

The following is a report on the clubs activities for 2015.

PRO Maurice Gleeson

The officers elected at the AGM were as follows.

- Life Presidents Willie Cunningham, Fr Liam Ryan RIP
- Vice President Fr Dick Browne
- Chairman Ger Lonergan
- Vice chairman Daniel o Donnell
- Secretary Liam Hammersley
- Assistant Secretary Pdraig Ryan
- Treasure Diarmuid Sheehy
- Assistant Treasurer Tony Foley
- Registrar Andrew o'Malley
- Child Welfare and Irish Officer Aoife O'Malley
- **PRO** Maurice Gleeson

We ended the 2014 year with a dinner dance in Ballykisteen hotel to commemorate the county senior wining team of fifty years, the team of 64. It was great to see such a large attendance with people travelling from all over Ireland and the UK. On behalf of the club Liam Hammersley welcomed everyone and thanked James Lundon who **pro**duced a magnificent **pro**gram to mark the occasion with old newspaper cuttings, photos and interviews ,a true collector's item. Liam Hammersley introduced the honorary guest of the night Bernie Hartigan of the Limerick '73 team who presented the team of '64 with a momentum to mark the occasion. Mattie Ryan spoke on behalf of the team and spoke of the great bond and lifetime friendships that were formed back then. He thanked the club for hosting such a wonderful occasion. Also honored on the night were the 94/95 u21 footballers who were county champions along with the u12 hurlers of 89 who were county champions. Muireann Creamer and Lizzy O Dwyer were also honored ad both girls were members of limerick camogie All Ireland winning teams.

On the playing field 2015 was a busy year with teams in both hurling and football in all grades. The Intermediate hurlers had a great run in the league wining division 4 of the county with victories over Newcastle West, Monagea, Kildimo/Pallaskenny, Cloughaun and Caherline. They also qualified for the East Intermediate final which has yet to be played. However in what matters most the county championship they had victories over Caherline, St Kierans and Knockaderry to qualify for the 1/4 finals where after a replay they accounted for Kildimo Pallaskenny on a scoreline 3-14 to 3-11. The semi final against Mungret in Bruff followed on a glorious day for hurling, we again came out on top after a slow start 1-15 to 0-14. This ensured our **pro**motion to Premier Intermediate and a final against Feohanagh. 24th october 2015 became a historic day for Cappamore GAA we won the intermediate hurling championship for the 1st time.Its great to add the intermediate championship to the senior and junior titles that the club had won over our long **pro**ud history.

Under ideal conditions and fitting with the weekend that it is we got off to a nightmare start with Feohanagh in complete control and we found ourselves trailing by 1-08 to 3 points With .Eamon Gleeson at centre back and Adam Coleman at wing forward taking control and

a great save by Tommy Ryan we fought our way back into the game. A few critical positional changes by Liam and Tony worked well and all our players benefited from it and from then played the traditional Cappamore championship will to win way. Bill Creamer Con Berkery Tommy O Donoghue Joe Lonergan and Bubbles all firing over great points and on the stroke of half time Bubbles hit the back of the net to somehow leave us 1-09 to 1-08 ahead at the interval. Feohanagh were rattled at this stage and as the players headed to the dressing rooms u could see there was only going to be one winner. Cappamore started the second half with the intend of completing the task ,kept up their impressive work rate ,picked off some fine scores with Joe Lonergan very sharp from frees. As u would expect in a final Feohanagh kept fighting and got a goal to put them back in front but great credit goes to our boys they never panicked kept moving the ball fast and taking their scores when the opportunities arose. The crucial 2nd half score came when Tommy O Donoghue got a super goal and from here on we were in total control. Coleman O Donoghue Berkery Murphy and Lonergan all firing over points from play in the second half to give us a comprehensive win. The team Tommy Ryan L Jack Campbell Brian Coffey captain John Ryan V Peter O Brien Eamon Gleeson Bill Creamer 0-01 Tommie O Donoghue 1-03 Con Berkery 0-02 Adam Coleman 0-01 Eamon Sheehan Joe Lonergan 0-8 [0-06 frees} Andy bubbles Murphy 1-03 Conor Sheehan E O Donoghue subs Jack Walsh for E Sheehan Anthony Foley for O Brien Packie Doyle for Creamer Joe O Donnell for E O Donoghue Liam Cronnin for Coleman. Sean McMahon Mark Treacy Seamus Lane Seamus Ryan Ger Sheehan David Lonergan Pdraig Creamer Fiachra Hogan. Manager Liam Hammersley Trainer Tony Power Kitman Tony Foley First aid John Leonard.

This was a great team effort and great to see such a large following .The county chairman Oliver Mann presented the cup to our captain and leader Brian Coffey. Brian gave a great speech and thanked all involved especially Liam and trainer Tony Power. A privilege to be there on this historic occasion.

The U21 hurlers qualified to play Pallasgreen in the B final which is yet to be played. The minor hurlers exited the championship in the B City/East semi final at the hands of Kildimo. The Junior B hurlers had victories over Caherline and Ballybricken but exited the championship at semi final stage at the hands of Pallasgreen.

Intermediate Footballers had a difficult year in the championship and had a hard fought victory over Mungret to retain their Intermediate status for 2016. The East Intermediate championship is yet to be played as is the East U21 football championship. The minors however failed to field a team. We entered a Junior B football team this year and it was great to see some of the golden oldies retaining their appetite and skill even if the legs were not able. They had a victory over Knockane and a draw with Feadamore.

Diarmuid Sheehy was again the Limerick County Junior Football Manager and on the panel for Cappamore were Bill Creamer, John Ryan V, Andy Murphy and Eoin O'Donoghue. John ryan V was also on the County Intermediate hurling panel.

In may 2015 we lost our life president Fr Liam Ryan RIP. He was a excellent hurler and a great supporter of Cappamore GAA. He won a County Junior medal in 52 and Senior Titles in 54, 56 and 59. In 1955 he became the youngest captain of a Munster wining side, through

his life he remained a great gael and had the great interest in all things relating to Cappamore GAA. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

As Cappamore GAA has 23 teams to cater for comprising of adults players, under players and camoige players, it became obvious that more than one pitch was needed. The present pitch and dressing rooms which has ample parking are the envy of many clubs however going forward it was decided to acquire more land. A field committee under the chairmanship of Ger Lonergan was formed comprising of Liam Hammersley, Diarmuid Sheehy, Mikie Lonergan, Liam Creamer, Matthew O'Malley and Ger Sheehan were given the task. There is great credit due to them that after all their hard work they succeeded in securing 6 acres adjoining our present facilities. The club is undertaking to develop this land from 2016 onwards.

All this development would not be possible without the support of the people of Cappamore and further afield with the support we receive in our main fundraiser the green n gold Lotto. To date the lotto has being a tremendous success with the help of many. The club would like to thank the weekly sellers the publicans of Cappamore who host the Monday night draw also the sponsors Cullen Insurance Newport and Leonards Centra Cappamore but the biggest thank you goes to all the people who purchase the weekly tickets. To date we have 3 winners Grainne Treacy €12,000, Willie Riardon and Rose Collins who both won €3,400. The Mackey draw continues to be a great source of income largely thanks to the hard work of Kathleen O' Dwyer and Andrew O'Malley our coordinators this year so far Jimmy and Shiela O'Connor won €3,000 and James and Breda Riardon won €500. The funds gained from both draws go towards the running of the club, so in supporting the draws you are supporting the young and the older players the boys and the girls the sons and daughters and the grandchildren of the parish with these funds we have paid for our new field expenses to date and going forward we need your continued support to develop these facilities that everyone can be proud off. The club would also like to thank P.J Lackey for his continued sponsorship of the club. The club has a proud tradition and a bright future to look forward too.

In this new media age Cappamore GAA can be followed on facebook, twitter and on the web .The club also operates a text system giving fixtures and results, anyone interested in receiving texts contact Andrew O'Malley. With time these new mediums of communication are improving and we welcome any improvements or suggestions.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Roll on 2016.