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## Fáilte

Welcome to the 7th edition of the Shamrocks Newsletter, Shamrocks Green Shoots. Once again, its been a very busy year so far (its not over yet) with more games played in the club in 2015 than any other year in our history. We are set to reach 110 games played not including over 10 underage blitzes. With all the work involved in this, a special thank you goes to our dedicated team of managers, coaches and mentors across all the teams in the club. Míle buíochas.

## Junior Football & Hurling

The Junior Footballers had a great run to the final of the South East Junior A Football Championship before losing narrowly to Ballinhassig at the end of August on a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-9. Nobody gave the team much chance at doing anything at the years start but they played excellent football to defeat Valley Rovers, Tracton after a replay and outgoing champions Courcey Rovers to reach the final. Unfortunately, things didn't go right on the day but with all players available next year, who's to say that the team cant go a step further. The hurlers reached the semi final of the hurling championship after defeating Kinsale in the earlier round but once again, Ballinhassig stopped their progress. Roll on 2016.



Shamrocks V Ballinhassig, JAFC Final, at Riverstick, 30/8/15. Back row, left to right: Darragh Scriven, Ronan Murphy, Shane Downey, Jack Wilson, Barry Mulqueen, Stephen Hurley, Alan McCarthy, Fergus O'Neill, Brian Sweeney, Alan McCarthy, Cathal Kidney, Seanán Collins, Philip Brady, Roy Twomey, Mark Hitchmough, Sean Kidney. Front, l to r: Senan Andrews, Aonghus Bolland, David Hayes, Darragh O'Sullivan, Jason Browne, Jonathan Tuohy, Robbie Harrington, Michael Prout, Chris O'Neill, Joe Shanahan, Cannice Caffrey, Coby O'Grady.

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## The Academy

The boys Academy will resume earlier this year - Sat Sep 19th at 11.15am at the pitch in Shanbally. All old, existing and **new** members welcome. Our Long term player development plan will be implemented each week. Registration on the 1st morning.

- Dates for the diary -
- U14 Co CFC Semi Final V North Repts, Sept.
- The Academy, Sat Sept 19th, Shanbally, 11.15
- Underage Bag Packing, Fri/Sat Nov 13/14, Dunnes, Carrigaline.



## U12 Hurling & Football

The U12's had a busy year. Under the management of Stephen Keane, Pa Andrews & Seamus O'Flynn, they started in February and finished in September. They played a total of 20 games this year.

They are a nice team to look forward to over the next while - numbers have been good at matches & training and the lads are very enthusiastic. They finished the hurling season with a win and narrowly lost out on a place in the football final, coming 3rd.



Back row, 1 to r: Steve Keane (mentor), Aiden Brady, Michael Foy, Declan Carroll, Ferdia Hayes, Cian O'Flaherty, Harry Andrews, Shane Darcy, Fionn Herlihy, Adam Maye, Adam McSweeney, Mark Sisk, John Jordan (mentor). Front, 1 to r: James O'Keeffe, Cathal O'Brien, Robert Barrett, Aaron Clarke, Daniel O'Brien, Eoin O'Flynn, Josh Bartlett, Darragh McCormick, Derry Howard, Pa Andrews (mentor)

## Golf Classic

Shamrocks Golf Classic, held on 15/6/15 in Monkstown GC.





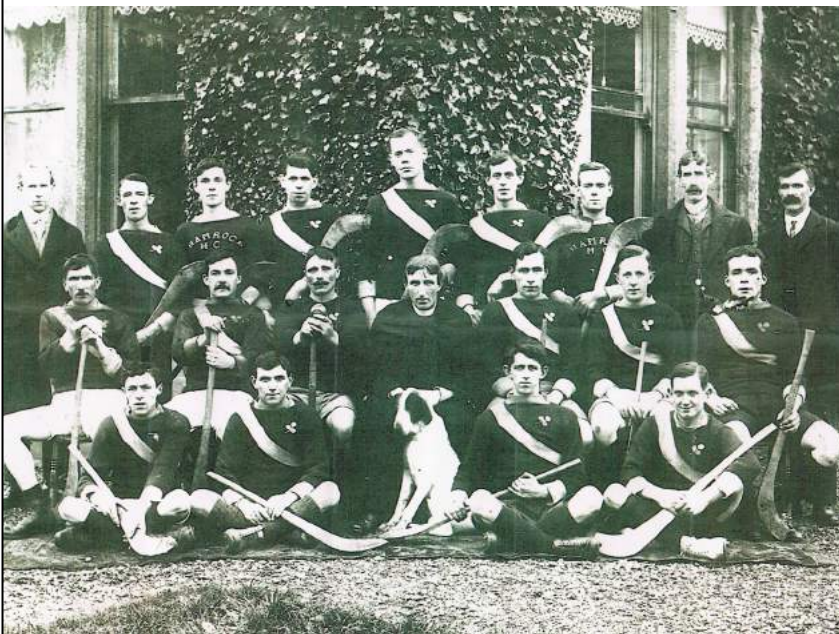
## U21 Hurling & Football

After a couple of years out of the u21 grade, Shamrocks returned to the championship this year. The management of Colin Brady, Jonathan Tuohy and Aidan O'Leary took the team throughout.

The minor team backboned both panels - the footballers lost out to Ballymarte in February before losing to Tracton in the hurling semi final at the start of September. The highlight of the year was the great comeback win over Valley Rovers the previous week, when they overturned a 9 point deficit into a great one point win. It was refreshing to see the club playing in this vital grade again and with the minors coming through, it is almost certain that we'll be competitive at this grade for the next few years at least.



## Down Memory Lane - 100 Years Ago



On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1915, Shamrocks beat Castle-townroche in the Co Intermediate Hurling Final in the Cork Athletic Grounds, winning on a scoreline of 7-2 to 3-3, becoming the first club from the division to play Senior Hurling (1916). From that team, Frank Kelleher, Mikie Cotter, Jim Russell, Dan Kelleher, Ned Frizelle and team captain Ned Flynn all represented Cork at either Senior or Junior hurling. On the way

to the final, Shamrocks had defeated Redmonds, St Finbarrs TA Hall & Evergreen.



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## Scoil Barra Naofa

Scoil Barra Naofa (Monkstown NS) took part in a Club Nursery Program which was held in our pitch over the course of 3 weeks in April of this year. All students had a great time and its hoped to see some of them in our Academy this year.

Declan O'Neill continues his excellent work in the school as our Schools Coach & Education Officer. The kids in Monkstown NS are really benefitting from his expertise Monkstown NS will be grouped with Shanbally NS, Rathduff NS, Cork Educate Together School, Summercove NS and Dunderrow NS in this years Sciath na Scol.



## Club Ciarán 2015

Once again, the clubs Summer Hurling Camp for young boys & girls was a roaring success. The weather remained largely dry for the week and the kids had a great time with their peers and our excellent coaches. Kierans mother Mary, Aunt & Sister Susan turned up while the highlight for many was the visit of Cork Senior Hurler Alan Cadogan agus ceamraí TG4 fiú! 2016 cant come fast enough

