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SGL Weekly Newsletter – 17th March 2008

Greetings all!!
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

What a weekend!!!
Great game from the lads in Turf City with a final score of 8-12 to 7-14 to the Blues!
Thanks to John Galvin for providing the beers and to Aidan Healy for refereeing!

Great gangs turned up in Muddies for our first social of 2008! Sincere thanks to Colin, Layla and all the gang in Molly's for putting on such a great show and sponsoring some great prizes including a keg of Guinness (won by a Cavan man!) a voucher for the lovely Brasserie restaurant upstairs and 2 bottles of vodka!!
Thanks also to Brendan Wisely who donated a bottle of Baileys!!!
In total \$1250 was raised (and yes I know that could mean \$10 is missing given that the tickets were \$20 each but in fact we got \$10 from someone who wasn't going to be around for the draw☺)



Disappointing result on the Rugby, but that didn't stop us all having a really great night!!



The Parade was only mighty with a good turn out from the Lions and the cubs did a super jobs leading us out.



More great craic down in Molly's after the Parade (apart from one Muppet landing on her rear in the hedge much to the guffaws of laughter from her so-called friends!!)

The Bill Niko Memorial ride was a great success if the numbers down in Brewerks were anything to go by- I'll include some photos next week.

Club Fees:

We need about \$10,000 **up-front** to secure pitches for the year. So far we've had 10 members pay their dues. So the maths are pretty simple: no pitch= no football. And we're really cutting it fine.

PLEASE get the mulla in as soon as possible.

Tour to Bangkok - April 19th – Update from Gary:

After the success of the KL Challenge Trophy that the Lions participated in last November, Thai GAA are organizing a tournament in April in Bangkok. The Games are scheduled for **Saturday 19th April** where Teams from Thailand, Malaysia, Shanghai, Vietnam Singapore and Hong Kong will contest for the inaugural Thailand Cup. Singapore are hoping to enter Men's, Ladies and Hurling Teams to compete in this event so your support is invaluable as we look to get as much people as possible on this trip to compete at this event. Details below for all interested in travelling. The plan is to leave Singapore on Friday evening 18th April and return on Sunday 20th, which gives plenty of time for us to compete in the games, enjoy some R&R, get those fake Gucci Bags and sample some of the craziness that BKK has to offer!

Flights available:

Tiger

Friday 18th April - 18:05 (SP) Sunday 20th April - 20:50 (08:20) (BKK) ~\$256.00
Friday 18th April - 19:25 (BKK) Sunday 20th April - 00:05 (11:45) (SP)

Jetstar

Asia Friday 18th April - 18:45 (SP) Sunday 20th April - 20:50 (09:25) (BKK) ~\$272.00
Friday 18th April - 20:10 (BKK) Sunday 20th April - 23:30 (12:40) (SP)

These are the most reasonable flights available for both days, assuming people are working on Friday. The time in Brackets for the return leg are the only alternative for that date. Booking of all flights is up to each individual travelling.

Hotels:

The Hotel chosen for the duration is The Ambassador Hotel located on 171 Soi 11 Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok. The hotel is well situated within walking distance to Dubliner Bar for the Post Games event and is also centrally located for shopping and socializing. Please respond to this mail by **Wednesday March 12th** to book a spot at this hotel. I will be looking after hotel bookings so let me know how many persons, Room requirement (Single/Double/Twin), and any other relevant details. The room price varies from \$90SGD to \$120SGD. Once numbers have been confirmed I will get back to each individual with exact prices. Please revert by **March 12th** for hotel bookings also.

Transport:

Buses will be provided to and from the Games venue from the Hotel of choice. However any Airport Travel will be up to the individual. When we arrive at Airport we can arrange for a number of mini-buses to Hotel at the time. A similar arrangement can be followed through the Hotel upon departure to Airport.

Games:

The venue for the Games is about an hour's journey away, traffic dependant and will be a one-day event. The schedule will be forthcoming from Thailand as soon as all the Teams have been confirmed.

Social Events:

The organized event is to be staged at The Dubliner Bar (Close to Hotel – 15minute walk or short taxi jump) and will take place on the Saturday Night after Games. Other than that we will be left to our own devices so any suggestions regarding entertainment for the weekend will be entertained barring Friday Night of course when we will be all tucked up nice and early with a padlock on reception door! Each to their own I reckon, some people may want to go shopping or if we are able we could organize a tour of some sort for the Sunday morning if people are up for it. Again all this can be decided closer to the time or actually up there.

Insurance:

Please be aware that personal insurance should be taken up by everyone intending playing at this event. We have had our fair share of injuries in our time so everyone should realize that this is vital to avoid crazy hospital bills, hassle later. AIG are a good option here and have been utilized by club members previously on other trips.

That's all for me now, so get back ASAP with confirmations and hotel details and any other issues which you feel might be relevant to the trip.

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Your club needs you!!

The future of GAA lies in the brave, talented lads and lassies of GAA youth teams, like our own, Singapore Cubs. They train their hearts out and do us all proud when we see such brilliant displays of talent like we did at last year's Asian Gaelic Games. But they can't do it on their own. So if you're interested in supporting and helping out tomorrow's All-Stars, give Teresa Ryan a shout on tryan67@hotmail.com

**Membership Dues – Please READ:**

Bank account details are below and fees can be paid via Internet Banking:

Account Type: DBS Current

Account No: 065-901941-2

Name: Gaelic Lions Football Club

Remember to put your name in the Reference field when you are transferring the money. Once you have done so, please email Paul Prendergast (paul.d.prendergast@accenture.com) and let him know you have transferred the money.

Membership fees for 2008 will be as follows:

Playing Membership: \$130

Family Membership: \$175**

Social Membership: \$50

** To be eligible for family membership, there must be at least one adult and one child member.

Also, please ensure you fill in the attached adult membership form (attached in this email) and send it to (tracy_clemmer@yahoo.com) or submit it along with membership fees to Paul.

The cubs membership form is still being finalized and will be sent on in due course.

That's all folks!
Catch you later!

Rachel