



Gerry McArdle, Neil Carew and Alan Kelly

TEAM MANAGERS 2010

FOOTBALL MANAGERS

Senior: Alan Kelly, Neil Carew and Gerry McArdle

Junior: Shane O'Neill, Clive Kivlehan

BOYS FOOTBALL

Age Group	Manager
U10	Michael Coggins
U12	Peadar Mackin
U14	Des Cosgrove
U16	Cathal Martyn
U18	Stephen Carty

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Age Group	Manager
U12	Pat Kerrigan
U14	Liam Loftus
U16	Rose Cawley

HURLING

Age Group	Manager
U10	Brian Redmond
U12	Brian Redmond
U14	Anthony Ryan
U16	Pat Burke
U18	Kieran Tobin
Senior	Tom Brenan

Championship Draws - 2010

S. F. C. : Group 3 Coolera/Strandhill; Eastern Harps & St. Molaise Gaels.

Minor Football League

Coolera/Strandhill have made a promising start to the current Minor Football League with wins against Curry (1-13 to 1-11); Tubbercurry (0-12 to 0-11) and Eastern Harps

Team panel: E. Flanagan, K. Lipsett, C. McDonagh, C.O'Hara, V. Cadden, C. Doherty, N. O'Rourke, G. Kelly, M. Gethins, G. Cadden, A. Kelly, C. Burke, C. Parke, S. White, N. Murphy, J. Maye, P. Gillen, D. Moran and D. Hufsky

S.F.L. fixtures April - June 2010:

Div. 1.	Div. 4.
April 3/4 (H) v. Curry	
" 17/18 (A) v. St. Johns	(A) v. Ballysadare
" 24/25 (H) v Bunninadden	(H) v. Calry
May 1/2 (A) v. Geevagh	(A) v. Cloonacool
" 8/9 (A) v. Eastern Harps	(H) v. Owenmore Gaels
" 15/16 (H) v. Ballymote	(H) v. Ballymote
" 22.23 (H) v. Tourlestrane	(A) v. St.Molaise Gaels
" 29/30 (A) v. Curry	
June 12/13 (H) v St. Johns	(H) v. Ballysadare
" 19/20 (A) v. Bunninadden	(A) v. Calry

Check Club Notes and / or local papers weekly for precise dates

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

(Extracts from Centenary History 1986)

Following a lapse of activities in 1929-30 the Coolera Club was re-organised the following year at a meeting in Knocknarea N.S., at which the following officers were elected: Joseph Roddy (Chairman); Frank Harte (Secretary) and Tom Waters (Treasurer). Committee members included Michael Gilligan, Jack Kilfeather, Denis Bree, Bob Milne and Charles Martyn. It was decided to enter a team in the Café Cairo Cup competition and efforts were to be made to acquire a suitable field for training and the playing of home fixtures. The competition commenced with a home game against Grange on April 12th in Cooney's Field and the team lined out as follows: Mick Devaney. Peter Cunningham. Mick Waters, Owen Waters, Paddy Neary, Jim Carty, Johnny Carty, Paddy Martyn, Charlie Martyn, Dinny Feeney, Pa. Nelson, Tommy Kilfeather, Paddy Bree, Christie Curran and Paddy O'Connor.

The Golf Links Hotel, Strandhill, was the venue for the Coolera Annual Social and presentation of medals on Friday March 10th, 1972. Upwards of 120 guests enjoyed a gala occasion which had everything – an excellent meal, witty and to the point speeches and a musical programme of the highest quality.

After the sumptuous repast Club Chairman, Robert Nelson, opened the verbal proceedings by congratulating the junior team on winning both the North Division and the County Championship the previous year. The Chairman of the Co. Board, Brendan McCauley, also joined in congratulating the team on their success before presenting the County and Divisional Board medals, suitably inscribed. The club Secretary, Peter Cooney, was the recipient of an electric clock presented by Noel Lindsay on behalf of the team members.

At the A.G.M. in January 1977 the Coolera Club made history as for the first time since its formation ninety years earlier a lady officer was appointed in the person of Alice Lindsay as Treasurer. The meeting which drew the largest attendance for years opened proceedings in candlelight due to a power cut. In his Report, club secretary, Peter Cooney, reviewed a very successful season the highlight of which was its success at Scór, winning three divisional, two county and one provincial title.

A motion from the floor that the Club should consider introducing a "Player of the Year" and "Clubman of the Year" annual awards was unanimously agreed.

The following officers were appointed: Tom Gilligan (Chairman); Jimmy Brennan (Vice-Chairman); Peter Cooney (Secretary). Tommy Kelly (Assistant Secretary) and Alice Lindsay (Treasurer). Other appointments included John Kivlehan (senior captain) George Lindsay (junior captain) and Brendan McCauley (club coach).

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

La na gClub, which was so successful last year, will take place on Sunday, May 9th. Details in Club Notes.

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I welcome the re-launch of our Club Newsletter and wish Rose Cawley and her Committee well in their endeavour to improve communications within the Club.

It is a great honour for me to be Chairman of the Club and I hope to build on the good work of my predecessors. I am keenly aware of the huge effort put in by coaches, team managers, committee and executive members and others in keeping the Club going. With over twenty teams, the demands for help and financial input are ever increasing. The efforts of those who help in any way are greatly appreciated. Many thanks, also, to our sponsors.

We hope to broaden the appeal of the Club throughout the community. The success of events such as Lá na gClub last year has encouraged us to plan for similar events in the future and to expand our social activities.

As we approach the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Club in 1886 we are fortunate to have a very vibrant young community who enjoy our games.

We are, however, challenged by the lack of facilities to support Club activities.

In recent years the Club has suffered a number of frustrating setbacks in our endeavours to address the deficit. We owe it to our young people and future generations that every effort be made to address this issue. The ultimate aim is to provide modern facilities so that all who wish to participate in our games can do so and those who wish to compete on behalf of the Club will be supported and encouraged in every possible way. In the coming months and years we intend to address this challenge with renewed vigour. To this end we will be publishing a Club Plan within the next few months. It is my belief that sporting facilities are a vital component of all healthy communities. We ask for your continued support.

I take this opportunity to wish all those competing on behalf of the Club in the coming year, their mentors and supporters, the very best of luck.

Mile Buiochas Daoibh go Leir.

Pat Gaughan
 Chairman

U-20 County Champions - 2009

Coolera/Strandhill, under the joint management of Neil Carew and John McPartland, enjoyed an undefeated run in the U-20 football championship played in October/November.

In the opening round at Ransboro Park they scored a comfortable 3-9 to 0-7 win over Calry/St. Josephs. This was followed by a closely contested away game against St. Molaise Gaels, winning by 1-10 to 1-7. Curry, with a home venue, provided daunting opposition in the third and final round in Group (A) played in unfavourable weather conditions. The visitors rose to the task with admirable determination and were level at 0-4 each at half time. The second half remained scoreless until substitute, Keith Devaney, fired home a late goal to put his side ahead and victory by 1-4 to 0-4. With this success Coolera/Strandhill, as winners of Group (A), qualified to meet Tubbercurry, winners of Group (B), in the Final played at Tourlestrane.

Tubbercurry enjoyed a better start, led by 1-4 to 0-6 at the break, and went further ahead on the resumption. Entering the last quarter the Coolera lads rallied strongly and points by Pdraig Gaughan and 1-1 from the boot of Ciaran Brenan narrowed the gap and provided an exciting finish which culminated in an injury time goal from Barry O'Mahony and a merited victory in a well contested game. Final score: Coolera/Strandhill 2-12 Tubbercurry 2-8.



Winning Team: Conor O'Mahony, Cormac Doherty, Ciaran Moloney, Donal Bergin, Peter Laffey, Keelan Cawley (0-1), Stephen O'Hara, Gary Cawley, Ciaran Brenan (1-2), Noel Stevenson, Jason East, Conor Gillen (0-1), Pdraig Gaughan (0-7), Graham Kelly, Barry O'Mahony (1-1).



NEW COACHING OFFICER

Congratulations to clubman, Stephen Carty, on his appointment as Co. Coaching and Development Officer for 2010. Stephen has had a long playing career – still ongoing – with the Club in different grades and also played inter-county football for Sligo. He has recently been closely associated with Under-Age football in

Coolera as Chairman and Coaching Officer with Bord na n-Óg. We wish him every success in his new post.

BORD NA N-ÓG OFFICERS 2010:

Chairman: Stephen Carty
Runai: Damien McCallion

BORD NA N-ÓG MEDAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

The annual Coolera-Strandhill Medal Presentation night for 2009 took place on Sun. Jan. 24th. at Ransboro National School and proved to be a very successful occasion. The purpose of this special night is not just to recognize those players who were fortunate enough to win medals in the 2009 season but also to celebrate the efforts of every player who dooned the red and white jersey with pride on behalf of their club at whatever level. All age groups, both boys and girls, were represented from U10's right up to U16's in both football and hurling codes. The presentation night was also a great opportunity for all the coaches to give thanks to the parents for their whole-hearted support throughout the year whether in ferrying players, washing jerseys or providing catering support when called upon etc.

A great night was had by all and thanks are due to Stephen and Damien from Bord na nÓg for co-ordinating the night; to Ransboro National School for use of the hall, to Brenda for her many photographs; to all the coaches and parents who participated and helped to ensure that everything went smoothly; and finally to all of the children for making it such an enjoyable occasion. Well done to the medal winners, commiserations to those who were pipped at the post and good luck to all players and their coaches for an enjoyable and sporting 2010 season.

HURLING UPDATE

The past year 2009 was a very rewarding one for the hurlers of Coolera-Strandhill. In particular the date of Sun. Oct. 11th. proved to be a red letter day when both the U16 championship and the Senior Shield Cup were captured at Tourlestrane. The Senior Shield Cup in particular was just reward for a lot of hard work which has been put into developing a senior squad from underage players over the past 10 years and hopefully it will lead to further achievement for this exciting group of young players.

The U16 win was also very rewarding as it was based on the backbone of the successful U14 Feile team from the previous year. On the hurling front we look forward to the 2010 season with hope in our hearts. We have a large representation of senior club players on the Sligo County Senior panel so good luck to them for a successful season in the all-black strip. Our indoor hurling season, which proved to be very successful over the winter months, is coming to a close and all players of every age are chomping at the bit to get out on the outdoor pitches again. Good luck to all of the teams and their respective coaches for an enjoyable and successful 2010 season.



Senior Hurling Shield Cup Winners - 2009

VICTORY IN SLIGO SEVENS

Coolera/Strandhill have the distinction of being the first winners of the inaugural Sligo Sevens Club competition played off in the last weekend in June 2009.

Playing in Group I, they scored wins over St. Marys 4-9 to 1-11; St. Patricks 4-8 to 2-5 and Curry 5-8 to 2-3 in the preliminary rounds.

In the knock-out stages at Kent Park, following wins over Geevagh 4-9 to 2-4 and St. Johns 1-10 to 0-6, the club qualified for the final in which the opposition was provided by Calry/St/Josephs. In a closely contested game the teams were level at full time but Coolera/Strandhill dominated the extra period and ran out worthy winners on a score of 2-15 to 2-7.



Team panel: James Curran, Enda Mitchell, David McGee, Dermot Flynn, Gary Cawley, Keelan Cawley, Sean Quinn, Ciaran Brenan, Conor O'Mahony, David Bergin, Francis Gaughan and Christy Walsh

Under 20 Football Managers 2009

Neil Carew and John McPartland



Under 20 Football Captain

Gary Cawley



CLUB OFFICERS - 2010

President: Sean McGloin
Patrons: Bobby Milne, Sean Sweeney, John Keane
Chairman: Pat Gaughan
V/Chairman: Cathal Martyn
Secretary: Eamon Mullen
A/Secretary: Sean McTernan
Treasurer: Patrick Healy
A/Treasurer: Sean Carroll
P. R. O.: Rose Cawley
Coaching Officer: Stephen Carty
Senior Players Repr.: Barry Doyle
Ladies Football Repr.: Pat Kerrigan
Hurling Repr.: Kieran Tobin
County Board Delegate: Cathal Martyn



Sub Committees:

Communications: (Chairperson: Rose Cawley)
Development: (Chairman: Pat Gaughan)
Grounds: (Chairman: Seamus Kilrehill)
Social: (Chairman: Cathal Martyn)

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Took place on the 2nd January in the Southern Hotel. John Murphy, Chairman of the County Board, presented awards to the following: Club Person to the year Sean Carroll; Senior Player of the year Keelan Cawley; Junior player Fergus Flynn; U-20 player Ciaran Maloney; Senior Hurler Conor O'Mahony, Senior Ladies Siobhan Melvin; Minor Player Conor Gillen. Medals were also presented to following teams: The Club Sligo Seven's, the U-20's, who won the A Championship; Senior Hurlers winners of the B Championship.

An enjoyable night was had by all.

U16 HURLING CHAMPIONS



SENIOR HURLER OF THE YEAR 2009



Conor O'Mahony

SENIOR FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR 2009

Congratulations to clubman, Keelan Cawley, on his appointment as Captain of the County U-21 Team 2010



Keelan Cawley



U14 GIRLS TEAM

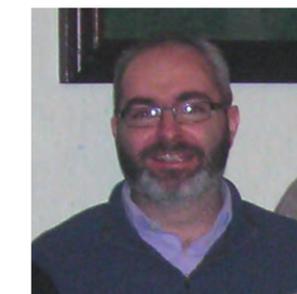


CAPTAIN UNDER 16 HURLING TEAM



Vinny Cadden

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR 2009



Sean Carroll