team having a huge win over Rathmore in the final. The lads won every game easily on the lead up to the final also, which was not a great help in preparing for the County League.

Four teams, Kerins O Rahillys, Austin Stacks, Laune Rangers and Dr Crokes, only contested the County League Division 1. We started slowly and were lucky to beat Stacks in our opening game, with a late Niall O Connell goal proving decisive. Next up were Kerins O Rahillys at home and they decisively defeated us in a poor performance by our lads against a very determined Tralee side, who were determined to avenge our win when we met them at Under 14 level. We suffered an even bigger defeat by the same opposition in Tralee, which had Rahillys odds on to win the title.

After this the lads' regrouped and great performance against Austin Stacks and Laune Rangers put us through to the final. Two factors I felt attributed to the turnaround, firstly our big players started to find form and secondly the playing of two of the games in midweek rather than Monday nights saw a marked improvement in performance, as some of the lads were not working long hours at weekend and as a result were fresher.

In the final, Rahillys were strongly fancied to beat us a third time and it looked like this would happen in the first 10 minutes. We then played our best football of the year for the next 15 minutes scoring 1-7 without reply, with Ruairi Mandan, Philip O'Connor, Johnny Buckley, John Bartlett and Jamie Doolan powering the team on. Rahillys to their credit fought their way back and with full time approaching drew level. However our determination and appetite led us to one more attack, with a brilliant Philip O Connor point giving us a deserved victory.

The progression of the players was also rewarded with 6 of them making the South Kerry team that won the Munster championship. Jamie Doolan captained the team and was ably assisted by John Bartlett, Johnny Buckley, Philip O'Connor, Michael McMahon and Ruairi Mangan. The same players were also very prominent with our minors who also had a brilliant season, while there were also many more of the panel in the minor squad, which reflected the rate of progress made.

I would like to thank my fellow selectors Mike Buckley, James Cahillane and Matthew Courtney for their great work and commitment throughout the year and also the many parents who attended the games and helped us.

Vincent Casey



U-15 Report

The U15 team also had a great season winning the East Kerry final in a thrilling game against Legion played in the Fitzgerald Stadium. Again we started the campaign slowly and were hammered in our first league game by Legion when we were short a few regulars. However wins over Rathmore, Spa and Currow put us in the final against the same opponents with the rate of improvement particularly noticeable. A brilliant team performance in the final gave us a well-deserved victory having been behind for much of the match. If the team can maintain the same rate of improvement they can continue to challenge for honours in the year ahead.

To fellow selectors, Harry O Neill, Mike Buckley and Enda Ward a sincere thank you.

Vincent Casey

U-14 Report

The U-14 team had a long and fairly successful year on the playing fields. They started out by playing in the Nemo Rangers U-14 Mick O'Brien Memorial Tournament on 5/6 February. In the first game we played our hosts and after a good game were beaten by 5 points. In our second game we met a powerful Austin Stacks team and we were comprehensively beaten. St Vincents of Dublin also proved to be far too strong for our boys. In our last game it was back to play Nemo to see who would win the Plate competition. This was a classic game and ended in a draw after extra time. A penalty shoot-out was used to decide the outcome. Our lads held their nerve better than the Nemo boys and the team had won their first trophy. Thanks to Nemo Rangers who were great hosts and we look forward to returning in 2006.

County League

The team competed in Division 1 of the county league. Unfortunately a poor start left us with little chance of qualifying for the semi-finals. We played a total of 5 games and after a bad start we finished very strongly. If the team had a bit more confidence in themselves they could have finished in the top two. The results of the games played are:

Rd 1	Austin Stacks 3-10, Dr Crokes 0-1.
Rd 2	Beale 2-8, Dr Crokes 2-5.
Rd 3	Dr Crokes 2-9, Ballymac 4-7.
Rd 4	Dr Crokes 7-9, Dingle 2-8.
Rd 5	Beaufort 2-7, Dr Crokes 9-10.

Feile Peil na nOg

The team played in this competition, which was held in Strand Road. Although the team lost all three games they performed very well and they were only narrowly beaten in their games.

East Kerry League & Championship

We got off to a perfect start in this competition defeating Rathmore 4-10 to 2-12 at home in Rd 1. Rathmore had reached the Div 1 county league final. The good form continued away to Currow in Rd 2 on a score of 5-9 to 2-7. The team then had a poor run of form. They lost to both Spa and the Legion. This effectively ruled the team out of winning the league. They had a fine win over Firies in their last league game.

In Rd 1 of the championship we suffered defeat to Rathmore. The loss of some of our stronger players for this game proved costly. We were now in the Div 2 Championship and the team trained hard in an effort to achieve success. In the first game they had a comprehensive win over Fossa. The team then had to dig deep in the semi-final against Gneeveguilla. After trailing for most of the game they got on top near the end and won by 5 points. The final against Firies was played in the Fitzgerald Stadium. The Crokes boys were the better team throughout. They had to withstand tremendous pressure from Firies at the end of the game. They ran out winners on a score of 2-12 to 2-10.

Well done to Eoin Clifton, Keith O'Leary, Alex O'Sullivan, Kieran Ward, PJ Lawlor and Joseph Keogh who were part of the East Kerry team that reached the county final.

Selectors:

Enda Ward, Jimmy Coppinger, Gary Barry, Harry O'Neill.

We fielded a very young side in the East Kerry U13 Championship. This side gave their all and will no doubt learn from playing at a higher level. There is room for improvement but the commitment is definitely there.

Mentors: Joe Maye, Micheal Fitzgerald, John Egan.

U-11 & U-12 Report

The Under 11's & 12's had a satisfactory year, our numbers were very high. We fielded two teams in all competitions. The highlight of which was the Under 12's sharing the County League Division 1 title. Turn out for training was excellent with a big improvement in skills and commitment. Many thanks to fellow selectors for their help throughout the year.

Mentors:

Joe Maye, Micheal Fitzgerald, James Lyne, John Egan, Seamus Doherty, Aidan Kiely, Tommy Brosnan, Martin Byrnes, Pat O'Shea

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

Our U6 - U8 and U10 training started back the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day. We had big numbers for the St. Patrick's Day parade which followed on the Saturday morning training sessions with 20 plus Under 6 / 30 plus Under 8's and 30 plus Under 10's. There was also plenty of trainers available to help out.

Our Under 8's and Under 10's played a number of games both home and away. Listowel Emmetts brought two Under 8 teams and two Under 10 teams and a girls team to Lewis Road with Dr. Crokes gaining the upper hand.

We travelled to Kerins O'Rahillys with our two Under 8's and two Under 10 teams and came away comfortable winners, the return games were also comfortable wins for Crokes.

Castleisland Desmonds also came to Lewis Road with four teams again Crokes gained the upper hand, we travelled to Desmonds where again we were successful.

For the East Kerry, we put two teams Under 11 with a lot of Under 10 players and both teams did well. For the annual Firies Blitz Under 11 we put in one team and overcame Spa and Fossa to eventually beat Kilcummin in a very close final.

During the half time break in the County Senior Championship semi - final v Laune Rangers in Austin Stack Park some of our Under 10's played in front of a big crowd against Laune Rangers in both football and hurling, again we came out on top.

Finally, we wish to thank our Killarney Oaks and John Lyne (Stretford End) for sponsoring various competitions and events over the year.

MENTORS:

UNDER 6: Matt O'Neill, Vincent Casey, Connie Doherty, Paula Mc Elligott & Catherine Keogh.

UNDER 8: Seanie O'Shea, Ger O'Shea, Edmund O'Sullivan & Donal O'Sullivan.

UNDER 10: Tommy Brosnan, Seamus Doherty, James Lyne & Aidan Kiely.

After the heady heights of 2004 when we won the County League Div 11 title and were runners up in the Intermediate Championship the hurlers failed to add more silverware. It was a tough year to say the least as we lost a number of players for various matches due to work commitments away from Killarney including Shane Kavanagh, Patrick Landers, Johnny Dunphy and Gerry Murphy and also due to injuries as we lost Brian Darcy, Seanie O'Shea, Mick Buckley and Ger Moroney. While the low numbers affected our approach to training we always fielded a team and gave a good account of ourselves in a sporting manner.

Even though we only secured 3 points in the league we retained our Div 11 status. Kilmoyley beat us in the Intermediate quarter final when they had many of their senior panel on duty. During the year we also formed our own club within the club so to speak and have our own County Board representative thereby giving the club more clout.

During the year with the help of our Chairman Patrick O'Sullivan we finally sorted our standing with St Pats and this is ratified by the County Board. During the year a number of our panel won Novice medals with St Pats

While it is always a huge effort to mould a good team due to the fact that most of our players are from outside of Killarney and therefore are not guaranteed to be with the club for any great duration we have listed 27 possible players for 2006 and the current management will once again commit themselves for the year ahead.

Finally we would encourage all other club members to inform us of anyone that may be interested in training and /or playing with us.

Your is sport

Gene Docherty, Brendan Keogh, Seanie O'Shea, Pat Kennelly, Dave Cotter & Tim Hourigan

Ladies Report

2005 was a very successful year for ladies football in the club. Our numbers are going from strength and we now have teams in all age levels. Every Saturday morning we have between 20 to 30 young girls playing football this is great as we are building for the future. But as there are only a few of us doing the training we would be very grateful for some extra help in the mornings.

The under 12 team won the County Under - 12 Blitz. This was a great achievement for the girls as over 25 teams took part in the blitz. They won all their games in great style with all girls putting in a 110 percent. they took part in the County League Division 1B. They have also reached the final of the Killarney Town League, which will be played against Firies in March. Megan Kiely, Karena O'Leary and Rheanne O'Shea played with the County Under 12 team, which beat Cork in the C Final of A Munster Blitz. Rheanne O'Shea and Blaitin Cronin also represented their club on the Cailini OG team, which was narrowly defeated by Limerick in the Munster Final.

It was third time lucky for the Under 14's. They again reached the Final of the County Under 14 Division 2B for the third year in a row. But this year was our Final, the girls played their hearts out with a great display of football from all. We lead Firies from the start and maintained that lead throughout the girls were unstoppable this was one final that was not going to get away from them. This team also reached the final of the Killarney Town League, but unfortunately Firies proved too strong on the day and we came away runner -up.

The Under 16 Team didn't do very well this year. But as this is a very young team I am expecting them to do much better next year. Amanda Brosnan, Edel O'Carroll, Emma Galvin, Fiona Sheehan and Niamh Sheehan all played with the County Under 16's.

As we didn't have enough players to enter a Minor team in the County League we came together with Spa and Legion and entered a Killarney team into the league. We had 10 girls on the team, which won the Division 1B County Final beating Castleisland Desmonds well.

The Intermediate team under the guidance of Pat O'Shea and Paul Casey reached the Final of Intermediate County Final. Where they nearly pulled off the shock of the year but unfortunately it wasn't to be. The girls were playing Abbeydorney, last years Junior All-Ireland winners. Most people thought that Abbeydorney would win this game easy. But I guess no one told our girls. From the start of the game they were neck and neck with Abbeydorney. Which made Abbeydorney get frustrated, as they couldn't shake our girls, tempers on the team was high with one girl being sent off and another sin-bin. But our girls kept their cool and the game ended in a draw. But a result had to be achieved from the game we had to play extra-time and our girls were just too battered and bruised and tired with Lynn Jones our fill back coming off with a broken elbow. They played well to the end but Abbeydorney experience was too much and they girls were beaten by the All-Ireland Champions. But the future is bright for this team as they are a young side and I'm sure their time will come.

Well done to Grainne O'Malley who received a All -Star nomination. Although she didn't receive one on the night, I'm sure it will be the first of many.

I would like to thank Pat O'Shea, Paul Casey, Paula McElligott, Cliona Moran and Caoimhe Willis for all their help throughout the year. But as always we are looking for help with training of teams so if any one as some spare time, please give me a ring.

**Yours in sport,
Catherine Keogh.**



Scór

Scór Sinsear 2005

No participant from the club. Marion Doherty and Geraldine Lyne acted as stewards for the County Final in February and for the All Ireland Final in April 2005.

Scór Na bPáistí 2005

Organised and run within the local Primary Schools in East Kerry.

No response to Pro's Richard Clancy's reminders in local papers for club members to contact me for either senior or junior scór.

Scór na nÓg 2005

The Club was represented in three items

1. Amhránaíocht Aonair - Caoimhe Willis
2. Tráth na gCeisteanna - Chris Egan, Michael Keogh, Timothy Dudley, Jonathon Clarke (Bridget Egan in charge)
3. Nuacleas - Mard Egan, Bryan Doherty, Michael Quirke, Caoimhe Willis (Jackie Quirke in charge)
(Placed 2nd in the East Kerry Competitions).

Many thanks and appreciation to the trainers of the above groups.

REMINDER: The All Ireland Finals for Scór Sinsear are in the INEC in April 2006

Gerardine Lyne.

Golf Society

This was the twelfth year of our Society and once again it was another very successful year in which we had 7 outings, the weekend away trip to Cork and the Golf Classic to raise funds for our club. Our Golfer of the year was Greg O'Donoghue, who played magnificent golf all year. Greg also won the Captain's prize which was held in Beaufort in July.

Our trip to Cork took place on the last weekend in June, where Shane Horgan won the Maurice O'Donoghue Perpetual Trophy at the Cork Golf Club. Other winners during the year were: Brian O'Donoghue, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Brian Clarke, Eoin Brosnan and John O'Leary. John Brosnan, Jackie Looney and Paddy O'Donoghue won our team competition in Ross.

A great team effort was made by both the Club's Financial Committee & the Society Committee on the successful running of the Golf classic in August. A sincere thank you to all who worked on this and to all our sponsors on the day.

I would also 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. A tremendous committee: B. Keogh; G. O'Shea; V. Casey, J. McEnery & M. Howard. Our excellent Captain, Denis Coffey. I'd also like to thank all the members for their support & co-operation throughout the year.

Lastly, I wish the incoming Captain for 2006, John Keogh and our first President, Paddy O'Shea, all the best for the year and I know he'll enjoy it.

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

Liam Hartnett
Secretary



Events Committee Report

The events committee had yet another busy year under the leadership of our chairperson Ann Byrnes.

In January, we hosted a Tsunami table quiz in the Tatler Jack. €1000 was raised on the night thanks to all involved. Our social was held in February. It was a very enjoyable night, thanks to the Gleneagle for a lovely meal and to Donal Shine and Botty for providing the entertainment. Surely this has to be the first time an acting Mayor of Killarney was our DJ, one for the record books! They were joined on the night by Liam O'Connor and an added bonus was the appearance of Liam O'Maonlai for a rousing rendition of "No Woman no Cry" which brought everyone to their feet. Not to be outdone Patrick O'Sullivan and Eoin Brosnan took to the floor for a lively jig, stick to the day job lads!! In a very generous gesture the family of the late Eddie Barry R.I.P. presented a perpetual trophy to the club which was given to the supporter of the year, Bridie Cronin. There was a wonderful array of silverware on display on the night., it has to be a good sign of the club when medals are given out in bags! On Sunday March 6th we held an Underage medal presentation at the Clubhouse, thanks to Coca Cola and Four Star Pizza for sponsoring the evening. A special thanks to those who gave up their "Mothers Day" to help out.

Congratulations to all involved in the St. Patrick's Day parade where we won the "Best Sporting Group" award. We had a wonderful float and a great turn out of marchers.

In July after a blessing by Fr. Tom Looney and Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue, Sean Walsh officially dedicated the Dr. Crokes Clubhouse to the memory of the late Martin Beckett R.I.P. This was followed by a barbeque with music by Jackie O'Mahony, aided and abetted by many Crokes stalwarts. The huge crowd thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and the wonderful food provided by our fantastic chefs.

The Events Committee had a hectic season preparing tea and sandwiches for our senior team in the lead up to the County Final. We also had a shop, selling flags and gear to our loyal supporters. A special thank you to Deborah Ann who has done tremendous work all year selling gear.

Our Halloween and Christmas discos were a great success, thanks to Pat O'Shea and Joe Maye and our "man in red" Donal Kavanagh, goodies for both discos were sponsored by 'Killarney Oaks' many thanks to them.

Our annual mass for deceased members of the club was celebrated by Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue in November, with a cupán tae afterwards.

The legendary Christmas quiz held in the Tatler Jack was very well attended, thanks to quizmaster Der Brosnan and Richard Kelly who did the video. Breda came up trumps again with the food on the night.

Needless to say none of these events could have taken place without a lot of hard work behind the scenes. It would be impossible to thank everyone individually, but we do appreciate the fact that so many people give up their time to help whenever they are called upon. Thank you all.

Francis O'Sullivan
Secretary
Events Committee.



Website

GOOGLE RATES DR CROKES WEBSITE

GOOGLE, the well known search engine in cyberspace, has rated Dr Crokes website.....www.drcrokes.com, the 213th most popular website in Ireland and this is wonderful independent affirmation for the club. A lot done over the past few years. The audited figures show that on average 2 people per hour, twenty four hours per day and night log on from all over the world to the site.

Now that popularity places its own responsibility on us. The website must be user-friendly, accessible, up to date and accurate. The site has developed over the past 5 years, but has much greater untapped potential. Jackie Looney and Breda Neeson are doing trojan work reporting on matches but they can only see so many and really it is up to the management of each team to fill them in on what is happening. Some team management are great, others are inconsistent and more never send a report. From our research, the younger members of the club are the great users of the website. Imagine their disappointment of logging on and no report.....

Not just team mentors, club officers and club members should supply information for the site.

John Keogh puts up the Lotto results every Monday and this is going well. Likewise the Dr Croke golf society maximises the value of the site for competition entries and results.

If you have any photograph suitable for the site contact any of website members.

The website committee is open to any suggestion to improve the site..the home page is undergoing reconstruction and setting up an on-line shop offering club merchandise is an ideal opportunity for extra income for a small outlay. Have you any suggestions?

Once again a special word of thanks to Gerard Looney and to Brian O Callaghan who co-ordinate the website project.

FOR THE RECORD

18,963 Visitors logged on in 2005, almost 72,000 since the website started...daily average on 24 hour basis 50 visits per day,

Most unusual visitor ---August 23rd ,a visitor from Easter Island ,Pacific.

Visitors by nationality.....Ireland ..69%
USA/Canada.....12%
UK.....11%
Australia.....4%
Others.....4%

The average visitor clicks on 3 pages on a site visit

The Finance Committee continued fund-raising this year to help defray the cost of the ongoing development of both an additional pitch and the new stand and clubhouse extension at Lewis Road. After the success of the car draw in 2004, this year we concentrated on three main events;

a) Golf Classic

The Dr. Crokes Golf Society organised a Golf Classic in Killarney Golf Club in August which was a great success with in excess of fifty teams participation. Apart from everybody enjoying a tremendous day, we raised a profit of just short of €30,000.00. Well done to all in the Golf Society for the work that was put into this event, and those who sold tickets for the golf prizes run in conjunction with the Classic.

b) A Night at the Dogs

We held a Night at the Dogs in Tralee Greyhound Stadium in December 15th. Which again was a very enjoyable social evening for the many club members and friends who attended. We are still awaiting some sponsorship cheques for this night, but estimate that we will have a nett €9-10,000.00 profit for our efforts. The fund-raising for this night at the track was impaired somewhat by the special collection we made due to our County Final appearance in November. This collection raised a further €10,000.00 for the club. In both cases, we want to thank all who contributed their time and effort.

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c) Gaelic Telecom

We have had a fantastic response to our Gaelic Telecom promotion, so much so that we are one of the top five clubs in Ireland in both take up and revenue generation. Those who have switched their phone bills over to the Gaelic Telecom Service are experiencing a 15% to 25% saving in their monthly accounts while at the same time the club received 15% of the total bill. Businesses who have joined are finding similar savings. The club receives this commission payment after six months in the scheme (Feb/March 2006) and every three months thereafter. We would encourage any club member who has not already joined the Gaelic Telecom Scheme to do so, as it benefits both yourselves and the club considerably. Indeed, it is going to be a huge source of revenue for us on an ongoing basis, even after the Lewis Road development is completed.

These three fund-raising efforts have helped greatly to cover the cost of work carried out this year. There is very little to be done so in 2006, we need one final push to clear the debt attached to the new facilities. We are holding meetings shortly to ascertain what is the best fund-raising venture we can undertake to achieve this goal. It will take a huge effort from all within the club, but the rewards are three superb playing pitches, a very well equipped clubhouse including a gym and sauna and a new stand capable of seating 800 people. These excellent facilities will not alone benefit our current crop of players in all age groups but many generations of Crokes yet to come.

Mike Buckley,
On behalf of the Finance Committee.

Development Report

A number of years ago the Club decided to plan our future development. It was also decided to go forward in as much as we could without borrowing. Our development was to be funded by lottery money and by our own fund-raising. After 18 months of consultation and planning we started our new building at the beginning of 2005. In agreement with Kilcoolaght Construction, our contractors, the building would proceed as funds became available.

Last July we were allocated €100,000 Euro under the Sports Capital Programme 2005. This is in addition to the €95,000.00 we already drew down from the 2003 Allocation. In order to draw down the 2005 allocation, a legal process has to be followed. This has now been finalised and on the 06/01/2006 an application was made by me to draw down the money. On the 13th January 2006, we received a cheque for €95,000.00. I would like to thank Niall & Eoin Brosnan, Solicitors, for their professional services in this and other matters.

Our new building is now enclosed (roof, windows, doors and plastered). To date the contractors have been paid €219,000.00.

In 2005, planning permission was applied for and granted for the floodlighting of our second pitch. During the year the need for a third pitch and security fencing also became apparent. With this in mind, an application has been made for funding under the Sports Capital Programme 2006.

The other major development is, of course, the Stand. Unfortunately, we will not get any funding for this. Construction of the stand will have to be paid for from our own funds.

Our fields are closed at the moment. Re-sodding has taken place. The main field will stay closed until the beginning of the County League. I would like on behalf of the Club to thank Dan Kelliher for overseeing the maintenance and care of our pitches.

The dedication of our main building to the memory of Martin Beckett took place. I would like to express my thanks to all the people involved in this event.

In the past year there was again great demand for the use of our Clubhouse and fields from the Kerry County Board down the line to individual clubs and schools.

In summary, I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and help during the year - Our FAS people, Sean O'Sullivan and Andreas Larkin. Special thanks to Murt O'Shea and David Moloney.

I recommend for 2006 that we begin work on the Stand (this would entail fund-raising and/or borrowing). Depending on whether we receive an allocation from the 2006 Sports Capital Programme and the amount, my preference would be to start with:

- (1). Floodlighting
- (2). The Third Pitch
- (3). Security Fencing

Regards
Der Brosnan
Development Officer

Club Officers 2005

OUTGOING OFFICERS 2005:

Patron:	JACK O'KEEFFE.
President:	JOHN MOYNIHAN.
Vice-Presidents:	PADDY O'SHEA, DAN KAVANAGH, TIM COUNIHAN, PATSY COURTNEY, PATRICK O'SULLIVAN, MICHAEL KEOGH (R.I.P.), BRIDIE O'SHEA, NELLY KAVANAGH, DONIE SHEAHAN, MURT O'SHEA, NIAL KEOGH, EDDIE O'SULLIVAN, LIAM MURPHY, FR. PADDY O'DONOGHUE, PADDY O'SHEA, JACKIE LOONEY.
Chairman:	PATRICK O'SULLIVAN.
Vice-Chairman:	HARRY O'NEILL.
Secretary:	TRACEY O'SHEA.
Assistant Secretary:	JOE MAYE.
Joint Treasurers:	DEIRDE CREMIN, MOSS HARMON.
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, JOHN DALY.
U-21 Selectors:	KARL McMAHON, JAMES CAHILLANE, TOMMY BROSAN, MARTIN BYRNES, ROLAND NEHER.
Minor Selectors:	JOHN GALVIN, BILLY HENNIGAN, JIM CONNELLY, DENIS CORRIDAN, DER BROSAN,
Ladies Football:	CATHERINE KEOGH.
Hurling Officer:	PAT KENNELLY.
Events Officer:	ANN BYRNES.
Co. Board Delegate:	TIM O'SULLIVAN, JOHN KEOGH.
East Kerry Board Delegate:	TIM O'SULLIVAN, DONIE O'LEARY.
Oifigeach na Gaeilge:	RISTARD CLANCY.

