



Dr. Crokes G.A.A Club
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2011

Wednesday 19th, January 2011 • 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 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 may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other Member may speak a second time on 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 2010 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 2011
 1. PATRON
 2. PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT
 3. CHAIRMAN
 4. VICE-CHAIRMAN
 5. HONORARY SECRETARY
 6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY
 7. JOINT TREASURERS
 8. FINANCE OFFICER
 9. PRO
 10. DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
 11. REGISTRAR
 12. SCÓR OFFICER
- 8 DELEGATES TO COUNTY BOARD
9. DELEGATES TO EAST KERRY BOARD
10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A Caithaoirligh, Oifigeach, hAithreacha agus dhaoine uaisle, ba mhaith liom failte a chuir roimh gach éinne anseo anocht, chuig Cruinniú Ginearla 2011 Cumann Dr Crócaigh. Seo dhíbh mo thuarascáil ar imeachtaí Cumann Dr Crócaigh i rith na bliana 2010.

First of all, I wish to offer our sincere sympathies to the Kavanagh family on the recent passing of our Vice President, Nellie. She was steeped in the Black & Amber all her life, inheriting her love of the Club from her Dad Jack Myers, and in turn she handed this same passion on to her sons, grandsons and grand-daughters. A lady through and through, she will be greatly missed. I also wish to offer condolences to all our Club Members who suffered bereavements this year - Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha uaisle.

In Club Activity, what a difference a year makes... The jubilation & celebrations on Sunday 17 October, of members young & old, at home and abroad will live long in our memories. Congratulations to each & every one of our hard-working panel of 32 players, and to Harry, Donie, Denis & Enda on ending a 10-year drought and finally "bringing the Bishop home". With 2 victories to follow in the Munster Club Championship, we are now looking at a January 30th fixture v Nemo Rangers in the Munster Final. This, along with a number of exciting events planned for our 125 Year Celebrations brings us into 2011 with a spring in our step.

SENIOR TEAM: Our Senior Team provided us with a highly entertaining year, for which we would like to thank them sincerely! The year began back in February with the East Kerry League, where a lot of younger players got a run out and an opportunity to make their mark for the coming year. Our County League Campaign did not start as well as we had the previous year but we still managed to finish top of the table. The Final v Kerins O'Rahillys was fixed for Dec 21st in Austin Stack Park under lights but the inclement weather forced a postponement. We are currently waiting for this re-fixtured and we wish the team the best of luck in this final. We lost out in the County League final in 2009 after a near perfect campaign, so we hope that we can secure our 5th County League Div. 1 title for 2010.

Although we had a disappointing night in Tralee v

Austin Stacks in May in the Club Championship, we re-grouped and put all our focus into securing what had almost become the "Holy Grail" - the County Championship Bishop Moynihan Cup.

This campaign started in glorious conditions on Sunday, June 20 in Lewis Road for our 1st Round game v West Kerry. The atmosphere was buzzing with talk of the Darragh O'Shea/ Johnny Buckley dual, as well as the Mark O'Shea/Gooch match up. Anyone who was a few minutes late arriving did a double take on seeing the score board as we raced out of the starting blocks. It was a pleasure to watch a spirited team performance and we really set the marker for our intentions for the year to come. We travelled next to Kenmare, another evening when the sun shone and the goals came, and then back to Tralee again to give West Kerry another shot at stopping us in our tracks. This was a tougher battle than the original but we managed to come out of it at the right side. A huge disappointment on the night was a serious injury to Kieran O'Leary who to this point had had a tremendous year but thankfully Kieran has made a great recovery and hopefully has a lot more to contribute in the Munster Club Championship. We waited with baited breath for the Semi Final draw and the scene was set again for a showdown with South Kerry. Suffice to say, what a day to be a Croke Supporter - we celebrated but we did not want that to be our final. It was to be an all Black & Amber occasion and we travelled to the Kerry GAA headquarters in our droves.. car loads & buses of supporters buzzing with anticipation and our boys did not disappoint. When the final whistle blew, we burst onto the pitch with relief, and a resounding pride. The celebrations were fantastic - and great credit is due to the 23 players who gathered early on Monday morning to visit the local schools - these are days that our young players will remember and aspire to themselves.

We didn't get any respite following our success, and as County Champions we took to the field twice the following weekend - with wins on Saturday in an O'Donoghue Cup tie v Currow and on Sunday v Milltown/Castlemaine in the County League.

We had a couple of tough physical battles to come in the O'Donoghue Cup, and great credit to our "never say die" attitude and a sweet late late winning point in the final by our young corner forward, Chris Brady secured a 5-in-a-row East Kerry Championship against a highly motivated

Rathmore side. Our Munster Journey began with a visit from Limerick champions Monaleen, on 7 November. Our Grounds looked resplendent, thanks to a hard working team led by Der Brosnan and the result was good too. Next we travelled to Cashel to face Tipperary champions, Aherlow, where an unusual "scoring" hero emerged in the form of Luke Quinn to drag us over the line with an equaliser late into injury time. This game was a dogged affair, played in heavy conditions in a tight pitch - although we pulled away in extra time, we struggled for a lot of the game itself. However, not all our games can be pretty, and we came out of these victorious, and credit is due for this alone. Our panel have now had a well-deserved rest over the Christmas period and all our best wishes go with them as they face Cork Champions Nemo Rangers on Sunday week in the Munster Club Final.

JUNIOR TEAM: Our Junior team over the past number of years has been a fantastic back up for our Senior management, where both young players trying to break through and more mature players returning from injury can fall in with our regular Junior players for invaluable match practice. We had mixed fortunes this year - after a good campaign in the EK League where we only lost one game, we were beaten well by Kilcummin in the final. We failed to qualify for the County League semi-finals after a defeat away to Listowel by a single point in a game in which we were well in control at half time.

Unfortunately, due to confusion with correspondence from the County Board in relation to Junior Cups, in which we thought they were requesting an entry for a C team, we did not enter the Molyneux Cup this year.

However, the year finished on a high, with a tremendous victory after extra time against a gallant Kilcummin side in the O'Sullivan Cup final. This is the first time we have won the O'Sullivan Cup since 2004 and we congratulate the team and mentors alike on their success.

U-21's: Our U-21 team had a disappointing year, considering we had such a strong panel of players. There were also long gaps between competitions, which makes it difficult to keep the team momentum alive. The County Club championship started very well for us with great team performances and we looked like we had a real chance of going all the way after good wins

over Beale and the Gaeltacht who took us to a replay. However, after a gap of 6 weeks, the semi-final v Furies was fixed for the weekend prior to the Senior County Final. Therefore we were forced into the position of having to line out without 6 of our Senior players. The game itself was a cracker, and we fought to the bitter end only going down by a point, but it makes one wonder why our success in Senior Competitions should ever come against us in other competitions.

MINORS: Our Minor team had a mixed year, with fantastic performances early in the East Kerry League & early County League, but not performing to our potential in other games during the year. Despite starting off in February, the team are still lining out the East Kerry C'ship semi-final this past weekend, which is obviously not ideal for management trying to keep the players together and peaking at the right times. James Fleming & Deirdre O'Reilly helped out with physical & core training for the team during the year, which helped enormously with the development of the squad. Hopefully a better season is in store for our Minors in 2011.

JUVENILES: Our Juvenile structure is thriving under the watchful eyes of Terry Potts, Dave O'Connor, Mark Cooper & Pat O'Shea. Up to 150 children attend our Saturday morning sessions over the course of the year, and real credit is due to everyone who contributes to the smooth running of these sessions. Coiste na nÓg foundation courses were held in the Club house in early February for all our underage Coaches.

Our Easter & Summer Camps were co-ordinated by David Neeson, who did a superb job and many of our U-16 and Minor players assisted with the Coaching. The main emphasis on these camps is for fun and enjoyment for our young players, as well as the development of the children's skills. Throughout the year, there were numerous non-competitive games organised in all ages up to U-10 v other Kerry Clubs, and a hugely successful U-8 Go-Games blitz was played over 3 Monday evenings between the 3 Killarney Clubs. Our U-10's travelled with 2 teams to the Munster Go-Games blitz, hosted by Kilmeen & Kilbree in Clonakilty and also travelled to the Munster Championship game v Tipperary in Thurles – thanks to the Coaches who organised these events and to the parents who travelled as the youngsters enjoy these days out thoroughly. Our U-12's to U-16 teams enjoyed tremendous success this year, both in East Kerry & County competitions and their achievements can be followed in the comprehensive reports in this booklet from their team mentors.

HURLERS: Our Hurlers had a tremendous year this year, entering both Junior & Senior teams in the South Kerry & County Leagues. Our Senior Hurlers were beaten in the County League Final v Kilmoyley, and our Juniors were victorious in the South Kerry League Final v Kenmare, but were narrowly beaten by near neighbours St Pats in the Junior County C'ship final.

At Juvenile level, both our U-12's & U-14's won County Titles this year, a huge achievement as a lot of their games were against strong North Kerry hurling clubs. Well done to all involved in establishing our Juvenile Coaching structures, which are beginning to reap the rewards. We entered two U-10 teams in the inaugural Dr Bill Mangan Juvenile Hurling tournament in Muckcross Traditional Farms on June 13. Many thanks to the Trustees of Muckcross House who hosted & sponsored this event in conjunction with South Kerry Hurling Coiste na nÓg. Congratulations also to Seánie O'Shea on his success as a Selector with the Kerry Senior Hurlers, who were beaten with an injury time point by Westmeath in the Christy Ring Cup Final.

LADIES: A Club meeting was held on 09 February regarding the status of our Ladies

Football, and a number of issues were discussed including Coach Education, Health & Safety, Fixtures and the need to recruit assistants for our hard working coaches. On the playing fields, we did not have the successes of the previous year, but hopefully 2011 will be brighter. It is imperative that we get more volunteers going forward to ensure that we see progression with our underage girls teams.

EVENTS: Another busy year for our Events Committee kicked off with a fantastic Awards night in the Malton on 19 February. Congratulations to the following who received Club Awards on night – James Cahillane (Senior Player), Shane Kavanagh (Hurler), David Neeson (Junior Player), Lynn Jones (Ladies), Karena O'Leary (Young Player), PJ Lawlor (Supporter of the Year) and Matthew Courtney (Club Person of the Year). A great night was had by all.

St Patricks Day was next on the Agenda and thanks to Terry Potts and Seamie O'Doherty for the great work on the float & organising the marching contingent, including a large number of hurlers. Everyone was delighted to win the GAA award on the day.

One of the highlights of our Social calendar has to be the Summer BBQ and this year was no different. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the preparation, cooking, bar-keeping and entertainment. It was a fantastic evening and one that all members look forward to year on year. Juvenile Halloween & Christmas parties, our Christmas Quiz, the Club Mass as well as looking after visiting teams and our own Senior Team after training is all part of the busy schedule for our Events Committee.

November 7 was a hugely successful day for the Club with all hands on deck when we hosted Monaleen in the first round of the Munster Senior Club Championship. Even a few ladies from past Social Clubs were drafted in to help out and the large crowd were well fed and warmed with sandwiches, teas & coffees easily available. I even spotted Bishop Bill queuing for a cuppa at half time & I think he even managed to get it on the house!! The fact that we had a good result on the day made it all the better but great credit is due to all concerned for showing the Munster Council that we are more than capable of hosting big fixtures in our first class facilities.

IT: "For technological innovation at club level it would be hard to surpass this project. In terms of the technology, it is leading edge and while all the elements are 'off the shelf' so to speak, the resourcefulness to put them all together has to be admired. In addition, the professionalism with which the broadcast was delivered can only be commended.

The broadcast was also watched and enjoyed as far away as New Zealand. What better example can you find of extending the reach of the GAA with Dr. Crokes putting itself at the heart of what is its worldwide community". IT Officer John C. O'Shea accepted the Clubs first McNamee Award from Uachtaran C.L.G. Christy Cooney in July this year for best modern Technology Innovation. Congratulations to John C, and to all who assist him with his broadcasts – a superb achievement for all involved. It is a shame that TV rights prevent us from continuing with our live broadcasts as we progress in the Munster Championship, after being commended for our efforts by Croke Park.

Work is also being done behind the scenes to update our Website – this is vital for the year going forward, in particular that the site is updated regularly with information on events for our 125 celebrations. Volunteers are always welcome in this area if anyone has ideas on how to keep the momentum going. Another Social Outlook being managed by John C, is our Facebook page, which is thriving with 650 friends. This is a fantastic way for Club members to keep up to date with what is happening and comment on Club activities. We had access to all

press articles, interviews & video clips throughout the County Championship Campaign and on into Munster – anyone not on facebook should sign up – you are missing out!!

FINANCE: Our Lotto continues to be the Club's main source of income – thanks to the sellers and members who give of their time on Sunday evenings to ensure that all runs smoothly.

We also ran a successful Juvenile draw this year for a family holiday which raised €27k – thank you to members who sold and purchased tickets. We were delighted to forge a 3-year Sponsorship deal this year for our Senior Team with the INEC/GlenEagle hotel.

The ClearAir Boys are continuing to assist with Club Development and sincere thanks is due to them for all their contributions to club activities. The Golf Classic and the Golf Masters Sweepstake Challenge were both successful again this year, and we thank participants and sponsors for their continuous support for all our fundraisers.

Our Flag Day is scheduled for the weekend of February 5/6, and we would again appreciate if members could give an hour of their time over this weekend.

Congratulations to all our members who wore Kerry jerseys this year, to Colm Cooper, Kieran O'Leary and Johnny Buckley who won a Munster Senior Championship medal, and to Colm for receiving his 5th All Star. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him all the best for the year ahead as Kerry Captain, and I hope that he will have a firm grasp of Sam on the steps of the Hogan Stand in September.

Congratulations to our Development Officer Der Brosnan on his appointment as Chairman of the Fitzgerald Stadium Committee.

Thank you to Gerardine Lyne for her work as Scór Officer this year – assistance is always welcome in this area, and if anyone can help out with either coaching for our young participants or would like to participate themselves, it would be most welcome.

Thank you to our East Kerry Board Delegates Donie O'Leary and P.J O'Brien, and our County Board Delegates John Keogh and Tim Hourigan for attending Divisional and County Committee Meetings on our behalf.

My sincere thanks to my fellow Officers for all the support I received throughout the year, in particular to John Keogh for all the advice and for his help with the production of tonight's programme. Thank you to outgoing officers John Lenihan, Dave O'Connor and Tim Hourigan for the endless time they have put in over the past number of years.

I wish to acknowledge the enormous amount of work that our Chairman Vincent Casey puts in to ensure the smooth running of the Club. He is directly involved in every aspect himself from Saturday morning Juvenile training sessions right up to fund-raising to ensure our teams have the best facilities available to them and certainly leads by example. Our Club is in a great place, with so much to look forward to in the coming year, our 125th year. I am proud to be part of it, and I hope that we will be celebrating our Gala Banquet on 05 February, 2011 as Munster Champions – Dr Crócaigh Abú,

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SENIOR TEAM REPORT

East Kerry League

Our senior team had its first outing of the year on 21st February against Rathmore in the East Kerry League. Over the course of four weeks, we beat Rathmore, Glenflesk and Fossa scoring 5-38 and conceding 2-27 and, on an off day, went down to a more energetic Furies team 1-10 to 0-7.

County League

This year, unlike last year, we didn't go undefeated and yet we still managed to finish top of the league. The competition dictates that the top two teams play off in a final and the final vs. Kerins O Rahillys was not played on December 21st due to severe frost and snow. Our league campaign began with a good win over Kerins O Rahillys in Strand Road on 3rd April and finished with a 2-11 to 0-8 win against Miltown Castlemaine on 24th October – the week after the county final and the day after the quarter final of the O' Donoghue Cup !

Club Championship

Again this year, things didn't go right for us in this competition. Having received a bye into round 2, we travelled to Connolly Park to take on Austin Stacks. On a night when we missed a number of key players, we met a far hungrier Austin Stacks side and failed to get a result by the narrowest of margins. However, this result was to prove a motivating factor later on in the year.

County Championship

Sunday 20th June was a day for our club members to be proud as we hosted West Kerry in the 1st round of the County Championship. It was a day when the club grounds were in fantastic condition! The football played by our team in the 1st half (2-9 to 0-3) was inspired by these conditions – as Colm said the night before, “if you can't play good football on that pitch there's no hope for you !” We finished the game on a scoreline of 2-15 to 0-10 on a day when the team combined a high work-rate and created great scores.

The next round saw us travel away to Kenmare – a team that had taken many scalps and hadn't been beaten by more than a few points in recent years. On a beautiful evening in Templenoe, the football was once again a joy to behold. One of the highlights of our 3-15 to 1-4 win was a goal scored by Colm that was reminiscent of Mikey Sheehy's famous goal against the Dubs in 1978.

This game also saw the emergence of a certain wing back called Shane Myers !

The quarter final against West Kerry in Tralee was always going to be a tough encounter – Harry's prophecy was that if we won this game, we would win the trophy too ! On a night to remember (and forget) for Kieran O Leary, we witnessed Kieran at his best scoring 1-2 before breaking his leg in the second half. That night also saw a young sub making his championship debut – it was to be a year to remember for Chris Brady.

We were given a dream tie in the semi-final against South Kerry in the Fitzgerald Stadium. The football played in the first half was spectacular – Brian Looney's goal set the standard for what was to follow – however, even the most optimistic among us couldn't have predicted a half-time score of 2-10 to 0-3. South Kerry were always going to throw everything at us in the second half but it was the last ten minutes of the game that saw the real character come out in our team. Having been brought back to a 3 point lead, our lads stood up to rattle off four points without reply and bring the lead back to 7 points with time running out. South Kerry scored two more points before the whistle but it was to be a day to remember for the “Black and Amber”.

The final was to be an entirely “Black and Amber” affair - a rematch against Austin Stacks, the team that beat us earlier in the year. Our display in the final was patient, composed and ruthless when we needed to be and showed how much our team has developed. Playing against the wind, we led at half time by 2 points. A tremendous second half display by Colm helped to open a gap that Stacks were never going to close. Our backs were on top throughout and the team worked hard right to the end. In the end the gap between the teams was 7 points when Ambrose knocked over his 4th point from play. As Seamie Doc said ‘we had reached the promised land’. A just reward for the players who kept coming back for more after all the pain and suffering of those defeats – and for the many supporters who stood by them. The celebrations will live long in our memory.

O' Donoghue Cup

“No rest for the wicked” ... After a week of well-earned celebrations, we faced Currow in the quarter-final six days after the Co Final. Played in heavy conditions we were quick to settle and put the match beyond Currow with some well taken goals. The game finished on a scoreline of 4-13 to 1-09.

Semi-final action was against Glenflesk in Fitzgerald stadium. A second half drive by Glenflesk cut the gap to a number of points before our lads went on the rampage. In the end the scoreline (3-19 to 0-7) reflected the standards these players have now set for themselves and it also demonstrated the importance of the competition to these players.

The final against Rathmore was always going to be a tough affair. Rathmore came with a very hungry, highly-motivated performance. We battled on through the game and led late in the second half – a benefit no doubt of the many tough games these lads had been involved in late in the year. What happened in “injury time” will become part of the folklore of the O' Donoghue Cup – no doubt there will be many versions. It's enough to say that those six minutes were full of drama with all players showing great heart and determination. This period also contained some great play and great scores, a late equaliser and an even later winner from man of the match Chris Brady. At the end of the day we had secured the “five-in-a-row” - a great achievement for all of the squad.

Munster Club Championship

After an absence of a number of years, we found ourselves back in this competition. Our quarter-final was against Monaleen from Limerick on another day for our club to hold its head up high. The club delivered the complete package on the day with its facilities, stewarding and input from a whole host of club members – the team delivered on the day too! After a slow start we found ourselves behind to a Monaleen goal but in true form this kicked the lads into gear and by half time we led by 2-08 to 1-02. The second half saw our lads take control in all sectors as we kept the opposition to a single point while scoring 0-5 ourselves - Final Score: 2-13 to 1-03

Our semi-final outing saw us travel to Cashel to play Aherlow. Played in a heavy, tight pitch our opponents threw everything at us from the 1st minute and it was clear from an early stage that it wasn't going to be a day for pretty football. Stealing a victory from the jaws of defeat was how this game worked out in the end for us – many will argue that we were very lucky to get out of there with a result. It could also be argued that our boys kept going to the final whistle, never gave up and their self-belief got them over the line in the end. It was another day when their character was tested and they passed again with flying colours. Score at the end of

60 mins was Aherlow 0-8 to Dr. Crokes 1-5 (thanks to Luke Quinn's 2 late, late points !) Our team performance in extra time showed what they were capable of once the game opened up (1-6 to 0-1). This goes to show that this team now can win the ugly games as well as the pretty ones !!

We now await Nemo Rangers in the Munster Final – having been postponed twice already; it is now fixed for Limerick on Jan 30th 2011.

Summary

As can be seen, it has been another marathon year for all involved with the senior team – 25 competitive games plus challenges. All the hard work was worth it though, having witnessed the celebrations after the county final. What this bunch of players has achieved this year is down to a number of factors. From the management's perspective, we would argue that ongoing support from key groups within the club is vital. Vince Casey, our chairman, ably assisted by the committee, has pulled out all the stops to make everything available to management and players throughout the season. The ladies committee have ensured the sandwiches and tea are there after training during the year but particularly since September – we owe you a huge word of thanks. Many thanks are due to Brian and Martin for all their hard work looking after the players. The Clear Air Boys and other supporters have been brilliant too, turning out in large numbers, full of colour and getting behind the team.

Finally, the players have put in a huge effort this year. Many have battled through injury to make themselves available while some have regularly driven long distances to train. Many have had to juggle work and family commitments to suit training and games. Some unfortunately are struggling to find work and would be much better off financially going away to work rather than staying here and playing for the Dr. Crokes but they have stayed here ! The work situation was mentioned in our report last year. Thankfully some of you were in a position to provide work for some of the players – it will no doubt be an even bigger issue for some of our players this year. A huge amount of time and energy has been invested by many coaches within our club (both at underage and at adult level) over the last number of years to assemble the squad that we now have. Keeping this squad of players together should be a priority – making sure those players who are not in college have work will make it easier to keep the squad intact and should put the club in a very strong position over the next few years.

When we took over this role two years ago, we felt privileged to be asked. Two years on, we still feel very proud to have been working with such a fabulous bunch of players. We would like to thank our families for all their support, and for putting up with us and all our absences, during the year.

We look forward to the journey that January 2011 brings.....



O'Donoghue Cup



JUNIOR REPORT

The objectives of providing football for our juniors are threefold, *Firstly*, to provide ongoing football opportunities for players who have been playing with us since their Under 6 days, who are now out of the minor age group and who may well never again play football at U 21 and senior levels. *Secondly*, the juniors act as a development squad for the senior team. *Thirdly*, the juniors aim to win one to four of the competitions for which they are eligible, i.e. Kerry County League & C'ship, (Molyneaux Cup), and in East Kerry the League and C'ship (O Sullivan Cup).

THE BOLD STATS FOR THE JUNIORS IN 2010 ARE;

Used 47 players, Played 16 competitive matches, won 11, lost 5.

East Kerry League: Lost one game in our division. Qualified for the final, but played poorly in the final losing to Kilcummin 2-9 to 0-7.

O Sullivan Cup: Beat Gneeveguilla, Glenflesk, and Firies to reach the final. Won the final defeating Kilcummin 0-15 to 1-9.

Kerry county league: Lost first 2 games, then won 4 in-a-row, but lost the last game away by a point to Listowel and missed out to qualify for the semi-finals.

Kerry County C'ship: (Molyneaux Cup). See secretary's report.

Because of the different eligibility criteria we used 47 players. Of the senior panel, which won the 2010 Kerry Senior Football County C'ship, Shane Myers, Buddy O Leary, Luke Quinn and Andrew Kenneally were on the starting 15 in the County Final and they also played with the juniors in 2010. Niall O Connell, Shane O Neill, and Brian McMahon came on as substitutes in the final. Finan Moran, James Jones, Keith McMahon, David Neeson, PJ Lawlor, Keith O' Leary, Denis Galvin, Kieran Ward, Alan Kelly & Barra O'Connell were toggged out on the bench for the final in Tralee. They all played for the club juniors at various stages during the year. The age profile of the juniors has changed significantly in recent years. Most of the current players are in their early 20's, in comparison to juniors of earlier decades, where several ex-senior players backboned the team. There is always a big welcome for these mature players in the junior squad, but the younger age profile augurs well for Dr Crokes.

O'Sullivan Cup final

At the end of the year the juniors had one last chance to claim silverware in the O Donoghue Cup Final, played in The Fitzgerald Stadium against Kilcummin our great rivals at this level. With so many of our junior squad ineligible because of the successes of the senior team all season, Crokes were pitted against favourites Kilcummin. Remember they lost heavily to Kilcummin in the League Final played earlier in the summer. However, Denis Galvin, senior panellist and captain of the O Sullivan Cup showed just what was needed to bring back this cup to Dr Crokes for the first time since 2004. He shot 7 points in all and was a worthy recipient of the Man of the Match award. He scored a string of early points as we looked likely to win at the three quarter stage. A Kilcummin goal changed all that, as they came in search of completing the double. The captain rallied his senior panellist colleagues and it was all square after 60 minutes. They delivered in extra time to win 0-15 to 1-9.

John O'Shea is stepping down as manager of the juniors after 4 years in the position. Suffice to say the objectives for the juniors would not have been achieved over the past 4 years only for the hard work, enthusiasm, and professionalism that he brought to the position. He had help of course, but he was the real catalyst to success. He was following the same successful path of his father, Paddy O Shea, the club archivist, who is also a vice-president. For several years he managed the juniors and made sure that the junior team was as important to be looked after as every other club team. He established it on a solid basis for success. One of the key elements in the organisation and availability of the juniors for matches in 2010 was the understanding and flexibility of the senior and junior management. What was best for the Dr Crokes club was and must continue to be the guiding light for this co-operative spirit.

O'Sullivan Cup Winners



U-21 REPORT

U21 Campaign for 2010 kicked off in February with the East Kerry Championship. Our first outing was an away match against Glenflesk. A great goal by Ruairi Mangan in the first half opened a gap which we maintained for the remainder of the match. This win led to a quarter final meeting at home versus Fossa Listry. We were very impressive in this match and won the game quite comfortably. Next up was an away semi-final match against Rathmore. Unfortunately we played quite poorly on the day and Rathmore won with an eight point margin. Rathmore, in fairness, played very well & had the benefit of having played a number of games together in the Duhallow Championship. Our easy passage to the semi-final left didn't help our cause & we were a bit short on competitiveness on the day.

Our next match was three months later in the County Championship. First round game was at home against our Tralee rivals, Kerins O'Rahillys. Both sides were missing their Kerry Senior players, and the strength of our squad was evident on the night when we had an impressive win of 1-13 to 0-8. This meant we'd a quarterfinal outing against St Kierans in Brosna. Played in ideal summer evening conditions, it was an excellent football match with great scores from both sides. Despite losing Johnny Buckley to injury at half time, the team held strong and we eventually won out on a scoreline of 2-11 to 2-07. Our semi-final outing was against the Championship favourites South Kerry in Killorglin. Played in appalling weather conditions, South Kerry adapted much better to the conditions & we were rattled by an early goal. We missed a number of scoring chances ourselves & went in at half-time 6 points down. Our second half performance was much better, but having reduced the deficit to three points, we conceded another goal against the run of play, and we failed to close the gap again. We eventually lost on a scoreline of 2-6 to 0-6 & South Kerry went on to win the final against West Kerry.

Players had to lift themselves quickly because we were out the following week in the County Club Championship. Our first round game was away to Beale. We opened up a 5 point gap early on the game & we never lost that margin, eventually winning by 1-13 to 0-8. Three weeks later we had a difficult draw, away to Gaeltacht. The performance that evening was wonderful from the team, with some excellent defending, aggressively competing for every ball, and some great points kicked. The game was on a knife-edge all the way through, and Shane O'Neill kicked an excellent point from a free to draw the match & bring it to extra time. Another 20 minutes of tough competitive football couldn't separate the teams, and the game finished all square on a scoreline of Dr Crokes 0-15 Gaeltacht 2-9. After a short warm down, some very weary players enjoyed a swim in the sea before making the bus journey home. The replay was two weeks later, but it appeared to be much more, such was the difference in class between the two teams. In another fantastic display from the team, we played our best football of the year in front of our home supporters, cruising to a hugely impressive 2-24 to 1-5 victory. We had a break of 6 weeks until our semi-final, a home match versus Furies. The match was fixed for the week before the Senior County Final, so we were forced to line out without six of our senior players, but the return of Jamie Doolin from the US gave us a timely boost. Even though we lost this game by one point, it was a fantastic performance by the team. Defensively we were excellent, we fought hard for every ball throughout the pitch and we were extremely unlucky with a few more scoring opportunities.

While it was a disappointing season overall due to the fact that this very talented team did not win a trophy, we did have some great wins during the year. We were particularly proud of the performances in the last three games, with every player performed heroically on each occasion.

Kevin Smith, Colm O'Shea & John O'Shea

MINOR REPORT

The County League began in February, and after an early defeat by the Legion in our first game of the year, we had good home victories over Kerins O'Rahillys (by eight points), Austin Stacks and a facile win over Annascaul/Lispole. Our away game to Kilcummin was delayed due to St. Brendan's involvement in the All Ireland Colleges Final, but despite a strong performance on the day, we were beaten by the eventual County Champions.

After the break for the exams, we were drawn away to Kerins O'Rahillys in the first round of the County Championship, and played probably our poorest game of the year suffering a heavy defeat, despite having beaten them well earlier in the year in the County League. This entered us into the Shield where we had a good away win against Laune Rangers in the Quarter Final, before being drawn against Rahillys again in the Semi Final. Despite playing some great football, we were narrowly beaten thus ending our interest in the county competitions for the year.

Next up was the East Kerry League played in July and August in which we had two great home victories over Kenmare and Kilcummin, and an away win against the Legion, before being beaten away to Rathmore in a great game on football. We had already qualified for the East Kerry League Final but the team as a whole showed some lovely class and enthusiasm, and at this stage of the year we had the luxury of introducing a lot of the older Under 16's into the panel. These few weeks showed the progression that the squad had made in terms of their skill and teamwork.

Unfortunately, as Kilcummin were involved in the County Championship, the East Kerry League Final did not take place until September 21st, a full 7 weeks later. We were well beaten by a physically stronger Legion team in Fossa, conceding two soft goals from which we failed to recover.

The final competition of the year is the East Kerry Championship and at the time of writing, we are awaiting our semi final against Kilcummin. We defeated Glenflesk in the Quarter Final with a lovely performance, but due to the inclement weather, the latter stages of this competition is running into 2011. It will be almost a full twelve months football for all lads, a situation that is most unsatisfactory, as it is extremely difficult to keep players motivated and focused for such a long season.

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My thanks to Martin Byrnes, my co-trainer, and the old reliables Matthew Courtney and Jim Connolly. We were joined during the year by James Fleming and Deirdre O'Reilly, who looked after a lot of training sessions and did some core work with the lads. They greatly enhanced the minor set up this year, and the players responded very positively, and for this I want to thank them sincerely for their time and effort.

It was great to see Chris Brady breaking into the senior ranks at such a young age, and is a sure indictment of the strength in depth there is within all age groups within the club. We wish Chris the very best in his quest for a Munster Senior Medal.

Roll on 2011



U-16 REPORT

This U16 team came of age in 2010 and realised their full potential as a team. Our main goal was to improve this talented bunch of players, to get them to take more responsibility on the field and become leaders for the team. This was very evident throughout the year, with some fantastic performances by the team, and they showed a remarkable desire and hunger all year.

It was a busy season for all players and mentors, but there was a fantastic effort made by all. The commitment to training was so evident from the very first training session on 17 January to the last game on 29 October. There were a total of 48 training sessions and 23 competitive/challenge games played in this period. We competed in the East Kerry League & Championship and also played the remainder of 2009 U15 EK Championship, County League and numerous challenge games against Kerry, Cork and Dublin teams.

The East Kerry League began with an away win to Kenmare and continued with a fantastic wins against much fancied teams like Spa, Kilcummin & Legion. The Glenflesk game was doubled up as U-15 2009 semi final and 2010 EK League, and we came away with a fantastic one point win in downpour conditions, duly giving this team the experience of their first final in any grade. We met our great rivals, the Legion in the League final and the team showed a remarkable desire to win their first final. What was so evident was the leadership qualities from all players to win the game. Next up was the EK Championship semi-final in which we again played Glenflesk. This was a fantastic game of football by the two teams, and our hunger enabled us to hold Glenflesk off and come out with a one point win. We met Kilcummin in the final, and this was doubled up with the 2009 U15 championship. The supporters who attended this game witnessed a fantastic performance of "never say die" attitude by these players, who did what Crokes do best and scored goals when it was needed. In the final 10 minutes, and 6 points down, we dominated with a fantastic display and desire to win and got those important goals to put us a point ahead. In the closing minutes, we held off a very spirited Kilcummin team, the Crokes defence was superb - every player taking responsibility for closing down their opponent. When the final whistle blew, there was wild celebrations amongst players and supporters alike. This game will live in the memory of these young footballers for a very long time.

The County League began with high expectations, we played 4 games in our group - Spa, Kerins O'Rahillys, Templenoe, and John Mitchells. Our first 3 games ended in controversial circumstances, with bad refereeing getting the final scoreline wrong, costing us vital points for qualifying. The quality of refereeing in Div. 1 was so poor and it was frustrating for players, mentors & supporters. Our last game was against the eventual league champions and what a performance the team gave that night. It was so evident that if we had qualified we would have been hard to beat.

Finally, we finished off the year in style with a fantastic weekend trip to Dublin in October. We played a challenge game, attended the Celebrity Bainisteoir final, Compromise Rules and also had a Tour of Croke Park. We had a bowling night, a visit to the national aquatic centre and finally the Tipperary Hurling final on the way home. A special word of thanks to Pat O'Shea for organising this trip, which everyone enjoyed.

While the development and improvement is still continuing, we have players involved with Kerry Development squads both U15 & U16, and they also were part of East Kerry team in the County Championship.

On a final note, I wish to thank the wonderful bunch of players for their dedication and pride in wearing the black & amber during the year - they were a joy to work with. A big thank you to the parents who helped out in any way, and to the brilliant supporters who cheered on the team. Thanks to the Club Officers for the help and support. A special word of thanks to my fellow mentors Pat O'Shea, Patrick O'Sullivan, Andrew Kenneally, Joe Maye and Eddie O'Connor for the great work that was put in over the year which made the year most enjoyable one.



*Yours in Sport,
Tommy Brosnan*

U-16 East Kerry Champions

DR CROKES JUVENILE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Saturday morning football coaching sessions continued to attract up to 150 children to Upper Lewis Rd in 2010.

Commencing in March the initial session was attended by number of legendary club stalwarts and senior players who helped to launch the juvenile year in style. Also in attendance was the Dr Crokes contingent from the Sem who contested the All Ireland Colleges Final

There is no shortage of volunteers on Saturday mornings and all coaches attended the Foundation level courses provided. Going forward it is essential that the proper training is provided to and availed of by all our coaches to ensure that the children are receiving the best available tuition in our Gaelic Games.

As well as hosting a very successful Under 8 Go-Games Blitz for the 3 Killarney urban teams in May 2010, Dr Crokes has this year hosted Currow, Beaufort, Listowel, Spa, Castleisland and Churchill. Away trips to Kerins O Rahillys and Listry were also arranged. In all cases the games were non-competitive and small- sided which allowed all the participants to gain meaningful playing time. This allowed them to develop their skills and flourish in a challenging and fun environment.

The Club also held very successful Easter and Summer Camps in April and August ,where again the number of participants exceeded 130 and all enjoyed the training provided by a dedicated squad of coaches, ably assisted by volunteering teenage members of the club.

The clubs juveniles also provide half time entertainment during a number of home Senior League fixtures and both Boys and Girls teams thrilled the crowds at the interval of the Munster Club Championship game against Monaleen.

Also in August the club was delighted to accept an invitation to play an Under 9 exhibition match at Muckross Traditional Farm as part of National Heritage Week. This was particularly timely as the club prepares to celebrate its 125 year history in 2011.

The year finished with 6 members of the County Championship winning team on hands to present commemorative medals to the children at the final Saturday morning session. Thanks to Andrew Kenneally, John Payne , Johnny Buckley, Mike Maloney, Daithi Casey and mentor Denis Coleman. The children had supported them throughout the year and were thrilled to have the Bishop Moynihan on hand at the end of the season.

Given the success of the Saturday morning sessions extra outdoor training continued for Under 9/10 Boys during November and Indoor training recommenced for Under 7/8 Boys and U6-10 Girls.

Going forward it is essential that Dr Crokes continues to raise the bar at Juvenile level and a number of initiatives are to commence in 2011 to further enhance recruitment and coaching at under age level within the club.

Particular mention to both Mark Cooper and Matt O Neill who are leaving the Saturday morning football sessions behind as they move on to fill other roles within the Club.

Mark and Matt have an inherent gift for coaching young children which must be recognised. As well as being model coaches they have encouraged others to get involved by their wonderful example and have provided hundreds of Killarney children with expert tuition in the skills of Gaelic Games while displaying, by example, the proper conduct expected on and off the pitch.

Particular thanks also to the wonderful coaching team and support crew on Saturday mornings. For the second year in a row there were no Health & Safety issues and the children's welfare was properly catered for thanks to the large numbers of volunteers who support the coaches throughout the year.

Off the field activities for the young included participation in the Killarney St Patricks Day Parade where the club won the best GAA Club award. The Annual Hallowe'en & Christmas Parties were a great success enjoyed by all the children. Thanks to all on the events committee for organising these festivities for the children.

Finally sincerest thanks to all the volunteering Club members for making the Saturday morning sessions a great success in 2010. Together we will raise the bar again in 2011.

Terry Potts



Summer Camp

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Dr Crokes Sat mornings started on 13 March. A huge turnout of coaches, children and parents started the year on a high. Saturday mornings were coordinated by John O Shea, Terry Potts and Mark Cooper. A group of U10 boys and girls travelled to Tipperary to see Kerry play and what a great day we had. Many blitzes and games took place through the year and great fun was had by all. We have very big numbers Saturday mornings which is a great sign going forward. We are very lucky to a dedicated group of coaches coaching to improve the skills of the boys and girls in a fun and safe environment. Older teams will bear the fruit of this in years to come. Because of the huge numbers I would encourage parents to get involved in 2011, no experience is needed. Girls football has really taken off this year so new people getting involved is vital to this grade. A big thanks to the coaches, kids and parents for all their help and to the great bunch of club members who man the shop, handle registration, provide food, man the gates etc. - all your work is vital to the success of Saturday mornings. Best luck to all the boys and girls who have just left Saturday sessions. I hope to see you in Croke Park some day.

Yours in sport
Mark Cooper



Easter Camp

U-14 REPORT

It was a mixed year for this age group ,a year of two halves.

The first half included the County League and East Kerry League.

We started training early February with turn outs very good and before the County League we had 4 challenge games played.

The league itself didn't go well for us and we were struggling to get our strongest team out due to various reasons of which one was the well documented 'Kennedy Cup' fiasco. We had 5 players involved at this level and these players all 13 years old had to make a choice if they were to remain involved in the Kennedy Cup squad which is a very unfair decision for any young fellow to make, however, the teams we put out acquitted themselves very well and put in a massive effort.

Playing at this level brought them on greatly and this was proved when they contested both East Kerry finals, winning the Championship and beaten narrowly in the league final. The championship final was the first time we were able to put out a full team and they won it convincingly.

In the County league division for second teams we won this section with a titanic battle against Austin Stacks in the final, this team was mainly made up of 12 year olds and most of these guys were also playing in the first team so they had a very busy year of it.

Overall with all the trials and tribulations it was great to see the team finish the year on a high winning the championship which makes the future look bright.

Well done to all involved, including , players, parents and supporters.

A special thanks to mentors, Der Brosnan, Noel White, James Lyne, Sean Clarke, Seamie Doc.

Yours in Sport,
Ger O Shea.



U-14 East Kerry Champions

U-12 REPORT

The U12 team had a very successful year going through the year unbeaten in competitive competition in Kerry. The year began back in March with a comprehensive East Kerry victory over Legion and that set the tone for the remainder of the season. We had some great battles over the year especially against Kerins O'Rahilly's and while we won both matches it's fair to say that there is very little between the teams and some great tussles lie ahead.

The year was fragmented in that we started in March playing East Kerry matches but that competition was put aside when the County League started in April and the step up in standard was clearly evident. In Phase one we played Kerins O'Rahilly's, Austin Stack's, Listowel, Dingle and Gaeltacht. We won all those matches with the toughest test coming against Kerins O'Rahilly's. Having won this section it meant we were now County League Champions.

In Phase two we were up against Ardfert, Listowel, Rahilly's, Na Gaeil and Castleisland Desmonds. Again we won all our matches but had real battles from Kerins O'Rahilly's and Ardfert. Ardfert had been promoted from Group B and proved to be a very good team. The standard in Phase 2 was very high and it was a great achievement to come through this and the whole competition unbeaten. This hasn't been achieved in the club for a long time. The competition was not as strong in East Kerry and we beat Legion again in the final on a terrible night in Firies.

During the year we travelled to Na Piarisigh in Cork for a tournament. We performed well there and were beaten in the final by Mallow. We also travelled later in the year to St Michael's in Cork for another tournament. We were caught cold in our first match having just got off the Bus, thereafter we performed very well and did ourselves and the club proud. Travelling away to these tournaments is very good for the team, on every trip we learnt a lot about ourselves, about the standard we need to get to and is very good for building team spirit. A highlight of the year was our fun trip to Derrynane where we had a fantastic day in fantastic weather.

At the end of the year the team can be very proud of themselves. To go through the year unbeaten is a great achievement and a lot of that can be put down to the team's absolute refusal to be beaten when up against it. During the year they played some fantastic football and have been a credit to the club throughout. As a group they have improved tremendously by year end but we also know we need to continue to improve.



Derrynane Trip

U-11 REPORT

Like their fellow Under 12 Club Colleagues, the Dr Crokes Amber Football Team, made up predominantly of Under 11's, also won both phases of their County League, losing only one game in 9 to Austin Stacks.

18/4/10 Kerins O Rahillys B 2-5, Dr Crokes Amber 3-5

25/4/10 Austin Stacks B 2-7, Dr Crokes Amber 4-7

9/5/10 Dr Crokes Amber 2-10, Listowel B 1-4

17/5/10 Spa B 1-9, Dr Crokes Amber 5-8

30/5/10 Dr Crokes Amber 6-6 Kerins O Rahillys B 2-2

4/6/10 Beaufort B 4-5, Dr Crokes Amber 7-5

16/6/10 Dr Crokes Amber 6-5 Austin Stacks B 4-13

19/6/10 Dr Crokes Amber 8-13 St Senans B 2-6

27/6/10 Listowel B 2-9 Dr Crokes Amber 7-5

At divisional level the Under 11's competed well and having suffered only 2 defeats in all, failed to make the East Kerry Final. However some of the under 11's also formed part of the successful U12 panel which captured the East Kerry title, beating local rivals Killarney Legion in the final at Farranfore. The Under 11's also entertained sides from Ballyhaunis Co Mayo, Monaleen Co Limerick and Scoil Ui Chonnaill Atha Cliatha during 2010. In acknowledgement of their achievements in winning County Football League and East Kerry titles, Dr Crokes U11/12 Boys teams were treated by the club to a fantastic day trip to Derrynane Sea Sports on Saturday 4 Sept 2010. After sampling windsurfing, canoeing and snorkelling they enjoyed a barbeque and a game of football on the beach as the sun set over Derrynane bay. A fine end to a very good year.

Coaches: Colm Griffin, Brendan Hartnett, and Vince Casey.

U-8 REPORT

Our U8 hurlers have really progressed this year. A big turn out at our weekly Saturday morning training sessions ensured that these young players have the enthusiasm and appetite to develop their skills. In May and June we participated in a series of Go Games Blitzes, competing against teams such as Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Rathmore and Firies. The rotation of venues to play these blitzes was a great idea and gave these young players the experience of playing these fun games in different locations. Our lads competed very well in all these games and were in fact unbeaten throughout all these blitzes. We also played Newtownshandrum U8 team when they visited the club in early October and we had a great game with them but lost narrowly in the end. Na Gaeil, from Tralee visited the club also to play against our U 8 Team in September and we also did well against them. The full panel of 22 players was as follows: Adam Carey, Patrick Buckley, Jamie Muldoon, Patrick Creehan, Darragh Creehan, Ian O'Connell, Michael Horgan, Tom Doyle, Danny Cronin, Charlie Keating, Éirin O'Callaghan, Joe Ruden, Caolan Ryan, Padraic Looney, Liam Kelliher, David Mee, Jack Cooper, Jack McGuire, Jack Lynch, Maidhcé Lynch, Darragh Fahy and Christian Casey. Special thanks to all the parents of the players who travelled to all the venues and showed great support and encouragement. Thanks to the mentors Kieran Creehan, John Lenihan and Matt O'Neil. All these mentors agree that there are a few players in this squad that will be worth watching in the years ahead.

UNDER 7/8 BOYS & UNDER 7/8/9/10 GIRLS

The first phase of 2010 saw the Under 8/10 Girls joining in a rotation system with both the Under 8 Boys. Divided into 4 groups (Under 10 Girls/ Under 8 Girls/ Under 7 Boys/ Under 8 Boys) the children rotated through 4 different coaching zones every Saturday morning.

Zone 1: Technical Skill Development

Zone 2: Shooting Drills

Zone 3: Physical Conditioning: Agility Balance Coordination (ABC's) & Speed/ Jumping Drills

Zone 4: Conditioned Games

The variety stopped the children from getting bored and the smaller groups ensured more emphasis could be placed on the individual and everybody was actively involved. The small sided games also ensured that the children were regularly on the ball and developing their ball handling skills. After the Summer Break the number of visiting teams dictated that most sessions consisted of small sided games only. This allowed the children to practice the skills in a game situation. When the inclement weather kicked in, training switched Indoors to the Sem where Pat O'Shea concentrated on the technical skills. Everybody had a ball, literally! Thanks to all the coaches for their time and enthusiasm.

Coaches: Tim Coffey, Jerry Falvey, Mike Hickey, Martin Muldoon, Vinny Sheehan, Teresa White, Mernie Lenihan, Ger Clifford, Pat O Shea & Terry Potts, ably assisted when required by Annie & Sarah Potts.

Terry Potts

U-12 GIRLS

Dr Crokes girls played in division 3 of the county league in 2010. Coached by Paula, Niamh and Mark it was a very enjoyable year. Up to 30 girls represented the club from Kenmare to Tralee to Lewis road. We were very competitive all year in a strong division. All the girls improved this year and this showed in some great performances. There is a great future for this group of girls if they continue to progress. Girls football is very much on the up but new people will need to get involved in 2011 to progress these girls. Two Crokes girls played with Kerry in 2010 - Siobhan Burns u11 and Christine Cooper u12. To finish, I would like to thank Paula and Niamh for a fun year and their dedication to girls football in 2010.

Mark Cooper

U-12 Girls



U-16's East Kerry Champions



LADIES U-13, 14 & 16 FOOTBALL REPORT

The decision was taken at the start of the season to train these 4 age groups together as it was felt that the girls need to forge a sense of identity within the club and would benefit from being part of a larger group for training etc. The training sessions were well attended all year and significant progress was made in both the technical and physical fitness aspects of the game. Training was taken by Pat O Shea with assistance from Mike Hickey and Terry Potts, with Frances O Sullivan and Deborah Ann O Shea adding essential support at matches and training.

The year 2010 saw Dr Crokes suffering from the successes of 2009 by being graded in higher divisions in both U14 & U16 despite losing some key players in the interim. While progress in training was mirrored in performance, if not results, in the respective County Leagues, the year finished on a high when the Under 16 Girls captured the East Kerry Title, with their best team performance of the season, under the management of Catherine Keogh.

In June the U13 Girls participated in the Austin Stacks Inter County Blitz, winning their pool before losing in a Semi-Final to a very strong Ballyboden St Endas team who would eventually win out the competition.

The Club also continues to provide players to the County panels with Seodhna O Donoghue and Annie Potts (Under 13) Olivia Dawson (Under 14) and Amy O Donovan and Megan Buckley (Under 16) all wearing the Green and Gold with distinction this past year.

As ever, the girls section fails to attract the same level of parental participation and support as the boys. These girls are every bit as proud to wear the Black and Amber as their brothers and deserve better recognition and assistance. Previous requests for parents and senior lady players to get involved in underage coaching and administration of Ladies Football fell on deaf ears. If we do not look after the girls and they find another club better able to provide for their needs, they will go and may take their brothers with them. With a diminishing pool of children living in the Killarney urban area it is vital that we provide the best coaching, facilities and support for all children, boys and girls. This can only be done if proper structures are aligned to a significant increase in volunteers in both administration and coaching roles in ladies football within the club.

Terry Potts

SENIOR HURLING REPORT

Overall it was a successful and historic year for the Crokes Senior Hurlers.

Historic in that for the first time the club fielded 2 teams, by entering a team in the County and South Kerry Junior Leagues and Championships and successful as both teams won their respective South Kerry Leagues and contested the county finals in league and championship. By entering the Junior team the club managed to keep players that had left the juvenile ranks and whom were lost to the club hurling structure heretofore. It was great to see the commitment and enthusiasm of the young players such as Senan Lavery, Anthony Keogh, Conor Fitzgerald, Cillian Fitzgerald, Tadhg Moore, Daragh O Keeffe, Ciaran O Donnell, Anthony Cronin, Joseph Keogh and Ignatius Curtin. These players will form the backbone of the team in years to come. Great credit must be given to Gene Doherty who was the inspiration and driving force behind this team and who also at the tender age of 52 played a starring role in the full back line and as goal keeper when required during the year.

On the playing field the Seniors under the excellent leadership of our Captain Brendan O Donovan showed good early season form and captured the South Kerry League Final after a hard fought 4 pt victory over Kenmare, having trailed for most of the game. The team qualified for the final of the Senior Co League Div 2 for the second year running by virtue of a second place finish on 12 pts and by defeating Ladys Walk in a play off but even though the team played well they once again succumbed to a strong Kilmoyley outfit fielding many seniors on the score line of 1-16 to 1-12 at Austin Stacks Park on the 26th June. The squad effectively finished their season the following week when they had to play Ladys Walk in the first round of the Intermediate Championship.

While it was a home venue, playing championship 5 days after losing a Co League Final did nothing for the team and a very flat performance saw Crokes concede 2 soft goals but still never looked like winners and subsequently made a tame exit to an average Ladys Walk team on the score line of 1-8 to 2-8.

The Juniors had a very successful year considering the aim was to ensure a competitive team lined out and as mentioned this succeeded handsomely with a combination of the younger players mentioned above and Golden Oldies such as Gene Doherty, Johnny Dunphy, Jim Kennedy, Brendan Keogh (until he met someone harder than himself), Gary Landers, John Cagney and Cormac Bonnar providing the leadership. With weekly games and training Crokes kept the interest of the younger players and in total the team played 16 games, 6 in the South Kerry League and Championship, 7 in the Co League games and 3 Co Junior Championships'. The team beat Austin Stacks in the South Kerry League Final but lost to the same opposition in the championship semi final. Having won the Junior Co Championship in 1990, the team made a gallant effort to repeat the feat fielding mainly the younger players but narrowly lost out to near neighbours St Pats in a hard fought game on a score line of 2-6 to 1-8. None the less this was a very successful first year for the Juniors and a great learning curve for the younger players.

We would like to wish prominent and affable team members Mike Murphy and Ger Fogarty all the best in their journey overseas and hope that someday they can don the Black & Amber again. Welcome back to Turlough Bonnar, who will be a great addition to the team in 2011. Also we wish Barry O Grady, Paul Griffin and Keith Curtin speedy recovery from serious injuries sustained during the year.

We would like to thank all the club officers for their support and cooperation throughout the year and a big thank you to our loyal band of supporters. Thanks to Tom, Mary and Gavin O Donoghue for their generous sponsorship.

Finally we congratulate all winning football and juvenile hurling teams in the club, especially our deserving senior team on winning the Co Championship. We wish an excellent band of footballers every success in their quest for All Ireland honours, a task that is well within their grasp.

Players who lined out during 2010:

Timmie Hourigan, Liam Bergin, Mike Murphy, Tom Murphy, Barry O Grady, Shane Kavanagh, Kevin Landers, Keith Curtin, Dave Coughlan, Martin O Shea, Sean Burchill, Patrick O Keeffe, Ger Fogarty, Patrick Landers, Mike O Keeffe, Brian Darcy, Brendan O Donovan, Darren O Dea, Johnny Dunphy, Diarmuid Lane, Anthony Keogh, Jamie Lenihan, John Cagney, Cian O Toole, Niall O Meara, Liam Bergin, Conor Fitzgerald, Paul Griffin, Kevin Smith, Senan Lavery, Joseph Keogh, Declan Kennedy, Francis Doherty, Tadhg Moore, Ciaran O Donnell, Ignatius Curtin, Daragh O Keeffe, Jim Kennedy, Gene Doherty, David Cotter, Brendan Keogh, Anthony Cronin, Cormac Bonnar, Cillian Fitzgerald, Evan O Donoghue, Seanie Morris, Padraig Ashe

Senior Selectors:

Gene Doherty (trainer), Paul Downey, David Cotter, Pat Kenneally, Brendan Keogh

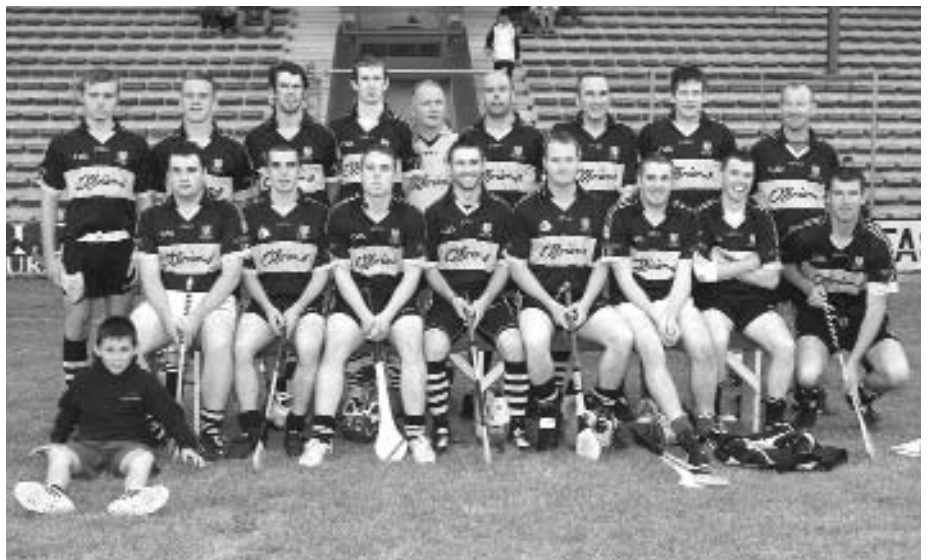
Junior Selectors:

Keith Curtin, Kevin Landers, Brendan O Donovan, Niall Keogh

Brendan Keogh

Gene Doherty

On behalf of the Senior Hurlers



JUVENILE HURLING REPORT

2010 was another very successful year for Crokes' underage hurling. We continue to expand our numbers - playing and coaching. The number of players who have come through our underage structure and are now playing with our senior teams, is but one tangible sign of how successful that underage structure is. In 2003, the Club initiated underage hurling for the purposes of producing a conveyor belt of hurlers for our adult team. 2010 saw the start of that flow, when no less than ten players, who were nurtured through our underage programme, lined out on our adult Junior team. Without these young players, the Club could not have fielded two adult hurling teams.

Crokes' hurling teams did our Club proud on the field of play and the black and amber of Crokes is now seen as a force in Kerry hurling. North Kerry teams no longer hold any threat for our lads, who through 2010 have beaten teams such as Lixnaw, Causeway, Kilmoyley, Ballyheigue and other strongholds of Kerry hurling. Most of our teams won either their County Leagues or South Kerry Championships or both, as did our under 12's. They also showed well in the County Championships. All ages participated in many tournaments and fared well. Our under 8's went through the year unbeaten, which gives added hope for the future.

Many of our lads were selected for the South Kerry Development squads. The under 16's won the Duhallow League and seventeen Crokes players travelled to Kilkenny with the South Kerry squad and were met and trained by greats, such as Brian Cody, Joe Hennessy and Eoin Larkin. We also had a number of players on County panels.

2010 saw the arrival of camogie in a serious way. We now have over forty young ladies training every Saturday morning. These are coached by three female coaches, lead by head camogie coach Mary Treacy.

There is determination now to continue our programme and build on the success of earlier years. 2011 is a significant year for Dr Crokes and underage hurling hopes to celebrate our 125 years by improving our performances, reaching higher goals and hopefully bringing more silverware back to our Club. It is no more than a Club like Crokes deserves.

For those who are actively involved in this hurling adventure, we appreciate the support and encouragement the Club and its members continue to provide. We also wish to acknowledge the support and help that we receive from parents and coaches. But, above all else, our young boys and girls are terrific. They are dedicated and hard-working at training and games and wear the black and amber with pride and passion. Well done - Crocaigh Abú.

Matt O'Neill
Cathaoirleach Iomániaocht

CAMOGIE REPORT

There has always been a few girls who wanted to play hurling and they joined forces with their male counterparts. However, in 2010, a big effort was made, in conjunction with the Camogie County Board and Munster Council, to get camogie off in a more serious way. A short promotional campaign derived great returns, when over forty girls turned up for camogie training on Saturday mornings.

We soon attracted a few former camogie players, who dusted down the old camán and helped out with coaching. The numbers continued to attend training every morning, through rain and hail and skill levels soon improved. It was time for a game. So we organised a fun day in the Muckcross Traditional Farms hurling field. This was a great success. Other camogie players from Scartaglen, Spa (Tralee) and Listowel all joined forces and played on mixed teams in front of a large group of spectators.

Tús maith, leath an oibre. 2010 was a great start for camogie in Dr. Crokes. Hopefully, we can keep the momentum going and provide another opportunity for female members of the Club to play our national sports. Another great way to celebrate the Club's 125 years.

Mary Treacy

U11 HURLERS REPORT

During this past year our U11's participated in a number of different events. Firstly, they played in a series of blitzes in South Kerry and were unlucky to go down to Kenmare and Kilgarvan. In July, we organised the first Summer Fest Juvenile Hurling Tournament games which were played on the Sem pitches. Here, we had great victories over Kenmare and Kilgarvan and were very unfortunate to lose to Tournafulla in the Final. In August, we were took part in the first Rose Cup Tournament in Tralee. Here, we won against Kilmoyley but were beaten by Rathdowney Earls (Laois). Overall, this U11 team acquitted themselves well in these outings and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In October, the team also hosted Mitchelstown and Newtownshandrum from Cork and na Gaeil from Tralee. The full panel were as follows: James Flavin, Conor Murphy, Dylan Dermody, Conor Quirke, Cian Fahy, Michael Lenihan, Sean O'Neil, John Hannigan, John Joseph Buckley, Jack Griffin, Thomas Fleming, Ryan Casey, Ciarán Kennedy (Captain), Lorcan O'Connor, Joseph Collins, John Talbot, Shane Kennedy, David Kenny, Gearóid Murphy, Michael Horgan, Fionn Oliver, Johnathan and Rory Mee, Kieran O'Connor, Frank McGuire Fiachra Clifford, Nelu O'Doherty, Michael Aherne, Jack Kelleher and Tom Doyle.

U-12 HURLING REPORT

County League Champions, South Kerry Champions and County Championship quarter-finalists - a very successful for our under 12 hurlers. However, it started disappointing enough. Our first outing was with Ballyheigue, away from home. We came from behind and looked like we had the points in the bag. However, five minutes lack of concentration cost us, badly. Game lost and a quiet journey home.

Crotta, at home, came next. The Crokes boys played much better, but succumbed to a much stronger North Kerry panel. It was time to re-group or our season would be finished before it had begun. In fairness, our lads stepped up to the mark. Duagh fell by the wayside and Crokes were on the way. Another tough game in Lixnaw saw us needing a win in our last group game, to get through to the Division two semi-final.

Kilmoyley came accompanied by the County Hurling Officer and had great expectations. However, Crokes were fully focused for this game. From the start they were on top and shocked their opponents with the ferocity of their play. Results in this league campaign were very close and we were required to play-off against Ballyheigue to make the semi's - a rematch of our first game.

We should have won the first encounter and Crokes made sure of the rematch. No lapse in concentration, no let-up and just one result was acceptable - a convincing victory. This was delivered and now a semi-final spot in the heart of Kerry hurling - Causeway. This would be a big one. It was, perhaps, the best performance of the season. All expectations were with Causeway and their huge support. But the Crokes boys battled away courageously, leaving Causeway baffled and wondering how Crokes were in the final and not them.

The final was against another North Kerry stronghold, Kilmoyley. We had to travel to Lixnaw for the privilege. But Crokes were not bothered - any team, any place was their motto. A good start gave Crokes the boost they needed. Kilmoyley fought back strongly, but our lads were determined. They finished off with a flurry and came off the field County League Champions.

The County Championship saw us through to the quarter-finals, where we met Ardfert. This was always going to be a tough encounter, especially when we were missing a few of our stronger players, who were on holidays. Crokes put up a brave battle and narrowly lost out at the final whistle. Ardfert won through to the final, leaving the Crokes lads wondering what might have been, if our full panel were available.

The South Kerry Championship was next. Dingle were our semi-final opponents - always a tough game. Crokes played very well and had a convincing win to make it through to the final against a combined Kenmare/Kilgarvan team. We needed to be at our best to beat this team. It was a close game throughout with just two points between the teams at half-time. But Crokes played with greater zeal and were able to maintain their intensity right up to the final whistle. In the end, the Crokes team were crowned South Kerry Under 12 Champions - the first ever.

This year's panel were very strong and put in a great effort at training, with a high attendance rate. They developed throughout the year and skills level improved greatly. There were little or no problems on the discipline front and travelling to and from games provides many moments of fun and enjoyment. Most of the team travelled to Croke Park to see Kerry, with clubmate, Seáníe Shea, on the sideline, play in the Christy Ring final - a great day out. The Under 12 team eventually won the County League and South Kerry Championship, which they richly deserved. Hopefully, the panel will stay together, as there is great potential in this team.

Foieann: Michael Ahern, John Joseph Buckley, Ryan Casey, Fiachra Clifford, Joseph Collins, Billy Courtney, Dean Cronin, Eodhán De Brún, Dylan Dermody, Cian Fahey, James Flavin, Tomás Fleming, Jack Galvin, Dean Griffin, Jack Griffin, John Hannigan, Mark Harnett, Cian Heffernan, Ciarán Kennedy, Shane Kennedy, David Kenny, Michael Lenihan, James McAuliffe, Oisín Moore, Anthony Murphy, Conor Murphy, Gearóid Murphy, Daniel O'Brien, Lorcan O'Connor, Neliu O'Doherty, Fionn O'Hare-Wyatt, Cian O'Hare-Wyatt, Lorcán O'Hare-Wyatt, Seán O'Neill, Mark O'Shea, Conor Quirke, John Talbot.

*Matt O'Neill,
John Lenihan,
Mike Kennedy,
Tom Murphy.*



U-12 County Champions

U14 HURLERS REPORT

Dr.Crokes U14 hurlers had a truly magnificent year culminating in winning the Division 2 hurling league title in Austin Stack Park on the 22nd May 2010. This was historic in that it was the first time the club had won a Division 2 title and the fact that we beat Crotta, Kilmoyley and Lixnaw, all North Kerry strongholds of hurling on the way made it more special.

The League campaign began with a home game V Kilmoyley on the 20th March 2010. Some of our strong players most notably Aaron Murphy and Micheal Burns were unavailable for this match and while we acquitted ourselves well for the first game of the year we lost 3-8 to 1-5. A week later we travelled to Ardfert to play St. Brendans and again we were missing some of our top players and lost on a score line of 6-9 to 3-4. On the 5th of April 2010 we took part in the Féile pre-lim rounds where we beat Kenmare/Kilgarvan, drew with Ardfert and lost to Ballyduff who were the eventual winners of the County Féile.

The turning point of our season came with our 3rd league game away to Crotta. With all our top players available for this important game, we played great hurling and won comprehensively with a score line of 4-5 to 0-7. This qualified us for a semi-final draw against Kilmoyley. This game took place in Lixnaw on the 17th May 2010 and turned out to be a 'cracker'. We played some excellent hurling all through and ran out easy winners on a score line of 5-11 to 2-5. We were now through to the Final and picking up momentum. The Final was held in Austin Stack Park on the 22nd May 2010 and a large contingent of Crokes supporters travelled to Tralee. This Final turned out to be another great game and an extremely close affair. We eventually won by two points and the final score was Dr.Crokes 1-10 Lixnaw 2-5.

Great celebrations followed and hopefully this experience will drive these players forward to a new level in the future.

Mark O'Shea was brilliant in goals all year and outside him, Conor McSherry at full back and two corner backs Eodháin De Brún and Michael Owen Buckley were very solid. Lorcan Howe at centre back was very strong in this pivotal position all year and was ably supported by speedy and skilful wing backs Gavin White and Chris Doncel. In midfield Aaron Murphy (Captain) led by example all year with his remarkable speed and energy, and here was well supported by the skilful and hardworking Jack Lenihan. Up front the wing forwards of Dean Farrell and Mark O'Shea did their share of work throughout the year and Micheal Burns at centre forward was our top scorer of the year and showed some glances of great hurling. The full forward line that consisted of Oscar O'Connor, Paul Clarke and Jason Brosnan worked hard all year and got some crucial scores when needed most. All other panel members, Jack Murphy, Denis Fleming, Adrian Murphy, Kieran Courtney, and Luke Kelly all contributed to this great year. Well done to mentors, John Lenihan, Mike O'Keefe and John Ivory for their efforts this year.



U-14 County League Champions



U-15 Hurlers

U15 HURLERS REPORT

U15 Hurling C'Ship 2010.....March 7th..... V Lixnaw at Lewis Rd.

Our U15 hurlers opened the 2010 juvenile hurling season with their first game in the championship against Lixnaw at Lewis Road. This age group play a championship only and this turned out to be their only game in 2010. Our team was also weakened by a few injuries and a few absentees due to other commitments, however this game was played in a good spirit and had some good scores from both sides despite the bitterly cold wind. Playing against the wind in the first half, our defence was under severe pressure and they did very well for a long period. After twenty minutes we were down by two goals but the match was wide open. However the concession of a few goals before the break meant that the second half was going to be difficult. We started briskly in the second half with a goal from Jason Brosnan and a brace of points from Jack Lenihan and Aaron Murphy. This good start and the wind at our backs made a good contest of the second half, however the physical strength of Lixnaw told in the end the ran out deserving winners.

Team: T Foley, M Casey, C McSharry, D Fleming, L Howe, S Hanafin, A Murphy, J Billot, J Lenihan, M O'Shea, C Doncel, K Courtney, I Hurley, D Farrell, G White, J Murphy, L Byrnes, J Brosnan.

Tom Healy Memorial U15 hurling Blitz - Oct 22nd, 2010.

Dr Crokes U15 hurlers represented the South Kerry hurling division in this prestigious 9 a side tournament in Abbeydorney. In the qualifying rounds we played Ardfert and then Lixnaw. Both of these games were keenly contested and there was plenty hurling skills evident from all sides despite the bad weather conditions. Our lads put on brave displays but in the end lost out in both games. Missing a few older lads through injury and using some younger players resulted in both games being difficult for us against physically stronger opposition but we never gave up and fought all the way. Jack Lenihan was our main scorer on the night and he was ably assisted by John Ivory, Shane Hanafin, Conor McSharry and Timmy Foley.

Team: T Foley, S Lyne, C McSharry, S Hanafin, C Doncel, J Ivory, D Farrell, J Lenihan, I Hurley, M O'Buckley.

We had Shane Hanafin and John Ivory involved with the County U15 Development squad in 2010.

U16 HURLERS REPORT

In the 2010 U16 county hurling league we hosted Ballyheigue and played Abbeydorney away and a got a walk over from Dingle . This was not enough to make the play offs of the county league but it was a useful campaign for the younger and less experienced players. Both of our games were keenly contested and despite losing both the results were down to a very young and inexperienced Crokes side at this level having to give way to an older and stronger opposition. Our skill levels were good and some of our scores were exceptional. Our goalie, Alex Goggins put in some great performances and was well assisted by a strong defence lead by Gearoid Coughlan, Shane Hanafin and Mike Casey. Further out field Keith Flynn, John Ivory, Johnny Courtney and Aodhan Burns played leading roles, but in the end we will put this down to experience and build for the future .

Team : A Goggins, C McSharry, G Coughlan, M Casey, S Hanafin, J Ivory, K Flynn, J Courtney, L Howe, A Burns, J Billot, I Hurley, K Courtney, T Foley.

Mentors: John Ivory, Timmy Hourigan.

In addition to the above, Dr Crokes also had eight players on the South Kerry U16 team. This team played some matches in defence of the Duhallow League which we won in 2009. However in 2010 while there were some good displays in that competition, the title was relinquished. *The following Crokes players were members of that team:* Tim Foley, Conor McSharry, John Ivory, Shane Hanafin, Keith Flynn, Aodhan Burns, Johnny Courtney, John Billot. *Mentors:-* John Ivory, Timmy Hourigan.

CLEAR AIR BOYS

2010 was another good year for the Clear Air Boys, the clubs supporters club. We celebrated winning the Bishop Moynihan in October, we collected an All Ireland in Croke Park (a good omen for 2011?) and we continued to go from strength to strength.

2010 was our second year in existence and we were founded to help build support for the clubs teams and activities as well as make a financial contribution to the clubs projects. This year the money raised through membership and other ventures helped to pay for the gym equipment which we all can see the benefits from. In addition to this we helped to finance equipment for the club by donating footballs. We also provided club merchandise to participants at our juvenile coaching camps. We help produce a DVD of the county final the proceeds of which will be donated to the players fund. We hope to continue to provide financial support to the clubs building projects over the next number of years.

On the social side we organised a social event in September in the form of a Pig on a Spit to coincide with our county league game with St Michaels. This turned out to be an enjoyable event for our supporters and helped rally us for the bigger games that lay ahead. Since we started in 2009 there has been a noticeable increase in attendance at all club games especially at underage levels. Its also heartening to see the large crowds that travel to our away games. We think since we were set up we have helped connect our older members with the underage set up and we hope we help get our younger members interested in the adult section.

We continued to broadcast our senior games online which was well received, especially by our friends abroad. A good archive has now built up on "You-tube" of our games and we invite people check out this resource. A highlight for the Supporters Club was winning the McNamee Award, the National GAA award for communications, for our innovative work in broadcasting games online. The award was presented by GAA President, Christy Cooney, in Croke Park. We hope to collecting other awards there shortly!

We would urge people to join us in 2011 to help support our club and its continued development. We wish our senior team all the best in the upcoming Munster Final. We look forward to supporting all clubs teams and club activities in 2011. It is a great time to be involved with the club for all of us. Finally we can say that there can now be no doubt but that "There is only one Black and Amber".

Diarmuid Kelleher



McNamee Award

GOLF SOCIETY

This was the seventeenth year of our Society and once again it was another very successful year in which we had 8 outings.

Our Golfer of the year Shane Horgan, who played magnificent golf all year. Ed Stack, Brendan Keogh, John Looney & David Moloney all won outings during the year. Eamonn Keogh won the Captain's prize, which was held in Killeen and Joey Sheehan won the President's prize in Kenmare.

We had team events in Dooks & Beaufort and once again our St Stephens Day outing was frozen out.

The Society Members were once again involved in the fund raising activities of the club, co-ordinating the very popular challenges on the 4 Majors and the Golf Classic. As can be seen from the financial statement these again proved to very successful.

I would also like to thank the following for their Sponsorship, help & support throughout the year.

Sponsors: Speakeasy; Maurice O'Donoghue; Niall & Eoin Brosnan; The Failte; Mike Buckley; Cartridge Company; Tatler Jack & Vince Casey.

Support: John Keogh on the web. John O Connor, Mike Quill, Brian Clarke, Steve McCarthy who ran the show in Dooks

The committee: B. Keogh; G. O'Shea; V. Casey J McEnery & M.Howard.

Our excellent Captain, John O Leary & President Malachy Walsh.

I'd also like to thank all the members for their support & co-operation throughout the year.

Lastly, I wish the incoming Captain for 2011, Noel Parker and President Eamonn Fitzgerald, all the best for the year.

Best wishes for the New Year to all in the club but particularly our Senior team later this month.

Liam Hartnett
Secretary

SCÓ R REPORT

There is fantastic talent within the Dr. Crokes Club. The events and entertainments in the Scor structure gives all club members the opportunity to enjoy and support the Irish language, traditional Irish dancing, music, song and other aspects of Irish culture. Cumann Luthchleas Gael "fosters an awareness and love of the national ideals in the people of Ireland, and assist in promoting a community spirit through clubs. The importance of the club involvement and the members efforts in promoting, organising and running scor competitions are recognised at National Scor levels. Scor Sinsear is for competitors over 17 years of age and Scor na nOg is for competitors under 17 years of age. Each competition can have up to 5 stages and can run from Club Competition, District Board Stage, County Final, Provisional Championships to All Ireland Finals. We are very fortunate in live in Killarney as various stages are held here throughout each year. The Scor Sinsear All Ireland Final will again will be held here in April 2011. It is a great opportunity for a club member to compete in early February at local level and go onto the All Ireland Final in Killarney. Scor na bPaisti competitions are confined to children attending Primary School. However, the county Final is the last stage for participants.

Scor na bPaisti 2010 was held at Fossa Community Hall on 5 & 6 March.

The following are the club representatives

Set Dancing: (2nd Place) Charlie & Mairead Joy, Neilu Doherty, Leah & Sarah Lyne, Siobhan Burns, Fionnbhar Hickey and Jack Galvin.

Question Time: Alison Keogh, Hannah Wren, Mairead Joy and Michael Owen Buckley.

Instrumental Music: Emma & Michael Lenihan, Sean O'Neill, Michael Owen Buckley and Dean Griffin

Scor Na nOg 2010 was held at Rathmore Community Centre on 18 November.

The following are the club representatives

Rince Foirne: (2nd Place) Siobhan Burns, Christine Cooper, Saoirse O'Connor, Jessica & Fiona Galvin, Eleana Galvin, Chloe Bartlett and Aine Connolly.

Solo Singing: Oisín Treacy

Instrumental Music: Jack Lenihan, Jack & Conor Murphy.

Question Time: (2nd Place) Zoe O Sullivan, Elaine Courtney and Aodhan Burns

Set Dancing: Siobhan Burns, Leah Lyne, Roisin O Hare Doherty, Siabhhdh

Chathasaigh: Peter O Shea, Cathal, Fionnbhar and Cillian Hickey.

As Scor Officer, I take this opportunity to thank the trainers for their help throughout the year, especially Jackie Looney for training the quiz team and John Lenihan for training the instrumental music group. Their time and dedication is very much appreciated.

Gerardine Lyne
Scor Officer

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

At the beginning of February 2010, I prepared a safety statement for the club. This was to comply with Section 20 Safety, Health & Welfare at the Work Act 2005. We were obliged to provide this as a directive from Croke Park in order to qualify for any G.A.A. grants. This statement took some time to put together and I would like to thank Tracey O'Shea for her typing skills, the binding and her time on this particular project.

The pitches were sanding and the verti drained again this year with the floodlight pitch again getting extra attention.

This is the time of year when the main pitch is closed and repair work is carried out, however due to the club's involvement in the Munster Championship and hopefully All- Ireland Championship, this work will be delayed.

The floodlight pitch will have to be closed May - June to do major work on it. We did some re-soding here to patch it up.

I would like to thank Dan Kelliher for his continue advice and support in relation to the pitches.

This year we installed an Irrigation system at the cost of approx. €12,000.00. The benefit of this system was there for everyone to see when we played West Kerry in the County Championship. I would like to thank Moss Harmon for his assistance in the groundwork.

In May, Moss and myself reached heights we thought impossible over the main pitch when we climbed onto a hoist. This was to enable us to paint the goalposts from the top down. A nerve racking experience. Mossie's knuckles were white not from the paint I might add but from holding to tight to the goalpost.

FAS: As part of our agreement with FAS, I attended a number of meetings with the FAS supervisor along with participants from other clubs. In November, I signed an agreement for another year of the scheme. At the end of the year we lost Eddie O'Connor and John O'Sullivan from the scheme. Both men, over the years gave the club great service and I would like to thank them for their loyalty. I would like to take this opportunity to wish both men well for the future.

Billy Doolan retired from his post in the Fitzgerald Stadium and on behalf of the Dr. Crokes G.A.A. Club, I would like to thank Billy for all that he did for us in his time at the stadium.

While it is sad to see people leave, I am glad to have two capable men replacing them. Tim O'Sullivan and Larry Hickey have joined us and I'm sure they will do a great job.

We had two big games this year, West Kerry in the County Championship and Monaleen in the Munster Championship; I would like to thank all the stewards, the events committee old and new for the wonderful job done, especially for the Monaleen game. There is no doubt that we set a high standard for ourselves, long may it continue. Long may we lead the way on and off the field. Well done again to everyone.

Munster Council Grants were again applied for last August and a grant in the region of €15,000.00 was approved. It is expected payment will be received in February. There is no doubt without the lobbying of Patrick O'Sullivan, we wouldn't have come near to this figure. However, it now seems, the well has gone dry in Munster. The total we have received from the Munster Council over the last three years alone is €73,000.00.

Finally, I would like to thank the Development Committee of Donie O'Leary, David Moloney, Tim O'Sullivan, John A. Keogh, Moss Harmon, Harry Bartlett, Matt Courtney, Seamie Doherty and James Lyne for all their help throughout the year.

Also, I would like to thank Anne Byrnes, Chairperson of the Events Committee and to Deborah-Anne and Noreen for all their work in the shop.

***Der Brosnan,
Development Officer.***

DR CROKES' SLÁ INTE PROGRAMMES (DCSP)

Arising out of a proposal put forward by John O 'Shea at the 2009 AGM that the club should be pro-active about the health and welfare of all club members, a sub-committee was formed. See list of members below. It was agreed from the outset that this group would prepare draft policies to forward the aim of **Dr Crokes as a Health Promoting Club**.

Aims/Objectives of DCSP

The aims/objectives of DCSP are to promote a general good health policy of wellness and a healthy physical, mental, emotional, and social lifestyle for all members of the Dr Croke club. It also seeks to reduce the harm caused by the abuse of alcohol, smoking and other un-prescribed drugs, by drawing up policies and procedures to be adopted by the club. These would also provide education, information, support and where necessary, referral to the appropriate health agency, so that members can enjoy the best of health and be active members of the club. The sub-committee is not against drink, drugs and smoking, but Dr Crokes, like all other clubs need to be concerned about their abuses.

Following significant research DCSP drafted three policies to date;

- **Alcohol abuse**
- **Drugs abuse**
- **Smoking policy**

These policies were submitted to the club executive at draft stage, for review. We suggested that the club executive would

- Discuss the documents
- Send them back to our sub-committee for revision or go ahead with the draft, if they were satisfied with it
- Invite all members to have their say and submit any amendments
- Have some (paper) hard copies available from club officers for members who do not use the website.
- A specific time would be allowed for members to submit any comments, e.g. 3 weeks
- The sub-committee would then re-draft the documents in the light of members' suggestions
- The amended documents would then submitted to the executive for further consideration
- The executive would adopt the documents as club policy and inform members accordingly

Procedures to be followed are built in to these policies so that all members, but particularly those in charge of the various club sections and teams, will know what to do when the need arises to apply these policies.

To date it is disappointing to relate to this AGM that we believe the executive has dragged its feet on the above matters. After 2 years there is no evidence in the club grounds/offices or on the website that these 3 policies have been adopted. Members and visitors logging on to the website will wonder why.

DCSP wishes to acknowledge the help and co-operation of Croke Park, Kerry Co, Board and in particular several GAA clubs throughout the country, who were so helpful and encouraging when we contacted them. The first comprehensive estimate of alcohol abuse among amateur sports people, was conducted among 1,000 players in 2010 by Trinity College Dublin and officials from the HSE North East region. They found that nearly a third of players are putting themselves at risk of developing chronic alcohol-related health problems in the future, such is the high level of their drinking

DCSP believes that other draft policy documents should be drawn up in such areas as ; Child Protection, Garda Vetting, Dealing with injured players, Bullying, Codes of conduct for players/ mentors / members, Verbal abuse, Dr Crokes' Mission statement, Job creation opportunities for players/members and others that the executive require.

Dr Crokes' Sláinte sub-committee:

Eamonn Fitzgerald is Chairman, Eileen Buckley is secretary, and the other six members are, Dave O Connor, John O Shea, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Timmy O'Donoghue and representing the younger members are Kieran Ward and Erica McCarthy.

U-16's Trip to Croke Park



EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Our first event of the year was the annual awards night, which, in a break with our traditional social, was a “Pig on the Spit” event at the Malton Hotel in February, followed by a disco. It was a great night, a big thank you to Conor Hennigan, Emer Corridan and all the staff! The following people were honoured on the night:

Junior Player of the Year: David Neeson

Young Player of the Year: Karena O’Leary

Ladies Player of the Year: Lynn Jones

Club Person of the Year: Matthew Courtney

Hurler of the Year: Shane Kavanagh

Supporter of the Year: PJ Lawlor

Footballer of the Year: James Cahillane.

We had a wonderful float at the St. Patrick’s Day parade this year, thanks to our juvenile chairperson, Terry Potts, and everyone who helped out on the day. We were very proud to come 1st in the GAA category, well done to all our marchers.

Our Easter Camp was enjoyed by a large number of future greats, coached by very willing and able volunteers, our thanks to all of them and our members who kept them fed and watered over the 3 days.

We helped to organise a fundraising quiz in June for Rheanne O’Shea and Laura Moloney who were selected for the Irish Basketball team visiting the US. Thanks to Der Brosnan, quizmaster, and to the Tatler Jack for their facilities and congratulations to Rheanne and Laura.

Our ever-popular barbeque took place in August, a lot of people put in a lot of hard work to make sure it was a success, our chef Pat Kennelley and his helpers, barman Seamie Doherty and his volunteers, our entertainers Mike Neeson and Mike Sexton and all who sang or contributed in any way, many, many thanks.

Our Summer Camp took place in August, again thanks to our coaches, those who fed our coaches and to Harry Bartlett, for supervising the gate, keeping the large numbers of delighted participants under control.

The Halloween disco brought huge numbers of juveniles in fancy dress to the clubhouse, thanks to our DJ Michael Beckett for keeping them dancing.

One of the biggest undertakings of the year was the hosting of the Monaleen game in November, a tremendous effort by all club members, cleaning, cooking, manning shops, preparing teas, coffees, sandwiches etc., meant that the day ran smoothly and was a fantastic advertisement for the Dr. Crokes club, showing off our facilities at their best.

The largest crowd in many years attended our annual mass in November in the Clubhouse, thanks to Tadhgie Fleming and Fr. Paddy for organising this.

The retreat to Ardfert took place in December, thanks to Buckleys buses to facilitating us, thanks to those who attended, the prayers seem to be working!

December was a busy month, Der Brosnan and Richard Kelly, again put a lot of effort into our Table Quiz, and sincere thanks to the Tatler Jack for supplying the venue and the refreshments. The Christmas Disco was attended by a smaller number than usual, due to the inclement weather, but those lucky enough to be there were given a unique opportunity to meet Santa who brought the Bishop Moynihan Cup with him! With Michael Beckett again proving an excellent DJ, we extend a particular thanks to Ian Cronin for taking some memorable photographs. Thanks to Santa, we hope he will keep collecting cups in 2011!

2010 was a busy year for the hardworking Events Committee. Members helped out on Saturday mornings with Juvenile training from March to October. Also, Anne Byrnes and her crew, have given a huge commitment making sandwiches for various visiting teams and also for the Senior team training sessions during the year. Whatever the secret ingredient is, it seems to be working, so keep up the good work! Thanks to everyone for their tireless and good natured help and co-operation throughout the year and best wishes to everyone to everyone in 2011.

Frances O’Sullivan
Secretary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

A busy year in the area of fundraising again in 2010 began with the last two draws in January and February of the five monthly draws offering cash prizes each month. This was followed in April with the first ticket sales of the four golf majors, the Masters. Liam Hartnett, P.J. Lawlor and their team deserve great credit for the efficient way these draws have been conducted over the past two years, as there is a huge amount of work involved in collating the scores and updating them each day on the website. While not reaching last year's figures they still achieved revenues of over €20,000 this year.

An early boost to our finances this year was the agreement with the INEC/Gleneagle Group to sponsor our senior footballers for the next three years, and we are glad to see that the O'Donoghue family are getting good value for money with their name emblazoned on all national papers during the County Championship campaign and now into Munster. Hopefully, they will get to see their name in lights on St. Patrick's Day next in Croke Park.

We had a unique fundraiser in February in the shape of the live 'Nob Nation' show in the INEC. Having been approached by Oliver Callan of the RTE radio show to host the gig, it turned out to be a fun evening well supported by members and the general public and raised over €7,000 for the club in the process.

The Golf Classic in June was again very successful this year with 45 teams taking part and including tee box sponsorship, nearly €10,000 profit was made. No mean achievement given that a lot of clubs and golf societies failed to organise a golf classic due to the economic downturn. Great credit must go to the Crokes Golf Society for their seamless running of a perfect day, and a very enjoyable prize giving later in Scotts Hotel.

The advertising signs around the pitch have been renewed and revised for the next four years, and it was nice to get a number of new sign sponsors to replace some of the older ones. Thanks goes to all those who support us in this way.

The Clear Air Boys again boosted the club's coffers this year in assisting with further developments now that the gym has been fully paid for, and for this we thank them sincerely.

Many thanks also to the large number of local businesses who supported our appeal for funds to host a luncheon for the players and partners the day after the County Final in the absence of the traditional 'Man of the Match' function organised by the County Board.

During the later part of the year we ran a very successful juvenile draw for a family holiday to Eurodisney with tickets selling at €10 each, which raised nearly €27,000 for the club before prizes. Congratulations to Darren Gaffey who won the main prize, and many thanks to all those who supported the draw and to the many ticket sellers who worked tirelessly from August until early November to make the draw such a success.

There were many other fundraising efforts throughout the year from church gate collections to bag packing in Dunnes Stores and Tescos, all of which helped to defray our expenses outside the general running of the club.

To say that our chairman, Vince Casey, was involved in all our committees activities this year would be an understatement. He led by example and spent many unheralded hour making sure that the money kept coming in.

As 2011 is our 125th Anniversary, we will continue to find various fund raising methods to keep the club in it's current financially stable condition, beginning of course with the Gala Banquet being held in the INEC on February 5th Next. Thank you all for your assistance and support during the year.

On behalf of the Finance Committee,
Mike Buckley.



CLUB OFFICERS 2010

OUTGOING OFFICERS 2010:

Patron:	Murt O'Shea.
President:	John Moynihan.
Vice-Presidents:	Paddy O'Shea, Dan Kelliher, Patsy Courtney, Patrick O'Sullivan, Bridie O'Shea, Nelly Kavanagh, Donie Sheahan, Niall Keogh, Eddie O'Sullivan, Liam Murphy, Paddy O'Shea, Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue, Jackie Looney.
Chairman:	Vincent Casey.
Vice-Chairman:	Terry Potts.
Secretary:	Aine McMahon.
Assistant Secretary:	Dave O'Connor.
Joint Treasurers:	Moss Harmon, John Lenihan.
Finance Officer:	Mike Buckley.
P.R.O.:	John Keogh.
Development Officer:	Der Brosnan.
Registrar:	Liam Hartnett.
IT Officer:	J.C. O'Shea.
Scór Officer:	Geraldine Lyne.
Co. Board Delegate:	John Keogh (F), Tim Hourigan (H).
East Kerry Board Delegate:	Donie O'Leary, P.J.O'Brien.

The Executive is completed with a nominee from Hurlers, Ladies Football, and Events Committee.



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Courtney Family



Cooper Ladies



County Final St. Olivers



Holy Cross N.S.