

Junior Girls Report Sept 15— May 16

What a successful year 2016 has been . Sion Hill opened in September , on a beautiful Sunny Day. Mary Mitchell O Connor (now a minister) officially opened the Pitch and presented the Junior Awards for the 2015 season. Fun games of Hockey on the new pitch followed by Ice cream - Bliss said all the Kids ! Thanks to Dennis for organising the day.

Award Winners:

Players of the Year: Oran O'Sullivan (Boys U12), Calum Dolling (Boys U14), Alisater Reid (Boys U16), Alison Magee (Girls 1st Yr), Caitlin Sherin (Girls Minor), Siofra O'Brien (Girls Junior). Club Member of the Year: Molly O'Beirne (Girls 1st Yr), Lis Baldwin (Girls Minor), Bromwin Barry (Girls Junior)

Hockey in Avoca is extremely well organised and we are the envy of every Hockey Club in the county. The numbers have increased substantially - there are now over 400 girls in our youth section . This section is full and there is a waiting list in operation . How is this all coordinated ? A huge **Thank you** to the managers and coaches who put in endless hours on a Sunday to ensure the training sessions work to the high standards we have set ourselves.

Coaching is Headed up by Mark Cullen / Jonathan Cole with Cara in charge in Sion Hill, Ronan coordinates Loreto and Richard heads up Newpark on a Sunday morning. They are ably helped by a huge number of coaches. A Sunday morning involves up to 15 hours of coaching time over 3 pitches with 460 kids and then there are MATCH DAYS . Well Done to Mark and his band of coaches they have done a fantastic job this year - our first year and we have learnt a lot . Thanks Guys - Avoca is very appreciative of your hard work and enthusiasm every Sunday morning .

The Managers - Michelle (u8), Anne & Yvonne (u9) ,Anita (u10) , Angela (u 11) , Siobhan (u12), Jacqueline (u13), Gemma (minors), Ciarain & Ian Juniors - Well done and thank you. The emails and communication that goes to parents is vital to the club. Indeed getting everyone to the correct destination on Match days is often both a challenge and an achievement. Thank you - Avoca Needs you.

Fixtures - Where would we be without matches . Andrea (u13 - Junior) and Lorcan (u 12 fixtures) have done a fantastic job. Coordinating the logistics on Match days in extremely challenging . Thanks to both of you this happens with minimal fuss and excellent results. Thank you - Avoca really appreciates your help over the year.

Match Results :

This has been a great season for Avoca . The 1st Year extreme 8 all reached the finals - what a fab day they had with matches going to extra time, 1v1 - nail biting stuff - very exciting day .

Minors A won the shield in style with a 5-0 win in the final .
Junior A Narrowly won the Sheild 1-0 - exciting game with awesome Hockey .

Role of Honour :

Many of our players are selected for Leinster and Irish teams ;

Irish u 16.

Siofra O'Brien
Caitlin Sherin

Leinster u 16 Summer programme

Hannah Byrne
Sarah McCauley
Ava Costello
Anna Dignam

Clare Gorman
Ali Dunne
Sarah Healy
Julie Ringrose
Lucy Maule

With the huge growth in the Junior section , this is now moving through into the Ladies section . As a club we now need to develop opportunities for the transition from the Colts section to the ladies section.

Fun Run in Kibogget Park

Avoca's inaugural Fun Run was a great success. Sunshine favours the brave ! A great turnout on the day with tremendous support from every section of the club . This should be an annual event .

Family Hockey Tournament

This will be run on Sept 25 2016 . Get your teams together and start training !

Hilary Murray
Junior Girls Chair