

Awards Day May 2013

The club held a fun day last Sunday in CBS Gym, Sexton Street, Limerick for it's younger players followed by an exhibition wheelchair basketball game in front of a large and appreciable audience.

This was followed by the hosting of our annual awards in recognition of another successful season for the club. The club's U18 team doubled up in the North Munster League and Cup and reached the semi finals stage of the Cork Championship. Our U16 girls were runners up in the North Munster league and cup while our U15s reached the semi finals of the Cork Championship. Our Under 13s were runners up in the Plate Competition of the Listowel Easter Festival and our U12s were runners up in the North Munster League. Both our senior squads comfortably qualified for Division one of the North Munster League.

Our new juvenile wheelchair basketball team proved a revelation in their first season, winning the final 3 blitzes of the season to confirm their status as the top team in the country. The success of the wheelchair basketball section of the club is down to a number of people and organisations and a big thanks goes to John Byrnes and Spina Bifida for the use of the chairs each week, to Paul Ryan, Development Officer with IWA and Rosemary Ryan of Limerick Sports Partnership for all their help in the start up process.

Although the club did not win as many titles as we had hoped, the Committee are very happy with the progress of the club in the season and are excited about the younger talent in the club. This is attributable to Dorothy and Karen, the respective coaches of our u8 and U10 squads, who are putting a lot of time and effort into these young players for the future.

The club are always anxious to acknowledge the skill, effort and dedication of our players throughout a long season. The following players were honoured for the 2012-2013 season

U9 MVP	Julia Cunneen	MIP	Roisin O' Reilly
U10 MVP	Bronagh Dollard	MIP	Lucy Liston
U12 MVP	Megan Haugh	MIP	Orla Zundel
U14 MVP	Ruth Dollard	MIP	Muireann Scanlon
U15 MVP	Laura O' Shea	MIP	Ruth Butler
U16 MVP	Eimear Dollard	MIP	Fiona O' Connell
U18 MVP	Lynsey Purcell	MIP	Ciara O' Halloran

Senior Player Aoife O' Connell

Wheelchair players of the year Seamus Long and Sean Byrnes

Recognition Award to Ciara O' Halloran for selection to Irish U17 Team

Recognition Award to Coaches Ray Slattery and Emily Kavanagh

Some of our players will be competing in a 3 on 3 competition during the summer months. Our U18 girls will be back for pre season training in August ahead of the U18 National Cup preliminary rounds.

All our other teams will start back training in the first week of September.

St Colms are always open to new players, young and old alike. All players receive expert coaching from a pool of dedicated and qualified coaches who give their time and energy free of charge. This allows our club to be always to the fore in girls basketball at local and national level.