

Blackrock Lotto

The lotto has not been won in 2014 and has now reached the maximum jackpot as per our permit granted by the courts. Until the jackpot of €15,000 has been won we will add €100 to the next jackpot each week and give an extra €50 in lucky dips each week. Congratulations to everyone who won in our Christmas draw. Many thanks to the lotto committee, the lotto sellers and the public for supporting our lotto. The lotto returns on the 7th January 2015.

We would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who has supported the venture so far and we will be keeping everyone informed of our progress in our weekly notes in the papers and by facebook

Notice

We hope everyone is enjoying the use of our walking track, unfortunately we are sorry but dogs are not allowed, dog soiling is a huge health and safety risk to our children and is not acceptable. Thank

Blackrock / Effin Camogie

Blackrock/Effin Camogie has a great year this year winning under 14 league plate and under 14 cup championship. Our under 12 team won the A final plate. We are very proud of these girls. Congratulations to Katie O Connor on making the primary squad and to Shannon Keenahan on making the under 16 B county squad.

Limerick county camogie had a fantastic year winning four titles Minor A, Junior and Intermediate All Ireland titles and a Junior National title. Well done Katie Hennessy on three All Ireland titles and a national league title. And also receiving the south board Minor All Star award. Special thanks to everyone who supported Blackrock Camogie this year. Your continued support is needed. Wishing you all a happy Christmas and New Year.



Blackrock Camogie would like to congratulate Richie McCarthy, Kevin Palmer, Paudie Leahy, Dylan Dawson, Mikey Duggan and Marty Farrell on making the Limerick county hurling panels. Well done to all.

*Thank You & Happy Christmas to all our
Members & Supporters*

*May you have a safe and peaceful Christmas
& New Year*

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Blackrock G.A.A

December Newsletter 2014



Chairpersons Address

Welcome to the winter newsletter. Another year has flown by and we head into 2015 with hope and optimism for our playing year. 2014 saw the first year of the Premier Intermediate competition which was a great success as a competition. Unfortunately while we topped our group we lost the semi final and remain in this grade for 2015. We look forward to many exciting games ahead.

Our new coaching committee has new structures in place for the year ahead and we look forward hopefully to South and County honours for our Jnr A footballers and our Jnr B hurlers, congratulations to the Jnr B's on the South league title they won this year.

The u21's and minors will be reviewed by the coaching committee and numbers will determine our path for the year ahead, Congratulations to our u21's as Sean Og Hanleys with our neighbours Glenroe and Stakers won the South A title.



Congrats on a great year to Richie McCarthy, who with Limerick Senior hurlers lost the All Ireland semi final, Dylan Dawson and Pat Creed involved with Limerick Minor hurlers who lost the All Ireland, Katie Hennessy and Kristy Carroll who won All Irelands with Limerick Camogie and to the Limerick Camogie organisation, including Liz Hennessy and team who had a fantastic year.

Also involved with Limerick teams this year was Paudie Leahy, Kevin Palmer and Pat Heffernan Snr with the Limerick Intermediate hurling team and Marty Farrell, and Mikie Duggan involved under age with Limerick. Congrats to everyone involved with county teams, including Katie O'Connor who was in the primary games, best wishes for 2015.

The South Board awards saw Mike Roche honoured for Jnr B hurling for 2013, Dylan Dawson for young player of the year 2014, Katie Hennessy for minor camogie player 2014 and Donie O Sullivan Snr was given a long service award from the South Board. Our neighbour Dean Brazzill received an award for U21 with Sean Og Hanleys. Well done to all. Richie McCarthy was nominated for the third year in a row for an All Star, winning it in 2013.



On the development front we put up lights in the back field for training. A new fence was put up beside the playground. Due to storm damage the large nets behind the goals had to be repaired and are in fine condition now. We built the wall at the back of the stand and we resodded and sanded the main field. Thanks to everyone who was involved in this work.



Our patron board has been completed and is available for viewing in the pavilion. We held a 24 hour marathon on midsummers night to raise funds for the walking track. This was a highly entertaining venture, as was the golf classic run by past players and current players. We availed of the wonderful prizes in the GAA national club draw for 2014 and sold in excess of 400 tickets for this. The 2015 draw takes place

in February and tickets are available for €10 from the treasurer and committee members. All monies raised stay within the club and the prizes are provided by Croke Park.



2014 sees the end of the current 12 year membership. In 2015 we have a new 12 year membership offer of €200 for 12 years and 100 for OAP's.

We would like to express our sympathy to anyone bereaved this year.

The hard working committee and management teams of Blackrock are taking a well earned break for Christmas and we will be back to action in January.

Many thanks to everyone involved in any way for your hard work and support. Don't forget the lotto jackpot is €15,00 on the 7th January.

Happy Christmas
Carmel Murphy

Intermediate Hurling 2014 Roundup - Josh Slattery

It was a case of so close yet so far for the Premier Intermediate hurlers of Blackrock who bowed out of the inaugural Championship at the semi-final stage.

It was a rollercoaster year for the Rockies who, from their first game of the competition, provided great entertainment for their supporters.

That first game was against Knockaderry – the sole west Limerick side in the octet.

Despite a disastrous opening period, Blackrock battled hard and made a second half comeback. However, with time running out, the game looking beyond them as they trailed by five points.

Just as the game looked lost, Ruairi O'Shaughnessy and then Dylan Dawson popped up and two injury time goals stole a remarkable victory.

The joy of this victory was in contrast to the defeat to Croom in round two. It was a hard fought game throughout the hour with the Mague-siders snatching a 0-16 to 1-11 win.

It was back to business just seven days later for the men from Kilfinane and Ardpatrick as they hammered Hospital-Herbertstown 4-18 to 0-10, putting them into second spot in the table.

Things were going from strength to strength for Pat Heffernan's side when they defeated a dogged Bruree side 1-20 to 2-13. This victory showed that this side could not only hurl, but that they could win a physical battle also.

The Rockies put out a signal of intent in the next round by beating the competition favourites (and eventual winners) Bruff.

Not for the first time in the campaign, Dylan Dawson was to be the star of the show scoring 3-8, helping Blackrock to a 3-16 to 1-19 victory. This was undoubtedly the best game of what was a thoroughly entertaining competition as Blackrock went top of the table for the first time with the two points.

This was followed up by an equally impressive win over Dromin-Athlacca, the 2013 Intermediate champions. The five point win sealed the Rockies semi-final berth and put them one step away from promotion.

The final group game saw a defeat to Garryspillane under the Martinstown lights. It was a dead rubber for the Rockies and all or nothing for the Bouncers and, thanks to three first half goals, they sealed the win.

This result meant Blackrock played Croom for a spot in the 2015 Limerick Senior Hurling Championship.

The game in Kilmallock was a tense affair that ebbed and flowed throughout the riveting contest. Sixty minutes would not be enough to separate these two sides – the game ending a 1-17 draw.

A week later Bruff was the venue. This game did not have the same quality as the first game, but the intensity was raised. Again, 60 minutes wasn't enough to find a winner and extra time was needed.

Unfortunately, from a Blackrock point of view, Croom edged out extra time and sealed a dramatic 0-16 to 0-15.

That defeat ended Blackrock's interest in the Championship, however, there were more positives than negatives over the nine game campaign.

The famous south Limerick club will look ahead to the 2015 edition, where they will start out as one of the favourites.

However, next year sees an equally talented field in the Premier Intermediate Championship as Blackrock are joined by: Garryspillane, Dromin-Athlacca, Bruree, Monaleen, Pallasgreen, Knockainey and Granagh-Ballingarry.

