

OLD CHRISTIANS CAMOGIE CLUB.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is with great pleasure that I address you as Secretary of this club. It has been a very successful year especially for our senior team. We also fielded an U-16 team which did very well and with a little more outside help and a little more dedication by some of the players they might have done better. They did however, reach the quarter final of their section, having won their first game they lost the second match to Kileedy the eventual winners of the section. They also drew with Crecora who finished up second in the division. Our Junior team also made a good start beating Ballinacurra gaels fairly comprehensively but were by Ahane in their next match. The U-21 team drawn mainly from the Junior team beat Feenagh-Kilmeedy in their first game by one point but were beaten in the Semi-final by Ballyagran, the eventual County Champions. The Senior team had a great year considering it was their first year in Senior competition since the forming of the club last year. We won our way into the League final early in the year with good wins over Knockainey, Bruff and Croagh/Kilfinny respectively. Then to the Championship which after a few false starts eventually got under way. We were often lucky during the championship but always deserved our victories. A very shakey start against Bruff saw us behind after a few minutes and we struggled to get back on terms, we did however run out easy winners of that game. Knockainey proved the toughest competition this year in the home Championship. We played this match in Meanus, a field which did not really suit us. This was a fine team performance considering a least half the players were ill, injured before the match or injured during the match and great credit goes to all the players for the determination shown on that evening. Great team turnouts and great team spirit during training ensured our readiness for the county final which, we duly won by 8 points to one. Having come out of Limerick we were next drawn against Newport the Tipperary champions. We beat Newport very comprehensively 3-11 to 0-1. A great effort made by some of the club members ensured that the field was in good condition for the visit of reigning Munster Champions Killeagh, for the Munster final. After a very tough game we were unlucky to be beaten in the dying minutes of the game by two points. However, far from disheartened by this (judging by celebrations) we considered this a marvellous achievement in only our first year, and with a little more experience we can beat Killeagh next year..

I wish to thank our trainer Sean Shinnors who put in a great effort night after night through the summer to have us in tip top shape for each game., and I feel that our achievements would have been very little this year had it not been for Sean. Also., thanks to the rest of the helpers and mentors who encouraged us from the sideline, it was much appreciated by the players.

I wish to congratulate Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien on their marriages during the year and the club wishes them the best of luck for the future. To all those in the club who suffered bereavements I extend my sympathy, and to all those who had cause for celebration, I extend my happiness.

I do not intend to seek re-election as secretary again this year, however, I will help out the new secretary should they need it. I wish the club the very best for 1983 and hopefully we will have an All-Ireland and Munster cup to add to our Championship plaque and League cup this time next year.

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